

# Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting

March 10, 2021

<https://lehigh.zoom.us/j/92992708503>



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Kadia Hylton-Fraser is stepping in to replace Jess as the president of GSS.

# Agenda

- Q&A with Oliver Yao - Deputy Provost, Graduate Studies
- GSS Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee
- Announcements
- Open Floor

Oliver Yao - Deputy Provost, Graduate Studies

Priorities - more support for graduate students:

- Wants to improve financial support for graduate students
- Improve job opportunities for students; bring more companies to Lehigh job fairs

# GSS DI&E

## WHO WE ARE

The Graduate Student Senate Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Committee is a group of graduate students who act as advocates, organizers, and confidants to members of the graduate student community at Lehigh. The committee works closely with the GSS, the Graduate Student Life Office, and other relevant stakeholders on campus to promote their goals related to diversity, inclusion, and equity.

**Our focus:**  
Intercultural  
visibility,  
advocacy,  
& community

# DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, & EQUITY COMMITTEE

## WHAT WE'VE DONE

**Food insecurity initiative:** Collected qualitative data on students' experiences of food insecurity and created a database of local universities' approaches to addressing food insecurity

**Helping Lehigh become an antiracist institution:** Created a 1-page document outlining 4 main advocacy points for graduate students: <https://bit.ly/2N172af> & won the "Lehigh University antiracist Ideas" with the proposal to give money back to BIPOC initiatives and groups in the Lehigh and Southside Community

**Responses to current events:** Publicly encouraged President Simon to enact antiracist initiatives, designed an advisory committee to work with the Deputy Provost of Graduate Studies toward antiracism, & called on the Board of Trustees to rescind Trump's honorary degree

## WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

- Continued work to reduce food insecurity
- Continued efforts to hold BoT and higher administration accountable in creating an antiracist Institution through meetings and individualized committee work

## CONTACT US

Anonymous form

<https://forms.gle/poo25DrbjGHU4isZA>

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Princess Neely:



Reach out to Kathy Melo Li or Princess Neely if you are interested in participating in the DI&E committee

Because there is a time commitment for this committee, there is an application process if you are interested

# March Weekend Writing Retreat

Don't forget that our weekend writing retreat is happening next weekend: Friday 9am-10pm; Saturday, 9am-10pm; and Sunday, 9am-5pm. It's all virtual, and you can register [here](#). You can also find a draft of the program [here](#).

It is \$30 to register, but if you actively participate for only 3 hours each day, you ***get your money back***. As an added bonus, if you actively participate for 3 hours each day AND attend at least one optional presentation each day, you will also receive a ***FREE copy of Anne Lamott's funny and inspiring book on writing, Bird by Bird.***



Graduate Writing Support

## Student Proposed Writing Group - "The Scribble Workshop"

Email Dr. Lee at [yrl219@lehigh.edu](mailto:yrl219@lehigh.edu) if you are interested in participating!

*The Scribble Workshop is a small group of fiction and nonfiction writers at Lehigh who love to write. Quite simply, when we write, we achieve flow- a state of jubilation that derives from doing an activity that engages the mind fully. Crafting a story, or developing an argument on paper is extremely satisfying. Like a musician who loves to compose, or a painter who loves to splatter colors on canvas, we love to write.*

*The Scribble Workshop is looking for **a small group of writers (3-5 total)** who will meet once per week (W,R, or F mornings 8:00AM-9:00AM) via zoom. On the Sunday prior to the first day of each month, all members will submit 5-10 pages of original work. Each week by random selection, the group will focus on one or two submissions at a time. We will establish topic items for each reviewer to critique the work. At our meeting, we will go around the group and share the critiques, one at a time. Each member of the group will offer commentary on each critique presented. By the end of the month we will have reviewed all writing submissions and then we repeat the same cycle over and over again.*

*Sample critique topics for fiction and nonfiction will be provided.*



# Career Center

## BRING THE CAREER CENTER TO YOU!

### Career support for your graduate club or department



#### Customized workshops

Request a workshop on career exploration, personal branding & job search strategies, networking, interviewing and more



#### Working sessions

Plan a session to work on a resume, CV, cover letter, or LinkedIn profile as a group with your Graduate Career Coach



#### Event collaboration

Partner with the Career Center to access resources and promote your professional development event

Contact Ali Erk - [alison.erk@lehigh.edu](mailto:alison.erk@lehigh.edu)

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



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

***The Premier Life Science Networking  
Organization in the Lehigh Valley is Building its  
Leadership Team!***

Chuck Fisher: [chfisher@alum.lehigh.edu](mailto:chfisher@alum.lehigh.edu)

***The best way to network:  
Run your own networking group...***

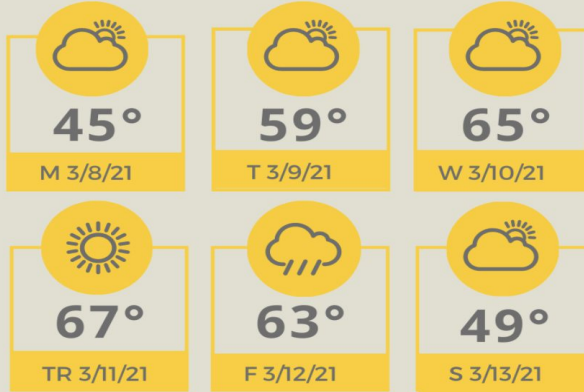


The GSS Mental Health Committee (MHC) Presents:

# Mental Health Mondays

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Spring is near.  
Take a look at the high temps  
for the week and go for a walk  
to soak in the Vitamin D.







