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ABOUT:

The **GPSS Weekly Newsletter** is a weekly email that is sent to USC graduate & professional students to highlight upcoming activities, programs, events, and other information important to the graduate student body. This newsletter is by subscription only (opt-in); if you would like to subscribe (or unsubscribe), please visit the [GPSS website](#). All USC graduate & professional students are also encouraged to stay informed by visiting the [GPSS home page](#), the [Graduate School](#), [USC's home page](#), and their various department web pages. **Please forward this newsletter to your classmates and friends.**

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Location TBD. We are holding elections for the next committee chair and will discuss committee goals/objectives.

- [Women's Concerns Committee](#) meeting - 11.16 @ 12 noon

Nov/Dec book for the Academic Affairs Committee Book Salon

"The Inheritance of Loss" by Kiran Desai. Stay tuned for an announcement when the books are in!

REMINDERS: Next Full Senate Meeting - 11.06.06

The full Graduate and Professional Student Senate meets once a month. [Click here](#) for a full list of the Senate schedule

USC Graduate Student Parent Network - electronic forum - NEW!

The GPSS Women's Concerns Committee announces the creation of the USC Graduate Student Parent Network, an electronic forum for graduate student parents to ask and answer questions and to connect with others with kids on campus. If you're interested in joining the network, please e-mail Margaret, the Women's Concerns Committee chair at gpsswcc@gmail.com to be added to the group.

Oct/Nov Book Salon is 11.8; Wonder Boys by Michael Chabbon.

The books are ready for pick up at GPSS office in STU. We will have discussion session on 11.8. If you are a new member of the Book Salon , we request a \$10 deposit for the book that will be returned on they day of the Book Salon discussion and ofcourse the book is Your's to keep! Come hang out with some kool fellow Trojan Bookreaders! For any questions contact Amit Desai at gpssacad@usc.edu

International Food Fair 11.15 - YUM!

The International Scholars Committee announces the infamous and SO yummy International Food Fair on 11.15, 11 am-2 pm, Alumni Park. Questions? isc.gpss@gmail.com

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NEW: Thanksgiving Food Drive 11.1-11.16

1 Raffle Ticket per food item donated.

3 winners will receive a \$25 iTunes gift card each!
 Donation box located outside of the HSC GPSS Office in Seaver Residence Hall 101A.
 Items will be donated to the Midnight Mission Homeless Shelter of Los Angeles.

Free Thanksgiving dinner on 11.16!

HSC GPSS is hosting a FREE Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, 11.16 at 6:00 pm in Seaver Cafeteria. More information, please contact: gpsshsc@usc.edu.

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GPSS Funded Events

NEW:

11.10 Player's Club and Casino Night! 8 pm - Upstairs Commons

Players Club & Casino is an annual philanthropic event that raises funds for LA's Reading to Kids organization and provides the fun and exciting atmosphere of a casino and dance/club. Donations are encouraged and will get you chips so you can gamble and earn raffle tickets! Everyone gets one raffle ticket just for showing up. Students are eligible for over a thousand dollars in prizes, including a Spring Break cruise trip to Mexico for two, a trip to the "real" casino world of Las Vegas, and many more! Follow the searchlight to our event. Arrive by 8pm so you don't miss our spectacular opening fire show near Tommy Trojan that will include fire breathing and fire spitting. Gambling's not your thing? Then dance your heels off to the best DJ in town. Check us out at the newly-renovated Upstairs Commons, tasty catered hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Our staff will bring you refreshments while you're playing so you don't have to quit the action. And a cash bar is available for 21+ in our classy garden patio lounge! You don't want to miss this night, or you're going to be jealous of all your friends that came! Check it out on FACEBOOK Event: "USC Players Club & Casino" **Contact:**

rmooore@usc.edu

11.17 Hispanic Linguistics Student Association (HILSA) Workshop

9:00 am - 9:00 pm @ GFS 330

A 1-day workshop where Hispanic Linguistics students present their research and invite a leading scholar in the field to give a presentation. All USC graduate students are welcome to this event. **Contact:**

mayoralh@usc.edu

11.22 Thanksgiving Dinner at Troy Complex

4:00 - 7:00 pm @ Troy Conference Room

A "traditional" Thanksgiving dinner provided to students remaining on campus over the holiday. **Contact:**

lovano@usc.edu

12.1 PEGASUS Speculative Society

12.1.06, 1:00-5:00 pm @ MHP 101

Graduate students will present original research in order to gain experience at presenting their work, while simultaneously receiving rigorous feedback. All are invited. **Contact:** shanklin@usc.edu

REMINDERS: 11.7 Spoken Word Artist Leah Lakshmi

Leavey Library Auditorium 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Leah Piep-Samarasinha is a queer Sri Lankan spoken word artist, writer, teacher and activist. Student open mic night followed by Leah's performance and a Q&A with Leah.

