Agenda

- What is GSS?
  - Executive Board
  - Unit & Club Representatives
  - The General Assembly (You!)
- Speakers
  - Oliver Yao
  - Yvonne Lee
- Committee Openings
- External Affairs
- Check-In
- Announcements
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GSS - Graduate Student Senate

Executive Board:
President - Caitlin Lindley
VP - Theresa Mowad
Secretary - Hareem Zafar Khattak
Communications - Caroline Ferguson
External Affairs - Jacob Nelson
Historian - Dannielle Waugh
Treasurer - Sam Miller Brown
Travel Grants Officer - Joan Spinelli
Unit Senators and Club Representatives

Unit Senators are the voting members of the general assembly. Each unit has a Unit Senator.

- Must have a Primary and Secondary Representative
- **Unit Senators**: Must attend the GA meetings to secure Travel Grant Funds for the entire department

**IMPORTANT**: Be pro-active - make sure your department / unit has a Senator selected!
The General Assembly

All graduate students make up the general assembly

Why attend GA meetings?
● Be up to date on policies, changes, social outings, and professional development opportunities
● Hear from members of the administration & ask them questions
● Provide feedback to assist the E-Board decision making process
  ○ (e.g., External Affairs)
• Provide your feedback via GSS and all graduate platforms to keep the administration informed.
• Launching Graduate Student Video Contest—to showcase your Lehigh experience. **Theme: My Day At Lehigh**. Details can be found here: [https://grad.lehigh.edu/student-life/lehigh-graduate-student-video-contest](https://grad.lehigh.edu/student-life/lehigh-graduate-student-video-contest)
• The dependent health insurance coverage will be addressed by Yao with Kathleen and graduate student body will be updated soon.
Yvonne Lee, Ph.D.

Directs the Graduate Writer’s Studio

- Provides workshops, writing retreats, and writing consultations for all graduate students. Offered 27 writing/rewriting workshops with 216 graduate students participating last year. More information available at: https://grad.lehigh.edu/graduate-writers-studio
Committee Openings:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (3 needed)
- Graduate Research Committee (1 needed)
- Graduate Representative for the Faculty Committee on Global Affairs (1 needed)
- Educational Policy Committee (2 needed - one must be from the College of Ed; meets every other Wednesday 3-4:20)

- Just email ingss@lehigh.edu and we will connect you with the related committee staff.
- Graduate Research Committee meets every Tuesday @ 3pm by Zoom this Fall.
External Affairs

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

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- NAGPS is the National Association of Graduate Professional Students.
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](mailto:INGSS@lehigh.edu)) about any concerns you have as the COVID situation continues to unfold!

- Covid concerns are heard and related to CRT team.
- GSS will request CRT to elaborate on breaking down the Covid numbers in more detail on the website which will be helpful for many graduate students.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Reminder

Graduate Health Insurance

Insurance coverage for annual (2021/2022 coverage) OR fall 2021 policy begins the later of:

- August 15, 2021, or upon your online confirmation of enrollment and premium payment.

To enroll in the insurance program you must confirm your enrollment in the health insurance by going to www.universityhealthplans.com AND submit payment to the Bursar’s Office.

Deadline to confirm your enrollment is 4:00pm on September 3, 2021
TRANSITION TO
GRAD SCHOOL
Fridays
2-3 pm

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

Sign up to register
Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office
SECOND WEDNESDAYS AT NOON
an LTS seminar series for grad students

SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWING & SYNTHESIZING THE LITERATURE

8 September 2021
12pm
go.lehigh.edu/SWAN
Workshop Series - The Dissertation: Chapter by Chapter

JOIN US for the first of a 5-part series on the Dissertation

Just the word "Dissertation" can cause a great amount of anxiety for most graduate students. This workshop series aims to ease some of that anxiety by breaking down the structure and context of each of the 5 chapters in a traditional dissertation.

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 - 4:30pm in STEPS Building Rm 551

Introduction September 14

Registration Required
Participants Limited to 15
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
FREE HEADSHOTS

Thursday, Sept 9
Noon-5pm
Lamberton Hall

Sign up for an appointment via Handshake
No walks ins
career EXPO virtual fall 2021

[ networking + opportunity ]

September 23, 2021
4:00 - 7:00 PM
virtual via Handshake

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

ingss@lehigh.edu
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 units 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
237 West Packer Ave
12-2pm

Registration is Required. Limited to 15 participants and we encourage you to attend at least 3 of the 6 sessions.

Branded in conjuction with the Graduate Life Office
gradlife@lehigh.edu

ingss@lehigh.edu
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 KWP 320 or virtually via Zoom.

Fall 2021 Dates

September 23
October 7
October 21
November 4
November 18
December 2

https://go.lego.page.link/oiUIWI

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

Are you ready for some fall weather, outdoor fun, and food? Join the party at the student picnic behind Building B. Enjoy the food, games, and good company!

Saturday, September 25
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office and Housing Services

Sign-up now: https://gradlife.lehigh.edu/gloh/saunevillage
Bethlehem Farmers' Market

April 29 – November 18, 2021

Every Thursday 10am–2pm

Live music 11:30am–1:30pm

New & Morton Streets | Farrington Square | Southside Bethlehem
Graduate Student Outing Club

COME HIKE
PULPIT ROCK -
PINNACLE LOOP

September 4th, 2021
8:30am - 3:30pm

Any questions contact Jimmy jy716@lehigh.edu
click link to sign up
ROCK THE BLOCK
Join the Center for Gender Equity, the Pride Center, & the Office of Multicultural Affairs for FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN!
UNIVERSITY CENTER LAWN
09/09/21
11AM TO 1PM
Transitions: Zines Marking Moments of Transformation

Zines (handmade magazines) are a fun and accessible way to mark periods of change. Learn about the history of zines, how to create a zine using one sheet of paper, and reflect on your own transition to Lehigh as you make a zine. We will also view some of the zines in Lehigh's Special Collections for inspiration.

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Kate Pitts in advance at ksp33@lehigh.edu.
What Does Home Mean to You?: A Canvas(s) Event

Date: Sunday, 09/19, 10:00-11:30
Location: Clayton University Center, C207 (COL Lounge)
& via Zoom

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 golehigh.edu/CGECanvas

If you are an individual with a disability and need accommodations in order to participate in this event, please contact Kate Prins in advance at kprins@lehigh.edu.
Second Annual Multilingual Education Conference

The Condition of Education: Re-establishing Connections with Multilingual Learners

OCTOBER 23, 2021

Lehigh University

Submit a Proposal:
http://www.cpa.prep.edu/lehigh/2021/submit

Register:
http://www.cpa.prep.edu/lehigh/2021/register
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

ingss@lehigh.edu
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.*
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/1FAIpQLSdz2Zq7nu/FPYVbOxHw7/9bdddA/MyT78XogVBlVfjQOhZg/yviewform?usp=sf_link

Or, connect with us@lehigh.edu for more info.
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/QY6kXGH2KP8w6myk7 or email Teresa Carotenuto at tnc219@lehigh.edu
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
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
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
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/UCIVTXEgcMgCJ8moxcjTU7A
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

- Deadline for signing up for Lehigh Health Insurance is Friday Sept 3rd @ 4pm.
- Update on Wellness Fee; Information Session with Wellness Fee info: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IbLV_m1PES4TT_vpVXGnowkRaTk1zfNJ/view
- Workshop on Lehigh Health Insurance will be underway.
See you soon!

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 9/15/21 (Location TBD)