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Win a Kindle Touch!

GPSG would like to know how to serve and represent you better. To do that, we need to get to know you. For most of September, we have been running a survey to collect that information! Those who completed the survey were entered into a giveaway!

We are now in our last week of the survey and giveaway, so you have a chance to win a Kindle Touch! If you haven't yet filled out the survey, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/PittGradStudentSurvey2012>.

Information about voting

As you probably know, we're coming up on election season!

If you are an American citizen and would like to register to vote, GPSG has forms available at our office (825 William Pitt Union) during office hours (office hours found [here](#)). It takes just a few minutes to fill out and we'll even mail it for you (for free)!

If you are voting as a Pennsylvania resident, [there have been some changes](#) to the ID required to prove your identity when you vote. To vote in Pennsylvania, only certain forms of ID are valid. A current PA drivers license will work, as will your Pitt ID (as long as it has your picture and is not expired). A list of other valid forms of ID can be found [here](#).

Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring Announcement

Letters of nomination for the Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring are now being accepted until October 26, 2012.



This Award annually recognizes up to four graduate faculty members for outstanding mentoring of graduate students seeking a research doctorate degree. Each Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring will consist of a cash prize to the graduate faculty member of \$2,500 to recognize excellence in mentoring. All persons selected for this award will be honored at a reception to be held in spring 2013. Students are encouraged to attend the reception.

Eligibility: Any current, active graduate faculty member who supervises graduate students pursuing PhD degrees or other research doctoral degrees, such as the EdD or the DrPH, and who has **graduated and placed five** or more doctoral students is eligible to be nominated.

Nominations: Written nominations may be made by any individual or group of faculty, graduate students, or alumni who have evidence of the nominee's mentoring capabilities.

Please see the guidelines at <http://www.pitt.edu/~graduate/ucgsmentoring.html> for specific details and contact graduate@pitt.edu if you have any questions.

CGSE: Education Research Colloquium - Call for Proposals

The Council of Graduate Students in Education (CGSE) is requesting proposals for their Fall 2012 Research Colloquium. This forum for education research will be held at Posvar Hall on Thursday, November 1st.

The Colloquium provides an excellent opportunity to gain presentation experience and to open dialogue. All are encouraged to submit their work for presentation at the Fall Colloquium. Research ideas, methods, preliminary results, and full papers are all welcome. Colloquium proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2012.

Please contact CGSE at cgseconference@gmail.com for the proposal form.

Fridays: SSW's Friday Night Film Series

The School of Social Work's (SSW) Student Executive Council is hosting a Friday night film series on most Fridays this semester. The films shown include "Capitalism A Love Story", "Sicko", "The Souls of Black Girls", "The Stoning of Soraya", and "Boys Don't Cry".

Date: Fridays: Oct. 12, 26; Nov. 9, 16; Dec. 7

Time: *varies*, usually 5pm or 6pm

Venue: 324 Cathedral of Learning

Questions: gpj2@pitt.edu

Oct. 4: OIS's Experience America

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The Office of International Services (OIS) is hosting a monthly extended orientation for international students called "[Experience America](#)". This monthly series is offered to graduate and postdoctoral students/fellows to help them understand better and feel more comfortable participating in American culture.

The next session is on October 4th and is on American politics and the upcoming presidential election

Date: Thursday, October 4th

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Venue: 538 William Pitt Union

RSVP: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/4085658314>

Who: These talks are primarily for international students

Oct. 11: Alumni Association's Young Alumni Mixer



The Pitt Alumni Association is hosting their Annual Homecoming Young Alumni mixer! This event is open to all Pitt students who have graduated within the past 10 years, but to attend you must register.

Date: Thursday, October 11th

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Mario's East Side Saloon (5442 Walnut Street, in Shadyside)

Register: https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/UPT/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=132315

Who: Pitt students who graduated within the past 10 years

Oct. 18: PACWC Annual Reception Welcoming New Women Faculty



The Provost's Advisory Committee on Women's Concerns and Women's Studies cordially invites graduate and professional students to attend a lecture and reception where you can enjoy hors d'oeuvres and network with women faculty. The event features a lecture by Deborah L. Brake, J.D., entitled "Getting (and Staying) in the Game: Title IX and the Women's Sports Revolution."

Date: Thursday, October 18th

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Venue: 2501/2700 Wesley W. Posvar Hall

RSVP: women@pitt.edu appreciated by October 12

More info: <http://www.provost.pitt.edu/pacwc/news.html>

Oct. 19: GPSG's Annual Masquerade Ball

Join us for our fabulous pre-Halloween dance and reception! The date is set for Friday night on October 19th. This'll be a formal occasion, with guests adorned with suits, dresses, and other decorous attire, and of course, masks!

Date: Friday, October 19th

Time: 7:30pm - 11:00pm

Venue: O'Hara Student Center (4024 O'Hara St. in Oakland)

More details to follow soon on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PittGPSA>

Oct. 24-27: GSPIA's Peace Building Conference

The Graduate School of Public and International Affairs's (GSPIA) [Peace Building Conference 2012](#) takes place October 24th and 26th-27th.

On Wednesday, October 24th, there is a keynote address and discussion titled "Peace and Conflict: Bridging Social Divides". Special guest, Varghese Chakkumootil, the founder of the Indian nonprofit Daya Center for Peace, shares his expertise of building peace in some of the most conflict-torn regions of the world. Varghese will speak about the peace initiatives used internationally, which are also relevant to Pittsburgh nonprofits, that focus on building relationships and breaking cycles of violence. A panel of GSPIA faculty will respond from their academic and professional experience, leaving time for questions. Free lunch will be provided.

