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President’s Welcome

Happy Halloween Eve everyone! We are hoping you will join us **tonight** at Thirsty Fellow patio from 5:30 to 7:30pm for our first Happy Hour of the year (page 4). We will be providing refreshments and will be holding a costume contest with prizes!

The GSA has set the date for our semesterly Feedback Forum (page 6). This is a great opportunity for graduate students to discuss their concerns with the GSA. Dr. Jessica Elfenbein, Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School, will also be in attendance. Several positive changes have been made through these forums, so be sure to attend.

The new Graduate Health Task Force has organized two events for November. The first is a workshop showing students how to shop healthily on a budget, and the next is a Stress Busters event with tips for alleviating stress and fun activities like yoga and guided meditation.

The GSA is also working with the University Libraries on creating a new Graduate Study Space in the Thomas Cooper library. Be on the look out for a survey asking about library resources and what you’d like to see in the new space in November.

If you haven’t already, please follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Social media is the *best* way to stay up to date with GSA events and other opportunities for graduate students.

Sincerely,

*Brittany Walter*
We have several events planned for the Fall semester! Please view our Google Calendar and add it to see the most up-to-date GSA event info.

**GSA meetings**
November 13\(^{th}\) & 25\(^{th}\) | 5:30pm | Grad Council Room

**Halloween Happy Hour**
October 30th | 5:30-7:30pm | Thirsty Fellow Patio

**Gardening at Green Quad**
November 3\(^{rd}\) | 3:00-5:00pm | Green Quad Gardens

**Certification Series**
- **SafeZone Training**
  November 5\(^{th}\) | 5:00-8:00pm | 300 Main St. 102B
- **Appreciative Advising**
  November 11\(^{th}\) | 5:00-8:00pm | Hum 201

**Stress Busters**
November 13\(^{th}\) | 7:00-8:00pm | Green Quad

**Shopping on a Stipend**
November 17\(^{th}\) | 5:00-7:00pm | DMSB 136

**Fall Feedback Forum**
November 20\(^{th}\) | 6:00-8:00pm | Wardlaw 126

**Grad Orgs Luncheon**
November TBA

**Grading Party!**
December TBA

**To view our calendar,**
**click here.**

**To subscribe,** 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.
GSA HAPPY HOUR

HAUNTED Happy Hour!

Costume Contest with PRIZES!
Free food!

Thursday
October 30th
5:30 – 7:30
at
Thirsty Fellow

Brought to you by the Graduate Student Association
SHOPPING ON A STIPEND

November 17th
5:00 - 7:00 pm
The New Darla Moore School of Business 136

Lisa Money, Licensed Nutritionist, will present on how to plan and shop for healthy recipes realistic for a graduate student budget and lifestyle. She will incorporate healthy meal plans in collaboration with local deals and couponing strategies to help graduate students understand how to stretch their dollars. This workshop will be particularly oriented to graduate student needs - namely, working within our limited budgets and time frames for cooking meals at home.

STRESS BUSTERS!

November 13th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Green quad

Are you feeling stressed? Come join in our Stress Busters event presented by USC Campus Mental Health and the Counseling and Human Development Center. There will be a presentation and stress busting tips, as well as interactive break-out groups for yoga, guided meditation, and hypnosis. We will also have free food!
Graduate Student Association
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Graduate Feedback Forum

Please join the Graduate Student Association for an informal conversation concerning important issues for graduate and professional students at USC.

Potential topics include:
- Event ideas
- Student health insurance
- Graduate School policies
- Library Resources
- Much more

Pizza will be provided!

Dr. Jessica Elfenbein, Senior Associate Dean of the The Graduate School, will be present!

If unable to attend the forum, please email sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu with any concerns or suggestions

THURSDAY
November 20
6:00 - 8:00pm
Wardlaw 126

@uscgsa

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Register for SafeZone training [here](#).
The GSA is hosting a *Getting into Graduate School Workshop*. See the flyer below and pass this on to undergrad students you know who are considering applying to graduate programs!
Attention all Graduate Student Clubs and Organizations!

The GSA has a fund for you to apply for money to aid you in putting on your events and activities. 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 Finance Committee time to process your requests.

NOTE: If your organization is planning on submitting a request for funding from the GSA this year, remember that you must send a representative from your organization to a Treasurers Workshop. The last workshop of the semester will take place November 3, at 4pm in Russell House 348. If you have any questions, please contact Brianna Hughes, GSA treasurer, at behughes@email.sc.edu.

- If you ask for more than $1,000, we require that you 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 information.
OPEN GSA CABINET POSITIONS

The GSA Cabinet is a leadership team of graduate students for graduate students, and is comprised of graduate students who devote their advocacy initiatives to specific areas of the graduate experience. The Cabinet meets twice a month to discuss initiatives, plan events, and relay opportunities specific to their position focus.

We currently have two open positions: the Graduate Assistant Liaison and the Graduate Organization Liaison. If you are interested in either position, please contact us.

