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Who's My GPSA Representative?

*by Malori Monroe, GPSA MBA representative
photos by Shelbi Schroeder, GPSA Art Department representative*



GPSA 2013 – 2014 Council

Every UNLV academic department and professional school that offers a graduate or professional degree has a student seat on the GPSA Council. Representatives must be currently enrolled and admitted to a program. While a few council seats are still vacant, the majority of the seats are occupied by students who serve as liaisons between their departments/

schools and the GPSA; communicating GPSA and campus information to their constituents, as well as presenting the GPSA with issues relevant to their constituents.

GPSA representatives participate in committees that organize community service and social activities for graduate and professional students, review applications for GPSA sponsorships, awards and scholarships and write and publish these very newsletters.

The council membership and committee assignment listings are available at: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/council>.

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GPSA Sponsorship—Funding for Research and Conference Travel

by Sharon Young, GPSA Vice President & Chair Sponsorship Committee

One of the most important service offered by the GPSA is to provide support for graduate and professional students in the form of sponsorship funding for scholarly activities that directly affect the student's degree program. This can include research activities, or travel to academic or professional conferences or other venues to present/perform your scholarly work. This year, the GPSA has allocated \$100,000 for sponsorship funding for research and conference travel. The Graduate College has graciously contributed an additional \$50,000 earmarked specifically for supporting Tier I doctoral research. Applications for **Spring 2014 activities are due Friday, November 15th**. So if you are planning to present your work at a conference or will be starting a research project, be sure to check out the sponsorship webpage at <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards> for application information and requirements. Questions can be sent to the GPSA Vice President, Sharon Young, Sharon.Young@unlv.edu, or GPSA Manager, Becky Boulton, Rebecca.Boulton@unlv.edu.



Kinesiology graduate students conducting research

COFFEE & BAGELS

**Graduate Student Commons
Lied Library room 2141**



**from 7:30 – 10:00am
during last week of instruction:
December 2 – 6, 2013**

(Available until refreshments are exhausted)

The GPSA would like to thank UNLV Dining for their support with this event.



School of Allied Health

HEALTH PHYSICS

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Tim Thatcher is the self-proclaimed “resident redhead” in the Health Physics department. Originally from Arcadia, California, Tim completed his Undergraduate degree in Biomedical Physics from the University of California, Irvine. After graduation, his plan is to find a job or residency program (or, as he says, start robbing banks to pay back student loans!). Tim currently serves on the Bookstore Advisory Committee, and is always looking for suggestions from his fellow students on how the bookstore experience can be improved. His goals as a GPSA rep are to relay information to the department and field any questions that his classmates may have—while always trying to do a good job and stay involved! Timothy has extensive tutoring experience, and in his free time, he enjoys singing and songwriting.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *“Neopolitan cause that’s like, 3 ice creams in one”*

KINESIOLOGY AND NUTRITION SCIENCES

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Andrew Nordin is a PhD student with a concentration in Biomechanics in the department of Kinesiology and Nutrition Sciences. He is originally from Canada, and completed two undergraduates degrees in Physics and

Kinesiology and a Masters degree in Kinesiology from Lakehead University. After finishing his program, His research interests include movement control and injury mechanisms in landing tasks, as well as walking and running. He has taught laboratory sections and lectured for undergraduate biomechanics courses at Lakehead University and at UNLV. Andrew is currently working on a variety of research projects including examinations of landing strategies in the context of movement control, as well as impact forces in running across changes in foot strike pattern. He recently represented UNLV at the Southwest Regional American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in October, where he received the Norman James Research Award for his work on running mechanics. Andrew’s goal as the representative for the Department of Kinesiology & Nutrition Sciences is to ensure that students in the department are aware of the support available from GPSA, providing opportunities to attend conferences where research from UNLV can be showcased.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *“Maple Walnut...because of the Canadian content”*

College of Business

ACCOUNTING

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Candace Corra is the representative for the Accounting department. She is originally from Mississippi, but she has lived in many different places due to being in the military and while being married to a

military man. Candace has worked as a paralegal for the last 17 years, and looks forward to working in the accounting field after graduation. As a GPSA rep, Candace is a member of the UNLV & Regents' Academic Advisor Awards Selection Committee and the Bylaws Committee.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *“Chocolate chip cookie dough.”*

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

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Malori Monroe is the representative for the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) program within the College of Business. She is from California, but is pretty much a native-Las Vegas. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

