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President’s Welcome

Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

Graduate Student Appreciation Week is almost here!

The GSA has some great social events planned every day for it! Graduate Student Appreciation Week is a great opportunity to relax before papers are due and finals need to be graded. Meet graduate students outside of your department or bring your cohort to an event for a good time. I am personally looking forward to the “Family & Friends Fun Day” at River Rat! Please see the newsletter below for all the details.

During Graduate Student Appreciation Week, we will be holding a Predatory Publishing and Open Access Workshop at Thomas Cooper Library on Tuesday (4/5) and an International Student Focus Group on Wednesday (4/6) at the Graduate School in Byrnes Building.

We will also be hosting a Student Feedback Forum twice on Thursday (4/14).

Elections for GSA Executive Officer positions will be held from April 11th-April 13th. In order to run, you must apply by April 1st. Candidates will later be advertised in the April GSA newsletter, the GSA website, and via social media.

If you haven’t yet, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter for updates about Graduate Student Appreciation Week and other events for Graduate Students on campus.

Sincerely,
Aubrey L. Sejuit, LMSW, MEd, CASAC
Doctoral Candidate, Counselor Education & Supervision
April 4  Monday  Craft & Draft 5-7pm  
Students will enjoy food and fellowship for the Graduate Student Week kick-off event at Craft & Draft!

April 5  Tuesday  Thirsty Fellow 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Day two will be located at Thirsty Fellow, right behind undergraduate student parking and near the Colonial Life Arena. Students can walk there from campus to mingle with others!

April 6  Wednesday  World of Beer 7pm-9pm  
Do you like trivia? Do you enjoy spending time with your fellow graduate student colleagues? You'll like our event at World of Beer! Get ready to do some trivia with fellow graduate students. We'll see you there!

April 7  Thursday  River Rat 5:30pm-7:30pm  
The last social event of Graduate Student Week will be a family and friends get-together at River Rat Brewery. There will be games and prizes for the kids and adults can spend some time with one another on the covered porch. This isn't just for families. Come one, come all!

April 8  Friday  Graduate Student Day in Russell House  
Planning on presenting for Graduate Student Day? Earning your Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) certificate from the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE)? Interested in what your fellow graduate student colleagues are researching? If so, this sounds like the event for you! Come support your friends at Graduate Student Day!
Graduate Student Association

INVITES YOU TO

GRADUATE STUDENT WEEK SOCIAL & EVENING EVENTS

EVENTS & LOCATIONS

April 4 Monday
5-7 PM @ Craft & Draft

April 5 Tuesday
5:30-7:30PM @ Thirsty Fellow

April 6 Wednesday
7-9 PM @ World of Beer

April 7 Thursday
5:30-7:30 PM River Rat - Family Friendly
Graduate Student Day in Russell House

April 8 Friday

Free Food
Free Drink
Join Us

April 4-8 2016
GSA Graduate Student Week
Day Events

April 5
Tuesday
1:30 PM
Predatory Publishing &
Open Access Workshop
@ Thomas Cooper Library
Room 412

April 6
Wednesday
1:00 PM
International Student
Focus Group (Free Lunch)
@ Byrnes Room 311
GSA Graduate Student Feedback Forum

We care about your opinions!
+ Free Food
+ Free Drink

April 14 Thursday
1:00-2:00 PM
5:30-6:30 PM
Russell House
Room 201
GSA elections for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a Graduate Council Representative will take place online this month.

April 1
GSA Elections Applications due

April 11-13
GSA Elections

Candidate biographies and position statements will be distributed in the next GSA newsletter, through social media, and the GSA website.
Graduate Assistantships

• The Rule of Law Collaborative (ROLC) is accepting applications for up to two Graduate Assistant positions for the 2016-2017 academic year. Each Graduate Assistant must be a full-time graduate student at either the doctoral or master’s level, and he or she will receive a stipend of $6,625 per semester and tuition abatement. Each Graduate Assistant will be expected to work a maximum of 20 hours per week, and he or she will be responsible for assisting with ROLC programs, events, and research, as well as website maintenance. Learn more here.

• IMPH is seeking a graduate assistant (GA) to support research and event planning for an initiative to bridge public health and health care. The focus of the initiative is to develop a consensus definition of population health and to develop a roadmap (and implement at least one strategy) related to defining the future of the health care workforce in a way that will maximize health outcomes. The GA will work 10-15 hours a week in our Columbia office at 1301 Gervais Street between May and December 2016. Key activities include reviewing and summarizing current research and commentary on bridging health and health care and on the health care workforce; supporting logistics for meetings and events related to the initiative; and supporting communications with key partners and stakeholders throughout the process. This position requires an individual who is self-guided, flexible, analytical, and demonstrates a high level of professionalism. Some travel required. Please send a resume/CV and a cover letter expressing your interest in this position to Maya Pack by April 15, 2016.
Workshops

• **Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Formatting Workshops**: If you’re writing a thesis or dissertation and will graduate in either May or August 2016, then plan to attend a formatting workshop! Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Coordinator Zach Lukemire will guide you through the formatting process and answer questions about how to submit your document. To reserve your spot, email Zach Lukemire at lukemire@mailbox.sc.edu with your name, program, degree, and the session you will attend. There are two remaining workshops this semester: **Wednesday, March 16 at 9:30a.m.** and **Thursday, March 24 at 2:30p.m.** All sessions will take place in **Russell House, room 305**. Attendees are welcome to bring their documents to work on during the session, though this is not a requirement.