11.8 Thursday Night Live, Troy's Diversity Night

Troy's Diversity Show has two components - the Art Show and the Dance Show! This year's theme is "Cultivating Unity." For the Art Show we have invited talented artists to submit artwork under our theme. We invite USC staff and faculty as judges and they award prizes to the best pieces in each category. For the

Dance Show, we invited different dance groups on campus to come and perform. There will a DJ and food! This event is free and open to all USC students. More info: Kim Hoang, kim.hoang@usc.edu

11.10 KAPSA Health Fair

KAPSA is organizing a health fair located at Lee's Pharmacy in Koreatown. Free diabetes and hypertension screenings will be offered to various patients and medication counseling will be offered as well. More info: Elizabeth Lee, leeeliza@usc.edu

11.17 Yalda Night, Iranian Graduate Student Organization

One of the most significant cultural celebrations in Iran is Yalda Night that has been celebrated in Iranian culture for thousands of years. It is held on the longest night of the year, the last day of Fall/Winter solstice. 7:00 - greetings; 8:00 - USC students perform traditional Persian music; 10:00 - dinner served. More info: Ryan igsa@usc.edu

11.17 Fringe Poets Reading Series (1st of 3)

A 3-date Reading Series in the HEDCO Building Distance Learning Room. The ethos of the Fringe Poets Reading Series is for graduate students to collaborate in running an academically credible literary series featuring poets who are marginalized by their race, gender, language(s), aesthetics, politics, and/or other factors; and/or poets with a sensitive attention in their work to issues concerning marginalized people(s).

11.19 Fall Dance Festival - Computer Science Graduate Organization

Nov 19, 2006 from 4:30-11:30pm.

Dance your night out making friends and socializing. This is a joint event with ASHA for Education & Association of Indian Students(AIS). We will have performances by several oncampus student groups including: - Vidushak, the Indian Improv group @ USC; - Anubhavam group; - DJ Kar; - Singers; and lots of games, prizes and food!

Event is free and open to all USC Students and their eligible dependents. Free event pass required. Limited free food passes are available to those who rsvp. FCFS only. **RSVP to csgo@usc.edu** to reserve your event pass with subject "I want to dance". We have limited number of passes which will be given out on a first-come-first-serve basis. Special thanks to International Students Assembly (ISA), Graduate Professional Student Senate (GPSS), Engineering Graduate Student Association (EGSA) and Program Board for their support.

11.21 Healthy Holidays Food Drive

Queenscare Clinic South Central 10:00 am-12:00 pm

This project is to help diabetics and their families celebrate the holidays in a healthy manner. Our goal is to host a food drive to collect foods fit for diabetics.

11.29 Computer Science Graduate Organization Farewell to Graduates

There will be a farewell social to graduating master's students in computer science. More info: Amit, dhariwal@usc.edu

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USC Campus Events & Announcements

NEW: **Program Board events**

11.7 "Reflections..." presented by PB and the Black Student Assembly

[7:00 pm @ Ground Zero Coffeehouse]

Remembering our ancestors and celebrating the resilience of the African American community! Featuring a keynote speaker, spoken word performances, and an interactive segment aimed at raising student consciousness about the need for a strong African American community.

11.11 Troy Camp's PASS THE CAN!

[During the USC football game.]

Pass the Can is USC Troy Camp's biggest fundraiser. It is held every year at the homecoming football game, and the money raised constitutes a huge portion of the money we need to send our kids to camp. Basically, volunteers flood the stadium during halftime and pass milk bottles down every row, collecting money and change from the fans. If you would like to sign up, send your email address and full name to Dustin "Mr. Clean" Lauermaann at passthecan@gmail.com! Thank you! Want to know more about Troy Camp and Pass the Can? Check out our webpage at www.troycamp.org or email passthecan@gmail.com.

Spring Involvement Fair - registration by 12.8!

Registration Forms are now available online ONLY <http://sait.usc.edu/stuorgs/services.htm> for the **Spring Involvement Fair** on Wed, Jan 10. Completed applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 8th. The Involvement Fair will be held on Trousdale Parkway from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Student organizations and departments may check-in and begin setting up their displays at 9:30 am. Each student organization/department will be given four feet (half of an eight foot table) and one chair to display and/or distribute information. Please note you will only receive one chair, do not steal chairs from other tables. The tables will be pre-assigned. You will not be permitted to move tables from assigned locations. If organizations have not checked in by 11:00 am, their table may be given away to those organizations on the waiting list.