Graduate Assistant Liaison
The Graduate Assistant Liaison strives to help students locate resources for potential GA positions and aid current or potential GAs in resolving any issues that may arise within their assistantships. The Graduate and Assistant Liaison also serves as an advocate for GAs whenever necessary and seeks to promote a sense of community and support amongst GAs across the University. Time will be dedicated to planning workshops and forums based on topics that graduate assistants have expressed interest in learning more about, as well as including tips for potential and current GAs in the GSA newsletter.

Graduate Organization Liaison
The Graduate Organization Liaison advocates for the registered graduate student organizations. This role is responsible for informing student organizations about the support they have through the GSA as well as the resources offered through Student Organizations. This position also reaches out to organizations to elicit feedback on the GSA in order to better understand how to improve communication and how to facilitate resources to organizations to assist them in functioning efficiently. This liaison will work closely with the Diversity Affairs Liaison to reach out to various campus organizations and create programming to best support the graduate student community. Additionally, this liaison assists in networking organizations with similar interests and goals to further the goals, which is communicated to GSA, USC Student Organizations and the Graduate School.
RESEARCH AND FUNDING

- New NIH requirements for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. Beginning on October 1, 2014, NIH required all Principal Investigators to include in their annual progress report, a section to describe how individual development plans (IDPs) are used to identify and promote the career goals of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers associated with the award. The Office of Research and The Graduate School have created IDP guidelines and forms for USC’s postdoctoral scholars and graduate students and strongly encourage the use of IDPs as a roadmap to achieving career goals.

- Applications for Travel Grants from the Graduate School are accepted in three cycles per year. Awards are made on a rolling basis until funds for each award cycle have been exhausted. Students who apply early in the award cycle will have a significant advantage. The next award cycle opens January 15th for travel taking place 3/1 to 7/30, 2015.

- The Ford Foundation Fellowship Program seeks to increase the diversity of the nation’s college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Dissertation and Postdoctoral applications are due 11/14. Pre-doctoral applications are due 11/19. Supplementary Materials for all levels must be received by January 9, 2015.

- The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans deadline is Saturday, 11/1. This award offers up to $90,000 of support for two years of graduate study in any field to students who are New Americans (defined as a green card holder or naturalized citizen if born abroad, or the child of a naturalized citizen if born in this country). Eligible students must be in their senior year, holder of a bachelor’s degree, or not beyond the second year in the graduate program for which they request support.

- Both the DAAD Study and DAAD Research Grants are due by 11 pm Central European Time (5 pm EST) on Tuesday, 11/4. DAAD Study grants offer support for a year of independent study or a master’s degree in Germany. DAAD Research grants support dissertation research, post-docs, or full PhD programs in Germany for one to 10 months (may be renewed up to 3 times for full PhD program candidates).

- Wednesday, 11/12, is the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) deadline. Students apply for an intensive summer language experience in one of 13 Critical Languages.
TEACHING

➢ **GRAD 701 Session: Balancing the Multiple Roles of Graduate Students**  
Facilitator: Michelle Hardee, TA Training Program Manager  
**Date/Time:** Saturday, November 1, 2014, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Sumwalt 213

Registration or class enrollment is not required - any TA is welcome to attend!  
Graduate students must handle a myriad of responsibilities during the span of their graduate studies (e.g., teaching, research, coursework, etc.). Meeting the high expectations of these academic demands is challenging at best, and for many graduate students, stressful, overwhelming, and guilt-inducing due to the competing demands of their professional and personal life. How to balance and find time for each of these facets is not a skill that graduate students know automatically! Recognizing your stresses, determining and defining both short-term tasks and long-term goals, and learning how to prioritize these are key to beginning to find your balance. This workshop will help you learn to recognize the different levels of stressors in your life by interactively applying the Covey Time Management Matrix tool to your own situation. Additional techniques will be provided as well. Advice for managing your workload, prioritizing your responsibilities, along with identifying personal traits that may be contributing to this imbalance will be given, and discussion with other participants will be encouraged to help gain perspective on your graduate school experience.

➢ **Promoting Students’ Integrative Learning through Reflection**  
Facilitators: Jimmie Gahagan, Director of Student Engagement, and Dottie Weigel, Assistant Director for Student Engagement and Service-Learning  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday November 5th, 2014, 12:00-12:50pm  
**Location:** CTE Thomas Cooper Library Room L511  
[Register here](#)  

As educators, we want students to make lasting connections between course material and real-world application. One way to accomplish this goal is through critical reflection. Join us as we explore ways to promote reflection through a variety of classroom and beyond the classroom activities. Incorporating meaningful reflection not only enhances student learning, but can also make teaching more enjoyable. Participants will gain practical strategies for incorporating reflection into the curriculum and helping students apply knowledge in new contexts.