(Management concentration) from UNLV. After graduation, Malori would like to completely shift gears and try teaching English at the K-12 level for awhile (even if that means a lot more school and/or a possible PhD program) and continue writing, singing, and producing her own music projects. Her working background has, for the most part, been in commercial banking and credit. She is now employed in the Product Development department at a large convention company, where she improves and manages an integral customer relations and show organization tool. Malori serves on the Publications Committee, and as the GPSA rep for her department, she hopes to help her classmates be more involved on campus and become more aware of upcoming events and opportunities.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *“I would be that Watermelon Ice sorbet flavor from Baskin Robins. It’s really random and colorful”*

ECONOMICS

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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Originally from India, **Nacchammai Palaniappan** is the representative for the Management Information Systems program. She completed her Bachelors in Engineering (Geo-Informatics) in Chennai in South India, and came to the United States with her husband. After graduation, she plans to find a job in her field of study. Nacchammai currently works as a teaching assistant in the MET program and has experience as a Project Manager when she worked for a construction consultancy firm in Salem, Tamil Nadu, India. She is currently serving on the STAB committee. Her goal as the GPSA rep for her department is to spread all of the important information that is discussed in the meetings to her peers.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"I love the flavor of butterscotch ice cream"*

HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION & POLICY

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PUBLIC HEALTH

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Erin Sheehy is currently pursuing a Masters of Public Health degree with a specialization in Social Behavioral Health. She is from South Dakota and received her Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State University. After completing her Masters, she would like to work for the Centers for Disease Control. During the summer, Erin was a graduate assistant and conducted ethnographic research for Southern Nevada Strong, a publically-engaged regional planning process exploring opportunities for sustainable transportation, housing, economic opportunity and communities in local neighborhoods. Erin is currently a member of the GPSA Sponsorship committee. Her goal as a rep is to keep her department informed about UNLV and GPSA news/events and sponsorship deadlines.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Mint Chocolate Chip"*

School of Dental Medicine

DENTAL MEDICINE

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College of Education

EDUCATIONAL & CLINICAL STUDIES

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Pamela Juniel is in the PhD program in Educational and Clinical Studies with concentrations in learning disabilities, autism and ELL/TESL. Pamela is a native of Las Vegas. She received her undergraduate degree at UNR and her Masters from UNLV. Pamela's plans to work a teaching university where she can also conduct research to improve student outcomes for children with disabilities and also in the foster program.

Pamela's goals as representative for her department is to ensure that graduate students are made aware of all of the opportunities for training and funding resources. She has found that many of the student in her department of all of the resources the GPSA provides. She wants to ensure that her department continues to have the strong presence it has had in the past with outstanding scholarship and excellence in leadership.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Rocky Road —it has its surprises in every bite!"*



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY & HIGHER LEARNING

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TEACHING & LEARNING

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Tarryn McGhie is pursuing a PhD in Cultural and International Studies in the Department of Teaching and Learning. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 2007, and his Master of Science in Educational Psychology from UNLV in 2010. Mr. McGhie's research interests include racial identity development, stereotype threat mediation, prison rehabilitation services, education policy, and literacy as it relates to the school to prison pipeline. He currently runs a mentoring program in one of the Prime 6 schools here in Las Vegas where the focus is on literacy, academic engagement and professional development of elementary students.

College of Engineering

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Derek Williams is a Computer Science PhD student specializing in Computational Game Theory. He is from Louisville, Kentucky, and completed his Bachelor of Science and Masters in Engineering in Computer Engineering/Computer Science at the University of Louisville. He also spent a year in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario, where he was affiliated with the Centre for Applied Cryptographic Research. Derek spent six years prior to returning to school as a high stakes professional poker player (to which he adds, "doing that for a living is not very emotionally fulfilling, hence the return to school...nevertheless the ideas and strategy behind the game are interesting and I use them as the basis for my research"). He taught eight semesters of courses at Louisville, is in his second year of teaching at UNLV, and plans to become a professor after graduation. His research is a secret for now, but in the past, he was very involved with Wikipedia and wrote the first ever anti-vandalism program. He is also the President of UNLV's Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering honor society, and serves on the Student Technology Advisory Board.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"No ice cream flavor, but here's a food-related fact about me... I eat ghost peppers on almost everything"*

CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

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Kishor Shrestha's specialization is Construction Management. In his Masters degree, he was involved in construction safety and currently, in his PhD program, he is conducting research regarding Construction Procurement Methods. Kishor grew up and completed his Bachelors degree in Nepal. In previous years, he worked on the Dubai Metro Project with Obayashi Corporation in 2007 as a civil engineer. He has also worked in several places in Nepal as a civil engineer before coming to the U.S. to study. Currently, Kishor is conducting research on 'Performance Based Road Maintenance' which is being funded by the Nevada Department of Transportation. Kishor is serving on the GPSA election committee. As the GPSA representative for his department, Kishor's goals are to help more graduate students participate in GPSA events and be involved in several volunteering efforts.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Strawberry"*

ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Vacant Seat

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Vacant Seat

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College of Fine Arts

ARCHITECTURE

Vacant Seat

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ART—VISUAL ARTS/PHOTOGRAPHY

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Shelbi Schroeder's specialization is in Photography in the Visual Arts department. She is originally from South Dakota, where she graduated from Humboldt State University with a BA in Fine Arts. She also attended

Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design for one year. Shelbi would ultimately like to be a professor of the Arts at a university as well as own her own small bakery. Shelbi teaches beginning black and white photography, and next semester, she will be teaching black and white as well as digital photography. Her current research is based on the human experience with oneself, specifically the psychological effect the body has on the mind and the mind on the body; in her photographs, she questions what it means to be inside a body. Shelbi also serves on the Publications Committee within GPSA. Her goals as a GPSA rep are to keep her fellow grad students informed about important issues that are happening at UNLV as well as support the Fine Arts Department by giving her classmates a voice in these matters.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Hands Down, Half Baked, Ben and Jerry's!"*

FILM

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Ezra Mahurin represents the MFA screenwriting program offered in the Department of Film. Originally from Oklahoma, he received his undergrad in Communication from Missouri Southern State University in

Joplin, Missouri. Since coming to UNLV, he has helped teach a variety of film classes including Film Noir, 80s film, and Melodrama. Ezra currently teaches Intro to Screenwriting as well as Screenwriting I & II. He writes mainly plays and feature length screenplays. Comedy is his favorite genre, and he loves writing campy, over the top characters and making them real. Ezra is currently working on his thesis script as well as a modern adaptation of Snow White. This is Ezra's second year on the Sponsorship Committee within GPSA. His goals as a rep are to always keep his constituents informed (according to Ezra, "they mostly want to know how to get money and when the next mixer is going to be, so my job is pretty easy"). After graduation, Ezra will be moving to LA to work in the film industry where, he jokes, he "will most likely be waiting tables".

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"I'd never be ice cream. I'd be lime green sorbet, bright and sour".*

MUSIC

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Daniel Hunter is specializing in vocal performance and pedagogy in the Music Department. Daniel is originally from Columbus, OH (GO BUCKS!) Daniel received his undergraduate degree from the University of Houston and his Masters from Georgia

Southern University. Daniel's future plans are to teach at an university as well as pursue a performing art career. Daniel is specifically interested in the Opera Libretti of Langston Hughes as well as the contribution individuals of African descent have made towards the classical arts. He has completed several projects on "Blacks in Classical Music". Currently Daniel is a graduate assistant in the Choral Department as well as a part-time instructor in private voice and voice class for non-majors. Daniel serves on STAB and the Theses and Dissertation Committee. He hopes to serve his constituents by having an active voice and to keep his colleagues informed of any and everything that assists in them to graduate.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Mint Chocolate . . . Yum!"*

THEATRE ARTS

Vacant Seat

College of Hotel Administration

HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION

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Wen Chang representative from the Hospitality Administration program, is specializing in Organizational Behavior and Human Resources Management within the Hotel College. Originally from China, she also received

her Bachelors in China, and her Masters degree in Hospitality Management from the University of Houston. After she finishes her Ph.D. program at UNLV, she wishes to be in a faculty position at a leading university in the United States. Wen's research area is hospitality human resources management, and she is currently working on research related to guest service and human resources management with several different faculty members on campus. She has published research on recruiting and social media, and she is currently teaching the undergraduate level Hospitality Human Resource Management class. Wen is on the Sponsorship Committee and, as a GPSA rep, her goal is to transmit information between GPSA and her college to assist both students and faculty with their research and teaching projects.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Definitely VANILLA!"*

Law School

LAW

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Tamara Ioudina a full time 3L student, is the representative for the William S. Boyd School of Law. She was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and moved to Iowa at the age of three. She went to high school in Iowa, North Dakota, and

South Dakota before completing her undergraduate degree at UNLV as a Psychology major with a Criminal Justice minor. After finishing law school, Tamara plans to take the Nevada bar exam and stay in Vegas to practice. As the GPSA rep for Boyd, she hopes to get law students more involved with the rest of the campus. She will also try her best to make law students more aware of the decisions being made around UNLV that will affect them, and to help them participate in the decision making process.

