

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ICPSR: New Resource for Faculty and Student Research

As a new member of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Saginaw Valley State University joins over 550 colleges and universities in the acquisition, preservation, and distribution of social science data.

Are you interested in determining the average age at which men versus women begin smoking? What if you need to know whether age at marriage differs between your region of the country and other regions, or about differences in political attitudes based on age, gender, education, race, or ethnicity? These and countless other questions can be answered by studies in the ICPSR data holdings. Note that ICPSR does not provide publications, reports, or ready-made statistics. What ICPSR does supply are the numeric raw data used to create publications, reports, and figures.

ICPSR, established in 1962, provides access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction and offers training in quantitative methods. ICPSR also provides user support to assist researchers in identifying relevant data for analysis to conduct secondary research and write articles, papers, and theses.

Publications based on ICPSR data can be found via the Bibliography of Data-related Literature, a searchable database that contains over 48,000 citations of published and unpublished works resulting from analyses of data held in the ICPSR archive.

Faculty can use ICPSR's Data-driven Learning Guides for in-class demonstrations or to assign as supplemental exercises. Students are not required to have any prior statistics background to be able to use these guides, and the topics and concepts chosen represent those that are typically taught in an introductory course in the relevant discipline.

For suggestions about using ICPSR in your classes, please contact Joni Boye-Beaman at ext. 4062. For assistance in accessing ICPSR data, contact the Reference Desk at ext. 4242.

Supporting Online Learning with Embedded Librarian Service

Zahnow Library Reference Services offers research support for online and hybrid courses through the Online/Embedded Librarian Service. This support involves having a reference librarian "embedded" in your VSpace course. The librarian will log-in daily to check for questions left in the "Ask Your Librarian" folder under the course discussion section.

Your "embedded" librarian will also collaborate with you to build a "library resources" section. This area of your course may include subject database search widgets, subject guides, and helpful handouts to best assist your students when using the library's resources and services for a specific course. Please contact Anita Dey, Head of Reference Services, for more information at (989) 964-7094 or adey@svsu.edu.

NEXT ISSUE:

November

Deadline for submissions:
Friday, November 6, 2009

Monthly:
The first Friday of each
month for publication in
the next month's issue.

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Connecting Students and Library Resources with Web 2.0 Subject Guides

Encouraging students to use library resources for class assignments and research papers isn't always easy. With over 100 databases, thousands of journals in multiple formats, books and other material to choose from, students are often at a loss as to where to start their research process. Zahnow librarians are developing interactive subject guides which take advantage of web 2.0 technology to direct students to relevant resources.

Librarians can tailor these guides to specific course content by featuring the most appropriate resources while providing easy access to individual research assistance for any class assignment. Faculty members are invited to collaborate with librarians to create course specific guides that meet the required assignments. Guides can be used for hybrid and online as well as traditional courses. The guides are especially useful when linked in V-Space courses.

To view existing subject guides, click the "Subject Guides" tab on the library home page. To have an interactive subject guide created for your class, contact a librarian at the Reference Desk on the 1st floor of the library, or call us at (989) 964-4242.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

IER's (Individual Evaluation Reports) for Tenure are due to the VPAA: Monday, October 12.

Deadline to apply to teach online/hybrid courses Winter 2010: Friday, October 23.

Deadline to submit proposals for Student Research & Creativity Institute: Friday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.

Deadline for Research, Professional Development, and Release Time due to Sponsored Programs: Monday, November 16.

Deadline to apply to teach online/hybrid courses Spring/Summer 2010: Tuesday, December 1.

Curriculum Ratification Meeting: Thursday, December 3.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Last Day to Withdraw with "W" grade October 30

Last Day to Withdraw with "WP" or "WF" grade November 13

Thanksgiving Recess No Classes November 25
University Closed November 26-29

Classes Resume November 30

Faculty and Staff Development Workshops

Academic Affairs (AA) - Marc H. Peretz, Maureen Engel x4296; Sheri Beattie, x2025; Diane Boehm, x7228; Ann Coburn-Collins, x2130; Online Teaching & Learning Staff, x2730

Faculty Association (FA) - Bob Lane, x4366 **Library (LIB)** - Kathleen Kroll, x7054

Sponsored Programs (SP) - Janet Rentsch, Melissa Woodward, x4295

www.svsu.edu/workshops

October

Web 2.0 Interactive Library Subject Guides	Thursday, 10/1	4:00-4:30	Z235	LIB	x7054
First Fridays at Four	Friday, 10/2	4:00-5:00	SE201	AA	x2130
Identifying Funding Sources for Faculty Research and Projects	Tuesday, 10/6	10:00-11:00	Z235	SP	x4295
Identifying Funding Sources for Faculty Research and Projects	Wednesday, 10/7	1:00-2:00	Z235	SP	x4295
Classroom Management (no registration necessary)	Thursday, 10/8	4:00-5:00	C100	FA	x4366
Teaching Table: What Works On-line; What Works Face-to-Face	Wednesday, 10/14	Noon-1:00	Emeriti	AA	x4296
Teaching with 21st Century Tools: Why Use Wikis and Blogs	Wednesday, 10/14	6:00-7:00	C140*	AA	x2025
Using the Vspace Wiki and Blog Tools: Follow-up to Teaching with 21st Century Tools	Wednesday, 10/14	7:00-8:00	C140*	AA	x2730
The Missing Link: Finding Full Text Journal Articles with LinkSource	Thursday, 10/15	4:00-4:30	Z235	LIB	x7054
Google Scholar	Monday, 10/19	4:00-4:30	Z235	LIB	x7054
Best Practices in Online Teaching	Wednesday, 10/21	10:00-11:30	Z303	AA	x2025
Teaching with 21st Century Tools: Why Use Wikis and Blogs	Monday, 10/26	10:00-11:00	Z303	AA	x2025
Search Committee Procedures (no registration necessary)	Thursday, 10/29	4:00-5:00	C129	FA	x4366

