Hello Graduate and Professional Hoos! Quick turn-around on newsletters, thanks for staying with us. From here on, you can except your new-favorite newsletter to be in your inbox on the first Wednesday of the month. Don’t see something you want? Have information you want shared with your colleagues? Please email all newsletter inquiries to gpc_vicechair@virginia.edu.

Events

- PhD Plus events:
  - PhD+ Startup Series will be held on February 5, 12, and 19, 2019
  - PhD+ Career Design workshops will be held on February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2019
  - Three Minute Thesis Preparatory Sessions will be held on February 6, 13, 20, and 27. The competition is April 10, 2019
  - PhD+ Foundation Series will be held on February 18, 2019
  - PhD+ Data Literacy Workshops will be held on February 21 and 28, 2019
- Q&A on Data Science and Consulting – A Perspective of Data Scientist Consultant on February 7, 2019
- The Contemplative Sciences Center is hosting events on February 10, 13, and 24, 2019, as well as yoga classes most days of the week
- Women in Data Science Conference will be held on March 29, 2019. Submit a proposal by February 15, 2019
- Lunchtime Informational Session on Sexual Harassment and Violence on February 28, 2019
- One Journey Film Screening, hosted by Batten, on February 28, 2019
36th Annual UVA School of Medicine 5K Benefitting Camp Holiday Trails is on April 14, 2019. Registration open now!

The NAGPS will be hosting its Spring Advocacy Summit & Legislative Action Days from March 9-13, 2019

National Geographic on Campus, March 1-2, 2019

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Volunteering Opportunities

- Journal of Emerging Investigators seeking student editors and reviewers
- Virginia Piedmont Regional Science Fair - seeking Judges

New! GPC Monthly Poll

Thank you to all the participants of GPC's January Poll. The results are listed below. This month, we want to know what content you’d like to see in the newsletter. Remember, responses are completely anonymous but greatly appreciated!

Anyone with questions, comments, or wishing to submit a question for the poll, please contact GPC Chair@virginia.edu.

Click here to fill out the Poll

Results from January

The Graduate School of Arts & Sciences rang into our first poll with nearly 23% of the responses. Following in close second was the School of Medicine with 21%, and bringing home the bronze was the Curry Education School with 17% of readers. To the 42% of viewers that enjoy skimming the newsletter, we are currently working to have more visuals and links for additional information. Welcome to the 25% that just learned we have a newsletter! :) And to the 12.5% that absolutely love it - we love you too!

GPC Meetings
Our next GPC Meeting will be held on February 26 at 5:30 pm in McLeod 1009. All are welcome to submit discussion topics and attend. For agenda or additional information, please contact gpc_chair@virginia.edu.

Photo Log

On January 17, 2019, the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Affairs officially launched PhD+ with “Shaping the Future of Graduate Education”. The event involved a day full of presentations from experts on graduate education, discussions amongst faculty, students, and staff; breakout sessions with individuals working in alternative, non-academic careers; a panel discussion on shaping the future of graduate education; and an evening reception in the Dome Room of the Rotunda.
Events

PhD+ Startup Series

- **PhD+ Startup: The Patent Landscape**
  - Feb 5 | 5 pm | New Cabell Hall, Room 309
- **PhD+ Startup: The Regulatory Landscape**
  - Feb 12 | 5 pm | New Cabell Hall, Room 309
- **PhD+ Startup: The Funding Landscape**
  - Feb 19 | 5 pm | New Cabell Hall, Room 309

PhD+ Career Design

- **Self-assessment**
  - Feb 6 | 3.00 pm | South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall
- **Career Exploration**
  - Feb 13 | 3.00 pm | South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall
- **Skills Assessment**
  - Feb 20 | 3.00 pm | South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall
- **IDP for Careers**
  - Feb 27 | 3.30 pm | Harrison Institute Auditorium
Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Prep workshops

- **Crafting your talk**
  - Feb 6 | 12.00 pm | Newcomb Hall, Room 481
- **Designing your slide**
  - Feb 13 | 12.00 pm | Newcomb Hall, Room 481
- **Creating your physical presence**
  - Feb 20 | 12.00 pm | Newcomb Hall, Room 481
- **Dry run/ Practice session**

