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GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## President's Welcome

It has been a busy couple of weeks for your GSA team—we had such a wonderful time meeting many of you at our events last week in celebration of Graduate Student Week! And, it was great to see some of you present your research at Graduate Student Day. It was a very special week to be a USC graduate student! As we look towards our events for next year, please let us know ([sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu)) if you have suggestions or ideas for next year's events!

We are also excited to announce the results of the GSA elections for executive officers—please see pages 6-7 for information on the new leadership team. I am very happy to have the opportunity to continue to serve with GSA and to continue with some of the projects I worked on this year. The new team will take office on May 1, 2014 and serve for one year.

While we are winding down for the year of GSA events, we still have two great events and one more open GSA meeting left—see pages 8-9 of this newsletter for details!

Green Zone Training: April 17 4-5pm

Taking Your Degree to an Industry Job: April

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](mailto:sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu)) or social media ([www.facebook.com/uscgsa](http://www.facebook.com/uscgsa) and [www.twitter.com/uscgsa](http://www.twitter.com/uscgsa)).

Best wishes,  
Danielle Schoffman  
President, Graduate Student Association

# GRADUATE STUDENT WEEK RECAP

Graduate Student Week was a huge success! The GSA hosted a week full of successful events. Here is a brief recap of the fun, with photos!

On **Sunday**, we had a great turnout for our social event at Thirsty Fellow, where we enjoyed some time on the patio and some delicious food!



On **Monday**, Dr. John Dozier, Chief Diversity Officer at The University of South Carolina, gave amazing remarks and thought-provoking information related to the importance of diversity in one's career. He was able to speak to some of his own experiences and also provided an activity to engage the audience in issues surrounding diversity.

On **Tuesday** evening of Graduate Student Week, GSA hosted Mix and Mingle Game Night in the Russell House. The event was catered by Tio's Mexican Cafe, which provided a salad and enchilada bar. In addition to the food, attendees enjoyed a relaxing evening of poker, Wii, and various board games like Apples to Apples and Scattergories.



# GRADUATE STUDENT WEEK RECAP

**Tuesday** was also the \$tart \$mart workshop– Learning How to Negotiate a Salary, which we co-sponsored with The Graduate School, Career Center, Center for Teaching Excellence

**Wednesday** was our exercise event and "getting your sweat on" was an understatement for GSW's Cardio Class. Our instructor, Caroline Bergeron (DrPH student in Health Promotion, Education and Behavior), lead us in cardio, body pump, body combat, and yoga. The workout was intense and fun!

**Wednesday** was also our Chill and Grill at Strom. The weather cooperated and almost sixty graduate students and guests came out for the Chill and Grill event. We had a great dinner including Hudson's BBQ and a variety of side dishes, and many people took advantage of this time to network with other graduate students!



# GRADUATE STUDENT WEEK RECAP

**Thursday** afternoon we had perfect weather for our event at the Challenge Course. The folks at Outdoor Rec were great and made sure that everyone who wanted to experience the Challenge Course got a chance at it. We saw a lot of new faces and everyone had a great time. Some of our Graduate students brought their families: young Gamecocks in training!



**Friday** was [Graduate Student Day](#) in the Russell House, and it was a great success! Please check out the [photo album](#) from the day on the Graduate School's [Facebook page](#). A list of the award winners can be found in the [program](#).

**Friday** also featured a Credit 101 workshop, Building and Managing Credit, which was co-Sponsored by the USC Financial Literacy Program.



# GSA ELECTIONS

Elections for GSA President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Student Council Representative were held from April 14th-16th. We would like to introduce your new GSA Officers, who will serve from May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015.



## **Brittany S. Walter, President**

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### **Biography**

Brittany Walter is a second year doctoral student and Presidential Fellow studying biological anthropology in the Department of Anthropology. Her research interests include bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Florida as a Florida Opportunity Scholar and her Master of Arts degree as a Deans Fellow from the University of Central Florida. Brittany has most recently served as the Graduate Council Representative and previously served as the Programming Liaison during 2012-13. While at the University of South Carolina, Brittany has served as a member of the Graduate Finance Committee, Provost's

Advisory Committee on Women's Issues, Graduate Women's Committee, and has assisted with several events and policies for graduate students at USC through the GSA. She was also chosen as a student spotlight in the No Limits campaign for USC.