Date: Wednesday, October 24th

Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Venue: Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union

RSVP: <http://goo.gl/dgc3q>

Varghese Chakkumootil and Carolyn Schrock-Shenk, skilled peace-building facilitators, will lead a participatory workshop in building practical skills to transform personal, organizational, and ethnic conflicts. Individually they have trained thousands of people in conflict transformation skills that go beyond simply resolving conflict to ending violence and building a culture of peace. Workshop modules will teach participants to analyze conflict, deal with power dynamics, and build a repertoire of skills to bring communities together. (Modules can stand alone.)

Date: Friday & Saturday, October 26th & 27th

Time: *varies based on module*

Venue: Conference Room A – University Club

RSVP: <http://goo.gl/T6lV1> (space is limited to 30 people per module)

Oct. 27: GPSG Art Initiative Showcase & Fundraiser

This whiskey tasting event features a gallery of art pieces from Pitt students and the community as well as a fundraiser for the arts benefiting the Marilyn G. Rabb Foundation. More information to come as the event gets closer, so check our [website](#) and [Facebook group](#) for more information!

Date: Saturday, October 27th

Time: 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Venue: Wigle Whiskey (2401 Smallman St, in the Strip District)

Oct. 30: Women in Bio: Alexandra Drane on Entrepreneurship



Women In Bio

For the Chapter Launch event, Women in Bio Pittsburgh (WIB-Pittsburgh) presents an evening with Alexandra Drane, a dynamic leader and strategist in the healthcare industry. Her entrepreneurial spirit and passion for technology and design have led to the launch of four successful healthcare ventures over the past 15 years. Alexandra says that "if you are on a mission to make a difference, you can – and if you're doing what you love, you'll have a whole lot of fun in the process."

WIB-Pittsburgh is a non-profit organization working to support recognized and emerging women leaders in the biosciences industry of Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia. The organization's mission is to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, education, and mentorship among women in bioscience across the region by providing programming and networking opportunities with academic and industry peers. WIB is committed to increasing the impact of local women scientists on the growth of the region by supporting their career growth and professional development.

Date: Tuesday, October 30th

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Bridgeside Point, 100 Technology Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Cost: free for registered guests

Register: <http://www.womeninbio.org/> (register by Oct. 25)

Nov. 17: GPSG and GSPIA Autumn Capture the Flag

Warm up to the Autumn season and Thanksgiving holiday by playing a friendly game of Capture the Flag and dining and sipping on Autumn-themed food and beverages! More information to come as the event gets closer, so check our [website](#) and [Facebook group](#) for more information!

Date: Saturday November 17

Time: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Venue: Schenley Park Skating Rink

Serve on a University Committee

Are you looking for a way to get more involved at Pitt? Are you looking for an added boost in your resume or CV? Serve the University, GPSG, and your fellow students through an appointment on a University Committee!

GPSG is committed to representing graduate and professional student interests. Within the University of Pittsburgh, we accomplish this by appointing students like you to serve in committee positions throughout the University. You can contribute to real policy, fiscal, administrative, and operational decisions that affect students throughout Pitt, and most of these appointments meet once a month or less.

We are currently in need of representatives for [various University Senate, and Provost committees](#). If you are interested in applying, please email Vice President of Committees Preston Thomas at committees.pittgpsg@gmail.com.

Spring Job Opportunity: Resident Assistant (RA) in Cuba

The Study Abroad Office and the Center for Latin American Studies are seeking a Resident Assistant (RA) for the spring 2013 [Pitt in Cuba program](#). The RA will provide supervision and support to a group of 10 to 20 undergraduates enrolled at the University of Havana during the spring term (early February to early June). The chosen candidate will reside in a hotel with the students and will be available to them for the duration of the semester to provide guidance, cultural assistance and mentorship similar to that of an on-campus resident assistant.

Applicant requirements include fluency in Spanish, field experience in Latin America, and interest/experience with international trip experience. The chosen applicant will receive a fixed payment for their services for the term in addition to housing and round-trip transportation with the group. Schedule permitting, the resident

assistant will have access to the University of Havana and may be able to embark on individual research interests.

To apply, send a cover letter, CV, and a recommendation letter from a Pitt faculty member to Jeff Whitehead, director of the Study Abroad Office (802 William Pitt Union). For more information, please contact Ben Pilcher at bjp10@pitt.edu or 412-383-7165.

Student Spotlight: Leanne Walker & Candace Hipple



Both Candace Hipple, a student in Pitt's Nurse Anesthesia Program, and Leanne Walker, a graduate of the program, were selected to complete a clinical rotation at Angkor Hospital for Children (AHC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia. AHC is a charitable organization that works in conjunction with Friends Without a Border, a New York based NGO, in order to provide a variety of services free-of-charge to patients. The anesthesia department at AHC consists of three Cambodian Nurse Anesthetists who worked one-on-one with the Pitt Nurse Anesthesia students in order to provide quality care to Cambodian children of all ages.

During this two-week clinical rotation, the students provided direct patient care, received education from the Nurse Anesthetists, completed one HIV home-care visit, and provided education to the Nurse Anesthetists on various pediatric topics depending on the educational needs of the staff at AHC. Walker and Hipple gained exposure to a variety of disease processes within a developing country, learned conservation of resources, and became more culturally aware within an unfamiliar environment.