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Brooks College Advising Center December 2024 Newsletter

Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening

by
Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep.
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December Advising Update

Winter break is almost here! Schedule an appointment with an advisor to make sure your winter schedule is all set. We can also talk about study abroad, internships, summer classes, and planning for the next academic year. Brooks Advising is offering virtual and in-person scheduled appointments: we can connect with you via email, phone, and Zoom or we can meet in person in our offices in Lake Michigan Hall 260. You can call 616-331-8200 to schedule an appointment, or easily see the next available appointment on [Navigate](#).

Plan ahead by thinking now about study abroad! Did you know that many study abroad programs cost the same or even less than spending a summer or semester on campus? Meet with a study abroad advisor or attend an event to learn more about study abroad and international internships! <https://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/>

Prepare for finals with these free campus resources!

The **Knowledge Market** is located in the library if you are working on a project, paper, or presentation. You can drop in or make an appointment with a consultant from the Writing Center, the Speech Lab, The Library Research Center, and the Digital Creator Lab. There's even a citation station to make sure your citations are done correctly! <https://www.gvsu.edu/library/km/>

Check out the **SASC** resources for academic success to feel confident heading into finals! [Academic Resources - Student Academic Success Center - Grand Valley State University](#)

It's not too late to check out **drop in tutoring** if you need additional support in a specific class: [Drop-In Tutoring - Tutoring - Grand Valley State University](#)

Don't study hungry! If you need support with **basic needs** like groceries, housing, or a laptop, GV has resources to help: <https://www.gvsu.edu/basic/on-campus-resources-17.htm>

Remember, if you are new to GVSU as a first-year student or a transfer student, you will need to meet with a professional advisor at least once this year. You can watch for an email invitation to schedule an appointment or schedule yourself in [Navigate](#). Required advising sessions will include conversation about your classes, major and minor selection, campus life, and resources to ensure you are successful on campus and ready to register for the next academic year.

Advisors are your connection to resources and opportunities. Schedule your appointment today!

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Important Dates!

Fall 2024 Semester:

Classes End and Commencement - December 7

Semester Ends - December 14

Grades Due from Faculty - December 17 by 12:00 pm

Grades Available to Students - December 19

Winter 2025 Semester:

Payment Deadline - December 13 by 5:00 pm

Classes Begin - January 6

Last Day to Add, Register, or Pay - January 10 by 5:00 pm

100% Tuition Refund Deadline - January 10 by 5:00 pm



Cheers to the Class of 2024! 🍻

Monday, December 2, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Eberhard Center

Class of 2024, you're invited! Celebrate your graduation with President Mantella and GVSU Alumni Relations. Enjoy desserts, drinks, and take home a commemorative champagne flute!

RSVP at gvsu.edu/toast

Location Information

Eberhard Center, Pew Campus

Contact Information

email: alumni@gvsu.edu

Hosting Department, Organization, or Business
GVSU Alumni Relations

STRESS MANAGEMENT

ON IG LIVE

@gvcounseling



Stress Management

Tuesday, December 3, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Online

Feeling stressed? We hear you, and we've got your back. The University Counseling Center is going LIVE to provide you with coping skills and techniques for managing your stress through Exam Cram and beyond. Take a study break, and join us to learn new ways for improving your mental health!

This program will be hosted on our Instagram LIVE [@gvcounseling](https://www.instagram.com/gvcounseling)

Location Information

[Join us on Instagram Live!](#)

Contact Information

University Counseling Center

gvcounsel@gvsu.edu

616-331-3266



Spanish Conversation Hours!

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Allendale Campus

Drop-in Spanish conversation practice with Spanish Faculty and students from La Tertulia (Spanish Club). Students with all levels of Spanish are encouraged to attend.

Location Information

Language Resource Center

MAK D-2-221

Contact Information

Prof. Fabio Espitia

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MAK D-2-138

Hosting Department, Organization, or Business
Modern Languages and Literatures



"The Challenge of Power, Morality, and Religion" - The Triennial Jewish, Christian, Muslim Dialogue

Thursday, December 5, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids Campus

Divisions have often led to violence and religion is not immune. National power and nationalism can obscure the ethical issues in times of division. We see this in our country as well as internationally. This can be observed currently as well as throughout history. Join us for The Challenge of Power, Morality, and Religion, featuring three leaders from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities.

