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## Exploring our most fundamental resource

### 54th annual Nobel Conference to focus on Soil: A Universe Underfoot



Last year's Nobel Conference focused on Reproductive Technology.

Katie Mattinen

**Emily VanGorder**  
News Writer

The 54th annual Nobel Conference, held October 2 and 3, "invites participants to consider the vast diversity and complexity of soil, and to ponder the challenges we face in protecting this most fundamental resource," the conference website said.

The two-day conference includes lecturers, panel discussions, musical interludes, and interactive activities such as going to Big Hill Farm and the Linnaeus Arboretum, and events centered around learning about our connection to the Earth.

Nobel Conference topics are debated and prepared for long in advance—this year's topic, Living Soil: A Universe Underfoot, was discussed and planned for almost two academic years by a committee comprised of students, staff, and faculty members.

Topics are chosen through "conversation...learning is happening then and there... we teach and learn together," Professor and Conference Director Lisa Heldke said.

Once the conference theme

was chosen, the committee's first task was to identify and invite speakers.

Speakers were found through research of individuals who could speak to the Conference topic, as well as members who "made recommendations, based on their research... disciplinary knowledge... and thoughts about how the person would do," Heldke said.

Heldke is a self-professed instigator of this year's theme, saying, "I was really excited... and I was joined in my enthusiasm by Jim (James Dontje, Conference co-Chair) and Laura (Laura Triplett, Conference co-Chair)."

Speakers were chosen on much more than just their general knowledge about soil.

The speakers chosen "represented a great variety of disciplines... people with experience in different parts of the world... women and men," Heldke said.

This year's guest speakers range in professions from soil science to surgery and microbiology to environmental humanities.

They come from a wide variety of institutions, including national universities, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which operates under

the United States Department of Agriculture, and AgroParis Tech.

Another important aspect in selecting guest speakers was in choosing "speakers who took ethical questions to be a part of their work... [because] the Nobel Conference is about science and its ethical implications and complications," Heldke said.

The Nobel Conference overview page states that "Human understanding that soil is a vital topic is as old as our civilization. But human history also shows our struggle to understand what is going on at our feet... humans were distracted from seeing soil as a living system. The windows of chemistry and physics have restored our understanding that there is indeed life in the soil."

The Reading in Common program plays a large role in establishing the Conference theme among students.

There are many goals of the Reading in Common program, among which are to "encourage intellectual interaction among students in conjunction with faculty... facilitate a shared academic experience for all students... [and] connect to the Nobel Conference theme," according to the Reading in Common website.

This year, all incoming First-year students were to read *The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People, and Communities* by Will Allen.

Students were also asked to bring a sample or picture of soil from their hometown with them to their orientation, and met with their FTS groups to discuss the book.

The Reading in Common program only just recently came under the management of the First Term Seminar Director, when the previous director realized that the Reading in Common book could relate to the Nobel Conference theme.

The previous director "then convened a meeting with members of CAB and the Nobel planning committee," said current First-Term Seminar Director and Professor Lauren Hecht.

Last year, they "ran a number of events, such as a book reading, showing *Young Frankenstein*, and watching the original *Frankenstein* film with a faculty-led discussion," Hecht said.

For this year's conference, the director, members of CAB and the Nobel Planning Committee met and agreed upon a similar "film festival" for this year, which includes watching

and discussing *Symphony of the Soil*, a documentary about soil's interactions with and importance to the environment and mankind, as well as the popular 2014 movie *Interstellar*.

These films were chosen to "keep awareness of the topics in both the Reading in Common text and that will be upcoming in the Nobel Conference," Hecht said.

This conference is one that Heldke is particularly passionate about. "I have always thought we should do a Nobel Conference about one of the most extraordinary natural resources this college is in the midst of. We are perched atop some of the most agriculturally viable topsoil in the world. What should we know about it? Why is it so dark and beautiful? How do we protect it?" Heldke said.

The Nobel Conference would not be possible without the efforts of students, staff, and faculty.

The leadership of Conference Director Lisa Heldke, Conference co-Chairs James Dontje and Laura Triplett, and First-Term Seminar Director Lauren Hecht were key in the planning and execution of the 54th Nobel Conference.

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## Campus Safety Report

### Monday, September 17

- Campus safety gave a student a medical escort to the Rivers Edge emergency room.