## **Meagan Conway, Vice President**

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### **Biography**

Meagan Conway is a second year doctoral student in the Department of Anthropology. Her current research interests include colonialism and cultural change, materialization of identity, and household dynamics in frontier spaces. She is originally from Newport News, VA, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology and English from the University of Notre Dame. She received a Master of Arts degree in Historical Archaeology from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Meagan most recently served on the Graduate Student

Association Treasurer, and she served on the Finance Committee during 2012-13. She also serves as supervisory staff on the Cultural Landscapes of the Irish Coast Archaeology Project, which explores thousands of years of island heritage through archaeological excavations, archival work, and oral histories.

# GSA ELECTIONS



## **Brianna Hughes, Treasurer**

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### **Biography**

Brianna Hughes is in her first year of the Library and Information Science program at USC and is pursuing her MLIS degree. She is also working towards the Museum Management Certificate offered by USC and McKissick Museum. Since beginning her coursework, Brianna has discovered an interest in digital humanities, digital collections as well as preservation, in library, archival, museum settings. Brianna currently works on Special Projects in the Digital Collections Department and the Irvin Department of Special Collections and Rare Books at USC. Brianna currently is serving as the Graduate Assistant in the Distributed Learning office at the School of Library and Information Science. She

previously served as the Student Health Insurance liaison for the Graduate Student Association and the Graduate Student Representative for the Thomas Cooper Society. Recipient of the Martha Jane Zachert Scholarship, an award for an MLIS student pursuing a career in Special Collections, Brianna is also a member of the SCLA, ALA, and the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. She is originally from Baltimore, Maryland. Brianna received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Music and History from St. Mary's College of Maryland, in Southern Maryland.



## **Danielle E. Schoffman, Graduate Council Representative**

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### **Biography**

Danielle E. Schoffman most recently served as the President of the USC GSA since December, 2012. A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Danielle received a dual Bachelor of Arts Degree from Stanford University majoring in Human Biology and Anthropological Sciences. After graduation, Danielle worked as a project coordinator at the Stanford Prevention Research Center, managing clinical trials for behavioral weight management. In the fall of 2011, she entered the Arnold School of Public Health's Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior PhD program, and was awarded a Presidential Doctoral Fellowship. Danielle's research interests include family interventions for obesity prevention and the use

of mobile technologies in health behavior research. She is a Graduate Research Assistant for the USC Prevention Research Center, where she works on research projects related to community-engaged physical activity interventions. Danielle has served as a member numerous University committees including the Tobacco Free Task Force, the \$tart \$mart Steering Committee, and the Provost's Committee for Women's Issues, and the Dean's Student Advisory Committee for the Arnold School of Public Health. Prior to serving as the President of the GSA, Danielle held the positions of Graduate Assistant Liaison, Programming Liaison, and Vice President.

# GSA EVENTS

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](mailto:sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu). Our **last meeting of the semester** will be Thursday, Apr 17, 5-6:30 p.m. Look for meetings to start again in the Fall semester!

From here to where... how to take your advanced degree to industry, an interactive panel discussion. Register [here](#).

Co-sponsored by the Career Center, the Graduate Student Association, and the Graduate School  
University of South Carolina

**From here to where...** how to take your advanced degree to industry

*Come participate in this interactive panel discussion with Masters and PhD graduates about non-academic career options. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and to network with panelists and attendees at the reception following the event.*

*Date*  
Tuesday, April 22nd

*Time*  
5:30 to 7:00

*Location*  
H. William Close Building (BA), Room 602B

**Registration Required:**  
<http://www.sc.edu/career/Events/GradSchoolPanel/>

If you have questions or need special accommodations contact Star Jamison (803) 777-4864 or [jamisonj@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:jamisonj@mailbox.sc.edu)



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# GREENZONE TRAINING



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## Military Affairs Awareness Including Green Zone Training

