

# GSS General Assembly Meeting

November 10th, 2021

## Agenda

- Update: Meeting with President Helble
- Forward Thinking: Goals for this year and beyond
- Today's Speaker
- Upcoming Speakers
- Announcements
- Open Floor

## Meeting with President Helble

- Discussed the future of graduate education at Lehigh
- Conveyed the challenges and concerns graduate students face
- Requested a 'seat' / to continue to be heard moving forward
- President Helble will be invited to a GA meeting next semester to share his vision for the future of graduate education

- President Helble discussed his vision for the graduate community at Lehigh.
- He was open and receptive to hearing the concerns, and wanted to know more about the issues and our proposed solutions for them.

## Forward Thinking: Our evolving goals

- A challenge with the GSS executive board is the brevity of academic years
- Inspired by EBoard members & our conversation with the president:  
**We plan to establish a long-term goal 'plan' to track progress towards both short- and long-term goals for graduate education at Lehigh**
- As always - we welcome feedback and suggestions on key focal goals for both the short- and long-term

## Speaker: Ombudsperson

Anne Meltzer, Ph.D.

- Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Phone: (610) 758 - 3673
- Email: [asm3@lehigh.edu](mailto:asm3@lehigh.edu)



● Jennifer Swann, Ph.D.

- Professor of Biological Sciences
- Text: (610) 554 - 8839
- Email: [jms5@lehigh.edu](mailto:jms5@lehigh.edu)



- Ombuds Office serves the entire Lehigh Community including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff.
- The Lehigh members of the Ombuds office are part of the International Ombudsman Association, and are trained in the work they do.
- The conversations are confidential and informal, and the goal is to help you understand the problem better and work towards a solution.
- The office is an independent body that doesn't conduct investigations. They only report to the President once a year.
- Services offered include: a platform to listen to your concerns, helps prepare for a difficult conversation, mediators as well as can facilitate group conversations. They also help the institution understand recurring trends that might be potential problem identifiers.
- To contact the office, please call/email the ombuds above.

## Upcoming Speakers

- FALL 2021
  - Chris Carter - December 1st
- SPRING 2021
  - President Helble (tentative: second meeting of the semester)
  - Representative from Transportation Office

## University Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity Strategic Plan

- Any **concerns, suggestions, comments, or praises** about what the Strategic Plan includes or does not include? This could be anything from grammar and language to specific content and initiatives named across all sections.
- How do you see your individual needs as a graduate student fitting into the Strategic Plan? Do you feel represented?
- Are there any goals of the Expanding Student Access and Support section that should be considered a priority to address for graduate students? Are there any additional goals you would add?
- **Email Princess Neely (pon216) or Natania Lipp (nsl319) with remarks or submit about this or other DI&E concerns with our Anonymous Google Form!**

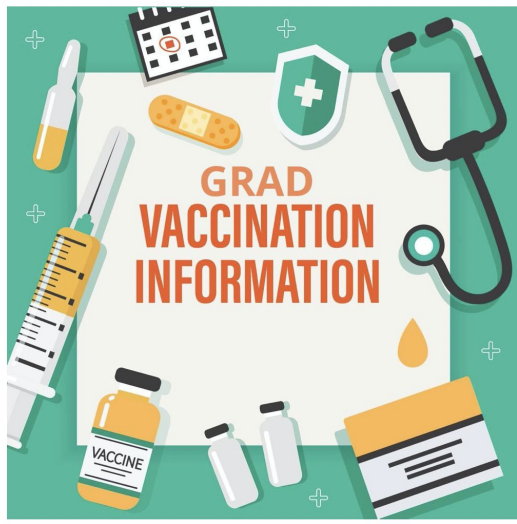
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- Reminder: It is Important to provide the feedback so that DE&I can keep advocating for the graduate students.
- An update from DE&I Committee: "We did sent along all DI&E comments (direct, raw comments and a presentation to the BoTs (Board of Trustees) so far, but we are still happy to continue collecting!"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS





The University has decided that a COVID vaccine will be required this fall for all Lehigh undergraduate and graduate students participating in on-campus programs and activities. More information can be found [here](#).

More information can be found here:

[-https://coronavirus.lehigh.edu/](https://coronavirus.lehigh.edu/)

-COVID-19 Policies for Graduate Students: [all COVID-19 Guidelines here](#).

