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President’s Welcome

Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

We hope that you will join the GSA for our Spring Feedback Forum this Thursday during lunchtime (page 6). The forum is a great opportunity to come to the GSA and the Graduate School with any concerns or suggestions, including topics like health insurance, travel funding, and event ideas. We will also be providing sandwiches for lunch, so be sure to stop by this Thursday (3/19) at Russell House 205 from 12:00 to 1:30pm.

It’s that time of year for GSA elections! Positions for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Graduate Council Representative are open. Check out page 5 for information on position descriptions and filing for candidacy. Before filing, we recommend contacting the current executive officers (contact information can be found on page 13). Applications must be submitted by April 1 at 12pm.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for a celebratory week of graduate students during April 6th - 10th. The GSA has planned some fantastic events that you can find more information about on page 4.

Finally, it was noted that there was a problem with the link for the Intellectual Property workshop registration in the last newsletter. This has since been fixed and can be found on page 7.

Sincerely,

Brittany Walter
GSA SPRING EVENTS

We have several events planned for the Spring semester!

Feedback Forum          March 19th | 12:00-1:30pm | Russell House 205
Intellectual Property Workshop March 30th | 5:30-6:30pm | Nursing 133
Grad Student Week!       April 6-10th | Schedule available on page 4.

Please view our Google Calendar and add it to see the most up-to-date GSA event info.

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/pjn1pbgt603m9f80ck6p72ag4%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.
Graduate Student Week  
April 6th - 10th

Monday April 6th 4-6 pm  
Field Day at Blatt Field  
Join us for a family-friendly field day. Teams will take part in activities like volleyball and a ropes course to see who wins! Face painting and balloon animals will be available for the kids!

Tuesday April 7th 5-7:30 pm  
Pool day and BBQ at Strom  
Enjoy the weather and some good BBQ with your fellow grad students at the Strom pool!

Wednesday April 8th 6-7:30 pm  
Staying Happy in Grad School  
Dr. Kenneth Phelps, Associate Professor of Clinical Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science, will talk with graduate students about successfully maintaining a good work/life balance while earning a graduate degree, including a question/answer session. Refreshments provided.

Thursday April 9th 7-9 pm  
Trivia at World of Beer  
There’s nothing like a little friendly competition (and some good beer), especially for grad students. See who’s the smartest at our trivia night!

Friday April 10th  
Graduate Student Day!  
Intercollege competition Food Drive throughout the week!
**GSA ELECTIONS**

The Graduate Student Body will elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a Graduate Council Representative for yearly terms starting May 1, 2015.

Interested candidates are encouraged to attend a cabinet meeting prior to filing for the election, as well contact the current GSA officers for insights on the positions. Our next meeting is on March 19th at 5:30 on the 3rd floor of the Byrnes Building.

Position Descriptions can be found [HERE](#).
Application for Candidacy can be found [HERE](#).

Filing Deadline: April 1 by 12:00 PM  
Elections: April 15—April 17

**FUNDING FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION**

Attention Grad 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. 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. All funding forms and information on the funding process is now on the [Student Government website](#).

**GSA BUDGET**

In an effort to ensure that Graduate Student Organization funds are fully allocated by the end of the fiscal year, the GSA Executive Board has proposed a Special Initiatives Resolution. This Resolution will be available for 1 week before it is voted on by the Finance Committee on March 23. If you have any input or questions, please contact GSA Treasurer Brianna Hughes at behughes@email.sc.edu.

[Click here to read the GSA Special Initiatives Resolution](#).
Feedback Forum

Tell the GSA and the Graduate School how we can better your time as a Graduate Gamecock.

Topics include:
- Health insurance
- Event ideas
- Travel funding
- And much more

Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Jessica Elfenbein, will also be in attendance

Thursday March 19th
12:00 – 1:30
Russell House 205

Lunch provided!

If you are unable to attend the forum, please email sogsa@mailbox.sc.edu with concerns or suggestions
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKSHOP

Intellectual Property Workshop
with The Graduate School’s Zachary Lukemire

What happens once you submit your thesis or dissertation?
What rights do you have to your own research?
What rights do publishers have to your research?

Monday, March 30th
5:30 – 6:30 pm
Nursing 133

Register Here
http://goo.gl/forms/H4fKoUWkRQ

Brought to you by:
The Graduate Student Association
The Graduate School

Click HERE to register for this workshop.
RESEARCH AND FUNDING

- **Important changes have been made to the Graduate School Travel Grants.** Students may now only receive 2 awards while they are at USC, and there are now 4 application cycles. More information can be found on the [Graduate School website](#).

- Thesis/dissertation **defense deadlines, format check** deadlines, **graduation**, and other important **dates** for Spring and Summer 2015 have been added to [The Graduate School Calendar](#).

