

ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome Back

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Soon our students will fill the campus, bringing with them their enthusiasm, spirit, excitement, and perhaps even some trepidation. Faculty and staff will do their best to meet the students' myriad needs while continuing all the other aspects of their positions, including keeping up with memos, emails, and voicemails. So much information comes our way that is easy to miss notices about important dates and events on campus. *Academic Announcements* brings together information related to Academic Affairs activities. The first issue of the year is provided to you in hard copy while the subsequent issues will be sent electronically to all faculty and staff.



Our campus is a vibrant one, with cultural and athletic events and other academic presentations taking place throughout each semester. Many of these events are presented by units of Academic Affairs and include art exhibitions, concerts, theater productions, lectures and research presentations, which feature our faculty and students as well as renowned guests. *Academic Announcements* will bring you monthly updates on all of these events. One of the great benefits of working at SVSU is the access that you have to so many stimulating and entertaining presentations, and I hope that you will take advantage of the opportunity to attend as many of the campus events as you can.

Issues of *Academic Announcements* will also include information about the academic calendar, including important deadlines and notices about upcoming special events. The newsletter will also contain short articles from different Academic Affairs units, including the Library, Sponsored Programs, and Online Learning, along with announcements of professional development opportunities. If you know of important dates or events that should be shared with faculty and staff, please send the information to: mckoz@svsu.edu. The deadline for submission is the first Friday of each month for publication in the next month's issue.

I wish you all a productive and successful year, and look forward to seeing you at campus events.

Donald J. Bachand
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

NEXT ISSUE:

October

Deadline for submissions:
Friday, September 3, 2010

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

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Using Library Resources on Your Mobile Device

The development of mobile devices such as the iPod, smart phones (iPhone, Blackberry, Android) and most recently, the iPad, has encouraged creation of many applications, including those that provide access to library resources and selected subscription databases. Zahnaw Library staff members are actively following the development of library-related research applications designed for mobile devices.

Beth Johns, Electronic Resources & Reference Librarian and Scott Mellendorf, Reference & Off Campus Library Services Librarian will reveal recently developed applications that provide access to Zahnaw Library resources through mobile devices in a workshop on Tuesday, September 14, from 2:30-3:00 p.m. in Z-235. This workshop will present trends and developments by libraries providing mobile access. Please bring your mobile device (or practice on the library's iPad and the librarians' iPod touch) as this will be a hands-on workshop.

Welcome... New Faculty & Staff Members

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

Deadline to apply for Sabbatical Leave: Friday, September 10.

Deadline to apply for Ruth and Ted Braun Fellowship Program: Wednesday, September 15.

Deadline to submit curriculum proposals to committee secretary (Becky Clifford): Monday, September 20 (tentative)..

Deadline to apply for Promotion and Accelerated Promotion: Monday, September 27.

PPC files for Tenure candidates are due to deans' offices: Monday, September 27.

IER's (Individual Evaluation Reports) for Tenure are due to the VPAA: Monday, October 11.

Applications for Faculty Research and Development (Unit Committee) due to Sponsored Programs: Monday, November 15.

<http://www.svsu.edu/registrar/important-dates/fall-2008winter-2009.html>

David Berry, Kinesiology



Kim Davis, English



Gardner Umbarger, TE



Stephanie Brouet, Chemistry



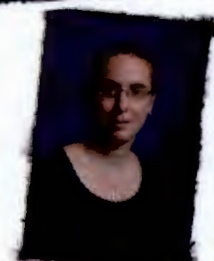
Jim Smith, Malcolm Field Endowed Chair in Health Science