November

Best Practices in Online Teaching	Thursday, 11/5	1:00-2:30	Z303	AA	x2025
First Fridays at Four	Friday, 11/6	4:00-5:00	SE201	AA	x2130
Teaching Table: Learning for the Public Good; The Lansing Project	Tuesday, 11/10	Noon-1:00	Emeriti	AA	x4296
This Generation of Students: The Millennials	Tuesday, 11/10	4:00-5:30	C157	AA	x2130
This Generation of Students: The Millennials	Friday, 11/13	Noon-1:30	C157	AA	x2130
Creating Successful Hybrid Courses	Tuesday, 11/17	2:00-3:30	Z303	AA	x2025
This Generation of Students: The Millennials	Wednesday, 11/18	6:00-7:30	C140*	AA	x2130
Teaching with 21st Century Tools: Why Use Wikis and Blogs	Monday, 11/23	2:30-3:30	Z303	AA	x2025
Using the Vspace Wiki and Blog Tools: Follow-up to Teaching with 21st Century Tools	Monday, 11/30	2:30-3:30	Z303	AA	x2730

* These workshops will be offered via interactive television to the Macomb Campus, room LC-101.

Performing Arts

Founders Hall

Voices In The Valley Reading
David James, Dennis Hinrichsen
Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.
Founders Hall - No admission charge

Theatre Productions

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day!
Saturday, October 10, 3:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 11, 3:00 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts
Ticket information (989) 964-4261

The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail
Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 15, 3:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, November 20 & 21, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts
Ticket information (989) 964-4261

Concerts

Bassoon Recital
A Thief in the Night: Celebrating 40 Years of Bassooning
Tuesday, September 15, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall - No admission charge

Rhea Miller Concert Series
Audrey Luna and Laura Hynes Smith, sopranos
Détour de force
Saturday, October 3, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall - No admission charge

Artist In Residence Performance
Jeff Hall, jazz
The Music of Monk
Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall - \$12 general - \$5 students/seniors

Rhea Miller Concert Series
MingHuan Xu, violin and Winston Choi, piano
Duo Diorama
Saturday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall - No admission charge

SVSU Muse And Brunch
Artist In Residence Julie Meyer, soprano
The Gypsy in My Soul
Sunday, November 22, 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Arbury Commons - Seating is limited
Tickets are free but required.
Reserve Tickets by calling (989) 964-4261

Marching Band Concert
Monday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre - No admission charge

Visual Arts

SVSU Gala
Saints, Sinners and Sinatra
Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture
Museum Fundraiser
Friday, October 2, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum
Reserve Tickets by calling (989) 964-7082

Figurative Paintings by Ed Wong-Ligda
September 28 through October 24
Artist Reception: Thursday, October 8, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
University Gallery

Photographs By Stephen Geffre
November 2 - November 24
Artist Reception: Thursday, November 12, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
University Gallery

Student Bachelor Of Fine Arts Exhibition
November 30 through December 12
Artists Reception: Thursday, December 3, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
University Gallery

Seminars, Workshops, etc.

New Faculty Lunches
"Perspectives on Exemplary Teaching"
Friday, October 9, 12:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room

"CAPC, GEC, GC, HUH?"
Friday, November 13, 12:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room

Teaching Tables:
"What Works On-line; What Works Face-to-Face"
Wednesday, October 14, 12:00 p.m.
Emeriti Room

Public Lectures
Douglas Van Epps, Esq.,
Conflict: A Community Mediation Response
Tuesday, October 6, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Marble Lecture Hall (Wickes 115)

Janine Idziak
2009 Edwards Lecture on Genetics and Controversy
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m.
Founders Hall

Executive Speaker Series (CBM)
David Gamez
Wednesday, October 21, 3:00 & 6:00 p.m.
Curtiss Hall

2009 Fall Focus: Leadership in Times of Crisis
Faculty Panel Discussion
Janine Idziak, keynote speaker
The Crisis in Health Care: Ethics or Economics?
Thursday, October 8, 1:00 p.m.
Banquet Room A

Dow Visiting Scholar
Kurt Eichenwald
The Great Unwinding: How Corporate America's
Brightest Lights Upended the Global Economy
Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

Sixth Annual James E. O'Neill Jr. Memorial Lecture
H.W. Brands
Crisis Presidencies: From FDR to Barack Obama
Thursday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.
Malcolm Field Theatre for Performing Arts

Seventh Annual Hoffmann/Willertz Lecture
Nameeta Mathur
Elephants, Mangoes, and Spies:
Foreign Relations between
Non-Aligned India and Communist Poland, 1947-1989
Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.
Rhea Miller Recital Hall