Each week the Council of Graduate Students at The Ohio State University sends out special announcements to its constituents. We ask for your cooperation in spreading the word about what we’re doing. Please forward this e-mail on to your department, co-workers, friends, even your family!

Thank you.

Allison Sturm,
Secretary,
Council of Graduate Students

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National Day of Justice for Trayvon Martin

Organized by #OSUStandYourGround
When: Tuesday, April 10, 2:26 p.m.
Where: The Oval
Attire: Black clothing, hoodies preferred
Contact: osustandyourground@gmail.com

Response to Frank Hale Black Cultural Center Vandalism at The Ohio State University

We are attempting to build a dialogue on the campus of The Ohio State University in a response to racially motivated issues that have emerged on our campus. We want our University to become a space that includes all members of its student body regardless of race, gender, sexuality, religion, and/or sexual identity. Please support our efforts to build a campus of allies that stands up for EVERYONE’S rights. We need more than tolerance. We will not be intimidated by these intentional and very regular acts of violence against many of us on this campus.

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**NAGPS Midwest Regional Conference, This Weekend!**

There are still seats available for this weekend’s NAGPS Midwest Regional Conference (April 12 - 14, 2012). We would like for you to take part in the entire conference, but realize that your schedule may not permit it. As such, **we would like for you to strongly consider participating all day on Saturday, April 14, 2012.** While you are welcome on Friday and Sunday, it is most pertinent for you to be with us on Saturday. Our schedule will be packed with interested presentations and networking sessions with schools across the Midwest. The basic agenda is:

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 10:00 AM Presentation Section 01
- 11:00 AM Presentation Section 02
- 12:00 PM Luncheon
- 12:30 PM Saturday on the Shoe Event
- 1:30 PM Midwest Board Meeting
- 3:30 PM Presentation Section 03
- 5:00 PM Break
- 5:30 PM Midwest Board Meeting (as needed)
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Keynote (Dean Osmer)
- 8:00 PM Guests invited to Kildare’s on High Street for discounted drinks.

More information is available about the specific times and presentations at the conference website: [http://nagps.org/events/midwest-regional-conference](http://nagps.org/events/midwest-regional-conference)

**If you would like to attend please let me know by Wednesday, April 11.**

Thanks again and hope see you Saturday!

- Allen Cochran

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**Free Student Saturday on the Shoe**

**Come help start a new Buckeye tradition as we prepare for the Spring Game and get a chance to meet the team in the process on April 14!**

Doors open at 10:15 a.m. and the practice starts at 10:45 a.m. During the practice, you will have the opportunity to get free tours of the locker room and press boxes. There will also be inflatable games, music and much much more.

Practice will end at 12:45 and all students are welcome to go down onto the field. There will be opportunities to meet players, coaches and staff. In addition, you’ll have the opportunity to hang out, play pick football and more on Ohio Stadium! The field closes at 2:00, and from 2-3pm we will have a Football 101 course in the Recruit Room of the Stadium (taught by an ex-NFL player)!

And best of all...IT'S FREE!!!
Nominations are now open for CGS Spring Elections!

Join one of the premier organizations on campus, the Council of Graduate Students. CGS is your student government. CGS advocates for the continual improvement of graduate student experiences by ensuring that student voices are heard at The Ohio State University and beyond. Each Spring, we elect Delegates, Executive Officers and University Senators. Be apart of the change you want at Ohio State!

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NOT SURE ABOUT THESE, BUT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?
Email the Vice President
cochran.291@osu.edu
More Information
http://cgs.osu.edu

CGS Annual Awards

CGS Recognizes students, staff, and faculty that have contributed to the council and the university through various awards. These are given annually during the Graduate School Awards reception and CGS's end-of-year award ceremony. Make your nomination today!
On April 6, 2012, Delegates of the Council of Graduate Students approved the creation of a Delegate Funding program to request funds for departmental events.

