Since we're not clever enough to come up with any crazy April Fool's jokes: We are still looking for members for next year, so please read below for information on how to apply for the 2013-2014 GPSF Cabinet. We also hope that everyone will be able to show up for the graduate/professional student forum with the Chancellor on April 23rd and our RA/TA Luncheon and Ice Cream Social on April 26th. As always, you can check the GPSF website for more information between newsletters.

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**GPSF Cabinet Positions Open for 2013-2014**

Candidates interested in serving on the GPSF Cabinet for 2013-2014 are asked to complete an application and submit it to the GPSF President-Elect, Kiran Bhardwaj (kbhardwa@live.unc.edu). Cabinet applications are due on April 5th. Please contact Kiran Bhardwaj if you have any questions about the process. For applications and more information, visit [http://gpsf.web.unc.edu/gpsf-resources/get-involved/](http://gpsf.web.unc.edu/gpsf-resources/get-involved/).

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

Tuesday, April 23rd, 3:30-5:00pm
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. More information coming soon.

GPSF RA/TA Luncheon and Ice Cream Social -- Bands Needed

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 4-7pm. Come celebrate the ushering in of the summer with us on the last day of classes! More details coming soon.

GPSF is looking for bands to perform at the Ice Cream Social. The band must consist of at least one current graduate student. Each band will perform a 30 minute set, and any style of music is welcome. The event runs from 4-7. Interested bands will send one mp3 file as an email attachment to Chris Reali (creali@email.unc.edu) no later than April 9th.

GPSF Carolina Tiger Rescue Service Event

Sunday, April 14th, 1:00 pm

Carolina Tiger Rescue is a non-profit wildlife sanctuary in Pittsboro, NC. The GPSF will be volunteering at this event on April 14th from 1:00-5:00pm will include outdoor type maintenance and groundskeeping activities and offers an opportunity to see an amazing part of nature. E-mail ben.ahlers@unc.edu with any questions or if you want to volunteer.

Honor and Integrity Week: Graduate and Professional Honor System Events

April 1-5, 2013

Join the Graduate and Professional Honor System for a series of exciting events that highlight the importance of honor and integrity at our university. Events will be held at various graduate and professional school locations. For a full schedule, visit: http://gpsf.web.unc.edu/event/honor-and-integrity-week/

Graduate Student Recognition Celebration

Wednesday, April 10, 3pm -- Alumni Ballrooms, George Watts Hill Alumni Center

Graduate students make exceptional contributions in research, community outreach and teaching — and The Graduate School at UNC-Chapel Hill sponsors an event each year to recognize these achievements. The 15th Annual Graduate Student Recognition Ceremony will begin with research poster presentations at 3 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 4 p.m. and a
reception directly following the ceremony.


University, Social, Service, and Student Group Events

UNC Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

The VITA chapter of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law seeks to provide free income tax assistance to low and middle-income taxpayers in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, North Carolina. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, visit http://studentorgs.law.unc.edu/vita/default.aspx.

Professional Development: Upcoming Events

McKinsey and Company Job Opportunities

Please join McKinsey & Company to learn about our work, our people and our exciting career opportunities for APD candidates, including our 2013 summer weekend programs and our 2014 full-time hiring opportunities for PhDs, Postdocs & non-MBA Masters.

We are hosting several web-based presentations to help graduate students learn more about McKinsey & Company and our internship program. Please visit our “Online Events” section on our website for details and to RSVP: http://www.mckinsey.com/Careers/Apply/University_recruiting

TCII Postdoctoral Innovation Fellows Program

The Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute (TCII) at Cornell NYC Tech is proud to announce a new and unique postdoctoral fellowship program aimed at nurturing entrepreneurial efforts in deep information-based technologies in New York City. The Postdoctoral Innovation Fellows Program is open to persons with a PhD in a relevant technological discipline. For more information, click here: http://commons.princeton.edu/kellercenter/2013/03/postdoctoral-innovation-fellows-program.html

NSF Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge

The Division of Graduate Education at the National Science Foundation challenges STEM graduate students across the nation to submit innovative ideas to prepare them for tomorrow’s opportunities and challenges. Entries are solicited for ideas with the potential to improve graduate education and professional development. Ideas can be directed toward, for example, students, faculty, departments, institutions, professional societies, and/or federal agencies. Entries must be submitted by 11:59PM Pacific Time on April 15, 2013. More information can be found here: https://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/gradchallenge/index.jsp
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.

9th Annual Carolina Challenge Final Four

Thursday, April 4th, 5:00 pm

All are invited to attend the 9th Annual Carolina Challenge “Final Four” next Thursday, April 4th from 5:00-8:00pm in the Kenan Center Ballroom. This week, we’ll be whittling down our Track Finalists to a “Final Four” that you’ll have a chance to see pitch next week at the Finals. RSVP for FINALS: http://ccfinalsobserve.eventbrite.com/

"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.

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 gpsf@unc.edu.

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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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