### Tuesday, September 18

- No incidents reported.

### Wednesday, September 19

- Campus Safety responded to a medical assist in College View. The student was going to go to the doctor later today.
- Campus Safety responded to concerns regarding access to Rundstrom Hall.
- Campus Safety responded to a call of marijuana

na odor, students were referred to the campus conduct system for possession of paraphernalia in Uhler Hall.

- Campus Safety responded to the odor of marijuana in Gibbs Hall, students were referred to the campus conduct system for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

### Thursday, September 20

- A student of concern was transported off campus from Gibbs Hall.
- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Southwest Hall.

- Campus safety received a phone call from a student reporting a stolen bike.
- A student reported they had fallen in a stairwell.
- Campus Safety and Res Life staff responded to an odor of Marijuana in Norelius Hall. Six students were referred to the Campus Conduct System for possession of Marijuana and paraphernalia.

### Friday, September 21

- No incidents reported

### Saturday, September 22

- Campus Safety discovered GAC property

damaged by unknown person(s) in College View.

- Campus Safety responded to a report of an abandoned tent in the arborium.

### Sunday, September 23

- Campus Safety responded to a suspicious vehicle driving unsafely and an odor of marijuana. The St Peter Police Department escorted the driver, who was not a student or employee, off campus and moved the vehicle to a parking lot.
- Campus Safety responded to a report of a theft

at Lund Center. A suspect was trespassed from campus.

**Note:** Case dispositions are available online by viewing the daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

**Tip of the Week:**  
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# Family weekend kicks off October

**Samantha Walters**  
News Editor

Gustavus families are getting ready for the annual Gustavus Family Weekend on October 12 to 14.

From evening films in Wallenberg to bingo and pizza, students and their families will be busy enjoying campus and St. Peter.

To kick off the weekend, families are invited to attend classes and observe their student(s) in their academic habitat.

Those interested in some laughs can enjoy a comedy show put on by LineUs, the Gustavus improv group, on Friday night.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) will also be showing the movie *Incredibles 2* in the Wallenberg Auditorium both Friday and Saturday night.

Early-birds can wake up to coffee in the Courtyard Cafe on Saturday morning before a brief tour of St. Peter. Tours will happen at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Keeping a little closer to home on the hill, all are welcome to attend a workshop on the history of Gustavus.

CAB will be describing life on the hill before and after the 1998 tornado, as well as some of our roots in history.

In lieu of the upcoming Nobel Conference, philosophy professor, Nobel Conference Director, and Gustavus Alumna Lisa Heldke will “overview the historic Nobel Conference hosted every year on campus. She will provide history and background, the purpose and vision of the conference, and provide the highlights of the 2018 topic and cutting-edge science issue; *Living Soil: A Universe Underfoot*,” CAB said.

There will be sessions involving study abroad options and prospective students before leading into Fall Fest in the Linnaeus Arboretum.

Guests and students are able



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The Gustavus choir will perform on Sunday, October 14.

to enjoy the Arb while playing outdoor games, taking part in a treasure hunt, and finding their way through a tallgrass maze.

Gustavus’ three a cappella groups will be performing, as well as several ensembles from the Gustavus Jazz Program.

“I am so excited to see all three a cappella groups perform at the Arb... they are all so talented and bring so much joy to our campus,” Sophomore Stella Hadjiyanis said.

Saturday night finishes out with a game of human bubble soccer, a game of trivia, and some bingo and pizza in Alumni Hall.

“The best part [is] pizza and bingo... sometimes my family got bored or [didn’t] have enough room in things they wanted to participate in,” Sophomore Meg Nipe said.

This year, however, there are many different things for families to take part in.

Finally, Sunday introduces the first taste of some of the Gustavus music groups with the Family Weekend Showcase concert.

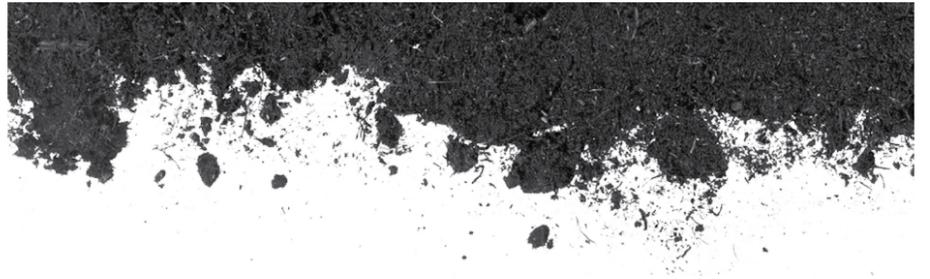
The Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra and Gustavus Jazz Ensemble are only some of the groups performing in Christ Chapel. The weekend will be one to remember after the festivities finish and students return to reality.

