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President’s Welcome

Hi everyone-

I want to thank all of you who came out to River Rat Brewery last Tuesday to celebrate the beginning of the school year! We had almost 200 people- GSA’s largest event turn out ever! We have a couple more social events already planned for the Fall, including a Football Tailgate and a Halloween Happy Hour (page 8).

I am also happy to announce that we have several new Cabinet members. You can read a little bit about them on pages 2 through 6. We will be hitting the ground running with our first GSA meeting on September 16th. Feel free to join us!

The GSA will also be forming a Graduate Health Task Force that will involve health topics from health insurance literacy to organizing health and wellness events. See page 7 for more information. We are still looking for people to serve on the Task Force and our Finance Committee!

Sincerely,

Brittany Walter

President, GSA
NEW GSA CABINET MEMBERS

The GSA has many new cabinet members this year! Please take a moment to read through their bios and get to know the GSA team. Check out our website for more information and bios of returning cabinet members.

Financial Committee Chair
Ryan M. LaMonica is a second year student in the Moore School’s Professional MBA Program, focusing his studies with a concentration in international business. Hailing from Niceville, Florida, Ryan attended the University of Notre Dame as a Coca-Cola Scholar and Naval R.O.T.C. Scholarship recipient where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. Attaining the rank of Lieutenant as a nuclear propulsion officer in the Navy's submarine force, Ryan was certified as a Chief Nuclear Engineer by the U.S. Department of Energy. He served in numerous leadership capacities during his time aboard the USS Alabama (SSBN-731) while also earning his Master’s degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. After leaving active duty, Ryan managed multiple aspects of commercial nuclear energy projects for URS Corporation. Since 2011, he has overseen the risk portfolio for SCANA’s New Nuclear Deployment in Jenkinsville, SC and is a member of the Risk Management Society (RIMS). Ryan resides in the Irmo area with his wife, Millie and their two beautiful children.

Diversity Affairs Liaison
Katina “Andie” Bridgeman serves as the Diversity Affairs Liaison for the Graduate Student Association. She is originally from Pembroke, North Carolina and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from North Carolina State University. Andie is a first year student in the Master of Social Work program with a specialty in Military and Veteran Communities. She also currently serves as a Graduate Assistant in South Carolina Department of Social Services with USC’s Center for Child and Family Studies. During her undergraduate career at NC State, she worked with a student ran group, The Movement, that advocated the education and awareness of interpersonal violence such as sexual assault, rape, domestic violence, and stalking within college campuses and hopes to continue that workout throughout the military community. As a the spouse of an Active Duty Airman, she hopes her current research on military sexual assault and rape reporting, or lack thereof, will assist in better programming and resources for survivors in the military communities.
Teaching Assistant Liaison
Dot Collins is a first year doctoral student in Sport Management and Presidential Fellow at USC. Prior to coming to USC she earned her BA in Comparative Religious Studies from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI and a second Bachelor’s in English Literature from Southwest Minnesota State University. During the last 15 years she has worked in communications and as a full time swim coach. In 2012, she returned to school at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA to pursue a Master’s degree in Sport Management. Her primary research interest is fan identification, in particular in non-local fans. At the completion of her Ph.D. Dot hopes to secure a faculty position that will allow her to be an active researcher, while also sharing my passion for sport management with the next generation of students. When not working, Dot volunteers around the pool and enjoys spending time with her partner, Jim, and their three children.

Social Media Coordinator
Anais Parada serves as the Social Media Liaison for the University of South Carolina Graduate Student Association. She is a first year doctoral student in cultural anthropology in the Department of Anthropology, and working toward completion of her master’s thesis. Her research interests include the anthropology of fashion and dress, cultural property and indigenous identity, appropriation and authenticity, social media, transnational movement and memory. Her previous fieldwork was conducted in Quito, Ecuador. Before coming to USC as a master’s candidate she received her BA in Anthropology at the University of Illinois. Anais has also served as the co-president of the Anthropology Graduate Organization for Research, Action and Ethics. In this role she organized off campus conferences, facilitated a strong relationship with the undergraduate association and the community, and initiated a new lecture series. She is looking forward to working with GSA and expanding their social media reach.