• **Boren Fellowship and Scholarship and Critical Language Scholarship Workshop** (*Wednesday, March 16 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor*): These two opportunities focus on critical language study, with CLS being a summer program, and Boren offering up to $20,000 for an undergraduate year abroad.

• **Intercultural Awareness in the Classroom** (*Thursday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00p.m., TCL, L511*): The Carolina Intercultural Training (CIT) program developed by International Student Services focuses on faculty and staff understanding cross-cultural communication styles and exploring strategies for increasing intercultural competence. This workshop includes information and activities to help navigate common miscommunications between cultures both in the office and classroom setting. Those who complete this program will receive a certificate and an “International Friendly Zone” card. Register [here](#).

• **Teaching Critical Thinking** (*Monday, March 21, 12:00 – 12:50p.m., TCL, L511*): The ability to think critically, applying strategies across situations, is more important than ever before. Teaching critical thinking requires students to explore topics that may not be clearly defined. Come join the discussion relating theory to practice in teaching critical thinking. Register [here](#).

• **Fulbright Workshop** (*Monday, March 21, 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor*): Supports one year abroad for research, study, or to teach English.
Research & Funding

• **Delta Phi Alpha Scholarships**: Offers several scholarships to German students, for both undergraduates and graduates. See website for more details about specific competitions. **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**.

• **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](#).

• 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 **Thursday, 3/24 by 8p.m. EDT**. To learn more about the program and participating agencies click [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](#).

• **Rotary Global Grant**: Funds scholarships for a minimum of $30,000 for students for graduate level study abroad, in one of Rotary’s six areas of focus: peace and conflict resolution; water and sanitation; child and maternal health; disease prevention and treatment; basic education and
literacy; economic and community development. You are eligible to apply starting in your junior year at USC. You must be a US citizen to apply. Applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club in their permanent residence or in District 7770 (SC Midlands and Coast). Applications are available from OFSP, and are submitted to sponsoring local Rotary Club. This cycle will fund the 2017-2018 academic year. **Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016.**

- **Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund:** Provides grants to students actively working for peace and justice. These need-based scholarships of up to $10,000 are awarded to those able to do academic work at the university level and who are part of the progressive movement on the campus and in the community. Recent grantees have been active in the struggle against racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression; building the movement for economic justice; and creating peace through international anti-imperialist solidarity. **Supporting materials due to OFSP by noon on Wednesday, March 30** for overnight mail to meet April 1, 2016 postmark deadline.

- **AICPA John L. Carey Scholarship:** Provides $5,000 to liberal arts and non-business degree holders who are pursuing both graduate studies in accounting and the CPA licensure. This award is intended to encourage students with little or no previous accounting education to consider professional accounting careers. **Deadline: Friday, April 1, 2016.**

- **AH&LEF Scholarships:** The American Hotel and Lodging Annual Scholarship Grants: Offers a variety of awards to undergraduate and graduate students in hotel/restaurant management, culinary arts, travel/tourism, and hotel administration majors. Some scholarships require nomination by the department. **Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2016.**

- The ICPSR Summer Program is internationally recognized as a preeminent learning environment for basic and advanced training in social science research methodologies and technologies. We stress the integration of methods of quantitative analysis within a broader context of substantive social research. Our courses include hands-on analysis of research datasets, and our instructors are experts in their fields who are adept at making complex subject matter understandable. Whether you want to brush up on your basic skills in statistics and quantitative methods, keep apace of the latest analytic innovations, or develop research skills particular to a substantive problem, you'll find the training you need. You can now register for all 2015 ICPSR Summer Program courses through our online Portal. There are 4 week courses as well as 3-5 day workshops. For more information, visit icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog, email sumprog@icpsr.umich.edu, or call (734) 763-7400.
The Council of Graduate Schools is now seeking nominations for this year’s competition for the Gustave O. Arlt Award in the Humanities. This award recognizes a young scholar for an outstanding scholarly contribution in the humanities. This year’s competition is in the field of Religious Studies. Each member institution may nominate one book published (written in or translated into English) within the past seven years. The nominated author must have earned a doctorate at a North American university and currently be teaching at a North American university. Full details and a nomination form may be found on the CGS website. Any questions regarding this award should be sent to Cheryl Flagg, Manager of Member Relations, at cflagg@cgs.nche.edu.

The Office of Undergraduate Research is seeking reviewers/judges for Discovery Day on Friday, April 22nd in the Russell House. 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 on Discovery Day can be found here. If you are willing to review, please click here.
Student Health Services
Highlights

**Counseling:** Students who have paid the student health fee (which is included in student tuition) are eligible to receive up to 10 individual counseling sessions, along with unlimited group counseling. Counselors in Close/Hipp are available any time for crisis appointments during business hours. If it’s your first time, you will have an initial appointment on the phone that will take about 20 minutes and then an appointment will be made based on the student’s availability. To make a counseling appointment, call 803-777-5223. www.sa.sc.edu/shs/cp

**Pharmacy:** A full-service pharmacy is available on the third floor of the Thomson Student Health Center Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 2-8 p.m. Most prescriptions cost the same or less with co-pays the same as other retail pharmacies. To refill a prescription, visit www.sc.edu/myrxspace, download the PocketRx app or call 803-777-4890. www.sa.sc.edu/shs/pharmacy