➢ **Dealing with Disruptive Student Behavior**  
Facilitator: Michelle Hardee, TA Training Program Manager  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday November 12th, 2014, 3:30-4:20pm  
**Location:** CTE Thomas Cooper Library Room L511  
[Register here](#)  

A student’s cell phone buzzes while you’re lecturing. The class snickers as the student checks it and sends a text in front of you. In a classroom discussion, a student uses charged language and other students become visibly distressed. Grades have been posted, and an upset student sends you an email challenging his final project and class grade. What do you do in these situations? How do you handle other challenging classroom disruptions? This seminar will provide examples of scenarios that can (and will) happen, along with the best (and worst) ways for handling and defusing situations, and best practices for preventing these scenarios from happening in during your teaching.
GSA Sponsored Service Event

Please join us in volunteering at the Green Quad Garden on November 3 from 3:00-5:00. Help plant and grow food on the community farm and garden while meeting other graduate students from across the University. If you are interested in helping on November 3, please RSVP here.

Service Saturday

USC Columbia students, faculty, and staff are invited to participate in our signature monthly service days. You simply register, pick your site during sign ups on the morning of the event, and serve! We provide the transportation to your service site and lunch. Serving in the Columbia community has never been easier or more FUN! Click here for more information. Our Fall 2014 Service Saturdays will be August 23, September 20, October 11, and November 15.

Impact Weekly Service Projects

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 and registration is completed on a week-by-week basis. You can serve once, serve a few times, or come back every week! A listing of available trips and links to registration can be found at http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/van/.

Volunteers are needed to help with various events at the Governor’s Cup. Check out the volunteer opportunities here! Opportunities include set up, vendor assistance, packet pick-up, and many others, and there are a variety of days available to volunteer.
GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR

Do you need to research graduate schools as you prepare to live out your career goals? The USC Career Center’s Graduate & Professional School Fair will help you do so in a convenient and informative way! Graduate & Professional schools will attend this fair to recruit students and alumni for their graduate and professional academic programs. Click here to review the resources and listing of Graduate & Professional Schools who will attend the fair. For more information, visit www.sc.edu/career or Contact the Career Center if you have additional questions.

Thursday, November 13, 2014
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Russell House University Union
Greene Street (sunny) or Ballroom (rainy)

CAMPUS DIVERSITY EVENTS

Quench: Queering Politics
November 13th @ 12-1pm
Russell House 201

Quench is an hour-long casual discussion that focuses on issues in the LGBTQ community with free lunch provided. Quench sessions provide space for LGBTQ students to gather to discuss topics related to their experiences as queer students at USC. Quench is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Russell House University Union room 201. All students are invited to participate in Quench programs.

Discussion Groups
The Intersection of Religious, Spiritual, and LGBTQ Identities
October 31st @ 2-3 pm
Russell House 301

Interested in what the Bible really says about homosexuality? Trying to reconcile your religious or spiritual beliefs with your sexuality, gender identity, or desire to be an ally to the LGBTQ community? This discussion group will provide participants with space to discuss the challenges they may face as LGBTQ people and allies with religious and/or spiritual beliefs that may or may not support that aspect of their identity. All religious and spiritual beliefs are welcome, as are people of all genders and sexualities.
MORE CAMPUS EVENTS

The Professional Development Certification Program is a new resource offered by the Leadership and Service Center to prepare students to be informed, effective contributors in the workplace. Originally designed for student workers here on campus, some graduate students have already begun to take advantage of this great opportunity. Stay tuned for more developments, as the GSA is working with the Center to expand the program. In the meantime, here is a list of workshops which are being offered this month as part of the PDCP that are designed for any and all future professionals. Check out this link for further information http://www.sa.sc.edu/leaders/slw/pdcp/

Wed., 11/5-Marketing Your Experience
RHUU 348 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Tue., 11/11-What’s My Leadership Style?
RHUU 348 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Thu., 11/13-Team Development
RHUU 348 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Wed., 11/19-Social Media 411
RHUU 348 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Fri., 11/21-Marketing Your Experience
RHUU 348 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

Mon., 11/24-Ethics and Values in the Workplace
RHUU 348 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Have you ever tasted delicious Indian cuisine? The Indian Student Organization is hosting their annual celebration, JASHN, on November 1st, in the Russell House Ballroom, starting at 6pm. Mark your calendars to enjoy one of world’s best cuisine. This event is FREE, but get there early so as not to miss out on the delicious food.
The University of South Carolina’s Student Health Services has begun a new initiative to ensure quality healthcare for students at the Thomson Student Health Center. Students visiting the health center will now be treated by care teams. When a student visits the General Medicine Center, he or she will be assigned a primary care provider who is a part of a care team of other physicians and nurse practitioners. Click here to read about this excellent health initiative.

Did you know there is a Graduate Student Library Guide, specifically geared towards graduate and professional students? Check it out!

Off-Campus Lounge

Did you know that there is an Off-Campus Student Lounge located in the Russell House?! Perfect for graduate students who need a place to work or relax.

Check out the excellent slideshow with directions and visit the Off-Campus Student Services website for additional resources!
The Garnet Graduate
Graduate Student Association

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