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Fall Fest in the Arb is a highlight of Family Weekend.



## The Real Dirt on Nobel 54:

Why soil is the new black.

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Nobel Conference is coming. The campus will soon be overrun by people who are actively choosing to come to a conference on dirt.

Go figure.

But while those people may have paid good money for their tickets, they are not welcome just everywhere. (And did we mention your ticket is *free*? This is the place: <https://goo.gl/TCbUaE>)

These opportunities, for instance, are **JUST** for you, Gusties:

- “House concerts” with the main speakers (<https://goo.gl/2sGAJe>)
- **Gustie Entrepreneur Cup, Nobel Edition: 1000 buck top prize!** (<https://goo.gl/731LmU>)

And here are some “inside tips” about new conference events, some featuring your classmates. (Complete schedule is at <https://goo.gl/YuD758>)

- **Dig Deeper activities Tuesday, 3:30-5.** Some standout options:
  - o Dance in Big Hill Farm, choreographed by Maddi Miller (dance and environmental studies)
  - o The “soil pit” (aka really deep hole) on the way to Big Hill
  - o Ever wonder how a plow actually works? Check out “Till Hill” in front of Lund. Farmers on hand to answer your questions!
  - o Wanna stay indoors? A conversation about soil featuring three artists (including prof Betsy Byers). In the Arena, in the “art gallery” created left of the stage.
- **JUST ADDED: Tuesday, 3:30-6 a workshop on indigenous conceptions of the soil**, with Canté Sùtá-Francis Bettelyoun, Oglalà Laḡh'otà, Coordinator of the Native American Medicine Gardens-UMN. In Beck, first floor
- **NEW THIS YEAR Tuesday at 6:30, Bookworms: Soil and Literature**, a reader’s theater event featuring Gustavus alumni created by Henry MacCarthy and current theater students. In the Arena.
- The Nobel Concert, *Living Soil: Seasons in the Earth*, Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Bjorling.

Want to get grounded in the conference topic?

Go here: <https://goo.gl/5aEWYs>

The main speakers, in three words or fewer: talking trees, climate change, carbon sequestration, the soil microbiome, dustbowl lessons, conservation agriculture and economic challenges of soil health. (Speaker bios at <https://goo.gl/KboVgb>: click on the speaker link on the left)

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# Mankato powwow brings Dakota families together



The powwow involves dancing, singing, and eating traditional foods.

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**Jack Wiessenberger**  
News Writer

At 12:30 p.m. last Saturday, September 22, a bus filled with students left Gustavus bound for the 46th Annual Mahkato Native American powwow in Mankato.

"You are invited to the 46th Annual Mahkato Pow Wow on September 21-23, 2018 at the Land of Memories Park in Mankato, Minnesota, honoring the Dakota 38," the Crazy Crow website (the event's organizer and supplier) said.

The event ran for the whole weekend with a low admission price (\$7 for the whole weekend) in order to be as inclusive as possible.

The event was focused on being accepting and educational for all.

Another main point of the festival was safety and simply having a good, pure time.

To facilitate this, the organizer banned drugs and alcohol from the event.

"The Mahkato Mdewakanton Association is a gathering of nations to celebrate and honor our traditions and ancestors; to reconcile and build bridges between all nations through education, storytelling, and sharing Dakota Indian culture," the Mahkato Wacipi website states.

A powwow is a traditional Native American festival that typically includes singing, dancing, and feasting.

However, this particular powwow had a deeper meaning.

The event is stated as honoring the 'Dakota 38.'

This was the name given to the 38 Dakota prisoners of war that were hanged in Mankato

in 1862.

"The trials of the Dakota were conducted unfairly in a variety of ways. The evidence was sparse, the tribunal was biased, the defendants were unrepresented in unfamiliar

*"The idea of the Mahkato powwow started in 1972... to bring awareness back to Mankato. It has become a homecoming for a lot of Dakota families."*  
-Mahkato Wacipi

proceedings conducted in a foreign language, and authority for convening the tribunal was lacking," Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota Carol Chomsky said.

