

# Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting

November 11, 2020

<https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216>



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# Agenda

- Karen Salvemini
- Updates with Kathleen
- Announcements
- Open Floor



# Karen Salvemini

Equal Opportunity Compliance Coordinator / Title IX Coordinator



November 18th - proposed Title IX (specifically sexual harassment) regulations published

124,000+ comments submitted by the public through February 2019

US DoE reviewed comments and revised regulations over the course of 15 months

New regulations published May 19, 2020

Effective date: August 14, 2020

Impact of new Title IX regulations:

- Definition of covered conduct
- Jurisdiction
- Response obligation of the university
- Formal complaints
- Live hearings
- Implications for current processes addressing other forms of harassment/discrimination

Sexual harassment (under Title IX):

- Quid pro quo (employees only)
- Hostile environment
- Sexual assault, harassment, stalking, dating violence - very specific definitions

Jurisdiction:

- Sexual harassment
- Occurs in an education program or activity covered by the university

- Within the US
- University controls the respondent (i.e., respondent is either enrolled or employed by the university)
- Complainant is participating or attempting to participate in the education program or activity at the university)

\*\*Lehigh has more specific rules than in Title IX

Informal vs. formal processes:

- Informal - meant to be educational or rehabilitative
  - For example, if parties agree on what happened but disagree on the interpretation
  - Parties are voluntarily working together to a resolution
  - Depends on whether both parties are willing to work together on the informal process
- Formal - more disciplinary in nature
  - Investigation by two neutral people who present their findings

Reporting link: <https://eocc.lehigh.edu/reporting-forms>

## Updates with Kathleen



### Exit testing:

- Link has been sent regarding exit testing

### Contact Beth Dolan if there are issues with:

- Graduate students being required to be on campus for any reason (they should not be)
- If you are a TA and want to be TAing in a larger space for COVID safety reasons
- If the faculty you are TAing for becomes sick

## External Committee Positions

Graduate and Research Committee - Need 1

University Committee on Discipline - Need 2-4

Faculty Committee on Student Life - Need 1

University Appeals Committee - Need 1-2

Leadership Awards Committee - Need 1

Faculty Committee on Facilities Planning - Need 1

Library Users Committee - Need 1

Visiting Lecturers Committee - Need 1

**\*\*Please share this with your units!\*\***

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## Information Pages for Graduate Students

Graduate Life Office Homepage:

<https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/>

Graduate Student COVID-19 Information Page:

<https://www.lehigh.edu/~inprv/organization/graduate>

Lehigh COVID-19 Information Center:

<https://coronavirus.lehigh.edu/>

[ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)

# Covid guidelines for graduate students

<https://tinyurl.com/lehighcovidguidelinesforgrads>



# Mental Health - Self-Care



<https://tinyurl.com/LehighSelfCare>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pdoAf-MkxeOB8pAM4qGge4TagEryIDXJzjiaoDCM7pY/edit?usp=sharing>

- Natania and Sara have put together this self care guide.

[ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)

## Mental Health Resources

Counseling Center access is still available via Zoom or phone

After hours counselor always available.

Dial **(610)758-3880**, select “**0**” on the keypad

### [Therapists in the Lehigh Valley Database](#)

Put together by grad student Natania Lipp

Keep up to date:

<https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/covid-19-counseling-psychological-services-updates>

[ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)

# Presidential Search

<https://www.research.net/r/lehighuniversitypresident>

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey!

Let the committee know what is important to grads in finding a new president!

