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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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<p>REMINDERS: [go to Details]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GPSS is now on Facebook ● 1 minute of your 15 minutes of fame? ● November book selection for GPSS Book Salon: "The Inheritance of Loss" by Kiran Desai ● USC Graduate Student Parent Network - electronic forum - NEW!

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DETAILS:

GPSS Events & Announcements

NEW:	<p>GPSS Clothing Drive! Come on, you know you haven't worn some things in years! Find out where you can donate: Locations all over the UPC campus!</p> <p>Upcoming GPSS Committee meetings</p> <p>Graduate Students of Color Network Committee meeting - 11.21 @ 6:00 pm We will be having our next GSCN meeting on Tuesday November 21 (I know two days before Thanksgiving, but this time of year is hard at any time) at 6:00 PM in Kap 355. Please RSVP by Monday at 5:00 PM to gpssgscn@gmail.com</p> <p>UPC vs. HSC campus Jeopardy tournament Stay tuned! More details about tryouts and the event to come soon!</p>
REMINDERS:	<p>Nov/Dec book for the Academic Affairs Committee Book Salon "The Inheritance of Loss" by Kiran Desai. Books are in! Contact the Academic Affairs Chair Amit at gpssacad@usc.edu.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>GPSS is now on Facebook!</p> <p>GPSS makes its debut on Facebook! Connect with other USC grad students and alumni on our new Facebook page. More ideas? Contact our PR Chair David gpsspr@usc.edu.</p> <p>1 minute of your 15 minutes of fame! If you want to be famous, 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! David gpsspr@usc.edu.</p>

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12.12 Finals Study Break

HSC GPSS is hosting a Finals Study Break on the library quad at 8:00 pm on 12.12. More information, please contact: gsshsc@usc.edu.

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GPSS Funded Events

<p>NEW:</p>	<p>12.2 DATE CHANGE 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</p>
<p>REMINDERS:</p>	<p>11.21 Healthy Holidays Food Drive Queenscare Clinic South Central 10:00 am-12:00 pm The purpose of this "Healthy Holidays" project is to help diabetics and their families celebrate the holidays in a healthy manner. We will be hosting a university-wide drive from 11.13-22 to collect foods fit for diabetics including those that are high in whole grains, low in sugar and low in saturated fats. Included in these gift baskets will be information on diabetes, healthy living, instructions on how to read nutrition labels and recipes that have been modified to supplement a diabetic diet. The baskets will be distributed to the neediest patients at the Queenscare Clinic and the South Central Family Clinic. Patients at the Queenscare clinic will be required to attend a diabetic educational session held by USC School of Pharmacy students prior to receiving their Thanksgiving baskets. For more information, please contact Danmy Loi at dloi@usc.edu.</p> <p>11.21 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Thanksgiving Dinner 1:00-6:00 pm at USC Church Kitchen Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity 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 kapsi@usc.edu</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 animesh@usc.edu</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 grana@usc.edu</p>

12.6 American Medical Women's Association Mentor Dinner

6:00-9:00 pm @ Burger Continental in Pasadena
 AMWA (American Medical Womens Association) is hosting their annual Mentoring Dinner Kickoff this December 6th. This dinner provides a casual, fun environment for AMWA students to meet female physicians, get to know them, and listen to Dr Winfield talk about her careers as a wife, mother, and physician. This dinner kicksoff the Mentoring Program of AMWA where USC Keck School of Medicine students are paired with area female physicians. We would like to thank all of our mentors for being a part of our program and making it such a success! If you would like to be a mentor or if you have additional questions please email one of the Mentoring Chairs, Maria at mreese@usc.edu, or Renu at jivrajka@usc.edu.

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11.27 Electrical Engineering Social Night - all welcome! Comedians from Comedy Central!

Main Attraction: Comics from THE COMEDY CENTRAL - Filipe and Zhivago
 Place: Tommy's Place; Time: 6:30-9:30 pm
 Free food - Iranian and Indian
 Free Ming Hsieh T-Shirts to Everybody
 More info contact: Karan Bheda bheda@usc.edu

11.30 USC campus Worlds AIDS Day events

AIDS Awareness: Youth Discuss AIDS, 11.30 12:00–1:00pm, Topping Student Center (TSC) 205
 Marissa Smith is a 19-year-old San Diego resident who has been HIV-positive since birth will speak about her experiences with HIV, and Donta Morrison, a prominent HIV-positive speaker and founder of the Know U 1st Foundation will speak about his own experience and his organization. They are dedicated to getting the message out that in order to overcome this pandemic, we must no longer keep silent and we must take action.