PhD+ Foundations series

- **Effective Communication**
  - Feb 18 | 3.30 pm | South Meeting Room, Newcomb Hall

PhD+ Data Literacy

- **Data Essentials in R: Introduction to R**
  - Feb 21 | 3 pm | Clark Hall 133
- **Data Essentials in R: Data Preparation**
  - Feb 28 | 3 pm | Clark Hall 133
  - Feb 27 | 12.00 pm | Newcomb Hall, Room 481

Q&A on Data Science and Consulting – A Perspective of Data Scientist Consultant
The Contemplative Sciences Center

The Contemplative Sciences Center hosts a series of events each month that may be of interest to graduate and professional students including yoga and those listed below:

- **Understanding the Enneagram: A Path to Greater Self Awareness and Transformation** on February 10, 2019
- **Compassion and Kindness Panel Discussion** on February 13, 2019
- **Caring for the Caregivers** on February 24, 2019

2019 Charlottesville Women in Data Science Conference
2019 Charlottesville Women in Data Science Conference will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019 in the Abbott Center Auditorium. This event brings together the data science community to celebrate, support, and educate women in data science. Registration for WiDS 2019 will open February 4, 2019. If you are a woman undertaking research at UVA or another regional university, submit a proposal to present your work by February 15, 2019. To stay up-to-date on WiDS programming and receive registration information when it opens, sign up here.

Lunchtime Informational Session on Sexual Harassment and Violence

The Biology Graduate Student Association is holding a lunchtime information session on sexual harassment and violence, with a focus on the unique position that graduate students occupy. Come eat pizza and get clear, candid answers to questions such as: What behaviors are we protected from by UVA policies? What are our legal reporting obligations? What resources exist for us and for the students we teach? How should we respond when students confide in us? How can we support our own friends and loved ones who are survivors? Claire Kaplan, director of the Gender Violence and Social Change Program at the Women's Center, will lead the presentation. A panel of students will discuss their own experiences and the suggestions they have for current TAs. The presentation will be from 11 pm - 12:30 pm on February 28, 2019 in Gilmer Hall 290, followed by lunch and a Q&A from 12:30 pm -1:00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP here. Questions may be addressed to Phoebe Cook (pac6he@virginia.edu) and Claire Kaplan (cnk2r@virginia.edu).

One Journey Festival
36th Annual UVA School of Medicine 5K Benefitting Camp Holiday Trails

Spring Advocacy Summit & Legislative Action Days

The NAGPS will be hosting its *Spring Advocacy Summit & Legislative Action Days* from March 9-13. [Here](#) you can find the tentative schedule for the Summit, and [here](#) you can register to attend. The Westin Arlington Gateway is offering reduced group rate until **February 15 at 5 pm** for $155 per night! To make reservations please call: (703) 717-6200. **When making reservations, make sure you identify yourself as an attendee of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students event to receive the rate listed above**

National Geographic on Campus
Join National Geographic Explorers and UVA faculty for National Geographic on Campus, right here on Grounds! The program will bring together world-renowned explorers with UVA experts and scholars to address some of the most critical issues of our time, including environmental, social, and cultural resilience. On Thursday, Feb. 28, UVA will host award-winning photographer and explorer Jodi Cobb at the Paramount; this event is free and open to the public. Friday the 1st features an all-day symposium at Old Cabell Hall, and on Saturday faculty and explorers will co-host a series of hands-on workshops for students.

Visit the National Geographic on Campus website for more information and to register for the symposium and workshops. You must sign up for Friday’s symposium to participate on Saturday. A NetBadge log-in is necessary to register.

Announcements

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 Student Member of the Board of Visitors
The Board of Visitors has maintained a position for the Student Member since 1983. Although the Student Member does not have a vote on the Board, full members consider his or her voice equally among the opinions of others. Consequently, the Student Member must actively assess, predict, and communicate the general student reaction to the Board's decisions. More than anything else, the Student Member serves as a soundboard for the Board of Visitors with regard to issues that affect students at the University.

The term of the Student Member is one year, beginning June 1. Candidates must be full time students (undergraduate or graduate) whose completion of degree requirements is at least one year beyond the date of appointment to the Board of Visitors. For more information and the online application, please visit the website. Applications are due Wednesday, February 6 at 11:59 p.m.

