

GPSS Newsletter

Monday, September 11, 2006

Please forward this newsletter to your friends and classmates!

For more info, please check out our web-site at <http://www.usc.edu/gpss>

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1. GPSS EVENTS

a. Elections for 3 open Executive Board Positions - 9.11.06

The Graduate & Professional Student Senate would like to announce the opening of three (3) positions on the 2006-2007 Executive Board. The positions of President, Finance Chair, and Public Relations Chair have become available due to academic reasons and scheduling conflicts.

Elections will take place at the 1st Senate Meeting for the 06-07 year on Mon, 9/11.

For more information regarding Executive Board descriptions and responsibilities, please see the following pages on the GPSS website:

http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/resources_gpss_bylaws.html

If you have any further questions, please contact the GPSS Elections & Recruitment Chair, Jason Harris at gpsser@usc.edu.

b. First Senate Meeting - Monday, September 11th @ 6:00 pm

The first GPSS Senate Meeting of the Fall 2006 semester will be Monday, September 11 (in LAW 1).

PLEASE NOTE - New Senators must attend the Orientation Session at 5:30 pm

Fall Meeting Schedule (also on the GPSS website):

- > > Monday, October 2nd @ 6:00 pm | LAW TBD
- > > Monday, November 6th @ 6:00 pm | HSC TBD
- > > Monday, November 27th @ 6:00 pm | LAW TBD

c. GPSS Finance Orientations

UPC Dates:

The following will all be held in Topping (TSC) Rm. 206:

Thu 9.21.06 | 11:00-12:00 pm

Mon 10.2.06 | 2:30-3:30 pm

HSC Dates:

Wed 9.13.06 | 12:00-1:00pm at KAM B 27

Tue 9.26.06 | 3:00-4:00pm at KAM B 27

Questions? Contact gpssfund@usc.edu

d. Join the GPSS Aids Walk Team on 10.15.06!

Join the GPSS Aids Walk Team (for both HSC and UPC):

- Sunday, October 15th at 8:30 am
- Breakfast will be served at team meeting place
- Register Online: BY OCTOBER 11!

Team Name: USC GPSS

Team Number: 5564

<http://www.aidswalk.net/losangeles>

Questions? Email gpss_aids_walk@yahoo.com

e. Social Event @ Club Shag - FRIDAY! 9.15.06

Join your fellow grad students at the first Grad Bar of the year at Club Shag.

Free admission for USC grad students until 10 pm, \$10 cover after that.

You must provide your own transportation.

Club Shag:
1835 Cahuenga Blvd
Hollywood, CA 90028
(323) 464-5662
Cross Street: Franklin Avenue

Questions? Need more info? Email Social Chair Amelia at gpssoc@usc.edu

f. GPSS Tailgate on Saturday 9.16.06!

USC vs. Nebraska tailgate- 1:00 pm on lawn across from Student Union Pharmacy.
Eats and drinks provided by Subway till they run out!

Questions? Need more info? Email Social Chair Amelia at gpssoc@usc.edu

g. The next LGBT Concerns Committee Meeting - Thursday, 10.14

LGBT Concerns Committee Meeting- Thursday, September 14th, 5:00PM-6:00PM, Topping Student Center (TSC) 201: Please send a representative from your organization. We will be planning the next monthly mixer! If for some reason you cannot attend, please e-mail Evren Savci with your ideas and feedback at savci@usc.edu.

h. GPSS Women's Concerns Committee - 1st Meeting

The first meeting of the Fall semester of the GPSS Women's Concerns Committee will be on Thursday, 9.21 at 12 noon. Location TBD.
New and old members most welcome!

Questions? Contact Committee Chair Margaret Sallee: gpsswcc@gmail.com

Join the GPSS Listserv!

