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President’s Welcome

Your GSA team has been hard at work planning the rest of our events for this school year, and we have some great things in store for you! Be sure to check pages 3-4 of this newsletter for the next events, including a new Professionalism Workshop series—designed to offer small trainings in skills that are important for employment but might be left out of traditional curricula.

Over the past month, we have also collected feedback from graduate students in the form of online survey responses and two in-person forums. Thank you to everyone who submitted responses, comments, and questions! We are currently compiling the data and will present you with the results in an upcoming GSA newsletter.

The GSA Leadership Team also had the distinct pleasure of attending a reception at the President’s House on the Horseshoe on February 26th. President Pastides and Ms. Moore-Pastides graciously hosted our team and gave us a tour of the historic home, including stories of some of the famous visitors of the past (like John F. Kennedy)!

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can assist or support you—we are your advocates on the USC campus. You can connect with us via email (sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu) on Facebook (www.facebook.com/uscgssa).

Best wishes,
Danielle Schoffman
President, Graduate Student Association
GSA EVENTS

Join the GSA for our rescheduled **Dessert Social** at World of Beer (902 Gervais St) Thursday March 6th from 7-9pm. GSA will provide desserts!

GSA monthly meetings are open to all graduate students. This is your chance to let us know what we can do to make your graduate student experience even better. Our meetings are held in the Campus Life Center, 2nd floor of Russell House, across from Einstein's Bagels. For more information, email us at sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu. Meeting dates this semester:

- Wed, Mar 5, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Mar 20, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Wed, Apr 2, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Apr 17, 5-6:30 p.m.

The GSA and **Counseling and Human Development Center** will be co-sponsoring a Stress Busters event March 18th from 3-4pm in Russell House room 303. Come check out ways to manage stress and participate in a relaxation exercise!
GSA WORKSHOPS

The CTE, Writing Center, Graduate School, and GSA have teamed up to bring you TWO workshops:

**Teaching Philosophy**

This workshop will be held in the CTE, Thomas Cooper Library Room L511, and there are **two** sessions available and advanced registration is required [here](#).

- **Tuesday March 25\textsuperscript{th} from 2:30-4:00pm**
- **Thursday March 27\textsuperscript{th} from 1:00-2:30pm**

**CV Writing**

This workshop will be held in the Career Center (6th Floor of the H. William Close (BA) Bldg) and advanced registration is required [here](#).

- **Wednesday March 26\textsuperscript{th} from 2:30-3:30pm**

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**Professionalism Workshop: Soft Skills Matter**

**Tuesday March 4, 2014**

6pm – 7pm

Carolina Coliseum, Room 3007

Soft skills such as effective communication, a positive attitude in the workplace, leadership, and teamwork are just as, if not more, important to enhance your employability. Join the Graduate Student Association and representatives from the Career Center for a workshop focusing on developing soft skills for the workplace. Pizza will be provided! **This is the first of 3 workshops, to include Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: A Workshop and Panel Discussion on March 19th (6-7pm) and Diversity in the Workplace: A Panel Discussion on April 3rd (6-7pm).** Mark your calendars and look for more information soon!
Check out these CTE events!

1. **PowerPoint: Beyond Bullet Points**
   - Wednesday March 5\textsuperscript{th}, 2014, 10:50-11:40am
   - Center for Teaching Excellence
   - Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511
   - Facilitator: Ed Gatzke, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering and former Associate Director for Teaching Pedagogy in the CTE
   - Registration Required [Here](#)

2. **Dealing with Disruptive Students**
   - Tuesday March 18\textsuperscript{th}, 2014, 2:50-4:05pm
   - Center for Teaching Excellence
   - Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511
   - Facilitator: Michelle Hardee, Program Manager for grad student programs at the CTE
   - Registration Required [Here](#)

Other events can be found on the [CTE calendar](#).

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**Check out USC’s Preparing Future Faculty Program**

The PFF program at USC is administered through a partnership between the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Graduate School. For graduate students and post-docs who want to teach at the college level, PFF is designed to assist with key aspects of professional development. It provides a mechanism by which participants may receive a credential which reflects initiative and experience toward becoming future faculty.
RESEARCH

Submit your proposals by March 11th for Graduate Student Day 2014 to be held on Friday April 11th

Graduate Student Day, an annual celebration, competition, and award ceremony, is the University of South Carolina’s most comprehensive showcase of graduate scholarly and creative work. Sponsored by The Graduate School and held each spring, the event provides students an opportunity to present their work to the university and the larger community. Proposals are submitted through the Graduate Management System (GMS) and are due MARCH 11th! Categories include oral, poster, and creative presentations, as well as the 3 minute thesis/dissertation! Graduate Student Day is held on Friday of Graduate Student week, an entire week devoted to Graduate Students.

Zotero Workshop by the USC Libraries

Zotero is a FREE citation manager. Organize your research with Zotero and you’ll never have to track down a missing source again! Zotero lets you save and edit citation information and PDFs and create bibliographies right from your browser. Click here for more information.

Workshop Times:
Monday, March 17 from 3:30 – 5pm
Thursday, March 20 from 1 – 2:30pm
Tuesday, March 25 from 2:30 – 4pm

Graduate School Communication Workshops

The Graduate School is sponsoring workshops designed to help you learn how to talk about your research in a way that your peers, your family, your prospective employers, and your academic colleagues across all disciplines will be able to understand. All current graduate students are invited to attend, and pizza will be served. Click here for more information! The next workshop is March 7th!