The Dakota warriors surrendered after being told no harm would come to them by U.S General Sibley.

Now, around 150 years later, this powwow honors these prisoners' deaths.

"The idea of the Mahkato powwow started in 1972 with Amus Owens, Bud Lawrence and Jim Buckley who had a vision and a focus regarding reconciliation. To bring awareness back to Mankato. It has become a homecoming for a lot of Dakota families," the Mahkato Wacipi website said.

Amus Owens, Bud Lawrence, and Jim Buckley were the founders of this tradition that is now entering its 46th year.

"Folks come from South Dakota, North Dakota, all the way into Canada, Nebraska,

Wisconsin, Montana, and from within Minnesota. People from all over the country like to travel to the Mahkato powwow because it's one of the last outdoor traditional powwows," Crazy Crow posted.

The event is widely popular not only for those belonging to Native nations, but also the general public.

"This isn't the first time Gustavus has sponsored a trip to the Mankato powwow, necessarily. Last fall, a cultural anthropology class taught by Professor Annika Ericksen took a van of student volunteers to the powwow," Gustavus CAB member and organizer of the trip, Tyra Banks, said.

"I am the culture and diversity executive for CAB and my job is to expose Gustavus students to other cultures and events that are eye-opening for them and expands their knowledge of the world. So, we thought since Native American history and culture is something that a lot of Gusties including myself hadn't been exposed to, a powwow would be perfect for that," Banks said.

The powwow has had a large cultural and historical background.

This made a good opportunity for Banks to sponsor a traditional and diverse event for students to attend.

"I, along with two fellow Campus Activity Board members, took about 25 students in a bus to the powwow along with Campus Activities advisor Andrea Junso and her family. Response from them showed that they really liked the powwow and the opportunity to learn something about Native American culture and history.



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People come from across the continent to take part in the powwow.

The powwow was full of different performances, a variety of food such as fry bread, Indian tacos and such. There were also different arts and crafts such as dream catchers, pouches, necklaces, rings, flutes, and many many more," Banks said.

The feelings about the powwow were generally positive.

While not a large number of students attended the event, those who did seemed to enjoy it.

There was no shortage of entertaining, educational, and engaging activities for the stu-

dents to participate in.

While having a good time eating traditional foods, dancing, and making crafts, students were able to get a better understanding and appreciation of Native American culture and the purpose behind this event.

Banks said she will look to engage more students in diversifying events in the future.

# Reviewing *The Good Food Revolution*

**Anh Tran**  
Staff Writer

Beginning in the 2000-2001 Academic Year, the Reading in Common program has provided 19 classes of Gusties with books of high literary quality and interdisciplinary significance.

As part of the tradition, the Reading in Common books deal with themes connected directly to the Nobel Conference theme.

This year's Reading in Common book is *The Good Food Revolution...Growing Healthy Food, People, and Communities* by Will Allen and Charles Wilson. Co-written by Allen, 2018 MacArthur Genius Award Winner, the book has drawn nation-wide attention to the relationships between soil, food, and community.

*The Good Food Revolution* elaborates the importance of soil quality, both literally and metaphorically, in Allen's quest to transform a food desert outside Milwaukee's largest public housing project into a fertile and preserved land with accessible healthy food.

This focus relates to the topic of the 2018 Nobel Conference, Living Soil: A Universe Underfoot.

This book also highlights questions of access and equity to food and economic resources. It considers America's complex racial history, draw-



Abby Anderson

A first-year student spends her afternoon paging through her copy.

ing connections between changes in food and culture and explores the disconnection of urban communities from their rural roots.

*The Good Food Revolution* also explores the concept of social entrepreneurship, how business can promote social good.

All first-year students and Gustie Greeters read the book over the summer and discuss it during orientation as well as in the First Term Seminars classes (FTS).

The book has been incorporated into First Term Sem-

inar classes as a one of their main texts, a reference for class discussion, critical thinking, and argumentative writing.

According to Physics and Environmental Studies Professor Charles Niederriter, he has been using *The Good Food Revolution* as part of the First Term Seminar he is teaching - Renewable Energy.