Shannon McMorrow, Health Science



John Parham, Criminal Justice



Monika Dix, Modern Foreign Languages



Jason Kawler, English

Other new faces (not pictured) include: **(ABS)** Michelle Randall, Art; Melissa Lewis, Communication; Ryan Martz, Criminal Justice; Arra Ross, English; Therese-Marie Oeming, English; Brent Hedquist, Geography; Janet Puhalla, Geography; Ellen Adams, History; Charise Lindsay, Music; Kevin Simons, Music; Aaron Kostko, Philosophy; David Nichols, Philosophy; **(CBM)** Ling He, Accounting; Kylie Goggins, Economics; Joyce Hoffman, Management/Marketing; **(COE)** Vetta Vratulis, TE; **(HHS)** Kay Castillo, Health Science; Rebecca Sue Toth, Nursing; Andrea Frederick, Nursing; **(SET)** Lori Reyna, Biology; Amanda Ross, Biology; Kristopher Nitz, Biology; Ken Kearns, Chemistry; Mohammad Saad Alam, Electrical Engineering; Jerry Boehm, Mathematical Sciences; Nicholas Scheall, Mathematical Sciences. **Visiting Faculty:** Ruqayah Sharif- Fulbright Scholar visiting from Bahrain; Emilia Ksiezniak- Guest Scholar visiting from Poland. **Administrative Staff:** Jessica Mospan, Human Performance Lab Coordinator.

Faculty and Staff Development Workshops

Academic Affairs (AA) - Marc Peretz, Maureen Engel (x4296); Diane Boehm (x7228); Ann Coburn-Collins (x2130)
Office Productivity (OP) - ITD Lab Staff (x7471) • **Online Instructional Design (OID)** - Sheri Beattie (2025)
Library (LIB) - Kathleen Kroll (x7054) • **Sponsored Programs (SP)** - Janet Rentsch, Melissa Woodward (x4295)
Tools for Online & Distance Education (TODE) - VSpace Staff (x2730); Sheri Beatti (x2025); ITD Lab Staff (x7471)
Classroom Presentation Technology (CPT) - Brian Mudd (x7469); ITD Lab Staff (x7471)

Desktop Podium Demo	Wed.	9/1	6:00-7:00	SE-116	(CPT)	x7469
E-reserves	Thurs.	9/2	9:00-9:30	Z-235	(LIB)	x7054
Laptop Podium Demo	Thurs.	9/2	3:00-4:00	P-229	(CPT)	x7469
Creating PDF Documents	Wed.	9/8	1:30-2:30	C-154	(OP)	x7471
Designing Your Course to Promote Academic Integrity	Wed.	9/8	2:30-3:30	Z-303	(AA)	x7228
Laptop Podium Demo	Wed.	9/8	4:00-5:00	H-136	(CPT)	x7469
Interlibrary Loan & MeLCat	Thurs.	9/9	9:00-9:30	Z-235	(LIB)	x7054
Screencasting... Beginner Camtasia	Thurs.	9/9	1:00-2:30	C-154	(TODE)	x7471
The Missing Link	Thurs.	9/9	3:30-4:00	Z-235	(LIB)	x7054
Designing Your Course to Promote Academic Integrity	Thurs.	9/9	4:00-5:00	Z-303	(AA)	x7228
VSpace Introduction	Fri.	9/10	10:00-11:30	Z-302	(TODE)	x2730
Student Incivility in the Classroom	Fri.	9/10	Noon-1:30	SE-221	(AA)	x2130
Fall Institute Technology	Sat.	9/11	9:00-3:00	SE-206	(AA)	x2130
Snap Web Survey	Mon.	9/13	10:30-Noon	C-154	(OP)	x7471
Mobile Devices	Tue.	9/14	2:30-3:00	Z-235	(LIB)	x7054
Create Active & Engaging Online Learning	Wed.	9/15	10:00-11:30	Z-302	(OID)	x2025
Managing Your M:\ Drive On/Off Campus & CD Burning	Wed.	9/15	2:00-3:00	C-154	(OP)	x7471
VSpace Introduction	Thurs.	9/16	Noon-1:30	Z-302	(TODE)	x2730
Wikis & Blogs	Fri.	9/17	2:00-4:00	Z-302	(TODE)	x2730
PowerPoint 2007: Level II	Mon.	9/20	10:30-Noon	C-154	(CPT)	x7471
VSpace Test Center	Tue.	9/21	10:00-11:30	Z-302	(TODE)	x2730
Straight Talk: Funding for Faculty Research...	Wed.	9/22	11:00-Noon	SE-213	(SP)	x4295
Screencasting... Advanced Camtasia	Wed.	9/22	1:00-2:30	C-154	(TODE)	x7471
Straight Talk: Funding for Faculty Research...	Thurs.	9/23	1:00-2:00	SE-213	(SP)	x4295
Letters & Labels: Mail Merge from Excel to Word	Thurs.	9/23	2:00-3:00	C-154	(OP)	x7471
Using Your Computer to Make Phone Calls: Skype	Fri.	9/24	1:00-2:00	C-154	(TODE)	x7471
VSpace Advanced Course Development	Fri.	9/24	2:00-3:30	Z-302	(TODE)	x2730
Flip Video Cameras	Tue.	9/28	2:00-3:00	C-154	(TODE)	x7471
Best Practices in Online Learning	Wed.	9/29	1:30-3:00	Z-303	(OID)	x2025
Creating Graphics for Learning & Retention	Thurs.	9/30	1:30-3:00	C-154	(CPT)	x7469