Delegates may request funds from CGS in order to host events within their constituent departments. In order to do so, Delegate must fill out the Delegate Funding Request attached to this blog post. Following the event, Delegates must distribute a survey which will also help track attendance at those events. The survey is also attached here. 
http://go.osu.edu/delegatefundrequest

Mark Your Calendars for the 2nd Annual Sustainability Summit!

The 2nd Annual Sustainability Summit is scheduled for Wednesday April 18th, 2012 from 5:00-7:00pm in the Ohio Union Great Hall Meeting Room. "A Changing Climate at OSU and Beyond": Join us for an engaging evening with keynote speaker David Orr, Aparna Dial, Jason Box, and Olga Ovchinnikova to discuss the changing climate at OSU and beyond from their unique perspectives. Food and a networking opportunity will follow the event. This event is brought to you by the Council of Graduate Students, the Inter-Professional Council, the Undergraduate Student Government, and the Office of Student Life.

Contact Lauren Kleinman with questions about the event at lauren.kleinman@osumc.edu. To reserve a table to promote your sustainability-related student organization, please contact Adam Sauer at sauer.93@buckeyemail.osu.edu. Online registration for the event is available at http://ucat.osu.edu/davidorr/.

Are you a graduate student with an appointment?

Then you may be eligible of some of the exciting discounts and perks being highlighted at the Hidden Benefits Fair! The Hidden Benefits Fair will have vendors from inside and outside the University showcasing the extras available for those employed at the University. This longstanding staff event is for the first time this year including graduate students with
appointments. The Hidden Benefits Fair will take place Thursday, April 12th, 2012, 11AM-1PM in the Ballroom of the Ohio Union. Please direct any questions concerning the fair to Daphne Pringle (pringle.22@osu.edu), and we look forward to seeing you there!

9th Annual Russell Klein Nutrition Research Symposium
The Graduate Society for Nutritional Sciences is pleased to invite you to the 9th Annual Russell Klein Nutrition Research Symposium on Friday June 1, 2012 from 9:00 to 4:15 pm in the Biomedical Research Tower, 1st floor. This year's symposium will be feature keynote speaker Randy L. Jirtle, PhD from Duke University Medical Center. Please mark your calendars and contact Erin Lombardo at lombardo.45@osu.edu if you are interested in receiving the Call for Abstracts via email.

“I Am a Woman and a Sister: Interracial Cooperation, Peace Activism and Human Rights”
The Arts and Humanities Diversity Enhancement Program (DEP) Research Working Group invites you to discuss a paper by Tiyi M. Morris, Assistant Professor, Department of African American & African Studies “I Am a Woman and a Sister: Interracial Cooperation, Peace Activism and Human Rights.” When: Wednesday, Apr. 18, 2012; 4:00 p.m.; George Wells Knight House; 104 E. 15th Ave. Co-sponsored by the Humanities Institute, this event is open to faculty and graduate students. To receive a copy of the paper or for more information about the DEP, contact the chair of the Arts & Humanities Diversity Committee, Joe Ponce at ponce.8@osu.edu.

Disabilities and Academia: A Panel and Group Discussion

Date: Thursday, April 26, 3p-5p
Location: Ohio Union, Lower Level Meeting Room
Refreshments will be served.

Please join the Council of Graduate Students for an interactive panel and group discussion about the positive and negative realities of having both visible and invisible disabilities as a graduate student, faculty, or staff in academia. So often, there is silence and misunderstanding surrounding disabilities, and the goal of this event is to open communication about the realities of having a disability in the academic world. Some concerns that will be covered include challenges of having a disability in academia; issues of access and accommodation and possible solutions for these issues; and positive experiences and advantages of having a disability in the academic spaces. The interactive discussion will feature a panel of OSU graduate students, faculty, and staff members with disabilities, with significant time for large and small group discussion.

Disabilities and Academia is sponsored by the Council of Graduate Students, Diversity and Identity Studies Collective—OSU (DISCO), and Disability Studies at The Ohio State University. This event is held in an accessible location with real time captioning. If you have
questions about access, wish to request other accommodations, please contact Deborah Kuzawa at kuzawa.1@osu.edu

We need volunteers to reach to children, and we're reaching out to you!

