Each week the Council of Graduate Students at The Ohio State University sends out special announcements to it's 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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Student Saturday at the Shoe!

Come help start a new Buckeye tradition as they prepare for the Spring Game and get a chance to meet the team in the process!

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 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, but we may have buses waiting to take people to an OSU Baseball Game or Track Meet and keep the party going! And best of all...IT'S FREE!!! Only one BuckId is needed per group to go in! Only students will be allowed on the field post game, but activities will be provided for faculty, staff and students (including their families)

For more information: [http://www.facebook.com/events/260687844026169/](http://www.facebook.com/events/260687844026169/)

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Run for CGS Executive Office!
Each Spring Term, the Council of Graduate Students elects a new executive administration (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). Executive Officers are elected by the Delegate body of the Council of Graduate Students. The elected administration plays a crucial role in the Council of Graduate Students to continually enhance the graduate student experience.

- **Have an impact on campus.**
- **Represent your department at a university level.**
- **Meet students from all across campus and the nation.**
- **Participate in legislative action at a federal level.**
- **Change OSU for the better!**

**Who are the Executive Officers?**
The Officers of CGS are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer are volunteer based positions. The President and Vice President are 50% GAA appointments within the office of Student Life to ensure that CGS maintains the best presence with the Campus Administration as possible; the President and Vice President are expected to work at least 20 hours per week on CGS matters. The Secretary and Treasurer volunteer between 5 and 10 hours per week.

**Are there other duties of the Executive Officers?**

**President**
- Run CGS Delegate Meetings
- Maintain ongoing communication with OSU Administrators
- Maintain a national presence for graduate students with organizations like SAGE and NAGPS.
- Sit on several University Committees
- Maintain the CGS Executive Committee
- Continually improve the organization
- Work 20 hours a week for CGS as a 50% GAA appointment

**Vice President**
- Maintain ongoing communication with CGS, internally
- Make necessary appointments to over 100 University Committees
- Make necessary appointments to all CGS Internal Committees
- Chair the annual Hayes Forum Planning Committee
- Sit on several University Committees
- Continuously improve the organization
- Work 20 hours a week for CGS as a 50% GAA appointment

**Treasurer**
- Manage the finances for CGS
- Sit on the Allocations Sub-committee for the Council on Student Affairs
- Manage the Ray Tavel Award
- Continually improve the organization
• Volunteer between 5 - 10 hours a week for CGS

Secretary
• Manage the meeting minutes for CGS delegate meetings and executive meetings
• Chair the CGS Communications & Marketing Committee
• Maintain the CGS Weekly News
• Work with the Vice President to manage internal CGS communications
• Continually improve the organization
• Volunteer between 5 - 10 hours a week for CGS

How do I run for an executive office?
• Apply yourself or have someone nominate you
  o Nominations open at the first Spring Delegate Meeting (April 6, 2012)
• Prepare your application
  o Apply online at CGS.OSU.EDU
• Attend the second Spring Delegate Meeting to give your election speech
  o The second Spring Delegate meeting is May 4, 2012
• If elected, be present at the inauguration
  o Inauguration is at the third Spring Delegate Meeting on May 18, 2012

Run for University Senate!

Each Spring Term, the Council of Graduate Students elects 10 Senators that sit, on behalf of CGS on the University Senate. These 10 Senators play a crucial role at a University level to ensure that graduate student needs are being met.

What is a Senator?
Senators are elected officials that volunteer their time to sit on University Senate on behalf of the Council of Graduate Students. Additionally Senators attended CGS's three Delegate Meeting per quarter. Senators volunteer about 15 hours per quarter in service to CGS and the University Senate.

How do I run for a Senators' seat?
Applications are available at CGS.OSU.EDU to be self nominated or nominated by a peer. Applications require a current resume. Elections for Senate seats will happen a the second Spring Delegate Meeting on May 4, 2012.

Run for Office!

Each Spring Term, the Council of Graduate Students elects a new body of Delegates. Delegates are elected from every graduate department on Ohio
State’s campus. The elected Delegate representatives play a crucial role at the university to continually enhance the graduate student experience.

- Have an impact on campus.
- Represent your department at a university level.
- Meet students from all across campus and the nation.
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**What is a Delegate?**
Delegates are elected by their peers. Any graduate student is eligible to run and be elected by the other students in their departments. If elected Delegates are then responsible for attending three CGS Delegate Meetings per quarter (always held on Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30) and create and vote on legislation that affects all graduate students at Ohio State.

**Are there other duties of Delegates?**
In addition to attending three quarterly meetings, Delegates are responsible for sitting on a University Committee (such as the President's Council on Sustainability). Otherwise, Delegates are expected to communicate regularly with the Council of Graduate Students and participate in CGS events. It's important to note, however, that we are students first and in no way should CGS interfere with those duties.