Register for Faculty & Staff Development Workshops online: <http://www.svsu.edu/workshops/>

Announcements

General Education Committee Reminder

A reminder to departments with General Education Courses in their curriculum from
Joni Boye-Beaman, Chair, General Education Committee:

The General Education Committee is charged with overall responsibility for the General Education Program, and for maintaining the quality of the program. This includes ongoing evaluation of courses to be offered for General Education credit and the assessment of the overall program. Departments assess courses annually and courses are reviewed by the General Education Committee on a five year cycle. Eighty-five percent of courses in the General Education Program are scheduled for renewal in 2010-11.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to remind departments that renewal forms are available on the GEC V-Space site. We want only one renewal form per course. Departments will be asked to provide a copy of their current assessment plan, a summary of the results of their annual assessments and a summary of the ways in which assessment findings have been utilized by the department in relation to student learning. Please feel free to direct any questions to me by email at jbb@svsu.edu or by phone, 964-4062.

Ruth & Ted Braun Fellowship Applications

Ruth and Ted Braun Fellowship applications are due September 15 by noon to Sponsored Programs who will submit them to the Saginaw Community Foundation for review. The Foundation will award annual fellowships to two faculty/staff for three-year appointments starting January 1st following the award announcement. Each fellow will receive supporting grants totaling \$37,500 (\$12,500 per year) during the three year term to recognize and further their scholarly or professional activities. Braun Fellows will be expected to produce a body of professional or academic work for publication or presentation during or at the conclusion of the Fellowship term. See <http://www.svsu.edu/sponsoredprograms/internal-grants.html> for application materials.

What's Happening... with Gongwer News Service

Last spring the College of Arts & Behavioral Sciences partnered with Zahnow Library in funding a subscription to Gongwer News Service, the daily behind-the-scenes political report on the Michigan Legislature and current legislation. For more than 100 years, Gongwer has provided independent, comprehensive, accurate and timely coverage of issues in and around Michigan's government and political systems.

Gongwer has proven valuable to Political Science faculty members Jesse Donahue and John Kaczynski, both of whom have incorporated it in their State and Local Government classes. "They send me e-mail alerts about stories that I used in class," Donahue notes. "It was a great way to stay on top of what's going on in Lansing. Unfortunately, most local newspapers don't have the detail that we need when it comes to elections, organized interests, and so on." Adds Kaczynski, "Because I have an RSS feed on my course management system, students are able to easily access these newspaper articles for class discussion."

Gongwer's Michigan Report provides detailed coverage of every bill in the Legislature and closely tracks the activities of the executive and judicial branches. Beyond daily news reporting, there are a number of other useful features, including information and biographies on candidates and ballot issues, election results, government directories with interactive communication tools, and full-text searching of archived reports back to 1993.

SVSU students, faculty and staff may access Gongwer News Service from workstations in the Reference area of the library. In accordance with the terms of our subscription, log-in by the librarian on duty is required.