# Writing Resources

## 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](https://go.lehigh.edu/gradwritingevents)

 *Grad  
Guidance*



## Overcoming Writer's Block featuring:

Yvonne Lee, Ph.D.  
Director of Graduate Writing  
Graduate Education & Life

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3NfjrGAZ6Y>

# Career Development Resources

# Revamp Your Resume To Stand Out In the Job Market

GRADUATE WORKSHOP

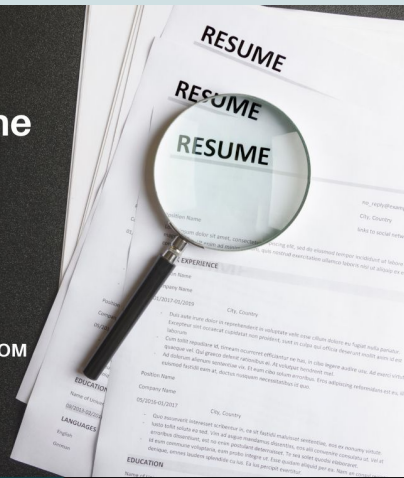
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4:15 - 5 PM

MAGINNES HALL, RM 508

REGISTER:

[LEHIGH.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM](http://LEHIGH.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM)



Effectively Highlight Your Skills & Accomplishments

Presented by the Center for Career and Professional Development

The Center for Career and Professional Development and the  
Office of International Students and Scholars present:

## Overview of CCPD Resources & Job Search Strategy for International Students



An Interstride Webinar Event

Tues., Nov. 30th 3:30pm - 5pm

Maginnes 480

\*Q&A

\*Snacks

\*Giveaways

REGISTER: [LEHIGH.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM](https://LEHIGH.JOINHANDSHAKE.COM)





**National Center for Faculty  
Development and Diversity**

Free for Lehigh  
Students

**Grads, do you  
need help with  
your writing,  
time management,  
productivity?**

- Grad student On-line resources
- Grad student Membership is free for Lehigh students
- Programs include Dissertation Success, a 12 week program to get you writing, impostor syndrome, publishing perils, writer's block, and mentoring among many others.

<https://goo.gl/6pGfzi>

Graduate Life Office - [gradlife@lehigh.edu](mailto:gradlife@lehigh.edu)





# Educational Talks/Conferences

Pride Center, Center for Gender Equity,  
& DI&E Committee

**food, fun &  
functionality.**

DI&E COMMITTEE BRINGS TO YOU AN EXCITING GRAD  
NIGHT AT PACKER HOUSE.

**DI&E  
DIALOGUE  
HOURS**

**11 . 11 . 2021**



**BIPOC AND ALLIES!**

**4pm-6pm**

*LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.*



# The Pride Center's LUally Sessions Fall 2021

November 17

Supporting  
Transgender People

Register at  
[go.lehigh.edu/LUally](https://go.lehigh.edu/LUally)

Earn 25 Be Well Points

All sessions are  
hybrid, offered in  
person & via zoom  
12:00pm - 1:30pm



The Pride Center is committed to making each and every one of our programs and activities accessible and inclusive. If you are planning to attend a program and have any accessibility needs or barriers, please contact The Pride Center at [pridecenter@lehigh.edu](mailto:pridecenter@lehigh.edu) or call 610-762-1234 for assistance in the program or location.

THE PRIDE CENTER FOR  
SEXUAL ORIENTATION &  
GENDER DIVERSITY



**IT'S A QUEER WORLD**

## FALL 2021

### QUEER MORNING BLESSING

**MON & FRI MORNINGS**  
8:30AM-8:45AM  
IN PERSON IN OUR LOUNGE UC212  
& VIRTUALLY AT  
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE

### LUNCH & LEARNS

**OCT. 5 (5X10)**  
**NOV. 9**  
12:30-1:30PM IN PERSON - UC8025 OR  
IN OUR VIRTUAL LOUNGE AT  
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE

### FIERCE FILM

### FRIDAYS

**SEPT. 17 (5X10)**  
**OCT. 15 (5X10)**  
**NOV. 19**  
2:00-4:00PM IN PERSON - UC8025 OR  
IN OUR VIRTUAL LOUNGE AT  
GO.LEHIGH.EDU/VIRTUALPRIDECENTERLOUNGE

### LUALLY SESSION

**NOV. 17 - SUPPORTING TRANS PEOPLE**  
12:00PM-1:30PM HYBRID SESSION - IN UC8025  
& OUR VIRTUAL LOUNGE  
REGISTER AT GO.LEHIGH.EDU/LUALLY

### MENTAL HEALTH MONDAYS


**SEPT. 27 - ATTACCA  
QUARTET (5X10)**  
**DEC. 6 - THERAPY DOG**  
2:00-3:00PM UC FLAG POLE

QUESTIONS? WANT MORE INFO?  
EMAIL US AT PRIDECENTER@LEHIGH.EDU

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.

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The pride Center  
**QUEER**  
SPIRITUALITY

awaken  
begin  
build community  
acknowledge  
affirm  
nourish your heart

**QMB**  
**Queer**  
**Morning**  
**Blessing**

To our queer community members and allies...what sustains and fulfills your heart? Let's begin and end our week together as we center ourselves in the shared knowing that we do this life best when we create space for gratitude and compassion.