**How do I run for office?**
- Apply yourself or have someone nominate you
  - Nominations open at CGS.OSU.EDU on Wed. April 4, 2012
- Inform your peers and have them vote for you
  - Voting begins one week after nominations
  - Voting will happen online at CGS.OSU.EDU starting Wed. April 11, 2012
- Find out if you won the election in your department
  - CGS will send out notifications of the election results on Wed. April 18, 2012
- Attend the second Delegate Meeting of Spring Term 2012
  - The second meeting is on Friday, May 4, 2012.

**Best of luck to you!**
If you have any questions, please contact Allen J Cochran, Vice President of the Council of Graduate Students, at cochrans.291@osu.edu

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**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/.

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**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!

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**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.

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**Your Help Is Needed for a Focus Group about Important Financial Issues as a Graduate Student:**
Help us learn about how Ohio State can better financially educate its students. With student debt climbing, you have a rare opportunity to weigh in on important Ohio State decisions by talking about what is important to you financially. Your participation in this focus group will help create programs and resources for students like you to save money and better understand financial issues. The focus group will only last approximately 45 minutes. Your input is so greatly appreciated, that as a thank you for participating, you will receive a gift card to Barnes and Noble. This focus group is completely voluntary and the information you provide is completely confidential. **When: Friday, April 6th, 3:00 pm, Student Wellness Center inside the RPAC**

http://www.osu.edu/map/building.php?building=246 For further questions and to R.S.V.P., contact Emily Phillis.9@osu.edu.

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### Survivor Leadership in Commercial Sexual Exploitation Event

Rachel Lloyd, a survivor of commercial sexual exploitation and the Founder and Executive Director of Girls Educational and Mentoring Services in NYC, will do a short reading from her memoir *Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale, an Activist Finds Her Calling and Heals Herself* (Harper 2011) followed by a discussion of survivor leadership & social media activism within the movement to end commercial sexual exploitation, and how her work relates to local issues and organizing. **When: Monday, April 16th at 4:30 PM; Where: University Hall, Room 151**; There will also be a book sale & signing after the event and refreshments will be available! Contact Andrea Breau (breau.1@osu.edu) or Lauren Strand (strand.12@osu.edu) with any questions.

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### A Roundtable Conversation: The Attack on Ethnic Studies: Power and Knowledge in the Academy

Join us for refreshments and conversation as we discuss the recent efforts to ban ethnic studies. We also will be wishing Professor Leslie Alexander all the best as she begins her new appointment in AAAS. **When: Thursday, April 5, 311 Denney Hall; Come at noon to socialize; Panel starts at 12:15**; Moderated by Kevin Boyle; Panelists: Leslie Alexander, Associate Professor of African American and African Studies, Lilia Fernandez, Assistant Professor of History and Latino/a Studies, Margaret Newell, Associate Professor of History and American Indian Studies, Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, Associate Professor of History and Asian American Studies; Co-Sponsors: History Department Faculty of Color Caucus, History Department Race, Ethnicity, and Nation Constellation, and the Diversity and Identity Studies Collective at OSU (DISCO)

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### World Water Online; A Seminar by Dr. Maidment
David Maidment is the Hussein M. Alharthy Centennial Chair in Civil Engineering, and Professor at the Center for Research in Water Resources at University of Texas at Austin, where he has been a faculty member since 1981. He is co-author of the text “Applied Hydrology”, Editor-in-Chief of the “Handbook of Hydrology” and has served as Editor of the Journal of Hydrology. The Seminar features scientific data management, sharing, and reproducibility, as it relates to hydrology, and other scientific disciplines. The goal of World Water Online to link world water data, maps and models at any spatial scale, anywhere on earth, through the use of WaterML2 will be explained. **When: April 11th, 3:30-5:30PM, Ohio Union Great Hall Meeting Room 3**, Free admission with pizza and soft drink refreshments. For more information contact: Serge-Stephan Gunn.54@osu.edu!

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**Self-Defense Course for LGBT People**

This class meets for five consecutive Mondays: April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14; 6:00-8:00PM, Womens’ Field House, 1790 Cannon Drive. To register: Sexual Violence Education and Support – sves@osu.edu or 614-292-4527. The Student Wellness earn mental, verbal and physical self-defense skills. Resistance to a physical attack provides a significantly greater chance of surviving without being raped. This class is free and open to all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, including non-student community members.