University Affairs Liaison
Andrew Fogner is a first year master student in the Department of Epidemiology in the Arnold School of Public Health. This is his first year serving as the GSA University Affairs Liaison. His current research interests include HIV/AIDS and infectious disease in Latino populations. He is originally from Conway, South Carolina, and received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science in Spanish from the University of South Carolina. He looks forward to working with GSA in assisting with collaborative initiatives and communication between GSA, the Undergraduate Student Government and Student Life.
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Spouse and Family Liaison
Morgan Rackley serves as the Spouse & Family Liaison for the University of South Carolina Graduate Student Association. She is a first year Master of Health Administration student in the Department of Health Services Policy & Management. Morgan is from Charlotte, North Carolina and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health from East Carolina University in May of 2013. During the year between completing her Bachelor’s degree and beginning her Master’s program, she was a middle & high school physical education/health teacher. Her other campus involvements include being a student member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, as well as the Healthcare Executive Student Association. Her interests include fitness, community wellness, and health care program management. At ECU, Morgan was a member of the Eta Sigma Gamma Honor Society, as well as the Iota Rho Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha. As the Spouse & Family Liaison, Morgan will provide support to graduate students who are spouses and/or parents during their time at USC, as well as plan activities that are centered on creating a welcoming atmosphere for the spouses & children of graduate students at USC.

Graduate Organization Liaison
Jim Hennehan is a second year PHD student in Political Science. He says, “I am a political theory major with a focus on political psychology, and democratic theory. Before coming to USC I received my bachelor degree in Political Science from USC Upstate. I am a nontraditional student, having returned to college after spending nearly 20 years as a union electrician in Boston, Massachusetts. I moved with my family to South Carolina six years ago, and when I am not at USC, I can be found in Spartanburg, SC with my wife and four children.”

Community Service Officer
Sandra Greene is a first year graduate student in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program and a graduate assistant in University 101 Programs. Sandy is from New York City, New York and received a Bachelor of Arts in History and History of Science, Medicine, and Technology from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She has served as an AmeriCorps*VISTA at the University of South Carolina and as an AmeriCorps State/National member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sandy is interested in the relationship that institutions of higher education have with surrounding communities. Sandy is excited to promote community service opportunities and to start working with the GSA.
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Professional Development Liaison
Nathan Cornwell was Born in Seattle, Washington. He says, “My family moved to Eugene, Oregon when I was three. I lived there until I left to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville. After graduating with a B.A. in philosophy, I remained there to take some graduate courses in philosophy and worked as an assistant to two members of the philosophy department, one of whom was also the editor of the journal the department publishes. I got married in May of this year to my wonderful wife, Kelsey, in her hometown of Brainerd, Minnesota--in fact, we moved here by driving a little over 2,000 miles, from Steubenville to Brainerd to Columbia, in her ‘92 Honda Accord! I have four younger siblings, three brothers and a sister. In my free time, I enjoy all sorts of outdoor activities, especially hiking, camping, and birdwatching. Finally, I am very excited to be pursuing my Ph.D. in philosophy here.”

Health Liaison
Courtney Schrock is the Health Liaison member of the Graduate Student Association and the chair of the Health Task Force. She is a first-year Master’s student in the Arnold School of Public Health in the department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior. Courtney graduated from Washington and Jefferson College with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and before coming to USC she served as a Peace Corps volunteer for two years in Ukraine. Courtney is a member of the USC IHI Open School Chapter and volunteers with the Eat Smart Move More Coalition in Columbia. She is also a member of the Graduate Students and Community Engagement Steering Committee. Upon her selection as Health Liaison and Chair of the Health Task Force, Courtney has pledged to act accordingly on behalf of the entire graduate student body at USC and will uphold the rules and the reputation that the GSA has established thus far. She looks forward to an exciting and successful year.
Graduate Finance Committee

The GSA is looking for graduate students to help the GSA allocate funds to registered graduate organizations! No accounting or finance experience is necessary. This committee is a great way to find out about organizations and their programming across campus. The Committee meets once to two times a month and is a great way to get involved with the GSA! If you are interested please email Treasurer Brianna Hughes at behughes@email.sc.edu

Graduate Health Task Force

The GSA is forming a Graduate Health Task Force to serve the graduate student population’s health needs more comprehensively! The Task Force will address health insurance literacy concerns, provide health and wellness opportunities, and tackle other health-related topics.

Please contact Courtney Schrock at courtneyschrock@msn.com if you would like to become a part of this new committee!
We have several events planned for the Fall semester and more will be added after our first Cabinet meeting! We hope you can join us to relax and meet other graduate students! Please view our Google Calendar and add it to see the most up-to-date GSA event info.

**First GSA meeting**  September 16th | 5:30 | Grad Council Conf. Room (3rd Floor Byrnes Bldg)

**Football Tailgate**  vs Missouri | September 27th | Time TBA | Location TBA

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

**Fall Feedback Forum**  Mid-November | Location TBA

To view our calendar at any time, please [click here].

To subscribe, 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](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.
NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR ORG?

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. Please email Brianna Hughes, GSA Treasurer at behughes@email.sc.edu with questions.

➢ 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.

Treasurer workshops dates announced!

If your organization wishes to request funds for programming and/or travel then a representative (preferably the treasurer) will need to attend a workshop prior to requesting funds.