**GSOC presents**



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## **International Friends Hike**



Want to get some healthy dose of outdoor activity and safe social interaction?

**March 20th, SAT, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Mt. Tammany**

Signup link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1at\\_y6DFSxlvGt34n8rW4wxoWABatVDRFGWMvx0SEwVw/edit?chromeless=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1at_y6DFSxlvGt34n8rW4wxoWABatVDRFGWMvx0SEwVw/edit?chromeless=1)

CAMPUS ATHLETICS PRESENTS

# SPRING VIRTUAL FITNESS CLASSES

- FREE to the Lehigh community!
- 45 minute fitness classes will be taught by professional fitness instructors via Zoom.
- Class schedule will be published monthly and is subject to change.

**Register here:**

[forms.gle/S6ZnUPDSzfreiow6A](https://forms.gle/S6ZnUPDSzfreiow6A)



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CAMPUS ATHLETICS PRESENTS

## STUDENT FITNESS & WELLNESS ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP

- Join a weekly accountability group with your Lehigh peers that will help motivate you to set positive goals and adopting healthy lifestyle habits.
- Student accountability group will meet Mondays, 7:00pm - 7:30pm via Zoom.
- Register here: [forms.gle/QY6kXGH2KP8W6myKZ](https://forms.gle/QY6kXGH2KP8W6myKZ) or email Teresa Carotenuto at [tnc219@lehigh.edu](mailto:tnc219@lehigh.edu)

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**Healthy. Happy.  
Here we come.**



Start your free membership on February 1, 2021

[go.lehigh.edu/headspace](https://go.lehigh.edu/headspace)

Need help?  
[teamsupport@headspace.com](mailto:teamsupport@headspace.com)



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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).

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## Teacher Development Series

A free 5 part non-credit series  
for graduate students to  
improve instructional and  
classroom skills

Earn your Level 1 or Level 2 certificate

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

2:00-3:00

Sign up for Zoom link.



<https://qr.go.page.link/nSQqV>

**DATES:**  
**Spring 2021**  
**Feb 11 & 25**  
**Mar 11 & 25**  
**Apr 8**

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GRADUATE LIFE OFFICE  
AND THE CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Done by the Grad Life Office & Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning

# Graduate Women's Exchange

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Women's Exchange provides a space for graduate women from all walks of life to develop meaningful relationships and promote personal growth. We will have guest presentations and activities .

**WE MISS YOU!  
COME JOIN US!**

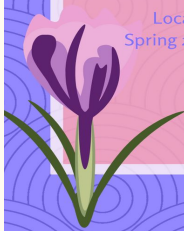


Location: Virtual until we can be together again!  
Spring 2021: February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25 and April 8  
12-1pm

Please sign up to receive zoom link.  
<https://qr.go.page.link/csjEX>



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# Graduate Student



Please visit the following link to find answers to questions on topics such as:

- Semester Break
- Return to Campus
- Coursework
- And more!



[www.lehigh.edu/~inprv/organization/graduatefaq](http://www.lehigh.edu/~inprv/organization/graduatefaq)



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CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND PSYCHOLOGIST

# DR. BEVERLY DANIEL TATUM

## A Conversation About Race

**TUESDAY  
MARCH 30  
@ 6:00 PM**

WEBINAR PRESENTATION

NATIONAL BESTSELLER

"An essential reading work about the racial barriers that still divide us in so many areas of life." —Jonathan Kozol

**WHY ARE ALL THE  
BLACK KIDS  
SITTING TOGETHER  
IN THE CAFETERIA?**

And Other  
Conversations  
About Race

Revised and Updated

Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD

*Event is free and open to the public.*

Scan here or use <http://bit.ly/DrTatumRegistration>  
to register and receive the link.



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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/>

Resources for off-campus testing:

<https://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/covid-19-testing-resources-0>

## External Committee Positions

Graduate and Research Committee - Need 1

University Committee on Discipline - Need 2-4

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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# Covid guidelines for graduate students

<https://tinyurl.com/lehighcovidguidelinesforgrads>

[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)

## Meet our New Officers!

Caitlin Lindley - Travel Grants    Sam Miller-Brown - Treasurer



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# GSS Executive Board Elections

## Timeline:

- March 24: Nominations Open
- April 14: Nominations Close
- April 21: Candidate Speeches and Voting
- May 5: New E-Board Runs the Meeting!


Email nominations to [ingss@lehigh.edu](mailto:ingss@lehigh.edu)



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# Subscribe to GLO's YouTube Channel

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



The banner features a photograph of a Lehigh University building with trees in autumn. On the right side of the banner, the text reads "GRADUATE EDUCATION at LEHIGH UNIVERSITY" with the university crest and the website "grad.lehigh.edu" below it.

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Welcome to the Lehigh University Graduate and Professional School Information Session for URM 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



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# We need YOUR feedback

On Lehigh's COVID  
response

<https://forms.gle/mQo8BY2csv6xLqPb7>

Or scan the QR code



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## 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>



# Open Floor