- Join the GPSS listserv to get announcements, event information, campus activities, and items of interest to graduate and professional students.
- To join, visit the subscription web-page:
http://www.uscgpss.com/resources_gpss_weekly_digest_signup.asp
- Want to learn more about GPSS? Visit our web-site: <http://www.usc.edu/gpss>
- Have any questions or concerns? Email: gpss@usc.edu

2. GPSS HSC EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who came out to make the Ice Cream Social its biggest and best ever!

a. Yoga Classes begin on 9.12

Tuesdays, 5-6 pm starting 9/12/06. Location: Norris Topping Tower.

url for the flyer:

http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/documents/Fliers/YOGA_FLYER_HSC_29Aug06.ppt

Questions? Contact: gpsshscce@gmail.com

b. Bally's Gym Deal - Back Again!

This offer is open to all students and to one other person living at the same address (at a cost of \$199 plus \$6.25 processing fee per person). Sign up process:

Sign-in (use USC username and password)

Pay on the PayPal site, using a credit/debit card, or PayPal

Click return to merchant

Link to the Ballys site to enter your personal information and receive your confirmation e-mail from Ballys!

Link info:

In order to launch the Ballys page: You just need to put the link for the paypal page online: i.e. Put this link: [http://usc.edu/gpss/auth_login/paypal.html] on an open web page.

Questions? Contact Paul @ HSC: gpsshscce@gmail.com

3. CAMPUS EVENTS

a. The Norman Topping Student Aid fund (NTSAF) is currently seeking nominations for student leaders to represent the student body on the NTSAF Governing Board.

Student representatives aid in the selection and recruitment of scholars and oversee the long term policies of the Topping Scholarship. A highly selective position, student representatives gain service to the University and local community, interact with amazing applicants and student scholars, participate in recruitment and outreach activities, and network with student leaders, faculty, and staff. The NTSAF is the only scholarship in the nation of its kind - created by, funded by, and primarily administered by students. During the 2006-2007 academic year, the NTSAF Governing Board will assist in the distribution of over \$600,000 in scholarship aid. Board members attend the annual Fall Governing Board Retreat (1 day event), usually held in late October, and 2-3 Governing Board meetings. Board members must also be available during the summer months for scholarship application reading, interviewing and scholar selection.

If you are interested in being apart of this program please email:

Cynthia Brass brass@usc.edu

b. Swing with the USC Dance Club!

Swing with the USC Dance Club!

- Swing lessons taught by professional instructors

- Check out the first class for FREE

- USC students pay only \$40 per semester

- Tuesdays, beginners 5-6 pm (PED basement), intermediate 6-7pm (PED 114)

More details at: <http://www-scf.usc.edu/~dansce/BeforeHipHop.htm>

c. Get on the LGBT and Ally OUTLIST 2006

The Outlist is published in the Daily Trojan during National Coming Out Week (NCOW) in October. The Outlist is a GLBTA tradition that names out and proud LGBT individuals as well as supportive allies in our campus community. All students, alumni, faculty, and staff are welcome to submit their names.

If you wish to include your name in this year's list please complete the OutList 2006 Form at <http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/glbs/PDFS/OutList06.doc> then email it to glbta@usc.edu or return it to the LGBT Resource Center located in Student Union 202B. The deadline to submit your name is September 30th.

d. Beating the Odds: Preparing Underrepresented Minorities for Research Careers

A Special Lecture by Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III - President, University of Maryland, Baltimore
Location and Date of event: Monday, October 9, 2006 @ Norris Theatre

The USC Graduate School and the Viterbi School of Engineering will host a lectureship on diversity in higher education, 12pm-1:30pm on October 9, 2006. This event features guest speaker, Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, III, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) and nationally recognized scholar on science and math education with special emphases on minority participation and performance.

This is a no-cost, open event for all members of the USC community welcoming students, faculty, and staff. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to enrich campus-wide discussions on diversity in higher education.

Questions regarding this event may be directed to cecildec@usc.edu.

e. Program Board Events

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

f. USC Spectrum Events

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

Next Event:

College of Letters, Arts & Sciences Debate Series: Public Policy/Personal Beliefs:

Separation of Church & State: A Debate

September 12-13, 2006 | Bovard Auditorium | Tue 7pm & Wed 7pm

Alan Brownstein teaches Constitutional Law, Law and Religion, and Torts at UC Davis. While the primary focus of his scholarship relates to church-state issues and free exercise and establishment clause doctrine, he has also written extensively on freedom of speech, privacy and autonomy rights and other constitutional law subjects.