- [The L’Oréal for Women in Science program](#) recognizes and rewards the contributions women make in STEM fields and identifies exceptional women researchers committed to serving as role models for younger generations. The L’Oréal USA for Women in Science fellowship program will award five post-doctoral women scientists in the United States this year with grants of up to $60,000 each. Applicants are welcome from a variety of fields, including the life and physical/material sciences, technology (including computer science), engineering, and mathematics. Applications are due on [Friday, 3/20](#). Learn more about the program [here](#).

- Working with the Southern Regional Education Board and pending funding from the South Carolina legislature, The Graduate School at USC will select THREE students to receive [SREB’s Doctoral and Dissertation Scholarships for 2015-16](#). The deadline for applications to be received by the SREB for both programs is [Tuesday, 3/31](#). For further information on how to apply click [here](#).

- The Graduate School is offering a workshop designed to teach students how to talk about their research. Led by Dr. Jonathan Edwards, from USC’s Speech Communication and Rhetoric concentration in the Department of English, the workshop will help students learn how to communicate your work in a way that your peers, family, prospective employers, and academic colleagues in other disciplines will be able to clearly understand. We will be offering workshops **March 27th**, and a date to be determined in April. You absolutely must RSVP in order to attend, as there are only 35 spaces available for the two sessions in March. Room location will be given to the first 35 students who RSVP to culpeppa@mailbox.sc.edu.

TEACHING

- **TA-Connect listserv for Graduate Teaching and Instructional Assistants at the University of South Carolina.** All Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs), Graduate Instructional Assistants (GIAs), other Graduate Assistants, and Postdocs are encouraged to subscribe to this moderated listserv to be informed of teaching-related activities on campus. [Sign up for this listserv](#).

- **CTE Workshop:** Pedagogy and Practice of Leading Effective Classroom Discussions ([Register](#))
  Facilitators: Graham Stowe, Associate Director, USC Writing Center
  Date/Time: Thursday, March 19, 2015, 11:40 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.
  Location: Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library Room L511

- **GRAD 701 Session:** Leading a Good Laboratory Section
  Facilitator: Michelle Hardee, TA Training Program Manager
  Date/Time: Thursday, March 19, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
  Location: Callcott 101

- **GRAD 701 Session:** Balancing the Multiple Roles of Graduate Students
  Facilitator: Michelle Hardee, TA Training Program Manager
  Date/Time: Saturday, March 21, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
  Location: Sumwalt 213
The Office of Undergraduate Research is seeking reviewers/judges for Discovery Day on Friday, April 24th in the Russell House, Columbia campus. Discovery Day is USC’s annual showcase of student activities. Students from all campuses present on any beyond-the-classroom experience including research, leadership experiences, global study, service, and internships. More information: www.sc.edu/our/discovery.shtml.

Requirements: willingness to listen and ask questions! Faculty, staff, post-docs and graduate students are invited to participate. If you are willing to review, please email our@sc.edu with:

- your name
- Your title/position/affiliation with USC
- time slot availability: morning (~8:30-11:30), afternoon (~12:00-3:00), or no preference
- format preference: poster, oral/creative, or no preference
- your area of expertise/interests OR preferred judging area (Please note that many of our sections are very broad, especially for oral presentations such as Social Science and Education or Engineering, Computing, and Math)
- any potential conflicts in terms of student presenters that you are working with

The Visitor Center is recruiting for 2015-16 Graduate Ambassadors to guide graduate tours. Graduate Ambassadors are responsible for representing the University, its history, opportunities, attributes, benefits, and services. Graduate Ambassadors are involved in warmly welcoming campus visitors, especially prospective graduate students and family members, and working effectively as a member of a team to establish a quality first impression. Graduate Ambassadors typically provide two 60 minute tours per month (approximately 3 volunteer hours per month) and serve a minimum of two (2) semesters. Graduate Ambassadors will participate in a four hour training/professional development at the beginning of their commitment, with supplementary training provided on an as needed basis during the regular school year. Ambassadors may request a one semester leave-of-absence and stay in good standing through the Director of the Visitor Center. Download the application here. Please submit completed applications to Denise Wellman by email at denisew@mailbox.sc.edu, fax at 803-777-0687, or in person at the Visitor Center in the McKissick Building. Application deadline is Friday, 3/27.

Do you like learning about other cultures? Do you like making friends? Do you like making friends and learning about another culture at the same time???

If so, then you should consider signing up for Buddies Beyond Borders! Buddies Beyond Borders is an intercultural program through International Student Services that matches American students with new international students at USC. We do our best to match you based on personal preferences and interests that you and your international buddy share. If you have participated in the program in the past, or if you are new and have a genuine interest in other cultures, please consider filling out our Fall 2015 Application. Read more about the program here. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please feel free to contact Leigh Eleazer (eleazerl@mailbox.sc.edu) or Ashley Jaramillo (jaramia@mailbox.sc.edu).
Trans* Advocacy Workshop

Monday, April 27, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Russell House 309.

