



The Gray Center
for Social Learning and Understanding

Together

we would like to
invite you to attend
the following...



IDEA WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 24, 7 - 9 PM

GVSU's Eberhard Center

301 W. Fulton Street

Grand Rapids, MI

Learning Objectives: Attendees will gain an understanding of what the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is and what current changes can mean for your child or student. Find out how the Law protects children with disabilities. Learn successful ways to advocate for your child with support from the IDEA. This will definitely be a workshop you won't want to miss!!!

We are excited to have the following two guest speakers:

Richard T. Geisel, Ph.D., J.D. has a background in law, teaching and curriculum leadership. Dr. Geisel received his Juris Doctor in 1993, his Michigan teaching certificate in 1996 and his PhD in Organizational Leadership in 2002. Currently, he is an Assistant Professor in the Educational Leadership Department at GVSU, and teaches primarily in the area of School Law. Dr. Geisel's research interests include disability law, home schooling, religious issues in public education, the constitutional rights of public school employees, as well as issues surrounding the legal literacy of school administrators.

Dr. E. John Shinsky has received local and national awards for his professional work in training teachers, parents, and school administrators. Dr. Shinsky received all three of his degrees from Michigan State University. Dr. E. John Shinsky joined the Grand Valley State University faculty in 2001 as an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership. Prior to coming to Grand Valley, John had a successful 27 year career with the Lansing Public Schools as a classroom teacher, building administrator, Director of Special Education, and Area Director responsible for 14 schools on the Southside of Lansing.

For more information call: 616 889 3808.

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