Monday September 15th 5:30pm
Tuesday September 16th 1:30pm
Wednesday October 1st 5:30pm
Tuesday October 7th 1:30pm

All sessions take place in Russell House room 348 and will last about 1 hour.
The first Fall 2014 Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Formatting and Submission Workshop will take place on Tuesday, 9/16 at 10:00am in the Russell House University Union, Room 305. Check here for further details and additional workshop times.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Workshop with DOD NDSEG, DOE CSGF, and SMART will take place on Monday, 9/22 at 4pm, Gressette Room, Harper College, 3rd floor. The NSF offers an estimated $132,000 for graduate funding for students pursuing research careers in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, behavioral, or social sciences.

The Critical Language Scholarship with Study Abroad Workshop will take place on Monday, 9/29 at 4pm in Legare 322. The CLS provides an intensive language study program for US students, funded by the US Department of State. Participants study one of 13 critical languages for approximately 12 weeks over the summer.

On Wednesday, October 1, part 1 for the GEM Fellowships is due electronically; final application is due electronically on Thursday, 11/15. This award is designed to offer opportunities for underrepresented minority students to obtain MS degrees in engineering and Ph.D. degrees in engineering and the natural and physical sciences through a program of paid summer internships and graduate financial assistance.

The final SPARC workshop for the 2014-2015 awards cycle is Wednesday, 9/24 at 12:00pm in RH 315. All applicants must attend one of the workshops.

A new travel grant cycle for Graduate School Travel awards opens on Monday, 9/15 for travel that takes place during 11/1/14 - 2/28/15.
TEACHING

➢ Improve Your Vocal Presence in the Classroom
   Wednesday, September 17, 2014
   2:20 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.
   Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511

   Like an actor on stage, an instructor with a strong, dynamic voice in the classroom can more easily engage students and promote learning. This interactive workshop will help you improve your vocal presence through practical exercises that focus on breath support, vocal projection and increasing vocal dynamics (how to vary volume, pitch, tempo and intonation). These easy-to-learn techniques will help you enhance your presence in the classroom and use your voice in a healthy way. Click here to register.

➢ Responding to an Active Shooter
   Thursday, September 18, 2014
   10:05 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
   Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511

   News of threatening and tragic events involving college students and campuses may lead us to wonder how we would respond in a similar situation. Clearly, response to an active shooter should be dictated by the specific circumstances of the encounter. This seminar is designed to provide guidance on what to do in a shooting incident, how to be prepared, how to think safely, and how to recognize a potential problem, specifically in campus and classroom contexts. Click here to register.

➢ Ethics and Professional Issues for TAs
   Thursday, September 25th
   10:05-11:20am
   Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511.

   The position of Teaching Assistant is an interesting one: while still a student, you often perform many essential functions of seasoned, full-time faculty members. Additionally, the expectations for professionalism and ethical conduct are often higher for TAs than for other graduate students. Sometimes, TAs experience issues unique to the position, such as closer interaction with students, smaller age gap between you and your students, and confusion about how to promote learning in your students while still a student yourself. Managing these expectations can be tricky, but not impossible! By attending this session, you'll learn how to navigate common ethical issues that can arise, and begin to develop your professional identity through open discussion of the key issues that face Teaching Assistants at USC. Click here to register.

➢ TA-CONNECT listserv
   TA-CONNECT is the listserv for Graduate TAs at the University of South Carolina. All TAs, IAs, and other Graduate Assistants, new or experienced, are encouraged to subscribe to this moderated listserv to be informed of teaching-related activities on campus. What will be distributed on this list includes: information and news related to GTA/IAs; upcoming sessions and workshops held by the Center for Teaching Excellence, University Technology Services, GRAD 701 TA Development course sessions, and other University offices or departments (if related to teaching); and helpful teaching resources that may be of use to you now or in the future. To subscribe: http://listserv.sc.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=TA-CONNECT&A=1
All who teach at USC are invited to submit abstracts for presentations that demonstrate or describe best pedagogical practices at the fifth annual Oktoberbest: A Symposium on Teaching to occur on October 10, 2014 in the Hollings Library on the USC Columbia campus.

Oktoberbest is an opportunity to exchange best teaching strategies within the USC community. Have you found best ways to present information to students? Best ways to get them to engage or interact with each other, with the course content or in activities beyond the classroom? Best ways to use technology to enhance your course? Think about all the strategies you use in your teaching. Pick your most effective or innovative ones and share them with others!

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:
- Classroom Teaching
- Engaging Students
- Teaching with Technology
- Integrative Learning
- Distributed Learning

Submit a Proposal - Deadline is Monday September 15th!
Each participant can submit only one proposal for presentation. A proposal consists of a title (up to 80 characters), an abstract (up to 1600 characters), and a requested time frame (20 or 50 minutes). Each abstract should identify the strategy you use to enhance teaching, how it works, and why it is significant. Please click here for more information.
Welcome an International Student to USC by Participating in Buddies Beyond Borders!

