Please mark your calendars for the graduate/professional student forum with the Chancellor on April 23rd and our RA/TA Luncheon and Ice Cream Social on April 26th. Starting next month, we will begin our summer newsletter schedule and will only be e-mailing once a month. However, you can check new and improved GPSF website for more information between newsletters.

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**Graduate/Professional Student Forum with the Chancellor**

Tuesday, April 23rd, 3:30-5:00pm, Koury Auditorium, McColl Building

Mark your calendars for Tuesday April 23rd from 3:30-5:00pm! Here's your opportunity to have your thoughts heard by the Chancellor, Dean of the Graduate School and Student Affairs.

**GPSF RA/TA Luncheon and Ice Cream Social**

April 26th, 2013

Mark your calendars for a day of graduate/professional activities! If you have served as an RA/TA this year, please join us between 11:30am and 2:30pm for an RA/TA Appreciation Luncheon at the Graduate Student Center (211A Cameron). The picnic will be followed later by a GPSF-sponsored Ice Cream Social for all graduate/professional students from 4:30 - 8pm near Phillips Hall.
University, Social, Service, and Student Group Events

Professional Development: Upcoming Events

NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship Workshop
Thursday, April 18, 12-2pm, Wilson Library, Pleasants Family Room

The NSF Postdoctoral Fellowships are training opportunities for both graduate students and postdocs. The workshop will introduce participants to the different types of training opportunities for this NSF-wide fellowship program; and present on grantsmanship, submission requirements, and the review process.

REGISTER HERE

Not sure where to go after completing your degree? Don't forget, University Career Services is available to graduate & professional students! Contact Tim Stiles (Tim_Stiles@unc.edu) to set up an appointment.

LGBTQ Center Graduate Social Hour and a Half

Friday, April 19th, 5:30-7 pm, Weaver Street, Carrboro

The LGBTQ Center hosts monthly social hours for graduate & professional students and friends. Email Laura at lauraliz@live.unc.edu if you have any questions.

Carolina Union Activities Board Graduate Focus Group

The Carolina Union Activities Board is interested in working with graduate students with families to provide activities and events that suit family needs. As part of this process, we are hoping to host a focus group with students to understand the best way to meet student needs. The focus group will last no more than an hour and free snacks will be provided. Please contact Sana Khan at sakhan@live.unc.edu if you are interested in participating.

"Shut Up and Write" Group

A group of dissertating doctoral candidates from diverse disciplines have started up a "Shut Up and Write" group on campus (read about the approach here: http://thesiswhisperer.com/shut-up-and-write/). We meet nearly every day of the week at different places on campus from around 9/9:30-1pm. The goal is to be accountable to each other with our presence on campus and to work on various projects in the company of others. If interested, email Rose (rsaslan@email.unc.edu) to get signed up and receive notices about our meeting places and times.

LGBTQ Center Lunch & Learn Graduate Speaker Series

The LGBTQ Center, Graduate & Professional Student Federation, Program in Sexuality Studies,
and the Graduate School are co-sponsoring this speaker series to share the work of graduate & professional students conducting research related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. If you are a graduate or professional student conducting LGBTQ-related research and are interested in presenting as part of this series in the 2013-2014 school year, please email Laura at lauraliz@live.unc.edu. For the full schedule of 2013 events, click here: http://gpsf.web.unc.edu/event/lgbtq-center-lunch-learn-graduate-speaker-series/

DNA DAY 5K: May 18th

http://ncdnaday.org/5k/
$5.00 off Promo Code: Run4Fun

Join us for the 1st annual run to support science outreach and education in North Carolina. Funds raised from this event will support North Carolina DNA Day – an annual event to inspire and educate the next generation of scientists, to support North Carolina science teachers, and to bridge the gap between North Carolina’s leading research enterprises and high school science classrooms. Each year, NC DNA Day scientist “ambassadors” visit over 100 high schools statewide to share their passion for science and to present an interactive, hands-on lesson about genetics and biotechnology.

Science Festival Looking for Exhibitors

“Biosciences in Motion: Moving Research from the Lab to Your Life,” is being held on UNC campus as an extension of NC DNA Day following the NC DNA Day 5K, May 18th. The goal of the science festival is to expose the community to genetics and biotechnology research happening in the Triangle and connect that research to the participants’ daily lives.

Science Festival attendees will consist primarily of 5K runners and North Carolina high school students. Exhibitors are asked to develop an interactive booth focusing on how their research work impacts the attendees’ lives. If you would like to be an exhibitor, please visit www.ncdnaday.org/festival for more information about the event and sign-up! If you’re not ready to make a booth, volunteers are also needed for the event.

TCDG Meeting: May 16th

Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center at NCSU
Information and Registration at www.TCDG.org
Sponsored by the Triangle Chromatography Discussion Group of the North Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society

General GPSF Information
The "gpsf-news" listserv was set up to deliver news relevant to the UNC graduate and professional student population. If you have questions regarding content or use of the list, please email gpsfsecretary@unc.edu.

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Newsletter Schedule & Deadlines
The GPSF Newsletter is published on the 1st and 15th of each month. To publish an announcement on the 1st, the announcement must be sent in by the 28th. To be published on the 15th, it must be sent in by the 12th. During the summer, the newsletter is published once a month. Send announcements (no more than 100-150 words, please) to gpsfsecretary@unc.edu.

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