Graduate Student Senate

General Assembly Meeting
September 15th, 2021
Agenda

● Committee Openings
● Speakers
  ○ Ali Erk - Lehigh Connects
  ○ Recommendations for speakers this semester?
● External Affairs
● Check-In
● Announcements
● Open Floor
Committee Openings:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (3 needed)
- Graduate Representative for the Faculty Committee on Global Affairs (1 needed)
- Educational Policy Committee (1 needed - one must be from the College of Ed; meets every other Wednesday 3-4:20)

- Interested candidates can email ingss@lehigh.edu
Ali Erk & Lehigh Connects

Associate Director, Graduate Student Career Development & Interim Undergraduate Engineering Career Coach

- Your very own local linkedin: visit Lehigh Connects.
- https://lehigh.peoplegrove.com/hub/lehigh-connects/person
- https://lehigh.joinhandshake.com/events/836842
Yvonne Lee

- More information: https://grad.lehigh.edu/graduate-writers-studio/3-minute-thesis-competition
- Any graduate student can apply at this stage.
- However, in order to progress to regional/national level, you must have proposed already.
- Attend the information session happening virtually on Thursday, September 16th, 12 - 01pm. Register here: https://forms.gle/oSWF2ZZMC12qvLSz9
Future Invited Speakers?

Who would you like to hear from?

- Let us know people you want to hear from, or have questions to ask to! Email ingss@lehigh.edu
- Student suggestions: President Helble | Nathan Urban | Greg Reihman from LTS
External Affairs

http://nagps.org/events/immigration-services-workshop/
Checking in...

Any thoughts / concerns regarding COVID-19?

Throughout the semester, be sure to continue checking in with yourself, and letting us know (at INGSS@lehigh.edu) about any concerns you have as the COVID situation continues to unfold!

- TA’s have no access to the COVID cases/numbers in their classes, but that have been taken up with CRT by GSS President.
- For now, individual department directors of academic studies can definitely help TAs in this regard.
- Follow-up on concerns raised previously: At this point, the working (contract) staff isn’t required to vaccinate, but is required to follow all Lehigh covid guidelines.
- Please report people not complying to the covid guidelines/mask mandate on hawkwatch app.
Nominate any faculty/staff member that had a positive impact on your graduate life.

Nominations of student mentors in this program will be taken up by GSS e-board and updates on it will follow soon.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
TRANITION TO GRAD SCHOOL

Imposter Syndrome and the Failure Resume
YOU WERE NOT ADMITTED BY MISTAKE
September 10

Time Management
HOW TO GET IT ALL DONE
September 17

Eat, Sleep, Move:
Sustaining Your Energy
FINDING A HEALTHY BALANCE
September 24

Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office
HUNGRY?
COME MEET YOUR FELLOW GRAD STUDENTS FOR BREAKFAST EVERY TUESDAY AT 10AM!

TUESDAYS @10
Every Tuesday* from 10 am – 11 am, Packer House

*IMPORTANT
This event will only take place if the weather permits us to hold it outdoors. We will not host it indoors due to the pandemic. Please check our social media on Mondays for updates on whether it has been cancelled for that week.

COME HUNGRY!
Bagels, Yogurt, Fruits, Toast, Eggs, Cheeses and lots more!
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice
FALL 2021

Teacher Development Series

A free 6-part non-credit series for graduate students to improve instructional and classroom skills. EARN YOUR LEVEL 1 OR LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE.

Every other Thursday
2-3 PM

Sessions can be attended in person at kWFM 320 or virtually via Zoom.

Fall 2021 Dates
September 23
October 7
October 21
November 4
November 18
December 2

https://vppgo.page.link/36UWFM

Teacher Development is brought to you by the Graduate Life Office and the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
GRADUATE STUDENT WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Saucon Village
Behind Building 8

Saturday, September 25
11:30-1:30pm

Are you ready for crisp, cool weather, outdoor fun and Fall? Enjoy the great outdoors with great food, great students, and games for the whole family. All grad students and families welcome!

Sign up here: https://sggs.page.link/Y8XAm

Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office and Housing Services
Writing Center

graduatewriter@lehigh.edu

THE POSITION

Graduate Writer's Studio is looking for advanced master's or doctoral students from any discipline who have strong writing and interpersonal skills to work as Graduate Writing Consultants for the upcoming semester.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

AMAZING CO-WORKERS

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC GROWTH

Scan for more details!
Keep your writing momentum going! Join GWS virtually each Monday from 4pm-6pm and Friday from 2pm-4pm and on one Saturday each month from 9am-5pm.

Links to Zoom rooms and registrations can be found on the events web page at go.lehigh.edu/gradwritingevents
Workshop Series - The Dissertation: Chapter-by-Chapter

JOIN US
The Introduction Chapter  September 14
This week, we will examine the Introduction Chapter, discussing commonly used academic phrases like “research question,” “filling the gap,” and “positioning yourself in the conversation.”

from 3:00pm - 4:00pm
via Zoom

Registration Required

Workshop Series - The Dissertation: Chapter-by-Chapter

JOIN US
The Literature Review Chapter  September 28
This week, we will examine the Literature Review Chapter, discussing common struggles with this difficult genre.

from 3:00pm - 4:00pm
via Zoom

Registration Required
career EXPO PREP

PRACTICE & PREPARE IN ADVANCE

September 17, 2021
2:00 - 4:00 PM
virtual on Handshake

Register for the expo prep via Handshake
Career EXPO fall 2021
[ networking + opportunity ]

September 23, 2021
4:00 - 7:00 PM

virtual via Handshake

Register for the expo via Handshake, Events, Fairs OR go to:
go.lehigh.edu/fall2021expo

ingss@lehigh.edu
Professional Communication Graduate Workshops
Communicate and collaborate effectively to advance your career

Maximize Your Email Communication
September 10th
12-1 pm

Navigate Communication Pitfalls
September 24th
12-1 pm

Present Like A Pro
October 8th
12-1 pm

Join us!
Bring your lunch.
Snacks and drinks provided.

