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President’s Welcome

Graduate and Professional Students,

I hope the semester is going well for everyone. The middle of the semester can be a hectic time for graduate students, so the GSA is offering you a few opportunities to take a break from your research by adding more events to this semester’s agenda. First, we will be offering an Active Shooter workshop March 16th 5:30-6:30pm in Russell House 305, which will provide you with the information necessary to appropriately respond to an active shooter on campus. This workshop can be used for Preparing Future Faculty Credit as well.

As part of an Open Access/Open Electronic Resource initiative, the GSA has partnered with the Graduate School to provide an Intellectual Property workshop this month (page 6). Zachary Lukemire from the Graduate School will speak on what rights you and the publishers have to your research upon publishing. This is a very informative session and is useful for all graduate students so don’t miss out!

Graduate Student Week is next month (April 6th - 10th) and we have an event every night for the special occasion! Check out page 4 for a schedule of events. Our speaker this year is licensed psychiatrist, Dr. Kenneth Phelps. He will speak on how to have a happy life as a graduate student and maintain a good work/life balance while getting that graduate degree.

Finally, the GSA will also be hosting our semesterly Feedback Forum. We welcome you to tell us how we can make your experience at USC even better! March 19th we will be holding the event in Russell House 205 during lunchtime (12:00-1:30pm) and refreshments will be provided.

Sincerely,

Brittany Walter
## GSA SPRING EVENTS

We have several events planned for the Spring semester!

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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/pjn1pgptom5apf80ck6p72ag4%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics](https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/pjn1pgptom5apf80ck6p72ag4%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 meetings are on March 5th and March 19th at 5:30 on the 3rd floor of the Byrnes Building.

More information regarding elections will be available here soon.

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 maintain transparency regarding the finances of the GSA, our proposed budget for 2015-2016 will be available on the GSA website for 10 days. If you have any input or questions about our financial plans for next academic year, please contact GSA Treasurer Brianna Hughes at behughes@email.sc.edu.
In light of recent events on the USC Campus, the GSA has partnered with the CTE and the USC Division of Law Enforcement to offer a workshop on Responding to an Active Shooter. This particular workshop is specifically being offered for graduate students and will be offered for credit for the Preparing Future Faculty program.

Date: Monday March 16th  
Time: 5:30-6:30pm  
Location: Russell House 305

Hear from USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety what to do to keep your students and yourself safe. 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. Major Irick "T.J." Geary currently serves as the Operations Bureau Commander with the USC Division of Law Enforcement and Safety (DLES). His current responsibilities include management and oversight of the Division's uniformed patrol, crime prevention, crime suppression, and NAC operations. Major Geary is a graduate of the 251st session of the FBI National Academy and holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Criminal Justice degrees from USC, as well as a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia. He was named the USC DLES Officer of the Year in 2007 and has received various awards and commendations.

Click here to register for this workshop.

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**Intellectual Property Workshop**

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

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

- **Thesis and dissertation formatting** workshop dates for Spring 2015:
  - Tuesday, March 3, 2:30 PM.
  - Friday, March 6, 10:30 AM.
  - Monday, March 16, 10:30 AM.
  - Friday, March 20, 1:30 PM.

- The **Pat Tillman Scholars Program** supports active and veteran service members and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, 3/3 at 11:59p.m. PT**.

- ACLS invites applications for the fifth competition of the **Public Fellows program**. This year, the program will place up to 22 recent PhDs from the humanities and humanistic social sciences in two-year positions at partnering organizations in government and the nonprofit sector. Fellows will participate in the substantive work of these organizations and receive professional mentoring. Fellows receive a stipend of $65,000 per year, as well as individual health insurance. The ACLS Public Fellows program allows PhDs to gain valuable, career-building experience in fields such as public policy, international aid, conservation, arts and culture, and digital media. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, 3/17 by 6p.m. EDT**. To learn more about the program and participating agencies click [here](#).