Open to students, staff & faculty in person in our lounge UC212 and virtually at:  
[go.lehigh.edu/virtualpridecenterlounge](https://go.lehigh.edu/virtualpridecenterlounge)

**8:30am-8:45am**  
**Mon & Fri**

facilitated by Dom Ocampo, Mel Kitchen, Mark Wonsidler & Rabbi Steve Nathan

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## Center for Gender Equity



- [Click here for the latest virtual events and news!](#)

# 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



**Reminder:** Check for updates on our social media every Monday on whether it will be cancelled for that week due to inclement weather or other reasons.

## 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  
12-1pm

**Registration is Required:** Limited to 15 participants and we encourage you to attend at least 5 of the 6 sessions.



Brought to you by the Graduate Life Office  
[gradlife@lehigh.edu](mailto:gradlife@lehigh.edu)



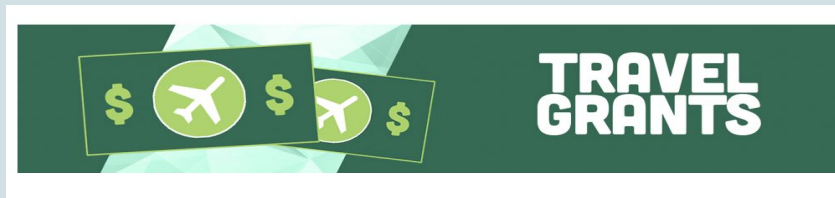
# Reimbursement

**Grads! Do you need a reimbursement from the Graduate Student Senate travel grants, your graduate club OR your department?**

Find the details in the link below:

<https://grad.lehigh.edu/financial-support/reimbursement>

# Funding Opportunities



Greetings from the Graduate Student Senate!

In an effort to increase efficiency and reduce paper waste, the GSS Travel Grant application process is now electronic. Revised applications are available as a **PDF form (here)** to be completed electronically and submitted via email to [GSSTravelGrants@lehigh.edu](mailto:GSSTravelGrants@lehigh.edu).

Please see our website to access the application and instructions for the new submission process: <https://gradlife.web.lehigh.edu/node/170>.

Any questions should be directed to the GSS Travel Grant Officer at [GSSTravelGrants@lehigh.edu](mailto:GSSTravelGrants@lehigh.edu). Thank you for your help in making this transition!

**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>

## Other Graduate Resources & Information

LEHIGH COLLEGE OF HEALTH IS LOOKING FOR A

## Graduate Research Assistant

*To work with Dr. Michael K. Gusmano on a multi-year research project funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)*

Dr. Michael K. Gusmano in the College of Health has a position available for a Graduate Research Assistant (Research Coordinator) for a study of the ethics of xenotransplantation, funded by the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (Award 1R01TR003844-01). Experience conducting in-person and telephone interviews and surveys is preferred, but not necessary. Find this posting and apply for this role on [Handshake](#).

- Conduct in-person and telephone interviews and surveys
- Enter data of participant surveys and maintaining careful records of participants in the study
- Assist with manuscript and report development
- *Best for doctorate or masters level students*

Submit a cover letter and resume to [Dr. Michael K. Gusmano](mailto:mig321@lehigh.edu) by email mig321@lehigh.edu



# STITCHING CIRCLE

SUPPLIES  
AVAILABLE

Bring any kind of creative project and join us!  
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm EST  
In the CGE Lounge (CUC c207) or via Zoom.  
Register at [go.lehigh.edu/stitch](http://go.lehigh.edu/stitch)

LEHIGH  
UNIVERSITY



We want all our events to include everyone.  
Contact Rita at [rmj207@lehigh.edu](mailto:rmj207@lehigh.edu) with requests.

SAV YES TO FRESH

# 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



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Sustainability

FRESH FARMERS' MARKET CHECKS ACCEPTED

[bethlehemfarmersmarket.com](http://bethlehemfarmersmarket.com)



# OPEN FLOOR

- GSS is working on having an evolving survey, that is pretty open-ended. The goal is to have the same link permanently set up on graduate life resources, so that whenever an issue comes up, students can just submit it over there. By looking at the data accumulated, we can then be able to add sections to the survey targeting specific problems e.g. health insurance, parking issues, transport problems etc.
- President Helble's Office will also be working on a new University Strategic Plan, as the last one was presented in 2009, and the graduate community will be asked their input both in the planning and feedback process.
- Our next meeting will be **Wednesday December 1st, 2021.**

## GSS Meetings Graduate Student Senate Meetings



### **Fall 2021 General Assembly Meeting dates**

Every other Wednesday  
12:10-1:00pm

September 1st  
September 15th  
September 29th  
October 13th  
October 27th  
November 10th  
December 1st

When we can meet in person, a pizza lunch is included at every meeting.