Dr. Niederriter has used examples from the book to demonstrate how a writer calls for readers' attention while developing and maintaining their arguments.

In addition to referenc-

ing the Reading in Common book as a writing model, Dr. Niederriter also connects Allen's work to sustainability, the theme of his First term Seminar.

"Professor Niederriter and his Renewable Energy FTS have talked about some of the operations that [Allen] does, about how well [Allen] incorporated the use of red worms into compost and how that is more sustainable than adding chemicals," Professor Niederriter said.

What Dr. Niederriter expects his first-year students to learn from the book is that "there are different ways to things than just highly mechanizing the agriculture that we do in the United States."

From a student's perspective, First-year Emily Monicken shares that the book has "opened her eyes" because it has shed light on the importance of soil to human life and food production, which she first learned about through the Reading in Common.

According to the first-year, she also has the opportunity of discussing the book in her Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies Class with Dr. Harper.

The course has discussed the importance of soil in Native American communities, like how they planted multiple crops at the same time to retain their nutrients.

This practice was not adopted by later colonizers,

causing the topsoil to wash away and lose its nutrients

*The Good Food Revolution* has drawn Monicken's attention to the theme of this year's Nobel Conference and has convinced her to attend conference panels to learn more about soil in relation to food production as well as its social implications.

First-year Ratana Chheng shares her opinion on the book from an international student's perspective.

According to Chheng, she has discussed the book's composition as well as content both inside and outside of her First Term Seminar class.

"I like how detailed [Allen] is about the whole process and shares both obstacles and successes, so we learn with him about the whole process. It kind of makes me want to learn how to garden too." Chheng said.

Chheng has learned from the book how difficult it is for small farms to produce organic food and make profits from it.

In the United States, healthy options such as organic vegetables are expensive, while highly industrialized fast foods are at lower prices.

This comparison points out how Asian countries have methods of producing healthy food without sacrificing profit, which has a positive impact on their public health.

## DELI HOT BAR MENU

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Sloppy Joes
- Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
- Mac and Cheese
- Grilled Vegetables
- Barbeque Beans
- Barbeque Chicken

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Creole Roasted Yams
- Spinach and Rice Casserole
- Roasted Cauliflower
- Southern Black Beans
- Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya

## SIGNATURE SANDWICHES

- Pulled Pork
- Blackened Chicken Salad Bacon
- Pesto Aioli
- Reuben
- The Tuscan
- The Roast Beef
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# GUSTIES of the WEEK

## Thais Altenberg

**Monali Bhakta**  
Staff Writer

Thais Altenberg is a senior Geography and Geology double major at Gustavus Adolphus College. She enjoys the students and professors she has met, especially the Geology department.

Even though it is small, Thais loves the close-knit community within the department and the college in general because it is possible to see a familiar face wherever she goes.

Thais also appreciates the ability to build relationships with her educators and peers that she possibly would not have been able to form at a bigger school.

In regards to her major, "I just came in knowing that I was interested in the sciences in general...I've been super interested in Earth Sciences like Climatology. I was looking at possible majors and I actually found the Geology major at a Major/Minor Fair we had when I was a freshman, so I decided to try it out...it was interesting, and I decided to keep going because I could see myself doing it in the future," Thais said.

She mentioned how her grandfather used to be a Geologist; while her mother is a Biologist, she was super excited that Thais had chosen to major in Geology. Aside from partaking in Geology within the classroom, she is also in the Geology Club. They go on field trips to Texas, Utah, and throughout Minnesota, and they work with kids from the St. Peter Elementary Schools who want to learn about the sciences. They host a couple of events per year such as "Science on Saturday" and have done events in the Arboretum as well.

Their activities teach Geology by showing kids cool rocks, and teaching them where they come from. They also have the kids do activities like coring which is getting a sample of all the layers of sediment, or dyeing different colored baby powder or play dough.

"I've been a part of it since I joined the major in sophomore year, and I'm the secretary now actually. I really enjoy working with the kids, especially last year, and I enjoy people in the club, and all the stuff we do together. We get really close when we're on field trips all the time, so it's really fun," Thais said.

Aside from her academic extra-curricular activities, Thais is also the secretary of Film Club. The purpose of this club is to make meaningful short-films. She usually helps with the background noise, setting up props, editing, and using the camera effectively.