New Process for SVSU Foundation Applications

Please route all grant applications to the SVSU Foundation through Sponsored Programs, which will assist you with the submission of the application. Once awarded, Sponsored Programs will be responsible to assist awarded faculty and staff with the implementation of your project. The next applications are due October 1 and materials are posted at <http://www.svsu.edu/foundation.html>.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Classes Begin
Monday, August 30

Late Registration
August 30 - September 3

Labor Day Recess, No Classes
September 6-7

Late Course Adds (ONLY if
already registered)
September 8-10 & 13-14

Last Day to Withdraw with
100% Refund
September 3

Last Day to Withdraw with 75%
Refund, "W" Grade
September 14

Last Day to Withdraw with 50%
Refund, "W" Grade
September 21

Last Day to Withdraw with 25%
Refund, "W" Grade
September 28

Last Day to Withdraw with
"W" Grade
October 29

News You Can Use from the University Writing Program

Are you wondering . . .

- About "Teaching Strategies for Writing in the Disciplines"? Join faculty colleagues on Friday, August 27, for a workshop in the Roberta Allen Reading Room from 8:30-12:30. The workshop will have 4 components:
 - * 8:30 Overview of the new SVSU Writing Handbook (all who attend will receive a free copy)
 - * 9:00 Break-out sessions led by faculty on effective writing assignments and strategies
 - * 10:30 "Inventing Across the Disciplines" by John Mauk, author of *The Composition of Everyday Life*
 - * Concurrently: Faculty "my best/favorite assignment" poster session with student examplesPlease register at www.svsu.edu/workshops or call Diane Boehm, x. 7228
- Whether your writing assignment might be confusing? In any given semester, about 14% of Writing Center sessions (fall '09 = 636 sessions!) deal with questions and confusion about writing assignments. Non-traditional, freshman, and international students especially struggle with understanding assignments. We invite you to request an "assignment check" from the Writing Center. You may drop off a draft of a writing assignment at the Writing Center (3rd floor library) or e-mail a draft to writing-center@svsu.edu. One of our experienced staff members will get back to you with feedback within 48 hours.
- How to get better papers from your students? Four strategies can help:
 - a) Outline the process students should use to complete the assignment
 - b) Check off parts of the assignment along the way: the working bibliography, an outline, a brief summary of the main arguments, etc.
 - c) Provide several models of successful papers for the assignment—or provide examples of effective and weak papers and ask students to compare
 - d) Explain the grading criteria. If you use an evaluation rubric, align it with your assignment guidelines and give students a copy when you present the assignment.

Events & Schedules

Seminars, Workshops, Etc...

SE & T Colloquium Series

September 14, 4:00-4:50 p.m., Pioneer Hall 240
Why Life Is Tripartite in Nature; Dr. Ludmilla Yafremava,
Department of Biology, University of Illinois

September 14, 5:00-5:50 p.m., Pioneer Hall 240.
Adaptive Data Cache Resizing; Dr. John Mainzer, Senior
Software Engineer, The HDF Group, Champaign, Illinois

Eval Procedures Workshop

Faculty Association will host an Eval Procedures Workshop on
Thursday, September 16, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in C-100. Contact
Bob Lane for more information at x4366.

New Faculty Lunch

What I Wish I Knew My First Year at SVSU will take place in the
Emeriti Room of Curtiss Hall on Friday, September 17, from noon-
1:00 p.m. Contact Marc Peretz at x4387 for more information.

Guest Lecturer

Thursday, September 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Morley Corporation: Determination Means Success
Louis J. Furlo, Sr., Chairman of the Board.

Please contact Rejeana Heinrich at rheinri@svsu.edu for more
information about this lecture, presented by the
College of Business & Management.

Seminars, Workshops, Etc... (cont.)

Hybrid/Online Training

Fall training offered to prepare faculty to teach online and hybrid
courses in the Winter & Spring. Online training takes place
October 4 - November 21; spaces are still available. Please
contact Sheri Beatti for more information at sbeatti@svsu.edu.

Visual Arts

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

The *Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition* will be at the
Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum now through Sept. 18.

University Gallery

Barron Hirsch: A Retrospective Exhibition
August 30 through September 18.

Artist Reception: Thursday, September 16th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Michigan Watercolor Society's 2010 Traveling Exhibition
September 27 through October 16.

Artist Reception Thursday, October 7th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Performing Arts

Rhea Miller Concert Series

Carpe Diem String Quartet
Saturday, September 25, 7:30 p.m.

Rhea Miller Recital Hall

No admission charge