College of Liberal Arts

ANTHROPOLOGY

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College of Liberal Arts (cont.)

ENGLISH

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Anthony Guy Patricia represents the Department of English. This is his second year serving as a council member. He is a PhD candidate in literature with a specialization in Shakespeare. Tony finished his Bachelor's Degree in English, Magna Cum Laude, in 2004, and in 2008, he completed his Master's Degree in English, both at UNLV. He is currently on-track to finish his PhD in May 2014. He wishes to pursue an academic career after his doctoral studies come to an end. Since becoming a graduate student in UNLV's English department, he has had the opportunity to teach lower and upper division courses in Composition, World Literature, History of the English Language, and Shakespeare. Anthony has also served the English department as the Freshman Composition Program Coordinator since 2006. His research and writing at the moment focus on representations of gender and sexuality in Anglophone Shakespeare sound film during the last 80 years of cinema. He is currently on the Graduate Curriculum Review Committee and the Research Forum Committee. Given his longevity with the university and with GPSA, his overarching goal as a GPSA council representative is to address the needs and concerns of his English department colleagues to the best of his ability and to serve as a resource for information about all of the fantastic things that GPSA accomplishes and makes it possible for graduate students to achieve -- particularly where sponsorship funding is concerned.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Coffee"*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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Sarah Carey represents the Department of World Languages and Cultures. She will be testing in the fields of Linguistics, Translation, and Latin American Culture. She is originally from Las Vegas and has earned her degrees from UNLV. After Sarah completes her program, she hopes to attend a Doctoral program out of state. Sarah worked for VIP at the Encore for three years, and in the last year and a half of her Masters program, she has worked with the Academic Success Center and within her own department teaching Spanish 113. Her goal as the GPSA rep for her department is to increase awareness regarding the assistance that GPSA can provide.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"Mint chocolate chip... it's fresh, yet classic."*

HISTORY

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Amy Laws is the representative for the History department within the College of Liberal Arts. She is specializing in European History and focusing on cultural identities in the post-colonial world (ex-British colonies, namely India, Africa, and the Caribbean). This is Amy's first semester in graduate school, and she is currently a TA (which she finds exciting and scary at the same time J). She is on the Activities Committee within GPSA, and her goal as the rep for her department is to keep everyone updated on important information and deadlines (funding and workshops).

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"I would be Blue Bunny's Salted Caramel Praline Crunch"*

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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SOCIOLOGY

Denise Cook—cookd6@unlv.nevada.edu



Denise Cook is a PhD student in the Sociology department within the College of Liberal Arts. She was raised in Panama and previously attended California State University, Sacramento. After graduation, she will be moving back to Panama, where she hopes to teach at a university there. Denise's background is in volunteerism, nonprofits, and culture. She has a fascination with the zombie analogy and, as a result, she has an article and a book chapter coming out about the subject; the book chapter is expected in 2014, and the article will be published in November 2013. As the GPSA rep for her department, Denise expects to serve and communicate all of the needs of her peers for the university's consideration.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? *"I would be a chocolate vanilla swirl!"*

School of Nursing

NURS-
Vacant Seat

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College of Urban Affairs (cont.)

SOCIAL WORK

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Teresa "Terri" Thomas is a Masters degree student in the Social Work program. She serves as the President for the University Association of Social Work Students and as President for the School of Social Work Student Honor Society, Phi Alpha, Delta Chapter. Originally from Austin, TX, Terri has also lived in Nebraska and in Reno; while in Reno, she attended Truckee Meadows Community College for her AA degree while being a full-time wife, mother, and a grandmother. She received her Bachelors in Social Work with a minor in Family Studies from UNLV last May and her LSW last August. After graduation, Terri hopes to be an advocate for public education, and she plans to work within the area of senior adult advocacy and receive training in thanatology. Terri also has experience as a home school teacher and in teaching English Language Learners, as well as volunteer and leadership experience with the Nevada Southern Baptists, the national Women's Missionary Union Scholarship and Grants Committee, Club Christ Ministries, and the Boys and Girls Club, and she was the Assistant Director of Human Resources for a large casino in Reno for ten years. She would like to be involved with the GPSA Awards and Elections Committees, and as a GPSA rep for her department, she plans to ensure that the School of Social Work has a voice within the GPSA council and in the university community.