Another important club she has been apart of since freshman year is Pound Pals. She and other volunteers go to the St. Peter Pound on a weekly basis, and spend time with the animals.

This allows her to do community service, and continue establishing new relationships while also finding her role on campus, and what she can do

*"It's crazy to think that there's still a lot of people who don't think we are the driving forces of climate change, or that climate change is even happening when we know that even way back when there was hardly any life on the surface of the Earth, we could still see that life was one of the biggest driving forces of change, and we are no exception from that."*

for the community.

Every week, the group goes to the pound, and they socialize with whatever animals are there such as cats, dogs, and bunnies. "If there's a cat, we bring it into a bigger room, so we can have some space to play around, and have it adjusted to being around people, so that it can be interacted with and get adopted eventually. If there's a dog we do that too, but we usually take them for a walk in the park."

She describes how they also engage in advocacy through posters, and fundraising by

raising money for the pound. The Paws Walk is a Halloween Walk where they take the animals trick-or-treating right here in St. Peter.

Although Thais does not know what she plans to do with her majors in the future, she wants to continue staying involved in the community as much as she can. One possible option for her is to attend graduate school, possibly somewhere on the West Coast where there are top-notch Geology programs.

"I hope to do something that is impactful and helpful to the world as whole and to the community on a smaller scale. I might go toward a more environmental route which I think is very important, and also into planetary sciences, or geobiology which is looking at how the biological effects shape the Earth in the past...how it's affecting the earth now, and in the future."

In regards to the upcoming 54th Nobel Conference titled "Living Soil: A Universe Underfoot," Thais mentions how this year's conference especially pertains to her academic interests. She is currently Professor Laura Triplett's Geomorphology class which is highly related to this year's topic.

They will actually be hosting one of the speakers, Dave Montgomery, this Friday, as he will be making an appearance in their class. They were assigned to read his book, and will be talking to him about it, along with what to look forward to on Tuesday and Wednesday. She is excited for Nobel because she wants to hear what others have to say about soil science, both from well-trained geologists and those who are not connected to the field at all.

"I think an environmental focus is definitely something that is going to be characteristic at this year's Conference. It is something that is very important for people to learn. It's really important to know how we shape our Earth because even the smallest life forms shape it in very drastic ways. It's crazy to think that there's still a lot of people who don't think we are the driving forces of climate change, or that climate change is even happening when we know that even way back when there was hardly any life on the surface of the Earth, we could still see that life was one of the biggest driving forces of change."



Abby Anderson

Thais is passionate about her Geology and Geography majors.

**Do you have a suggestion for a Gustavus student, professor, or staff member who could be our next Gustie of the Week?**

If so, send their name, position on campus, and a short description of why you think they should be recognized to [weekly@gustavus.edu](mailto:weekly@gustavus.edu) for a chance to be featured!

A representative from the Gustavian Weekly will be in contact with you via email if your suggestion is chosen to be featured in an issue of the paper.

# GUSTIES of the WEEK

## Lucio Gonzales

**Parker Lindberg**  
Staff Writer

Few people have involved themselves in the Gustavus community as much as Lucio Gonzales.

Lucio is a junior Political Science and Philosophy double major from Inglewood, California.

He chose Gustavus particularly for the Political Science department and wanted the adventure of going to college far from home.

Lucio is heavily involved on campus in a variety of ways. He currently holds three different on-campus jobs, an impressive feat for a full-time student. He also volunteers in many other parts of campus.

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His main position is as a Collegiate Fellow in Sorenson hall. He enjoys helping his residents in whatever way he can and being able to help them find

the resources that they need to succeed.

Lucio also works for Gustavus Technology Services as a front desk associate. This position allows him to employ his passion for technology as well as for helping others.

His third position is in the Center for Academic Resources and Enhancement, also at the front desk. Lucio says that what drives him in all three of his campus positions is his desire to help other students succeed.

Outside of work, Lucio is also heavily involved within the Chaplain's office.

He does volunteer work during worship on most Sunday mornings. He also completed an internship with the Chaplains office where he was in charge of preparing the sermon for several Sunday worships.

Lucio says his work with the Chaplains office was "really a kickstart to what I'm involved with on campus now."

He also says that the people he has gotten to work with through the Chaplains office have helped him "further my participation in this work and in college as a whole."

