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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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**GPSS Events & Announcements**

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## HSC GPSS Events & Announcements

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<b>NEW:</b>	<p><b>GPSS Clothing Drive!</b> Come on, you know you haven't worn some things in years! Find out where you can donate: <a href="#">Locations all over the UPC campus!</a></p> <p><b>Upcoming GPSS Committee meetings</b> <a href="#">Student Life Committee</a> meeting - 11.14 @ 6:30 pm Location TBD. We are holding elections for the next committee chair and will discuss committee goals/objectives. If you're interested in running for the chair, stop by the GPSS Office (STU 106) ASAP to pick up the chair application. <a href="#">Women's Concerns Committee</a> meeting - 11.16 @ 12 noon <a href="#">LGBTQA Committee</a> needs a new Chair for Spring 2007! Info to come soon. If you're interested, stop by the GPSS Office (STU 106) to pick up the chair application.</p> <p><b>GPSS Thanksgiving Dinner!</b> <b>FREE</b> Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 23rd in the Troy Conference Room from 4:00-7:00 pm. All the fixin's you can imagine! <b>RSVP by 11.19.06 to Nancy</b> <a href="https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsscs@usc.edu')">https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsscs@usc.edu')</a>. <a href="#">More info.</a></p> <p><b>1 minute of your 15 minutes of fame!</b> <b>If you want to be famous</b>, let our Public Relations Chair David know what time you would briefly be able to share with the camera "Why GPSS is good for grad students" (or any relevant topic) for the GPSS promotional commercial. The shooting can be at almost anytime on Monday, 11.27 so please let him know before slots fill up! <b>David</b> <a href="https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsspr@usc.edu')">https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsspr@usc.edu')</a>.</p> <p><b>GPSS is now on Facebook!</b> <b>GPSS makes its debut on Facebook!</b> Connect with other USC grad students and alumni on our <a href="#">new Facebook page</a>. More ideas? Contact our PR Chair David <a href="https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsspr@usc.edu')">https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsspr@usc.edu')</a>.</p>
<b>REMINDERS:</b>	<p><b>Nov/Dec book for the Academic Affairs Committee Book Salon</b> "The Inheritance of Loss" by Kiran Desai. Books are in! Contact the Academic Affairs Chair Amit at <a href="https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpssacad@usc.edu')">https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpssacad@usc.edu')</a>.</p> <p><b>USC Graduate Student Parent Network - electronic forum - NEW!</b> 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</p>

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 [https://email.usc.edu/attach/java\\_script:main.compose\('new','t=gpswcc@gmail.com'\)](https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpswcc@gmail.com')) to be added to the group.

#### **International Food Fair 11.16 - YUM!**

The International Scholars Committee announces the infamous and SO yummy International Food & Culture Fair on 11.16, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Alumni Park.

This year's International Food and Culture Fair will feature food from many different countries. To honor USC's tradition of serving its community, the International Food and Culture Fair also serves as a campus-wide canned food drive. The USC community is encouraged to donate canned food to exchange for delightful meals. All donated cans benefited local shelters, which in turn provided meals to many lesser-privileged members of our community. We invite all of our OIS friends to bring a can of food (or more) to donate to the drive for which you will receive tickets to sample other delicacies. With your help, we will be able to surpass last year's record donation of over 4,000 pounds of canned food.

Questions? [https://email.usc.edu/attach/java\\_script:main.compose\('new','t=isc.gps@gmail.com'\)](https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=isc.gps@gmail.com'))

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### **HSC GPSS Events & Announcements**

<b>REMINDERS:</b>	<p><b>Thanksgiving Food Drive 11.1-11.16</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Free Thanksgiving dinner on 11.16!</b></p> <p>HSC GPSS is hosting a FREE Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, 11.16 at 6:00 pm in Seaver Cafeteria. More information, please contact: <a href="https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsshsc@usc.edu')">https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=gpsshsc@usc.edu')</a>.</p>
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### **GPSS Funded Events**

<b>NEW:</b>	Check back next week!
<b>REMINDERS:</b>	<p><b>11.17 Hispanic Linguistics Student Association (HILSA) Workshop</b></p> <p>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. <b>Contact:</b> <a href="https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=mayoralh@usc.edu')">https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=mayoralh@usc.edu')</a></p> <p><b>11.17 Yalda Night, Iranian Graduate Student Organization</b></p> <p>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 <a href="https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=igsa@usc.edu')">https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=igsa@usc.edu')</a></p> <p><b>11.17 Fringe Poets Reading Series (1st of 3)</b></p>

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).

#### **11.17 American Pharmacy Students Association HSC Flu Drive**

9:00-3:00, 11.17 at Plaza Pharmacy.