**CIO Updates**

The application to apply for CIO status is now open through February 22. Learn more about the criteria for CIO recognition and how to apply.
Call for Proposals: Innovations in Pedagogy Summit

The Center for Teaching Excellence invites proposals for its Seventh Annual Innovations in Pedagogy Summit. This year’s Summit, to be held Wednesday, May 1, 2019, will focus on the theme Teaching with/in Contexts. We teach, learn, and live within particular and intersecting local, national, and global contexts, and there is an urgent need for our students to engage with these contexts in their learning. For the full Call for Proposals and to submit a proposal, please click here. The deadline for proposal submission is Sunday, February 24, 2019. The Summit will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in Newcomb Hall, University of Virginia. If you have questions, please contact cte-summit@virginia.edu.

Now Accepting application for 2019 Raven Fellowships

The Raven Society is now accepting applications for its 2019 Raven Fellowships, which fund up to $2500 towards independent research projects for the summer and fall of 2019. All research topics will be considered, and any currently enrolled UVA graduate or undergraduate student may apply. The deadline is Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 11:59pm. The application and FAQs may be found at the Raven Society website.

Huskey Exhibition - Save the Date

Save the date! The Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition will be held:

Tuesday March 26, 2019

A call for abstracts will be announced in January. Graduate students in all departments are encouraged to apply!

Academic Religious Accommodations for Students: Ramadan and Spring Exams

According to University policy and protocol, students can expect reasonable accommodations if sincerely held religious beliefs or observances conflict with academic requirements. In a recent message, Provost Tom Katsouleas and Catherine Spear (Office for Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights)
reminded faculty members of this policy and the fact that Ramadan, which starts this year at sunrise on May 6, conflicts with the University exam schedule (May 2-10, 2019).

2019-20 Presidential Fellows in Data Science

The application process for the 2019-20 cohort of Data Science Presidential Fellows is well underway.

THIRTY project ideas have been submitted!

If you are a graduate student with expertise in a field related to Data Science and would like to work on one of these projects as a presidential fellow next year, please note that applications are due by this Friday at 5pm.

See the application information, and especially the FAQ for instructions.

There will be a networking event this Thursday February 7 from 3-5 in Dell I for students who proposed projects and students who have data science expertise to get to know each other and possibly form teams.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Claudia Scholz (cws3v@virginia.edu)

Student Accomplishments

Congratulations to the 2019 GSASC Research Grant winners!

Brooke Dinsmore - Sociology
Grace East - Anthropology
Christian Hayes - Astronomy
Meret S. Hofer - Psychology
Sarah Johnson - Sociology
Aycan Katitas - Politics
Katie Lantz - History
Najee Olya - Art History
Abeer Saha - History
**The Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award**

Congratulations to Thankful Cromartie, a fifth year Astronomy PhD student, & Molly Finn, a second year Astronomy PhD student, for receiving the Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Student Award.

This award recognizes exemplary research by undergraduate and graduate students who present at the American Astronomical Society (AAS). They were two of twenty seven awardees from a competition of over 360 graduate students at this year's Winter AAS Meeting.

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**Resources for Students**

**Graduate Legislative Affairs Committee (GLAC) Update**

Stay up to date on the latest news and happenings in Washington, DC with the latest version of Legislative Letters. Brought to you on behalf of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students.
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Use the Graduate and Professional Student Housing @ UVA resource to look for and request housing and roommate opportunities.

Silver Cloud

Student Health Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is expanding their mental health resources. Check out Silver Cloud online!
Looking for a way to give back through science education, all while furthering your professional development as a scientist? The *Journal of Emerging Investigators* is an open-access science journal publishing research by middle and high school scientists. JEI was established by graduate students at Harvard University to reinvest in the next generation of researchers, both teaching skills in professional academic writing and lowering barriers to publication of student research. Since then, JEI has spread to over 30 research universities worldwide, with a volunteer staff of 180 PhD candidates and serving between 300-500 secondary students each year. For more information on how to get involved, look [here](#).

**The Virginia Piedmont Regional Science Fair**

The Virginia Piedmont Regional Science Fair is looking for volunteers judges. The Fair will be held on March 14, 2019. Register to volunteer [here](#).

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Check out the GPC webpage on the gradstudies.virginia.edu website