# Mentorship Appreciation

Check out the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTaY3e4bAxw>

See the Mentor Wall:

[go.lehigh.edu/mentorwall2020](http://go.lehigh.edu/mentorwall2020)



The screenshot shows a website for the 'Mentorship Appreciation Celebration'. The header has a decorative border of autumn leaves and the title 'Mentorship Appreciation Celebration'. On the left is a navigation menu with the Lehigh University Graduate Student Senate logo at the top. The menu items are: Home, Mentorship Appreciation Wall, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Education, College of Engineering, ICAPE, Lehigh Business, International Affairs, and Multicultural Affairs. Below the menu is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'All Groups' and a 'Search' button. The main content area has a white background with a small text line: 'The Graduate Student Senate invites you to visit the [Mentorship Wall](#) for photos and comments from both the nominators and the nominees'. This is followed by a separator line and the text: 'This production would not have been possible without the expertise, creativity, and good will of the following people:'. The names listed are: **Graduate Student Senate**: Jessica Joseph, Kadra Hylton Fraser, Winnie Gu, Teresa Rosenberger, Ben Davis, Annie Sanchez; **LTS Staff**: Bill Bettermann, Peggy Kane and Bobby Sieghed; **Graduate Education and Life Staff**: Elizabeth Dolan, Kathleen Hutnik, Amy McCrae and Jeremy Pascua; and **The Nominators and the Nominees**.

# Career Center

## GRADUATE STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT BOOTCAMP

Speed Skill Sessions  
For Career Success

November 23, 2020 | 2:00-5:00 pm

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED AND REQUIRED

SIGN UP: [lehigh.joinhandshake.com](https://lehigh.joinhandshake.com)

ACCESS VIA ZOOM

Counts toward receipt of a digital credential if enrolled in the Strategic Career Management Seminar

### Session Topics:

- Building a professional network
- Preparing for a job search
- Interviewing for success
- Evaluating and negotiating a job offer

*career ready = life ready*  
Center for Career & Professional Development

## Strategic Career Management Seminar

A VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR  
CAS, COE, and RCEAS GRADUATE STUDENTS

### Self-Paced Online Program

- \*Enhance your skills
  - \*Expand your network
  - \*Empower your job search
  - \*Earn a digital credential
- Complete in under 5 hours!



Register on Handshake for  
the November 2020 cohort

# *career* ready = *life* ready

Center for Career & Professional Development

[alse98@lehigh.edu](mailto:alse98@lehigh.edu)

**Navigating today's job market? Read these articles for tips.**

- [Explore career opportunities](#)
- [Understand the job search process and how to stand out](#)
- [Promote your value to employers](#)
- [Engage in networking such as informational interviewing](#)
- [Maximize your interviewing skills to show your "fit"](#)

Check out the **Graduate Student Career Development Bootcamp**, sign up [here](#).

Learn more about the **Strategic Career Management Seminar**, sign up [here](#).

Email Ali Erk at [alison.erk@lehigh.edu](mailto:alison.erk@lehigh.edu) with questions.

# Graduate Writing Support

Graduate Writing Support

\$30 Registration Fee Required

## December Writing Retreat

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12  
9:00AM - 10:00PM

It's cold outside. The semester is nearing its end. The holidays are fast approaching. Grab a cup of cocoa. Pull up a chair. And take some time out for you and your writing.

During these 2 full days of retreat, you will have the opportunity to get some writing done before the holiday season takes over your life. To feel less alone during the writing process, and to participate in educational workshops and presentations.

Register Here:  
[https://secure.touchnet.net:443/C20958\\_us10res/webj/product\\_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=419&FROMQR=CODE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net:443/C20958_us10res/webj/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=419&FROMQR=CODE=true)



(Yeah, we really mean all day! But you can come and go as you need.)

Graduate Writing Support

## December Writing Retreat Challenge!



Get your registration fee back for attending both days and participating at least 3 hours each day.

AND

Receive a \$25 Lehigh University Bookstore Gift Card for completing all of the following:

- Attend both days
- Participate at least 5 hours each day
- Attend one presentation each day
- Schedule and keep one asynchronous writing consultation with a Graduate Writing Consultant on Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11



All you have to do is schedule a consultation and upload a draft of your writing. The consultants will do the rest!



December 5th and 12th (Saturdays), Yvonne will be hosting two all-day writing retreats (9am-10pm).