If you are already trained as a Safe Zone Ally and would like to attend a workshop to delve deeper into issues of gender identity and expression, the Trans* Advocacy Workshop is the perfect opportunity for you. These workshops are two hours long and focus on trans* identities and experiences. We do ask that you be a trained Safe Zone Ally before taking the Trans* Advocacy Workshop. Contact LGBT Programs at lgbtusc@mailbox.sc.edu or click here to register.

CAROLINA INTERCULTURAL TRAINING

Do you ever think about cultural differences? There are more than 1,400 international students at USC, and most of them are studying in an unfamiliar culture and a second language. Would you like to know more about how to better communicate with people that think and act differently than you do? USC ISS offers the Carolina Intercultural Training, to put you on a path to become a global citizen. Learn about Bennett’s Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity, your personal style of communicating, and how to better recognize and resolve cultural miscommunications. The aim of CIT workshops is to equip students to provide an inclusive environment on campus and prepare students for international experiences of their own. If you have any questions, please contact iss@sc.edu

Register for an upcoming workshop this April here.

To share your opinion and your interest in an intercultural training complete this short questionnaire.
CAMPUS EVENTS

Sustainable Carolina and Green Quad are hosting the annual GREEN CAREER FAIR on **March 18th at 6pm-8pm** in the Darla Moore School of Business Pavilion. The Career Fair is an opportunity for students to learn about potential paid and unpaid internships, job openings, volunteer opportunities, and future career paths in the field of sustainability. Students of all majors and disciplines with an interest in sustainability are encouraged to attend. A list of attending employers can be found [here](#).

Contact Rebecca Littlefield at **RML1@mailbox.sc.edu** with any questions.

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**5th Annual Nutrition Symposium and Inaugural Meeting of the Southeastern Research Consortium Co-Sponsored by the Environment and Sustainability Program**

**March 19th Welcome Reception and Student Poster Competition**
Time: 4:30pm - 7:00pm
Location: Discovery-Room 140
915 Greene Street, Columbia, SC 29208

**March 20th 5th Annual Nutrition Symposium & Inaugural Meeting of the Southeastern Research Consortium**

*Healthy Eating in Context: Building and Strengthening Collaborations to Address Hunger, Poverty, and Nutrition, in the Southeast.*

Time: 8:15am - 2:00pm

**For more information or questions, please contact:**
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Carolina Cab is a free evening taxi service for USC students. The safe ride taxi service runs Thursday through Saturday from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. Checker Yellow taxi cabs pick up from the transportation hub in front of the Gourmet Shop in Five Points and provide transportation to residences within a five-mile radius of USC’s campus. Students just need their Carolina Card.

The Counseling and Human Development Center is here for all students, including graduate students. Call 803-777-5223 to schedule an appointment with a counselor. Walk-in times are also available from 2-4 pm daily. The counseling center, located in the seventh floor of the Byrnes building, is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Counseling appointments are also available on Sundays, 2-8 p.m. in Thompson Student Health Center.

We provide:
- Individual and Couples Therapy
- Group Therapy, including groups specifically for graduate students
- Biofeedback
- Drop-in Consulations at Let’s Talk Sites
- Stress management, Suicide Prevention, and other outreach presentations
- Consultation if you are concerned about a Carolina Student
- Online Mental Health Screenings

We are also available for community support upon request to enable groups to begin to process their trauma and grief symptoms. We can come and conduct community support meetings for any group impacted by the loss of a member of the Carolina community or a traumatic event, as needed.

Did you know that there is a widely-used USC Repository? Scholar Commons is an Institutional Repository to preserve, collect and disseminate the research and scholarship of the University of South Carolina. With scholarly content contributed by faculty, researchers and students associated with the University, this repository will expand the visibility, access and influence of the University. It will also support efforts to increase collaboration and cross discipline research within the University and with other organizations. Add your publication(s) to the Repository so that the world can access your research HERE!

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 Thomas Cooper Library has created a designated area for Graduate Students only. You can find it on the 5th floor of TCL in room L517. Check it out today!

Carolina Closet is an exclusive professional attire rental program available to all UofSC students. Many students cannot afford professional garments for successful job and internship interviews and Carolina Closet gives them the opportunity to rent clothing for these purposes. Donations are currently being taken from faculty, staff, students and businesses in the area. A variety of styles and sizes of gently used professional business attire and accessories are needed. Donations can be dropped-off in Russell House Suite 227 - Student Government. Pick-ups from offices are also available by contacting Forrest Holloman.
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