Lucio has also done some work with the Gustavus Democrats throughout his time at Gustavus. He has gotten the opportunity to work with and campaign for several politicians through the organization. "I

really valued what they campaigned for and I felt like I was part of a bigger cause."

He has also done a lot of work as a phoneathon caller, doing outreach work and connecting to Gustavus alumni.

He was also chosen to be the representative face for the phoneathon. He really enjoyed being a representative and getting to talk to a lot of alumni.

*"I hope that [the people I work with] are able to keep me as a positive memory of their time at Gustavus. I really hope I am able to spark an influence in anyone that I meet."*

When asked about how he balances his work with his studies and other commitments, Lucio said that he had to make some changes to his daily rou-



Lucio keeps busy with three on-campus jobs.

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tine. "In high school, I never really had an agenda, but that had to change once I got to college."

He said that he has had to make significant use of his Google calendar and work on writing down lists of things to do.

His advice to other students trying to balance their responsibilities is to really get organized and work on following through with everything they do.

Throughout all of his involvement on campus, Lucio

said that one of his greatest experiences at Gustavus has been interacting with the faculty.

He loves that he has been able to make a lot of good connections with them.

"The faculty here have furthered my confidence in who I am as an individual and also given me a sense of purpose," Gonzales said. He wants to continue to take full advantage of the Gustavus faculty and their help and knowledge.

In particular, Lucio said that the Residential Life staff have had a very positive influence on him. "The Residential Life staff have given me opportunities to expand my contributions to Gustavus."

Lucio said that one of the major goals that he has had for himself throughout college and in the rest of his Gustavus career is to leave a positive impact on the people that he works with.

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Lucio's vast involvement on campus as well as his drive to help other students make him an essential part of the Gustavus community. He will no doubt leave a positive impact on those that he works with and on Gustavus as a whole.



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# 2018: The 54th Nobel Conference



## Raymond Archuleta

Conservation Agronomist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Archuleta's presentation will focus on what "living soil" means for agricultural producers dealing with the economic demands of agriculture and the desire to take care of their soil.



## Claire Chenu

Professor of Soil Science  
AgroParis Tech  
United Nations Special Ambassador for the International Year of Soils 2015

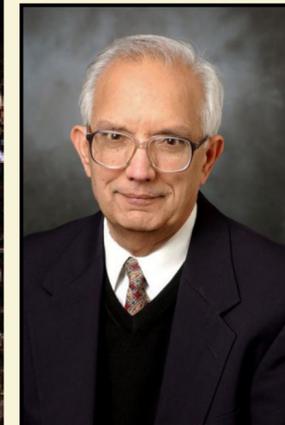
Chenu will present on soil management and will discuss crop production and the role of organic matter in carbon sequestration.



## Jack Gilbert

Professor, Department of Surgery  
Named one of the "Brilliant Ten" by Popular Science Magazine in 2015

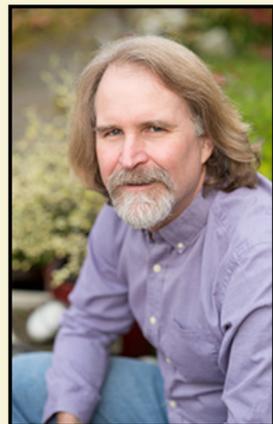
Gilbert will present on the vital role of microbes in ecology as a whole. He will further explain the variability of microbial communities within soil and their role in soil health.



## Rattan Lal

Professor of Soil Sciences  
The Ohio State University  
Member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007

Lal's presentation will give a global perspective on the relationship between soil and global carbon flows. He will elaborate on no-till practices which help conserve carbon in the soil.



## David Montgomery

Professor of Earth and Space Sciences (University of Washington)  
Author of *Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations* and *The Hidden Half of Nature*  
2008 MacArthur Fellow

Montgomery will promote the case that there is a way to make agriculture profitable as well as help restore the land itself.



## Suzanne Simard

Professor of Forest Ecology (University of British Columbia)  
Featured in the documentary "Intelligent Trees"

Simard will offer insights into how trees communicate with each other and the implications of how this discovery of this communication can help humanity.



## Frank Uekotter

Reader, Environmental Humanities (University of Birmingham)  
Author of *The Green and the Brown: A History of Conservation in Nazi Germany*

Uekotter's presentation will offer the perspective of an environmental historian by asking questions about what our agricultural practices say about who we are as humans.