Thesis and Dissertation Formatting Workshops

The Graduate School is hosting Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) Formatting Workshops this semester to help simplify the processes of formatting and submitting student research. Students who are writing a thesis or dissertation and will graduate in May 2014 or August 2014 are encouraged to attend. The 90 minute workshops start Tuesday, February 18 and will be offered regularly through March. All sessions will be held in the Russell House University Union Room 305.
1. **18th Annual Race Judicata**

Lace up your running shoes! On Saturday, March 1, the Women in Law Association at the USC School of Law will sponsor the 18th Annual Race Judicata, a 5K Fun Run/Walk beginning at Hand Middle School and looping through the historic Shandon Neighborhood of Columbia. **All proceeds from the race will be donated to the Women’s Shelter and Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands.** Participants can register at strictlyrunning.com for $25/person early-bird registration, or $35/person after February 25. Race day registration is also available. The Fun Run/Walk will take place, rain or shine.

For more information about the race or the Women in Law Association, please contact Michelle Baxter at (843) 812-9320 or baxterm@email.sc.edu

2. **Serve Carolina**

- **Service Saturday** - Registration for our next Service Saturday event is now open! You can sign up to serve on March 22nd [here](#)! Check-in for pre-registered volunteers will begin promptly at 8:30am, transportation and lunch are provided and service projects will take place from 9:30am until 12:30pm. For more information, contact Martha Scott Johnson via email at MSJ@mailbox.sc.edu

- **Impact Weekly Service Projects** - Impact Weekly Service Projects have begun! These trips are an opportunity for students to visit agencies in the community and engage in service projects for a few hours during the week. Schedules vary and transportation is provided. A listing of available trips and links to registration can be found [here](#).
DID YOU KNOW?

We all know graduate school can be a stressful time. The Counseling and Human Development Center at USC offers individual and group counseling sessions. ALL students at USC who have paid the student health fee are eligible for most services at no cost. This includes 12 individual counseling visits. Other services include couples counseling, group counseling (there’s even one JUST for graduate students!), suicide prevention services, support following the death of a community member, and crisis intervention services. Visit the CHDC’s website for additional information.

Looking for Graduate Assistantships or Fellowships? Check out Job Mate! Part of the USC Career Center website, students can register for an account and select the types of opportunities (graduate assistantships, fellowships) they are interested in and browse. Students can also share an email address and a list of such will be emailed directly to their inbox. Click here to visit Job Mate!

INFO: Investigate National Fellowship Opportunities.
Part of the Office of Fellowships and Scholars Program, INFO is a searchable database for national fellowships.
1. CAROLINA INTERCULTURAL TRAINING
March 26, April 23
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Byrnes 704

The International Student Services office has launched a new program, “Carolina Intercultural Training”, which will help ease cultural clashes, miscommunication, and prejudices. Similar to “Safe Zone” and “Green Zone” trainings, faculty and staff members who complete this “International Friendly Zone” program will receive a certificate and will be better equipped to promote and provide an inclusive environment on campus for international students, in addition to preparing themselves for international experiences of their own. Contact Binda Niati, International Student Advisor, at niati@mailbox.sc.edu. Please register at https://uscips.wufoo.com/forms/z3f95kw0lyyy9k9/

2. Women’s Self Defense Workshop.
USC’s Student Health Services Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention have partnered with the University of South Carolina’s Division of Law Enforcement and Safety to offer a Women’s Self Defense Workshop. Students, faculty, and staff can register by emailing Toni Lawrimore at toni.lawrimore.savip@gmail.com

March 28, 12-4 PM
April 25, 12-4 PM

3. USC Library Workshops. Check out the workshops held by the Thomas Cooper Library. The Research Readiness is meant especially for new graduate students—all the stuff you’d want to know about the library but don’t even know to ask! Coming soon: Zotero training! http://guides.library.sc.edu/workshops
4. **Wanted:** Information on all USC Doctoral and MFA students who 
graduate August 2013, December 2013, or May 2014 and are offered and 
accept tenure track positions. This is the second year that Provost Amiridis is 
hosting a dinner to celebrate **USC graduates who secure tenure track positions.** To make this 
event a success, we need your help: These students and their advisors will be celebrated at a 
dinner hosted in their honor by Provost Michael Amiridis on Tuesday, April 29th at 6 p.m. 
Location to be announced. Please fill out the Graduate School’s form as soon as possible but 
no later than April 1st. For further information, please contact Hannah Spicher at 
hspicher@mailbox.sc.edu or 7-9086.

5. **SWAG Student Wellness Achieving Goals** is a student weight management 
program open to all students on a first come first serve basis. 
[http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/cw/gswag/](http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/cw/gswag/)

6. **Fellow Graduate Student Chase Nelson stars at Trustus Theatre**
**Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m.**
Chase Nelson, a third year Presidential Fellow in Biological Sciences, stars in *See Rock City 
and Other Destinations,* “a contemporary musical about connections missed and made at 
tourist destinations across America.” Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door. The 
theater opens at 6:30 and beer, wine, and popcorn are available. For more information, 

7. The **USC Counseling and Human Development Center** has a Drop-In Guided 
Relaxation Group every Thursday at 3:30 in 617 Byrnes.

8. **Safe Zone Ally Training Workshop**
The Safe Zone Ally Program is a visible network of allies who are committed to creating a 
community of respect and dignity for LGBT individuals. The Safe Zone Ally Program makes 
it possible to easily identify individuals who are committed to creating an environment in 
which all people are free to thrive academically, professionally and personally.

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
**Location: Green Quad Learning Center**
Advance registration is required [here](#).
Connect with us! Stay up to date on the latest graduate school news. Check out our website, like us on Facebook, connect with us on LinkedIn, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram!

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