

THE GARNET GRADUATE

The Graduate Student Association Newsletter
of the
University of South Carolina

Ordem e Progresso

“Ordem e Progresso (Order and Progress),” the national motto of Brazil really encapsulates what a fantastic academic year it has been for the graduate student body at USC. The GSA has grown by leaps and bounds and we are seeing great progress toward our goals and objectives. I am so proud of our amazing graduate student leadership team. They have diligently worked to advocate for all graduate and professional students. However, there is still much work to be done. In the upcoming weeks, you will receive information regarding GSA Elections which are currently scheduled for March 29-30th. The graduate student body needs motivated and dynamic leaders with a passion for serving others and making the USC graduate school experience even better. This is a great opportunity to make a difference. Please consider this calling to serve.

Best Wishes,
Andrew Dorsey
GSA President

Upcoming Events



❖ Graduate Student Happy Hour

On Friday, February 17th from 5:00-7:00 PM, the GSA will host a graduate student happy hour at Thirsty Fellow, located at 621 Gadsden Street in Columbia. This is a great opportunity for you to meet and network with students across the entire graduate student body. The GSA will provide complimentary appetizers. Graduate student spouses and guests are also invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

❖ Graduate Student Day

Graduate Student Day, sponsored by The Graduate School, provides graduate students an opportunity to present their scholarly and creative work to the university community. At this time, over 150 graduate students are scheduled to participate. This annual celebration will be held in on-campus at the Russell House on **Tuesday March 27, 2012 from 9:00am to 3:30pm.**

More details are available on the Graduate Student Day website, www.gradschool.sc.edu/gsd.



❖ Graduate Student Elections

The Graduate Student Association announces the following dates regarding graduate student elections:

Filing Deadline: March 15 by 5:00 PM
Elections: March 29 and March 30

The Graduate Student Body will elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a Graduate Council Representative. More information regarding elections will be sent to students at a later date.

❖ Graduate Student Appreciation Week

Mark your calendars **April 2nd -6th** for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week. The GSA is planning some very exciting activities and special events for all USC Graduate Students and their families. More details to come!



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Graduate Student Finance Committee

The Graduate Student Association is pleased to announce the 2012 Graduate Student Finance Committee.

Lauren Healey, Higher Education/Student Affairs
(Committee Chair/Graduate Student Treasurer)

Latoya Jeeter, Social Work/Public Health
Mehmet Ercan, Civil/Environmental Engineering
Nikhil Joshi, Health Administration
Jordan Stallings, Law
Joe Boyes, Public Administration



This Committee is responsible for operating budget workshops and allocating funds to all graduate student organizations. We sincerely appreciate their service to the University of South Carolina!

The Committee will meet at the following times:

- Wednesday, February 22nd: 7:30pm-10pm-
Location TBD
- Thursday, February 23rd: 4:30pm-8:30pm,
Campus Life Center Conference Room (Russell
House 227)
- Friday, February 24th: 1:30pm-6pm (if needed)-
Campus Life Center Conference Room (Russell
House 227)

GSA Meeting

The GSA will *not* hold a formal meeting during the month of February due to budget workshops and finance committee activities. Instead, the leadership team will have a planning session with Associate Dean Jessica Elfenbein on Friday, February 24th. However, if there are any issues you would like us to address, please contact us at sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu.

GSA Treasurer Workshops

Budget deadlines for the 2012-2013 fiscal year (July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013) will be due **Monday, February 20 at 4:00pm**. You must attend a Graduate Treasurer's Workshop before the deadline. The workshops will be held on the following dates, please notice that one location is different. If you have any questions please contact so@mailbox.sc.edu or Lauren Healey, GSA Treasurer at healey1@mailbox.sc.edu.

Student **ORGANIZATIONS**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STUDENT LIFE

Monday, February 13, 2012 3:30pm
Russell House 322/326

Wednesday, February 15 5:00pm
Russell House 305

Thursday, February 16 12:00pm
Russell House 322/326

Did You Know?

The graduate school is now posting information about various opportunities for graduate students on their opportunities page. On the page, you'll find information about scholarships, fellowships, and academic conferences.

<http://gradschool.sc.edu/opportunities/>

Connect with Us

Stay up to date on the latest graduate student news. Check out our website, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter!

www.gradschool.sc.edu/gsa



www.facebook.com/uscgsa



www.twitter.com/uscgsa

Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) Upcoming Events

Listed below are some outstanding seminars sponsored by the USC Center for Teaching Excellence. Teaching Assistants may find these seminars very useful. To register, please follow the link under the desired event(s). **For more information, please visit:** www.sc.edu/cte

Getting Good Teaching Evaluations

Jed Lyons, Faculty Director, Center for Teaching Excellence
Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511
Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 3:30-4:30p.m.

Integrative Learning is... Beyond and Within the Classroom

Jed Lyons, Faculty Director, Center for Teaching Excellence
Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511
Thursday, February 16, 2012, 9:30-10:45a.m. or
Friday, February 17, 2012, 3:35-4:25p.m.

Strategies for Lecturing in an Online Environment

Sherry Grosso, Associate Director of Distributed Learning, Center for Teaching Excellence
Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 11:15a.m.-12:05p.m.
Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511

If you are a TA, the Center for Teaching Excellence is ready to serve you!

The CTE Graduate Teaching Initiative helps graduate students who teach or who want to teach improve their effectiveness and efficiency. Graduate teaching assistants face unique challenges in balancing their teaching responsibilities with their own studies. If you are a graduate student, please take advantage of their series of workshops that are offered specifically for you (advance registration is required for all CTE events). If you are interested in a faculty career, you should also consider joining their Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program. PFF provides graduate students and post-docs a mechanism to receive professional development and a credential which reflects initiative and experience in the areas of teaching, research, and service.

Announcements

Kick Balls for Prostate Cancer 2012

USC's Phi Delta Phi, Law School Honor Fraternity will sponsor a kickball tournament **March 24th-25th** to raise money for Prostate Cancer Research. Teams must be registered by February 24th. For more information, visit www.kickballsforprostatecancer.webs.com.

BODYPUMP for Men

USC's Group Exercise program is hosting a special FREE challenge class for men on **Saturday, February 18th at 12:30PM in Strom Room 125!** Improve your weight lifting technique and experience a new weight lifting challenge with Les Mills BODYPUMP, a 60 minute strength endurance training class designed to build muscle and burn fat. Using a series of weights, reps, and resistance training methods, BODYPUMP is a total body workout and is great for beginners or pros. (*LADIES: We want YOU there, too! To enter the class, all you have to do is bring a GUY to the class with you!) The class is FREE - no Group-X pass required but you will need your CAROLINA CARD. For more information contact Amie Holko at holko@email.sc.edu or visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/USCGroupX>

Supporting **graduate students.**
Providing **opportunities** for academic enrichment.
Enhancing your experience at **USC.**



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