Held in Packer House
Registration required via Handshake
lehigh.joinhandshake.com

Sponsored by the Center for Career and Professional Development and Graduate Education & Life

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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

career ready = life ready
Center for Career & Professional Development
Create a winning video for a chance to win $500!

As a Lehigh graduate student, we want you to capture and create a video (3 minutes or less) that highlights "My day at Lehigh" and your graduate life experience with us and the world.

Lehigh Graduate Student Video Contest

capture and create a video (3 minutes or less) that best highlights "My day at Lehigh" and your graduate life experience with us and the world.

#mydayatLehigh

Full details can be found on the contest website.
Learn More: go.lehigh.edu/gradvideocntest
What Does Home Mean to You?: A Canvas(s) Event

Date: Sunday, 09/19, 10:00-11:30
Location: Cayton University Center, C207 (Coll. Lounge)
& via Zoom
email jk257@lehigh.edu for Zoom login

Join us for a hybrid arts-based event exploring what home means to you, examining how gender shapes our experience of home and how Lehigh might be a kind of home to us, too.

Light snacks provided.
Register at go.lehigh.edu/CGECanvas

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Kate Pats in advance at kbp232@lehigh.edu.
Car Free Day
September 22

Car Free Day Vendor Showcase
Butz Plaza from 2pm to 4pm
Join us to chat with campus and local organizations to learn how YOU can improve your physical fitness, reduce your carbon footprint, enhance mindfulness & creativity, stay safe, and save money.

Make the pledge to reduce or eliminate car use by walking, biking, or taking the bus.

Make the pledge!

Lehigh Sustainability
sustainability@lehigh.edu
2021 VIRTUAL CATALYZING ADVOCACY IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (CASE) WORKSHOP

STEM grad students interested in science policy and advocacy?
Sign up for the AAAS Virtual Case Workshop.

Hosted by policy professionals from the Federal Government and Policy Organizations.

Information includes:
- Structure of Congress
- Federal Budget and Appropriations Process
- Tools for effective science communication

September 23-24, 2021
Registration is FREE: bit.ly/2WQ777u
IRIS Mentorship Program

An initiative for LGBTQ+ students, faculty and staff.

- Meet fellow students and connect with faculty/staff
- Participate in learning activities and fun events

If you are interested in participating, fill out this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZq7muFYVUr0xHwLJHbddkAWMr78X0qYAGLhYNb1sZhgy/viewform?usp=sf_link

Or contact gs@lehigh.edu for more info.
Sex/Gender

The Center for Gender Equity exists to end gender domination, which shows up in various ways as sexism, misogyny, and transphobia. How do we get to a world without gender domination? How do we engage with concepts that are both lived experiences and social interactions? This workshop engages participants in interactive dialogue and activities to understand, first, where we have been and are and then opens up space to imagine anew “sex-gender” or “gender-sex.”

Date: Tuesday, September 21st
Time: 11:30-1:00

For Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students
Register at go.lehigh.edu/CGEworkshops
Graduate Women’s Exchange

Come Explore
Sept 9 & 23, Oct 7 & 21, Nov 4 & 18

Women’s Exchange provides a space for graduate women from all walks of life to develop meaningful relationships and promote personal growth. Occurs every other Thursday throughout the semesters both Spring and Fall over lunch, guest presentations, and activities are presented around participant interests.

Location: Packer House Lounge
217 West Packer Ave
12-1p.m.

Registration is Required: Limited to 10 participants and we encourage you to attend at least 3 of the 6 sessions.

Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office
gradlife@lehigh.edu
Other Campus Events & Resources

Ingrid Spigner
ingss@lehigh.edu
Healthy. Happy. Here we come.

Start your free membership on February 1, 2021.
go.lehigh.edu/headspace

Headspace is here. Focus better.

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go.lehigh.edu/headspace

Headspace is here. Sleep soundly.

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Headspace is here. Science-backed meditation.

headspace
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/DY6kXGH2KPRb6my57 or email Teresa Carotenuto at tnc219@lehigh.edu
Funding Opportunity: The Sustainable Initiative Grant

Grants of up to $2,000 are available to Lehigh students, faculty, and staff!

The Sustainable Initiative Grant is available to members of the Lehigh community for projects that contribute to sustainability on Lehigh’s campus and the surrounding area.

You can find more information about how to submit an application at:

https://sustainability.lehigh.edu/sig
The Zoom recording of Graduate Orientation on August 17th is available for viewing here: https://bit.ly/3swlKLj

*You must be logged in to Zoom through your Lehigh email to view the recording.*
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
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
Covid guidelines for graduate students

https://tinyurl.com/lehighcovidguidelinesforgrads
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
Subscribe to GLO’s YouTube Channel

https://youtube.com/channel/UCIVTXEgcMqCJU8moxcjTU7A
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/H45JrxGbXb45qdh7

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Open Floor

- **Update on Wellness Fee:** Faculty Senate (letter attached [here](#)) have voted in favour of graduate community of re-evaluating the structure of the fee or eliminating it altogether. Further updates regarding this will be posted soon!
See you soon!

**NEXT MEETING**: Wednesday 9/29/21 (HOPEFULLY in person!)