*A presentation hosted by the Graduate Student Association*

Thursday, April 17th, 2014  
4pm – 5pm  
Nursing Building, Rm 124

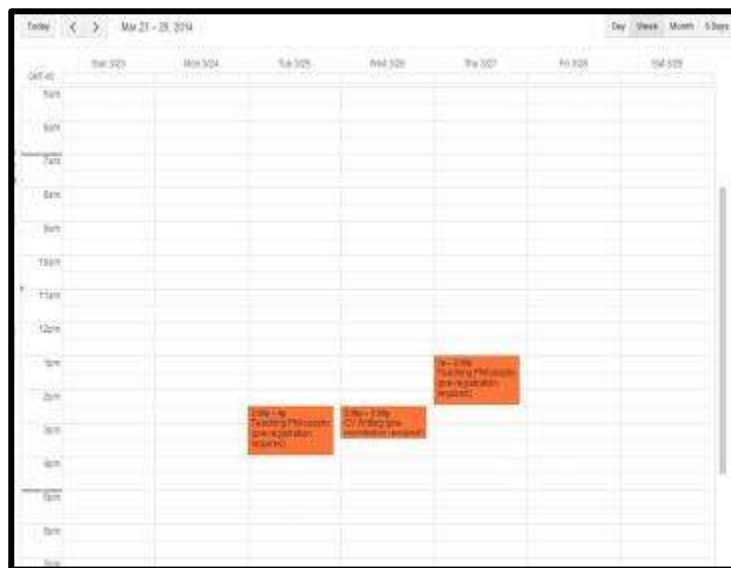
The military is a culture all on its own. You can be “Green Zone” trained as you learn about the military and how to work with them. For current military and veterans, this is an opportunity to get information about campus resources. Join the Graduate Student Association and a representative from the Student Success Center for a workshop focusing on members in the Armed Forces.

**Pizza will be provided!**

**For more information, email us at [sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu)**

# ADD OUR GOOGLE CALENDAR!

During our recent graduate student forum there was discussion regarding the best way to get the word out about events that may be of interest to graduate students. We have decided to create a **Google Calendar**, which you may view and/or subscribe to. In this way, if you use Google Calendar already, the GSA calendar will show up automatically in the list of calendars. When selected, GSA events will show on your calendar as well. Each event will have details, time, location, and a link to pre-register when required. We hope this will be a more efficient way of informing you about events, and it will be updated frequently. We will still have the events here in the newsletter.



**To VIEW our calendar** at any time (without subscribing) please [click here](#).

**To ADD our calendar** to your list of calendars, please complete the following steps:

1. Log in to your Google Calendar
2. On the left click on the arrow next to "Other calendars"
3. Choose "Add by URL"
4. Paste the following link into the box:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/pjn1pbgtohm5apf80ck6p72ag4%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

5. The GSA Calendar should now show in your list of calendars. You can toggle it on/off by clicking on the colored square to the left of the calendar.



# DISCOVERY DAY 2014 JUDGES NEEDED



## Discovery Day Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! Discovery Day (Friday, April 25) is USC's annual showcase of undergraduate activities. Students present on any beyond-the-classroom experience including leadership experiences, global study, service, internships, and research. We are seeking graduate students willing to listen, learn, and ask questions of our presenters. You do not need to be an expert in the field or topic. Sound interesting? Send an email to [our@sc.edu](mailto:our@sc.edu) with the information below or let us know if you would like to be a general volunteer for the day. We would love to have your help!

- Your name
- Your title/position/affiliation with USC (including public/friend)
- Your preference for: morning (8:30-11:30), afternoon (12-3), OR no preference
- Your preference for: posters, oral/creative presentations, no preference, OR general volunteer
- Your areas of interest/what topics you would be willing to review.

## GSA HAS MONEY FOR YOUR ORG!

### Attention all Graduate Student Clubs and Organizations!

GSA has a fund for you to apply for money to aid you in putting on your events and activities. **We want and NEED to allocate this money. There is A LOT of it - you just need to ask for it!** We are on an all-rolling process this year, so we just ask that you apply at least 4 weeks ahead of time to give the Budget Committee time to process your requests. Please email Meagan Conway, GSA Treasurer at [conwaymk@email.sc.edu](mailto:conwaymk@email.sc.edu) with questions.

**\*Also you can now apply for money for events for next academic year (any events after July 1) by selecting "GRAD 2014-15" on the budget worksheet.\***

- If you ask for more than \$1,000, we ask for you to schedule a time to come in for a dialogue.
- If you are charging for an event, any money you ask for is a loan which must be paid back!
- If an event you applied for in the past was rejected, we encourage you to apply again, taking into account the comments from the committee about why it was not awarded initially.
- We can only allocate for certain things. Please check the Treasurer's Manual for more insight on that.



# TEACHING

Center for Teaching Excellence  
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## Teaching Grants and Fellows Programs



Would you like up to \$3,500 to improve a course, enhance learning, and connect with your peers? Apply for one of our co-sponsored teaching grants or fellows programs. Proposals due Friday, April 18, 2014.



### Teaching Leadership Grant

Would you like to explore and promote strategies for teaching students about leadership and leadership development? This grant will provide funding of up to \$3,000 and training for the instructor in how to teach and integrate leadership into course content. This grant is co-sponsored with the Carolina Leadership Initiative.