The University of South Carolina hosts more than 1,300 international students from over 100 countries. BuddiesBeyond Borders provides both international and American students/staff at the University of South Carolina an opportunity for connection and friendship. Americans who participate in Buddies Beyond Borders are expected to meet with their International buddy at least four times a semester based upon your schedules. Relationships can be further developed through shared meals, community programs, sightseeing, and holiday celebrations. Ultimately, the level of commitment is up to you and there are no outside required meetings as the aim is to foster friendships and assist with the transition for international students to the U.S./Columbia area. At this time we are focusing on recruiting graduate students and encourage you to participate for cultural exchanges and a broadened perspective of the world through Buddies Beyond Borders. American students/staff seeking an international buddy should apply here. Any questions? Please contact Ashley Jaramillo at jaramia@mailbox.sc.edu

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.

Community Partner Breakfast

Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Community Partner Breakfast on October 7th from 7:30am-9am. This annual event provides an opportunity for faculty, staff, students, and local community organizations to interact and develop innovative educational partnerships. To register for the breakfast, please click here or visit the Office of Student Engagement website. Registration will close on Tuesday, 9/23. If you have any questions regarding the Community Partner Breakfast, please contact Dr. Dottie Weigel at weigel@mailbox.sc.edu.
Carolina Speaks

Carolina SPEAKS is a FREE two-day conference focused on improving the way USC students talk about sex and sexual health. Speakers, presenters and panelists from campus and the surrounding community will facilitate sessions on a wide variety of topics, including safety, communication and fulfillment. Click here to register for the two day event which takes place in the Russell House on October 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd}. Questions? Contact Danielle Koonce (koonced@mailbox.sc.edu)

October 2\textsuperscript{nd}

4pm  Keynote Address  
*Great Sexpectations! Embracing Sexuality*
*Free of Shame, Guilt or Fear*

5-8pm  Various Breakout Sessions

October 3\textsuperscript{rd}

3:30-5pm  Closing Panel  
*Body, Mind and Spirit: Exploring Perspectives on Religion, Spirituality, and Sexuality*

Sustainability Showcase: Research & Practice - September 23\textsuperscript{rd}

Sustainable Carolina is the collaboration of campus organizations, departments and individuals that are leading the transformation to create a sustainable campus. It does not represent any single department or initiative, yet is the cumulative efforts of all the students, staff, faculty, and community members of Carolina.

The Showcase will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd from 6:00 pm to 8:30 p.m. in the Honors Residence Hall Learning Center Classrooms. This event, hosted by Sustainable Carolina in conjunction with Dr. Andrew Greytak of the Chemistry and Biochemistry department, will serve as a venue for both students and faculty to present their interdisciplinary research and work related to sustainability.

In addition to intriguing research presentations, the Sustainability Showcase also offers the opportunity for faculty and students to network based on their research interests and collaborate on current and future research projects. The Office of Undergraduate Research will also be in attendance to help students understand the nuts and bolts of the research process including how to apply for funding for their proposals. Click here for more information.
The Gamecock Pantry is open to serve! Because attending the University and paying for housing is expensive, we know that it is hard to make ends meet, and the campus food pantry is here to help. Any current USC student with a valid Carolina Card is able to receive 10 food items each week. The Client Intake Information form can be found online under the “register” link at http://www.sa.sc.edu/sg/gamecockpantry/ If you have any questions, please email gamecockpantry@sc.edu

Fall semester hours: Tuesdays 6-8 pm, Wednesdays 5-7 pm, Thursdays 8-9:30 am
Location: McBryde Quadrangle A - on the corner of Sumter Street and Blossom, behind Thomas Cooper Library, across from the Honors Residence, and next to Market 101.

Sexual Assault Resource Info

At the University of South Carolina, we care about the safety and well-being of all members of our community. Every student has a role to play in keeping the campus community safe and free of sexual misconduct, discrimination and harassment of any form. If you see something, say something. Step in and speak up. UofSC has resources to help you and members of your support network. Visit www.sc.edu/sexualassault for information.

University Technology Services is pleased to announce that Microsoft Office is now available to all students free of charge. You will now be able to work in the latest version of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and much more. You can install Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, plus five tablets (including iPad). All work can be saved online in OneDrive so it can be accessed no matter which device is being used. You can use this Office subscription for as long as you are a student at the University of South Carolina. If you need assistance, contact the Service Desk at servicedesk@sc.edu or (803) 777-1800 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To get Microsoft Office follow these simple steps:
1. Visit Office.com/GetOffice365
2. Click through to download & sign in with your credentials
3. On the download site, select your language and click install
You will use your USC email account to sign in.

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!
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