Homecoming events for the week!**Homecoming T-Shirts now available!**

Get your limited edition Homecoming 2006 t-shirts now. Just \$12 at Program Board & Topping Student Center. Sponsored by Trojan Pride.

Homecoming Parade: Build

11.8 12:00 pm - Tommy Trojan

Homecoming Rally at the Galen Center

11.9; 7:00 pm

The first student event in the brand new Galen Center! A spirited Trojan tradition you can't afford to miss! This homecoming rally is a spirited Trojan tradition, featuring the USC Trojan Marching Band, Spirit Leaders, USC football Hall of Farmers, the world-famous Song Girls, USC football players and coaches, and Steve Max: the Simon Suez Guy. Come for contests, prizes, games and much more. Free tickets will be available at the Topping Student Center, Program Board, and USG starting 10.24. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Panel Discussion : "Uncovering the Truth About Higher Education " 11.14

November 14, 2006 7:00 PM GFS 106

Based on our notions of meritocracy, higher education should be the strongest avenue towards social mobility. It is our belief that a college degree will enable any individual to transcend socioeconomic barriers to achieve personal fulfillment and success. Yet, do all individuals have an equal chance at higher learning or are inequalities in our educational system hidden behind a façade of a leveled field of success? Through a conversation with faculty members from the Rosier School of Education, representatives from USC Athletics and both USC and UCLA Undergraduate Admissions, we will explore this question along with the history of American Higher Education, its purpose, and the role it plays within our education system. In addition, we will engage in a dialogue to understand the admissions process in a Post Proposition 209 era and how issues of access affect the demographics of colleges and universities within California. Sponsored by the Office of Campus Activities and REAL.

7th Annual Multi-Faith Celebration - 11.9

The Interfaith Council, with the Office of Religious Life and Undergraduate Student Government Diversity Affairs, invites you to the 7th Annual Multi-Faith Celebration, a celebration of Use's rich spiritual and religious

diversity. Some 20 different student religious organizations, from all the world's major traditions, take part in the program with song and dance and ceremony. Thursday 11.9, 5:00 pm, Doyen Library 240, with free refreshments afterwards before you go over to the Galen Center for the Homecoming Rally!!

Contact: Elizabeth Davenport, ejld@usc.edu, 213.740.6110

The USC College East Asian Studies Center announces two fellowships.

2007-2008 ACE Japanese Studies Fellowships

This fellowship will provide stipend awards for up to \$5,000 each to USC graduate students engaged in U.S.-Japan studies. Applicants may be domestic or international students. In order to qualify for an ACE fellowship, you must meet the following requirements:

- The applicant must be enrolled full-time in a graduate program at USC
- The applicant must be engaged in Japanese area or language studies if he/she is a non-Japanese citizen/permanent resident or engaged in U.S.-Japan studies if he/she is a Japanese citizen/permanent resident ACE applications are due: 2.12.07

- Application form can be accessed at:

http://www.usc.edu/schools/college/east_asian_studies/graduate/support

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the East Asian Studies Center at 213.740.2991 or easc@usc.edu.

2007-2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)

USC graduate students are invited to apply for this award with the consent of their home departments or schools. The award is primarily intended to assist students as they strengthen their Chinese, Japanese, or Korean language skills. These awards are funded by the U.S. Department of Education through its Title VI grant to the East Asian Studies Center.

Eligibility:

- You are a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- You are accepted for graduate training in East Asian area studies at USC
- You agree to pursue full-time study for the duration of the award

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Topping Center Room 207 Be in the 2007 yearbook! more info: www.ultimateexposures.com, 213-740-4427

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PB Website: <http://www-scf.usc.edu/~prgbrd/index.php>

USC Spectrum

Spectrum website: <http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/spectrum/index2.php>

Visions & Voices

It is a new, university-wide initiative in the arts and humanities established by Provost C.L. Max Nikias to use the arts and humanities to transform students' perspectives. Many events require an RSVP. To find out more

information, please visit their website at www.usc.edu/visionsandvoices, or contact them at visionsandvoices@usc.edu (213.740.6786)

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NEW: Get published! An invitation from the Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy

The **HJHP** is the nation's leading student-run public policy journal focusing on Latino issues. Since its founding at the John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1985, the journal has evolved into an important resource for key national, state and local policy executives, as well as scholars, journalists, and community organizational leaders.

This year the editorial board has decided to reach out specifically to graduate students in public policy and related concentrations. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to get published, while simultaneously calling attention to Hispanic policy issues that are important to you. Attached is a copy of the HJHP's submission guidelines; please note the **deadline for submissions is December 1**. If you would like a list of recent books in your field that are suited for review, please email brian_bombassaro@ksg08.harvard.edu. For more information on our publication and an example of a book review published in last year's volume, please visit our website at www.ksg.harvard.edu/hjhp/

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