### Supporting Undergraduates in Integrative Learning Grant

Would you like to help your students connect course material to real-life events and experiences? This grant will provide funding of up to \$3,500 and ideas to help teachers develop courses and programs that synthesize and apply course content to experiences and activities outside of the classroom. This grant is co-sponsored with USC Connect.



### Faculty/Staff Sustainability Fellows Program

Would you like to become more involved in sustainability initiatives at USC? Successful applicants will participate in the "Sustainability Across the Curriculum" workshop and be eligible to apply for a Sustainable Carolina Curriculum Award to help implement changes in curriculum. This fellows program is co-sponsored with Sustainable Carolina.

For more information, and to apply, visit [www.sc.edu/cte/grantsSpring.php](http://www.sc.edu/cte/grantsSpring.php)



All full-time faculty and instructors are invited to apply for our grants. Faculty, instructors, and staff are invited to apply for our fellows program.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 803-777-8322 or send an email to [cte@sc.edu](mailto:cte@sc.edu)



# RESEARCH

## 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.

Thursday, April 17 10:30am - 12:00noon



## Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

Need access to a global research database? USC is a member of ICPSR, and you can open a research account to this database of material from over 700 academic and research institutions. Maintained by University of Michigan, ICPSR has over 500,000 files from research articles, special collections, and raw research data. For information on how to set up your USC account, visit:

<http://uts.sc.edu/academic/researchtools.shtml>. Lots of support videos on the [ICPSR YouTube Channel](#), and check out their [summer training programs](#) in qualitative Research.



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.



# SERVICE

## 1. Do you need volunteer hours?

Palmetto Health Richland is looking for volunteers in a variety of departments. Please contact Jenna Rogers for more information at [rjenna99@gmail.com](mailto:rjenna99@gmail.com).

## 2. Impact Weekly Service Trips

How will you fit service into your schedule this week? Impact Weekly Service Projects are a great way to take a break between classes and make an impact in the Columbia community. Transportation is provided to and from the project site, and registration is completed on a week-by-week basis. You can serve once, serve a few times, or come back every week!

Day	Time	Service Site
1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month	11:00-2:00	<a href="#"><u>Transitions</u></a>
Tuesdays	10:00-1:00	<a href="#"><u>Healthy Columbia</u></a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month	1:15-4:15	<a href="#"><u>Girls on the Run</u></a>
Wednesday	3:30-6:30	<a href="#"><u>St. Andrew's Kids Café</u></a>
Thursday	1:15-4:15	<a href="#"><u>Atria Senior Living</u></a>
Friday	8:30-11:30	<a href="#"><u>Lexington Interfaith Community Services</u></a>
Friday	9:00-12:00	<a href="#"><u>Washington Street Soup Kitchen</u></a>
Friday	1:30-4:30	<a href="#"><u>Tucker Center</u></a>

# OTHER EVENTS

## 1. CAROLINA INTERCULTURAL TRAINING

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](mailto:niati@mailbox.sc.edu). Please register [here](#).

## 2. Women’s Self Defense Workshop

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 12-4pm

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](mailto:toni.lawrimore.savip@gmail.com)

## 3. USC National Denim Day

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

On Greene Street (the event) from 11am – 2pm (though all day for staff participating)

Contact: C Ingram (CINGRAM@mailbox.sc.edu)

Music, giveaways, popcorn, hand out educational materials, promoting positive messages & consent

Why: In Italy in the 1990s, An 18-year old girl is picked up by her married 45-year old driving instructor for her very first lesson. He takes her to an isolated road, pulls her out of the car, wrestles her out of one leg of her jeans and forcefully rapes her. Threatened with death if she tells anyone, he makes her drive the car home. Later that night she tells her parents, and they help and support her to press charges. The perpetrator gets arrested and is prosecuted. He is convicted of rape and sentenced to jail. He appeals the sentence. The case makes it’s all the way to the Italian Supreme Court. Within a matter of days the case against the driving instructor is overturned, dismissed, and the perpetrator released. In a statement by the Chief Judge, he argued, “because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.” Enraged by the verdict, within a matter of hours the women in the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work. This call to action motivated and inspired the California Senate and Assembly to do the same. **Please wear jeans on this day to raise awareness and educate the public about rape and sexual assault!**

## 4. The Carolina Community Farm & Garden at Green Quad is in the running to receive the Seeds of Change grant of \$10,000-\$20,000!

To make the final round, we need as many votes as possible. You can vote once **every day**. Go

to: [www.seedsofchangegrant.com](http://www.seedsofchangegrant.com) and search for "Carolina." Carolina Community Farm & Garden will be the first option. Vote daily and tell your friends through April 21. Tell your family, friends and people you barely know!

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