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President’s Welcome

Hi everyone-

The middle of the semester has gotten here quickly! Your GSA Cabinet has been planning several events to offer you next month.

This year the GSA is offering a Certification Series for graduate students. This series allows graduate students to actually walk away with tangible certifications after attending training workshops. The certifications cover various aspects of professional development. The first workshop will be an introduction to Appreciative Advising (page 4). The next certification event will offer SafeZone training for graduate students on November 5TH 5-8 pm (location to be announced).

Also, we will be having our Fall Happy Hour next Thursday (Oct 30th) on the Thirsty Fellow patio (page 5). There will be a costume contest with prizes and complementary snacks, so make sure you stop by!

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
President, GSA
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.

**October GSA meetings**
- October 16th & 28th | 5:30 | Grad Council Room

**Grad Org Luncheon**
- October 30th | 12 - 1 pm | TBA

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

**Certification Series**
- November 11 | 5-8 pm | Hum 201

**Appreciative Advising**

**Fall Feedback Forum**
- November 20th | 6-8pm | Wardlaw 126

**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](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.
The Graduate Student Association presents

The Certification Series

The GSA is offering a series of training workshops to help graduate students become certified in various aspects of professional development.

Next workshop:

Intro to Appreciative Advising

with Dr. Jennifer Bloom
November 11 at 5 - 8 pm
Humanities 201

Particularly useful for graduate students who currently teach or plan to interact with students in the future, this introductory workshop will show graduate students how to optimize interactions as advisors to students in both individual and group settings.

Upcoming workshops:

- SafeZone Training
- Green-zone Training
- Suicide Prevention
- Carolina Intercultural Training
- and more!

@uscgisa
GSA HALLOWEEN 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
**FUNDING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION**

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.

**GSA INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL TEAM**

The GSA Intramural Softball Team, The Nighthawks, has had an exciting start to the season, winning the first game in a blowout, 12-1. In game 2, they scored four runs in the last inning to come back and win 11-10. Game 3 ended in a tie, 10-10, and they won the 4th and final game of the season, winning their division. Playoffs start Thursday!
New NIH requirements for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars

Beginning on October 1, 2014, NIH requires 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.

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

Learn more about the Pickering, Rangel, and Payne Fellowships on Tuesday, 10/28 in Room 322 of Legare College at 3:30pm. All three fellowships provide up to $90,000 for students to pursue graduate degrees related to international affairs and who plan on careers in the Foreign Service.

The online application deadline for the Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship is Wednesday, 10/29, by 11:59 pm PST. The Knowles provides a variety of support for new teachers of high school math and science.

The application deadlines for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program are Wednesday, 10/29 through Tuesday, 11/4 (depending on field of study). These awards support graduate work in the STEM fields, as well as some social sciences and STEM education.

The application deadline for the American Scandinavian Fellowship is Saturday, 11/1. The fellowship provides up to $23,000 of support for graduate students to pursue research, study, or creative arts projects in one or more Scandinavian countries for up to one year.

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.
You are invited to participate in a completely voluntary research study on health literacy by completing an anonymous survey online. As part of the USC Health Literacy Task Force, this survey has been sent to USC students. We are collecting information on students’ opinions and behaviors related to health communications and utilization of health care services. The information will be used to develop training modules and tools to assist USC students in becoming well-informed health care consumers.

The brief survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. You may choose not to answer any question which makes you uncomfortable. If you start the survey, you may discontinue at any time. You may fill out and submit the survey by clicking on the following link. The survey closes on October 20th. If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact Karla Buru at kburu@mailbox.sc.edu.

Survey Link: http://studentvoice.com/usc/healthliteracyhealthcareutilization2014
TEACHING

- **GRAD 701 Session: Dealing with Disruptive Behavior**
  Facilitator: Michelle Hardee, TA Training Program Manager
  **Date/Time:** Friday, October 17, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
  **Location:** Sumwalt 213

  Registration or class enrollment is not required - any TA is welcome to attend!
  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.