Do you remember your favorite childhood book? It still brings a smile to your face, right? If so, please help us create that same magic for a child! Stories for Students from Students is a unique OSU outreach program that seeks to connect children to books that will forever hold a place in their heart. This is the third year of OSU students coming together to go out into the community and spread the joy and power of literacy to Columbus City School Children. We are looking for 120 volunteers to go out into the community the week of May 7-11 for 3 hour time blocks. The volunteer form with specific times can be found here: http://studentlife.osu.edu/docs/sfsfs-volunteer-application-1-6-12.docx

We are also working to raise funds to buy the 2,100 books that are going to 2,100 children. One $5 donation is all it takes to purchase a book for a child. Donations can be made online at http://studentlife.osu.edu/stories/donation.aspx and we would love your support. For more info, contact Bowen Marshall.572@osu.edu

Save the Date! 2nd OSU Arab World Film Festival “Resistance and Awakening”

WHEN: Friday, April 13th, 5:00-11:00PM; Saturday, April 14th, 12:00-10:00 PM
WHERE: 180 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Rd.

Please join us for the second OSU Arab World Film Festival, "Resistance and Awakening," Friday, April 13 through Saturday, April 14. Inspired by the first anniversary of the Arab Spring, this year’s series of award-winning films focuses on what is often referred to as a new Arab awakening (evoking the “first” Arab awakening described by George Antonius in his famous work, written in 1939). We invite you to witness social and political struggles for a new day as they are being aesthetically expressed and cinematically negotiated. Brief introductions by OSU faculty or graduate students will precede each film.

RSVP: http://osuarabfilmfestival.eventbrite.com

Eat Donatos Pizza, Help Columbus Kids!

Stories for Students from Students from the Office of the Vice President for Student Life has one mission: get a book into the hands of every Columbus school kid! As part of that mission, we are happy to announce a fundraising partnership with Donatos Pizza.
On April 21 (the Spring Game) from 5-8pm, if you mention “Stories for Students” when ordering dine in, carry out, or delivery from Donatos on High Near Campus (614-294-5371) 20% of your purchase will go towards buying books for kids.

Doing good is really as simple as eating your favorite pizza! Again, just mention Stories for Students when ordering pizza from 5-8pm on April 21 from Donatos. For more information on how to get involved in Stories for Students from Students beyond these two events, visit http://studentlife.osu.edu/stories

CGS Funding Opportunities:
Global Gateway Research Abroad Grant

We received several applications for the Global Gateway Research Abroad Grant. The International Concerns Committee and the Office of International Affairs are currently in the process of judging the applications. We hope to announce the results in April.

The Ray Travel Award

Ray Travel Award Application deadline: May 18, 2012; Conference dates: June 8-August 8, 2012. Please contact Shirley Tan.182 for more information.

Check Out the Upcoming OUAB/Grad/Prof Events!

OUABe Fit: Shake it!
Tue Apr 10, 2012 - 5:00 PM
Location: Ohio Union - Dance Room 1
RSVP preferred to ouab.grad.prof@gmail.com
http://www.ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1118

OUABe Fit: Power Yoga
Wed Apr 11, 2012 - 7:00 PM
Please note class will begin at 7:10 p.m. and conclude at 8:10 p.m.
Location: Ohio Union - Dance Room 1
RSVP preferred to ouab.grad.prof@gmail.com
http://www.ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1119

OUABe Fit: Cardio Kickboxing
Sun Apr 15, 2012 - 7:00 PM
Location: RPAC - Multipurpose Room #2, B30
RSVP preferred to ouab.grad.prof@gmail.com
http://www.ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1116

For more information or if you should have questions, please contact Allison Sturm at sturm.42@osu.edu. Otherwise, check the CGS website for additional details: http://cgs.osu.edu
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