- More information will be shared later
- These will be virtual
- Will include 20-30 minute workshops to pop into



# Essay Contest: Creative Ideas to Transform Lehigh into an Anti-Racist Institution

Grad submission:



Deadline: October 30

If you have a thought, an opinion, an idea about something Lehigh can and should do to truly and permanently become anti-racist, now is the time to make your voice heard. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to the best ideas!



Deadline extended to Nov 15th! \*Please share with units\*





# LUALLY

## QUEER CRIMINALIZATION

JOIN OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR SCOTT BURDEN & LEHIGH'S CHIEF OF POLICE JASON SCHIFFER FOR OUR FINAL LUALLY OF THE SEMESTER TO LEARN THE WAYS THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IMPACTS LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES.

**November 18**  
**11:30am - 1:00pm**



SIGN UP AT:  
[60.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALLY](https://60.lehigh.edu/virtually)

EARN 25 BE WELL POINTS

5X10 CREDIT

The Pride Center is committed to making each and every one of our programs and initiatives accessible and inclusive. If you are planning to attend a program and have any accessibility needs or desires, please contact Mel Kitchen at [mbk411@lehigh.edu](mailto:mbk411@lehigh.edu) in advance of the program for coordination.





BRING YOUR OWN STITCHING PROJECT,  
START ONE, OR LEARN/TEACH SKILLS!

# STITCH AWAY STRESS

Embroidery, cross stitch, crochet, and  
knitting: you're in charge. Take time to  
create and explore and build community.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm EST via Zoom.  
See caption for link info

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations  
in order to participate in this event, please contact Tess Pyne  
IN ADVANCE at [tmp218@lehigh.edu](mailto:tmp218@lehigh.edu).

# Porch Time with Kathleen Hutnik

Associate Dean for Graduate Student Life

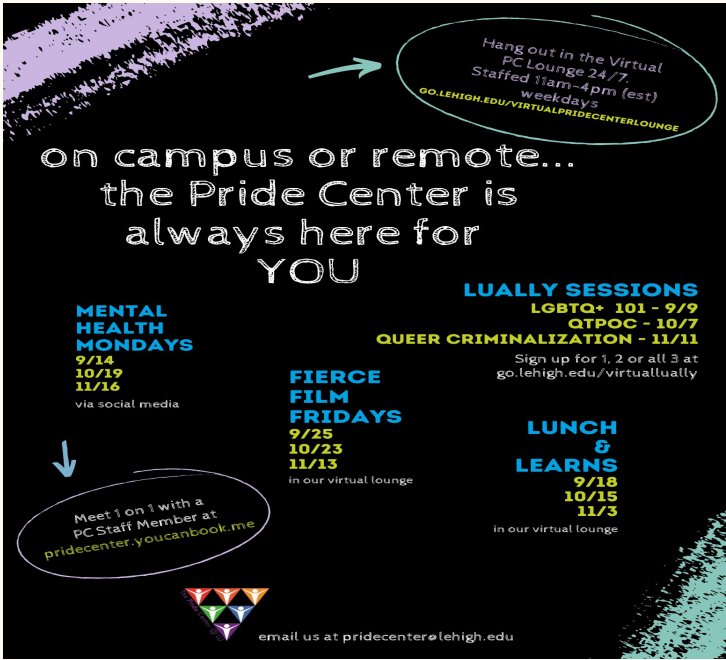
**Pretzels and  
Warm Cider**

**Wednesday  
3:00-4:30 PM**

*just  
breathe*

Join Kathleen on the Packer House porch.  
(217 W. Packer Avenue)

If you'll be dropping by, please wear a mask and social distance.



on campus or remote...  
the Pride Center is  
always here for  
**YOU**

Hang out in the Virtual  
PC Lounge 24/7  
Staffed 11am-4pm (est)  
weekdays  
[GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE](http://go.lehigh.edu/virtualpridecenterlounge)


**MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS**  
9/14  
10/19  
11/16  
via social media

**FIERCE FILM FRIDAYS**  
9/25  
10/23  
11/13  
in our virtual lounge

**LUALLY SESSIONS**  
LGBTQ+ 101 - 9/9  
OTPOC - 10/7  
QUEER CRIMINALIZATION - 11/11  
Sign up for 1, 2 or all 3 at  
[go.lehigh.edu/virtually](http://go.lehigh.edu/virtually)

**LUNCH & LEARNS**  
9/18  
10/15  
11/3  
in our virtual lounge

Meet 1 on 1 with a  
PC Staff Member at  
[pridecenter.youcanbook.me](http://pridecenter.youcanbook.me)



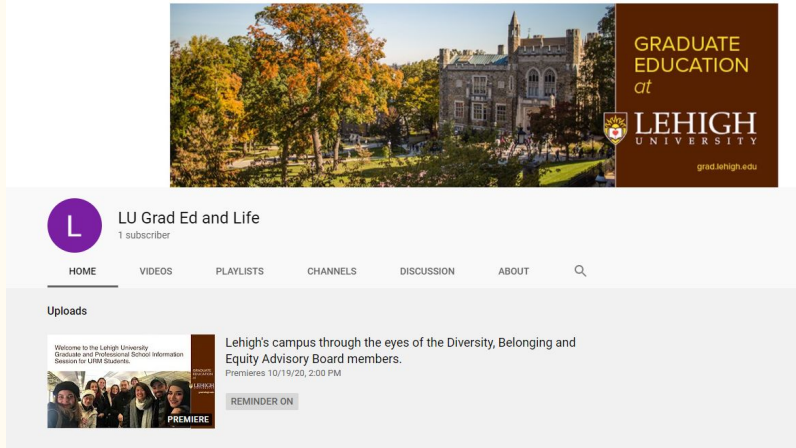
email us at [pridecenter@lehigh.edu](mailto:pridecenter@lehigh.edu)

[ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)

# Subscribe to GLO's new YouTube Channel

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCIVTXEgcMgCJJ8mqxcjTU7A>

Join us for the premiere of our first video on Monday, October 19 at 2pm!



**L** LU Grad Ed and Life  
1 subscriber

HOME VIDEOS PLAYLISTS CHANNELS DISCUSSION ABOUT 🔍

Uploads

Welcome to the Lehigh University Graduate and Professional School information Session for LUPE Students.

Lehigh's campus through the eyes of the Diversity, Belonging and Equity Advisory Board members.  
Premieres 10/19/20, 2:00 PM

PREMIERE REMINDER ON

[ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)

## Suggestion/Concern Form

Send the E-Board feedback

What issues are you facing as a grad?

Submissions can be anonymous

<https://bitly.com/GSSsuggest>

<https://forms.gle/H45JrxGbjXb45qdh7>



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# Open Floor



Sara Beachy, she/her (CPSY and Mental Health Committee)

- Thinking about doing a panel about seeking mental health services during this time
  - If anyone is interested (either in being part of the panel or attending it), reach out to Sara, Natania Lipp, or Raquel Sosa
- If you have ideas of activities you would like to see the committee do, please reach out
- Mental Health Mondays will start - in the GS Facebook page, small and practicable suggestions for mental healthcare (apps, activities, etc) will be posted every Monday
- Emails: Sara - [sab617@lehigh.edu](mailto:sab617@lehigh.edu); Natania - [nsl319@lehigh.edu](mailto:nsl319@lehigh.edu); Raquel - [ras619@lehigh.edu](mailto:ras619@lehigh.edu)

Leslie Pearson from CGE will be teaching a workshop on zines; posted on usual social media sites

Sign-up link: [go.lehigh.edu/CGEzines](http://go.lehigh.edu/CGEzines)



**Next Meeting:**  
**December 2nd, 12:10-1pm**

<https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/91392754216>



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