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**Freedom Dialogues**

A discussion on disabilities with the goal of encouraging students to approach everyone with two sights, “commonality & respect” and see everyone for who they are. We hope students will ask questions and have honest conversations about how we participate in perpetuating negative stereotypes in our daily lives and how we can take an active role in removing barriers, stereotypes and attitudes that continue to perpetuate negative perceptions of individuals with disabilities. **Freedom to be Seen:** Tuesday, April 3rd 4:30-6:30PM, Multicultural Center; **Spirit of Freedom:** Tuesday, April 10th 6:00-8:00PM, Multicultural Center: Religion and Spirituality, what does it mean to you? A dialogue on how to have conversation around religion and spirituality and what it means to understand and practice true interfaith behavior; **Freedom of Speech:** Tuesday, April 19th 6:00-8:00PM, Multicultural Center: Does freedom to express yourself equal the right to express yourself? What does it mean to practice the first amendment in the age of technology, where things are posted, shared, viewed, liked and commented on within a matter of seconds through the use of outlets such as twitter, YouTube and Facebook?
LGBTQ Freedom: Thinking Beyond Marriage

This workshop will provide a thoughtful discussion of marriage equality, and its relation to other legal and political projects that have been at the forefront of the LGBTQ agendas for some time now. What are the strengths of these projects and how they have been conceptualized, organized and pursued? More critically, what do they assume or otherwise leave out? Are the projects conventionally associated with the LGBTQ movement, in fact, representative of the rich diversity of queer communities and the full range of their needs, or do they tend more to reflect the interests and goals of certain elites? Looking to the future, what, if anything, can and should be changed? **Monday April 23, 2012 at 6:00pm – 7:30pm; Location: Multicultural Center.**

The Journey from Student to Alumni

College and the college experience are often defined by one word “FREEDOM”. In this discussion we hope to have both current students and alumni discuss their discovery, expression, and change as buckeyes. The journey of discovering who you are and your path as a student, transitioning into Alumni status and what it truly means to give back to OSU. **Wednesday May 2, 2012 at 2:00pm – 4:00pm; Location: Multicultural Center; Facilitators: Student Alumni Council**

CGS Funding Opportunities:

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 This Week’s OUAB/Grad/Prof Events!

**One Day It’ll All Make Sense with Common; WHEN: Mon Apr 2, 2012 - 6:30 PM; Doors at 5:30pm; WHERE: Ohio Union - Archie M. Griffin Grand Ballroom**

For more information: [http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1078](http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1078)

**OUABe Fit: Shake It!; WHEN: Tue Apr 3, 2012 - 5:00 PM; Class will last one hour; WHERE: Ohio Union - Dance Room 1** For more information: [http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1115](http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1115)
**TICKET RELEASE:** Childish Gambino Camp Tour; **WHEN:** Wed Apr 4, 2012 - 5:00 PM; **WHERE:** Ohio Union Information Center - 1739 N. High St.; Rain Location: None; **EVENT:** WHEN: Monday, May 7; **WHERE:** Lifestyles Community (LC) Pavilion. Transportation to the LC will be available by charter bus loop from campus. **Special ticket opportunity:** Graduate and professional students may pick up two tickets per BuckID. Please note this is a special opportunity only for grad/prof students. Please be sure to have an updated BuckID identifying your status as a grad/prof student and ask for a second ticket if you need one. This special is not being advertised on the OUAB webpage. For more information: [http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1083](http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1083)

**OUABe Fit: Power Yoga;** WHEN: Wed Apr 4, 2012 - 7:00 PM; Please note class will begin at 7:10 p.m. and conclude at 8:10 p.m. **WHERE:** Ohio Union - Dance Room 1 For more information: [http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1114](http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1114)

**Kitchen Basics Boot Camp;** WHEN: Thu Apr 5, 2012 - 6:00 PM Class will last 3 hours. **WHERE:** Ohio Union- Lower Level- Instructional Kitchen For more information: [http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1106](http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1106)

Please note that this class is identical to the one offered in January and participation is limited to those who did not attend the January class. Space is limited. RSVP to ouab.grad.prof@gmail.com.

**Quiz Night;** WHEN: Thu Apr 5, 2012 - 6:30 PM; Check-in/registration at 6:30p/First question at 7:30pm; **WHERE:** Woody’s Tavern - Ohio Union For more information: [http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1112](http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1112)

All teams must register for each quiz night. Please include roster and team name with regiservation (teams may include up to 50% non-student guests). Due to overwhelming popularity, registrations the day of the quiz may not be available. Register via email at ouab.grad.prof@gmail.com.

**Grad/Prof Happy Hour: Welcome Spring;** WHEN: Fri Apr 6, 2012 - 5:30 PM Event will last until 7:00 p.m.; **WHERE:** Woody’s Tavern - Ohio Union For more information: [http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1117](http://ouab.osu.edu/view_event.aspx?id=1117)

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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](http://cgs.osu.edu)

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