West Michigan has a rich history of engagement in interfaith dialogue, largely because of the organizations Sylvia Kaufman, a respected community leader, has founded. Sylvia initiated the first community dialogue on interfaith issues through the former West Shore Committee for Jewish/Christian Dialogue in 1989. Since that time, hundreds of premier scholars, clergy, citizens, and students from the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths have come together every three years for a conference, now known as the ***Jewish/Christian/Muslim Triennial Interfaith Dialogue*** .

Featured Speakers:

Elaine Pagels, Ph.D. is an American religion historian. She is the Harrington Spear Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University. Pagels conducted extensive research into early Christianity and Gnosticism as a part of her graduate study at Harvard University. Her best-selling book *The Gnostic Gospels* examines the divisions in the early Christian church, and the way women were viewed throughout Jewish and Christian history. Modern Library named it as one of the 100 best books of the twentieth century.

Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman is President of the Shalom Hartman Institute and author of the highly regarded 2016 book, *Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself*. Donniel is the founder of some of the most extensive education, training and enrichment programs for scholars, educators, rabbis, and religious and lay leaders in Israel and North America. He is a prominent essayist, blogger and lecturer on issues of Israeli politics, policy, Judaism, and the Jewish community.

Mustafa Akyol is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, where he focuses on the intersection of public policy, Islam, and modernity. He is the author of acclaimed books such as “The Islamic Moses,” “The Islamic Jesus,” and “Reopening Muslim Minds: A Return to Reason, Freedom, and Tolerance .” He was a longtime contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*, and teaches classes at Boston College and Foreign Service Institute. He is also an affiliate scholar at the Acton Institute’s Collins Center for Abrahamic Heritage. In July 2021, the *Prospect* magazine of the UK listed him among “The world’s top 50 thinkers.”

Schedule

Session I: “Does Power Threaten Morality?”

9:00 am **Introduction**

9:15 am **Jewish Presentation**

9:45 am Responses from Christian and Muslim speakers, followed by Q&A

10:30 am Break

10:45 am **Christian presentation**

11:15 am Responses from Muslim and Jewish speakers, followed by Q&A

12:00 pm Lunch

12:45 pm **Muslim presentation**

1:15 pm Responses from Jewish and Christian speakers, followed by Q&A

2:00 pm Break

Session II: “Owning Power and its Challenges”

2:15 pm Each speaker speaks on respective tradition

3:00 pm Speaker interaction and audience Q&A

4:00 pm Afternoon Conclusion

Session III: “Naming the problem: Religion and Nationalism”

7:00 pm Recap of day and discussion of nationalism from each tradition

7:45 pm Panel conversation and audience Q&A

8:30 pm Evening Conclusion

Registration is now open.

[RSVP for this event](#)

Location Information

Eberhard Center
301 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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Fall Dance Concert

Sunday, December 8, 2024
2:00 p.m.
Allendale Campus

The GVSU Dance Company and Freshman Dance Company perform pieces by faculty and guest artists.

Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 PM

Louis Armstrong Theatre
Free and open to the public

[Click here for additional information](#)

Location Information

Louis Armstrong Theatre

Contact Information

Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance
(616) 331-3484

College of Computing Graduate Webinars

Join us for our interactive virtual graduate program webinars! Get an inside look at our programs, meet inspiring faculty and connect with current students, and explore the endless opportunities waiting for you. Whether you have burning questions or just want to see what makes us stand out, this fun and informative session is the perfect way to dive in from wherever you are!

Wednesday, September 25	11 AM - 12 PM
Wednesday, October 9	12 PM - 1 PM
Wednesday, November 13	12 PM - 1 PM
Wednesday, December 11	12 PM - 1 PM

To learn more about our programs and webinars, visit
gvsu.edu/computing

College of Computing Graduate Programs Webinar

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Online

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If you're interested in Applied Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Data Science & Analytics, or Health Informatics & Bioinformatics, this is the space for you!

[RSVP for this event](#)

Location Information

<https://apply.gvsu.edu/register/?id=e4d34f2c-ba69-4a67-87f3-96b9effd35a7>

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