The first flu drive on HSC by a student organization. The goal is to promote knowledge and awareness concerning the importance of vaccinations, especially the flu vaccine. Contact Kevin

[javascript:main.compose\('new','t=kmarx@usc.edu'\)](mailto:javascript:main.compose('new','t=kmarx@usc.edu'))

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **11.21 Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity Thanksgiving Dinner**

1:00-6:00 pm at USC Church Kitchen

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternit is a nonprofit black Greek organization at USC. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner is an event for the USC community members who are unable to go home for the holiday. Any and all remaining food will be distributed to the homeless. Contact Ikenna [javascript:main.compose\('new','t=kapsi@usc.edu'\)](mailto:javascript:main.compose('new','t=kapsi@usc.edu'))

#### **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,

[https://email.usc.edu/attach/java\\_script:main.compose\('new','t=dhariwal@usc.edu'\)](https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=dhariwal@usc.edu'))

#### **11.30 South Asian Forum panel discussion**

A discussion on "Defining Asian America" on 11.30 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Parkside Commons. The discussion will focus on the definition of Asian American and the incorporation of Indians into the category. Join us for some Indian food! Contact: Animesh [javascript:main.compose\('new','t=animesh@usc.edu'\)](mailto:javascript:main.compose('new','t=animesh@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:**

[https://email.usc.edu/attach/java\\_script:main.compose\('new','t=shanklin@usc.edu'\)](https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=shanklin@usc.edu'))

**12.1 Health Behavior Research Student Association Faculty Mixer**

12.1.06, 3:00-6:00 pm @ Alhambra Courtyard

This event is intended to provide an informal and fun way for the graduate student to get to know staff and faculty of the Institute for Prevention Research. **Contact:** Rachel

[https://email.usc.edu/attach/java\\_script:main.compose\('new','t=grana@usc.edu'\)](https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=grana@usc.edu'))

**12.6 American Medical Women's Association Mentor Dinner**

6:00-9:00 pm @ Burger Continental in Pasadena

To provide an evening where AMWA members would meet their mentors for the first time. **Contact:**

Rebecca [https://email.usc.edu/attach/java\\_script:main.compose\('new','t=wolk@usc.edu'\)](https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new','t=wolk@usc.edu'))

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<b>NEW:</b>	<p><b>CONQUEST! 11.30.06</b>  RALLY - CONCERT - BONFIRE  with <b>The Fray, Will Ferrell</b>, fireworks, USC Band, and MORE!  It all starts at 6:30 pm on McCarthy Quad.</p>
<b>REMINDERS:</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion : "Uncovering the Truth About Higher Education " 11.14</b>  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.</p> <p><b>Take your yearbook photo until 11.17</b>  Topping Center Room 207. Be in the 2007 yearbook! More info: <a href="http://www.ultimateexposures.com">www.ultimateexposures.com</a>, 213-740-4427</p> <p><b>Spring Involvement Fair - registration by 12.8!</b>  Registration Forms are now available online ONLY <a href="http://sait.usc.edu/stuorgs/services.htm">http://sait.usc.edu/stuorgs/services.htm</a> for the <b>Spring Involvement Fair</b> 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.</p> <p><b>11.21 RecSports Turkey Trot Fun run (12 pm)</b></p>

<http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/IMREC/>

**Upcoming Football Home Games:**

11.18 - USC Football vs Cal (5pm game)

**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](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](mailto: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

FLAS applications are due: 2.12.07. Application form can be accessed at:

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**Program Board**

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](http://www.usc.edu/visionsandvoices), or contact them at

[https://email.usc.edu/attach/java\\_script:main.compose\('new', 't=visionsandvoices@usc.edu'\)](https://email.usc.edu/attach/java_script:main.compose('new', 't=visionsandvoices@usc.edu'))

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**Other Information**

**NEW:**

**12.1 is the last day of classes**

	For more information, visit the <a href="#">USC academic calendar</a> .
<b>REMINDERS:</b>	<p><b>Get published! An invitation from the Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy</b></p> <p>The <b>HJHP</b> 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.</p> <p>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 <b>deadline for submissions is December 1</b>. If you would like a list of recent books in your field that are suited for review, please email <a href="mailto:brian_bombassaro@ksg08.harvard.edu">brian_bombassaro@ksg08.harvard.edu</a>. For more information on our publication and an example of a book review published in last year's volume, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/hjhp/">www.ksg.harvard.edu/hjhp/</a></p> <p><b>Thanksgiving is a university holiday.</b> Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving (USA) Day (University Holiday) and Nov. 24 - University Holiday</p>

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**Health Sciences Campus (HSC)**

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