- **UTS Workshop: 0-to-60 Fast and Easy Tech Tools**
  Facilitator: Renee Shaffer, UTS
  **Date/Time:** Friday, October 17, 2014, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
  **Location:** Thomas Cooper Library, Level 1 Multimedia Classroom
  Advance Registration required: [https://www.uts.sc.edu/events/](https://www.uts.sc.edu/events/)

  Learn about 10 Web 2.0 tools that will engage your students but also increase your online presence as an instructor. Learn to make your course fun, engaging and more relevant by the using free (or nearly free) digital resources that are easy to use and incorporate into your classes whether they are F2F, hybrid or totally online.

- **The Center for Teaching Excellence will host a “Service-Learning 101” workshop on Monday, 10/20 from 10:50-11:40am in the Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511.** Learn how to use service-learning to reinforce and enhance classroom instruction by giving your students hands-on tasks that address community needs. You’ll also find out about potential funding sources for service-learning opportunities on campus.

- **The “Tips for TAs: What I Wish I Had Known When I Started” workshop will be held on Wednesday, 10/22 from 10:50-11:40a.m. in the Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511.** Whether you are a new or veteran TA, or have yet to teach your first course, this session will provide general tips on a variety of topics including lecture planning and delivery, engaging students, grading, balancing responsibilities as a graduate student, and the many resources available to TAs. The workshop will be led by Emily Garnett, recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award.

- **Are you prepared to handle a disruptive student in your classroom? Come to the “Verbal Judo for the Classroom” workshop on Wednesday, 10/29 from 1:10-2:00pm in the Thomas Cooper Library, Room L511.** Verbal Judo is a process of using your words to prevent, de-escalate, or end an attempted disruption.
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.

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CarolinaLIFE Student Mentors

CarolinaLIFE is an innovative, two-to-four year, post-secondary program for students which offers students the opportunity to experience college life through inclusive participation in academic, social, employment, and independent living activities. We are currently seeking students to be social mentors for the academic year! This is a great opportunity to build long lasting relationships while also having a good time.

Please email Jesslyn Lowell at [jlowell@email.sc.edu](mailto:jlowell@email.sc.edu) to learn more about this great opportunity!

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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/](http://www.sa.sc.edu/communityservice/van/).
Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc. (P&A) is looking for students to help advocate for voters with disabilities throughout South Carolina! Interested volunteers will have the opportunity to survey polling locations this Election Day, November 4th to ensure that all voters are able to exercise their right to vote. This is a great opportunity to advocate for members of your own community. After the election, P&A will issue a public report using the surveys that you help conduct so that election officials can improve access for all voters.

We will be holding two trainings:

Monday, October 20, 2014 or Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Both trainings are held from 12-1 pm in Sumwalt 213.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining us at one of our two trainings, please let us know by contacting either Maggie Knowles at Knowles@pandasc.org, or Genevieve Kruly atKruly@pandasc.org! We look forward to working with you to improve the experience of voters with disabilities! To learn more about this opportunity, or about P&A, please visit us at: http://bit.ly/1s0hNou

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.

The Society for the Advancement of Chemical Sciences is hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday October 25th at Tin Roof. RSVP to conawayc@email.sc.edu
Attention Infant Mothers:

If you’re having trouble juggling the duties of work, school and parenthood, USC is looking to make your life a little less hectic! Please take a few minutes out of your day to visit http://www.sa.sc.edu/healthycarolina/initiatives/lactation/, which provides information regarding the Healthy Carolina’s Lactation Support Program. Information and details regarding educational resources, seminars, and nursing lounges for new or breastfeeding mothers plus more is just one click away!

Campus Safety

President Pastides released a Campus Safety report to address growing concerns regarding crime on the USC Campus. This report indicates that despite recent events, crime is actually decreasing on campus. Take a look at the report and visit the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety website for additional resources and safety tips.

The Methodist Student Network has a group called Grad Plus for Grad students and young professionals who are looking for a faith community for spiritual growth and social opportunities. The group meets at 7:30pm each Monday evening at the Campus Ministry Center, 728 Pickens Street (on campus). All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Contact Tom Wall, the United Methodist campus minister at USC. Their email address is MethodistStudentNetwork@gmail.sc.edu

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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