

## GPSS Newsletter - 10.2.06

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- For information on how to get an EVENT/Announcement in the next newsletter, please see the bottom of the email.

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### *Random USC fact of the week:*

Since 1912, USC is the only university in the world to have a gold medal-winning athlete in every summer Olympiad.

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**NEW:**

- a. UC Santa Barbara Chicano/Latino Graduate Student Colectiva Graduate Student Conference 10.5

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**1. GPSS EVENTS**  
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**NEW:**  
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- a. New page on the GPSS website: Clap Your Hands!
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As part of our plan to overhaul the GPSS website, we'd like to add a new page called "Clap Your Hands!" that will feature recent accomplishments of our fellow graduate students. It could be finishing a marathon, getting published for the first time, winning a grant, you name it, send it on in.

Send Claps to: [gpss@usc.edu](mailto:gpss@usc.edu)

**REMINDERS:**  
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- a. Join the GPSS Aids Walk Team on 10.15.06!
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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

[www.aidswalk.net/losangeles](http://www.aidswalk.net/losangeles)

Questions? Email [gpss\\_aids\\_walk@yahoo.com](mailto:gpss_aids_walk@yahoo.com)

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- b. The next LGBT Concerns Committee Meeting - Thursday, 10.14
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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](mailto:savci@usc.edu).

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**2. GPSS HSC EVENTS**  
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Check back next week!

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### 3. GPSS FUNDED EVENTS

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#### REMINDERS:

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a. Fringe Poets Reading Series - 3 day Reading Series 11/17, 2/22, 4/15  
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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).

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b. Health Fair Project on Mental Health - 10/7, 10/21, 10/27  
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Rho Chi Pharmacy Honors Society presents the Health Fair Project on Mental Health at multiple locations in October. The project aims to foster the intellectual, academic, professional and clinical development of its members and other pharmacy students as well as striving to provide valuable education to the public regarding mental health issues.

For more information, contact Rho Chi Pharmacy Honors Society.

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c. Immunization Drive and Health Fair - 10/7  
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The Immunization Drive and Health Fair is organized by the Vietnamese American Pharmacy Student Association (VASPA) and will take place at the Westminster City Hall on 10.7 from 10 am - 4pm. The goals of this program are to immunize elders and adults against influenza virus and to educate them on healthy lifestyles.

Contact VASPA for more information.

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d. 2006 Minority Health Conference 10/14  
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Organized by the Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association, the conference "Step up to Close the Gap" will take place on the HSC campus on 10/14. Please contact APAMSA for more information.

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f. 2nd Annual Interfaith Dinner - 10/4  
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Organized by the Muslim Students for Dialogue, the dinner is for members of different faiths to come together, have dinner, and discuss the community. This year's theme is "Respecting the Sacred." The event will be at Upstairs Cafe at 6 pm.

Please contact the Muslim Students for Dialogue for more information.

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g. Screening of "The Trials of Darryl Hunt" - 10/16  
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Organized by the Cinema-Television Student Association and the Student Bar Association (LAW), the Trials of Darryl Hunt is a documentary about a wrongful conviction of a man who spent twenty years in prison for a crime he did not commit. The film has won various awards. Darryl, the film's subject, Mark Rabel his attorney, and Katie Brown, one of the film's producers will all take part in the Q&A after the

screening.

For more info contact CTSA or LAW.

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h. Annual Raas Garba Night - Association of Indian Students 10.21.06  
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Lyon Center  
7:00 pm-12:00 am

The Association of Indian Students (AIS) annually celebrates Rasa Garba, an Indian Dance festival, by hosting a culture show at USC. Indians celebrate Rasa Garba, with much fanfare all over the world, during the period of nine days also called as Navratri. We would like to invite you to this event to have a first hand experience of Indian culture and tradition.

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i. Hindu Student Organization Diwali celebration 10.22.06  
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USC Town & Gown  
5:30 pm-9:00 pm

The Hindu Student Organization will celebrate Diwali at by holding an educational, entertaining and celebratory evening at USC's Town and Gown. The banquet will begin with a religious offering by a Hindu priest. This will be followed by musical, singing and dancing performances by USC students. The evening will conclude with a traditional Indian dinner. The event is open to all USC students at no cost. Please stop by our booth on Trousdale from October 11th-13th & 16th-18th, from 12:00-2:00pm or sign up on our website at [www.uschso.org](http://www.uschso.org) beginning October 13th.

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j. Fall Dance Festival - Computer Science Graduate Organization 10.27.06  
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Ground Zero  
4:30 pm-12:30 pm

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**4. CAMPUS EVENTS**  
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**NEW:**

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a. The Politics of Rich and Poor - Panel  
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The Politics of Rich and Poor: Asian Americans in the Global City is an exciting Visions and Voices series featuring anthropologist Aihwa Ong, filmmaker Spencer Nakasako, and novelist Nina Revoyr. Please join us October 17-19 for a film screening, panel (with free dinner!), workshop, and reading as these renowned scholars and creative artists discuss pressing issues of race, ethnicity, class, globalization, and sexuality.

Panel: Wednesday, October 18 at 6 p.m.  
Parkside Senior Commons Room  
\*FREE DINNER WILL BE SERVED

Questions? Contact Wendy Cheng <[wendy@wendycheng.com](mailto:wendy@wendycheng.com)>

REMINDERS:

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a. Beating the Odds: Preparing Underrepresented Minorities for Research Careers  
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A Special Lecture by Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, III - President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

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](mailto:cecildec@usc.edu).

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

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

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

- 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

[visionsandvoices@usc.edu](mailto:visionsandvoices@usc.edu) (213.740.6786)

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USC Event Calendar  
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**4. OTHER INFO**  
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a. UC-Santa Barbara Chicano/Latino Graduate Student Colectiva Graduate Student Conference  
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[An announcement forwarded by the GPSS Graduate Students of Color Network Committee]  
'Activist Scholarship: Documenting Undocumented Border Space'

Conference date: Thursday, October 5th, 2006--8:00 - 5:00.

The goal of this conference is to serve as a vehicle for building and maintaining a sustained network among scholars conducting research on (and with) Chicana/o and other Latina/o communities, facilitating greater interdisciplinary dialogue on methodological reflexivity, bridging scholarship with community activism, and launching opportunities for professional development.

SPEAKERS: Opening Speaker: Thomas Avila Carrasco; Keynote Speaker: Dr. Laura Perez, UC Berkeley; Closing Speaker: Dr. Tara Yosso, UC Santa Barbara

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER please visit, <http://www.chicst.ucsb.edu/staff/colectiva>  
For further inquiries, please contact [colectivaconference@yahoo.com](mailto:colectivaconference@yahoo.com).

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Have a great week!

Jessica :)  
GPSS Communications Chair.

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