AIDS Awareness Through Performance. 11.30 5:00pm Leavey Auditorium
 Michael Kearns and Ron Dennis, two HIV-positive artists will perform their hour-long program on AIDS and the Arts. Michael Kearns is the first Hollywood actor to come out as HIV-Positive and is the founder of ARTISTS CONFRONTING AIDS, the first collective of artists in the history of AIDS. Ron Dennis is an HIV-positive African American actor who was part of the original Broadway cast of A CHORUS LINE. He toured around the world with the show and has since developed his own solo performances based on his experiences as a black gay man living with HIV. Together they will read and perform and lead a discussion on living with HIV. Hosted by Professor David Roman.

Tapestries Display Honors Latinos Who Have Died from HIV/AIDS, 11.13-11.27, Topping Student Center

BIENESTAR, in collaboration with the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, will celebrate the lives of Latinos who have died from HIV and AIDS in a display of tapestries handcrafted by

local community members. The Tapices del Alma display will feature more than a dozen tapestries made from materials representative of Latino culture. The tapestries serve as both a tribute to the struggle of individuals with HIV/AIDS, as well as a call for continued advocacy in the fight against the epidemic.

For more information, call (213) 740-7619 or email Vincent Vigil at vincenev@usc.edu.

12.1 HSC campus to host World AIDS Day event

[Story on USC news](#). USC will join the global community Dec. 1 in an effort to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention, testing and treatment on World AIDS Day. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the World AIDS Day 2006 symposium and health fair on the USC Health Sciences Campus. For more information, call Jocelyn at (323) 343-8271 or Stella at (323) 343-8258.

REMINDERS:

11.21 RecSports Turkey Trot Fun run (12 pm)

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

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.

CONQUEST! 11.30.06

RALLY - CONCERT - BONFIRE
with **The Fray, Will Ferrell**, fireworks, USC Band, and MORE!
It all starts at 6:30 pm on McCarthy Quad.

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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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, or contact them at visionsandvoices@usc.edu (213.740.6786)

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Other Information**NEW:**

For any university staff members out there, open benefits enrollment ends 11.22!

For more information, visit the [USC Benefits Services web page](#).

11.22 & 11.29 The Black Studies Department at UCSB is proud to announce that students from the advanced seminar on Katrina and Community Action Research will be presenting their final projects

11.22 9:00am-12:00pm at the MCC THEATRE, the following presentations:

- Concepts of environmental justice, focusing on specific issues surrounding Hurricane Katrina in relation to environmental equity.
- A multimedia presentation that addresses the effects of Common Ground to aid in the reconstruction of the housing and education systems in New Orleans.
- Women of color against violence with particular attention to displaced women's health issues.

11.29 from 9:00am-12:00pm at the MCC THEATRE, the following:

- The hidden culture of Mardi Gras Indians and the ways in which they have been affected by Hurricane Katrina emphasizing the historical, cultural and political influence of Mardi Gras Indians in relationship to the Black community of New Orleans.

- Reopening public housing in New Orleans as well as the importance of solidarity activism.
- Two campaigns that are the primary programs offered by Mississippi Center for Human Rights: "Terror on the plant floor," and "Dying to make a living."

--> For more information, contact Kaia Stern, kaiaste@gmail.com

Capital Fellows Programs sponsored by the Center for California Studies at California State University

Capital Fellows Programs include:

- Executive Fellowship Program
- Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program

	<p>- California Senate Fellows - Judicial Administration Fellowship Program Sponsored by the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento, the prestigious Capital Fellows Programs offer yearly 64 college graduates the opportunity to contribute to state government policymaking by working for 10-11 months as full-time, paid policy assistants in the California State Assembly, Senate, Executive Branch or within the California Court System. The application deadline for the 2007-2008 class is February 28, 2007 and applications can be obtained on our website: http://www.csus.edu/calst/programs. If you have any questions, please contact me at bunchc@csus.edu or 916/278-4667.</p>
<p>REMINDERS:</p>	<p>12.1 is the last day of classes For more information, visit the USC academic calendar. 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/ Thanksgiving is a university holiday. Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving (USA) Day (University Holiday) and Nov. 24 - University Holiday</p>

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