- **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 open on Monday, 2/2 and 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**, two for the Doctoral Award and one for the Dissertation Year Award. The program is part of a nationwide initiative, the Compact for Faculty Diversity, to produce more minority Ph.D.s and encourage them to seek faculty positions. The deadline for applications to be received by the SREB for both programs is **Tuesday, 3/31**. The Graduate School plans to announce winners by mid-April. For further information on how to apply click [here](#).
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: Best Practices for Effective Team Projects
Facilitators: Barbara Bolt, Lecturer, Darla Moore School of Business, and Lindsay McManus, Lecturer, Darla Moore School of Business
Date/Time: Monday, March 2, 2015, 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.
Location: Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library Room L511
Register here

Team assignments are pedagogically sound and beneficial practices, but incorporating them effectively into course learning outcomes and managing them strategically in the classroom can be challenging. In this interactive workshop, Barbara Bolt and Lindsay McManus will share best practices for designing, detailing and assessing team projects in the undergraduate classroom.

CTE Workshop: Flipped Learning Basics
Facilitator: Janet Hudson, Associate Professor, Extended University
Date/Time: Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.
Location: Center for Teaching Excellence, Thomas Cooper Library Room L511
Register here

Notice any of these obstacles to learning in your classroom: technology distractions, unprepared students, disengaged students, multiple levels of content mastery among students in the same course, or students missing class? Consider flipped learning as a pedagogical structure for addressing these learning obstacles. Not only does flipped learning offer the potential to reorient students’ approaches to learning, this method of teaching can also enhance classroom human interaction and offer faculty more opportunities for engaging students in critical thinking.

GRAD 701 Session: Best Practices for Grading Objectively
Facilitator: Michelle Hardee, TA Training Program Manager
Date/Time: Friday, March 6, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Davis 209
Registration or class enrollment is not required - any TA is welcome to attend!

The responsibilities of all GTA/IAs typically include grading student work. However, grading objectively involves certain strategies and considerations, of which TAs are often not informed by their course professor. When grading at any level, a TA needs to consider what their “grading philosophy” is for the course. Grading should be recognized and treated as a type of constructive feedback to students, with feedback types differing depending on the type of assessment. How to provide this feedback, along with grading different types of assessment styles, use of rubrics, and common student complaints, will also be discussed.
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Healthy Carolina Councils needs Council Volunteers

Want to become involved in health and wellness initiatives at USC? Healthy Carolina is looking for motivated faculty, staff, students and community members to join our wellness councils which organize and lead innovative health initiatives for the USC community. Our councils include Healthy Lifestyles, Sexual Health, Mental Health, and Working Well. For more information on the councils or to get involved email HealthyC@mailbox.sc.edu

Buddies Beyond Borders

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).

DIVERSITY EVENTS

Diversity Dialogue Series
March 6th - They Said WHAT!?
Bates West Social Room - 7 p.m.

Language is constantly changing; new words and phrases are created every few months, it’s almost impossible to keep up! In collaboration with Bates West and the Residence Hall Association, OMSA will be presenting the Diversity Dialogue, “They Said WHAT!?” We will discuss the powerful impact language has on different individuals. Join us for dinner to learn about what’s offensive and what’s not at 7 p.m. in the Bates West Social Room!

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.
AFCEA Educational Foundation Scholarship
STEM Teacher Scholarship

The AFCEA Educational Foundation is offering competitive based scholarships of $5,000 each to students actively pursuing an undergraduate degree, graduate degree or credential/licensure for the purpose of teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) subjects at a U.S. middle or secondary school. Click here for more information.

AMVETS Scholarships

General info: http://www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships/

- Four specific to Veterans, Active Duty, Guard/Reserves: Click here for info.
- Two specific to children/grandchildren of Veterans, Active Duty, Guard/Reserves: Click here for info.

VFW Scholarship
Be a Hero-Help a Hero Scholarship

The VFW’s "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” will provide service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It’s just another way to say “thank you” to those who deserve it the most. Click here for more information.

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.
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. There will be two Professional Development events prior to the Career Fair, in the Green Quad Learning Center. CUPCAKES AND CAREERS will be held on February 23rd at 6pm and COFFEE WITH THE EXPERTS will be held on February 25th at 6pm. Contact Rebecca Littlefield at RML1@mailbox.sc.edu with any questions.

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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Ranina Outing, MHA Director of Communications
Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities
Arnold School of Public Health, USC
803.777.6363
nutrinfo@mailbox.sc.edu
Website: http://www.sc.edu/nutrition/symposium.shtml
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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