Eugene Volokh teaches free speech law, criminal law, copyright law, the law of government and religion and a seminar on firearms regulation policy at UCLA Law School. Before coming to UCLA, he clerked for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court. Brownstein and Volokh square off as they debate the separation of church and state.

g. Visions & Voices - The USC Arts & Humanities Initiative

Have you heard about the new Visions & Voices program?
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.

- Events this week include:

-----9.13 Eric Bentley's Are you Now or Have You Ever Been?

-----9.14 Rwanda: Portraits of Survival and Hope

-----9.15 Oliver Sacks: Music, Healing and the Brain

-----9.15 Water and Power by Culture Clash

- 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)

USC Event Calendar

http://www.usc.edu/webapps/events_calendar/custom/32/

4. OTHER INFO

a. Programs offered by the Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET) for grad students

Attention graduate and professional students!

Take advantage of two programs offered by the Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET):

1. TEACHING ASSISTANT FELLOWS (TAF). The TAF program is a professional development opportunity for graduate students who are excellent teachers. With this exciting pilot program, CET will recruit a council of outstanding USC TAs spanning the disciplines. Through monthly meetings with CET faculty and staff and work in small groups, TAFs will be brought up to date on the best theory and practices of teaching and learning. TAFs will also collaborate to create online TA development materials on a focused topic, thus enhancing instruction across USC. TAFs who participate will gain access to a range of benefits, including:

- * producing a teaching portfolio item (which remains the TAFs intellectual property) that demonstrates teaching skills to potential academic employers
- * gaining experience with emergent instructional technology as it pertains to enhanced learning
- * having a large virtual audience for their contributions
- * developing a network of other students and university persons who are actively engaged in innovative teaching
- * receiving a teaching letter of recommendation from CET.

Spread the word to USC TAs! For more details, including application instructions and deadlines, see the program announcement, at: <http://www.usc.edu/programs/cet/taf>

2. OFFICE HOURS. Want to spice up your lectures? Have questions about leading a discussion section or lab? Want to know how to integrate technology into your course? Need tips for grading? CET Assistant Director Dr. Chad Topaz holds weekly office hours for professors, lecturers, teaching assistants, and anyone else involved in teaching at USC. Drop in to discuss all of your questions and concerns about teaching and learning. For Fall semester 2006, office hours are in Waite Phillips Hall #604B on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Thursdays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., or by appointment.

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b. National Association of Graduate & Professional Students - information

[From Jessica Church, Western Region Coordinator]
Website: www.nagps.org

The 20th Annual National Conference of NAGPS is going to be held November 16-19, 2006, in Seattle, WA.

***Call for Proposals.**

We call for panel and paper proposals on all aspects of graduate student life: graduate and professional student association best practices, graduate and professional student engagement, graduate and professional student services and training graduate and professional student teaching and research assistants. We welcome submission for individual presentation or as a panelist.

***Call for Award Nominees.**

Each year since 1995, the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students has presented annual NAGPS Awards to individuals and organizations that have contributed to graduate and professional education and helped improve the quality of life for our nation's graduate and professional students. The 2006 NAGPS Awards are primarily designed to recognize excellence during the 2005-06 academic year. SELF-NOMINATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED!

***Registration, and complete details, are available online:**

<http://www.nagps.org/2006conference/index.html>

***Save the date!** The Western Regional Conference will be hosted by Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, Ut, on March 16-18, 2007.

c. Fall 2006 Tram Schedule now available

Please find the tram schedule on the USC Transportation web site:

<http://transnet.usc.edu/Trams/newroutes.aspx>

Have a great week!

Jessica :)

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Would you like your event or announcement to appear in the next GPSS newsletter?

<http://www.usc.edu/org/gpss/newsletter.html>

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