Fun fact: if you could be any flavor of ice cream, which one would you be? "*Pistachio... I am fun, I have small bursts of energy (flavor), I love the color green and I'm a little nuts! I serve a purpose and have fun while I'm fulfilling my obligation!*"



Executive Board

GPSA PRESIDENT

Michael Gordon—michael.gordon@unlv.edu



Michael Gordon came to Las Vegas from Cape Town, South Africa on a Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarship. He received both his LLB and LLM degrees in private law from the University of South Africa. Michael graduated from UNLV in May 2008 with a Masters in Public Administration. He is currently a doctoral student in Public Affairs in the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs.

GPSA VICE PRESIDENT

Sharon Young—sharon.young@unlv.edu



GPSA Vice President Sharon Young began her studies at UNLV in 2007 as a MA student in the Anthropology Department, and is currently working on a PhD biomedical anthropology. Her research focuses on maternal reproduction and health, investigating the growing practice of human maternal placentophagy in evolutionary and cross-cultural context. Previously, Sharon served as the Anthropology department GPSA representative and on the GPSA Sponsorship Committee before joining the e-board.

GPSA TREASURER

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GPSA Treasurer Eshani Gandhi was the GPSA 2012 – 2013 representative for the Department of Chemistry in the College of Sciences. She is pursuing her doctorate in Chemical Education. Prior to starting graduate school, she served in leadership positions in student government and pre-health professional organizations. She has been involved in community outreach internationally and locally. She is an advocate for higher education and student rights.

GPSA SECRETARY

Meghan Pierce—meghan.pierce@unlv.edu



GPSA Secretary Meghan Pierce began her studies at UNLV in 2003, where she completed a BA in psychology and a MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Currently, she is working on her PhD in Experimental Psychology with an emphasis on neuroscience. Her research examines the neuroendocrine correlates of stress, specifically markers of the HPA axis in various populations of veterans, females, and individuals with PTSD.

GPSA Faculty Advisors & Manager



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Lied Library will be closed during Winter Intersession — from December 18, 2013 through January 20, 2014

by Meghan Pierce, GPSA Secretary

Lied Library will be closed from December 18th through January 20th. During the extended winter closure of Lied Library the first floor will be resurfaced to ensure the safety of project is a key component of the Lied Public Space address the wear and tear of Lied Library, now in its tion of spaces to meet the demands of a growing emerging information technology.



UNLV students and community visitors. This Enhancement Project, which was initiated to 13th year of service; as well as the reconfigura- student body and its evolving needs for new and

Students will have access to library services during

Library, the Graduate Student Commons will be closed during this time. There will be a staffed information desk on the first floor at the Book and Bean coffee shop to address questions and direct users to the branch libraries, where many services will be provided for the duration of the closure. The Extended Study Area adjacent to the Book and Bean coffee shop will also be available for quiet study during information desk hours. In addition, the following services will be available:

- ✦ Obtaining materials
- ✦ Returns
- ✦ Research assistance
- ✦ Payment of fines and fees online and at the branch libraries
- ✦ Photocopiers at the branch libraries
- ✦ Interlibrary Loan, Link+, DesktopExpress
- ✦ New UNLV Libraries accounts
- ✦ Study spaces and computing

You may access many of these services through an information desk located inside the Book and Bean coffee shop or you may visit one of UNLV Libraries' branch libraries: Architecture Studies Library (ASL), Curriculum Materials Library (CML), or the Music Library.

Learn more about the Lied Public Space Enhancement Project at <http://guides.library.unlv.edu/LiedSpace>.

Graduate & Professional Student Health Insurance Waiver Spring Semester 2014 Reminder

A message from the Student Health Insurance Committee



Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

All graduate and professional students taking 9 credits or more per semester, and all graduate assistants, must have health insurance coverage either through UNLV, or through the insurance carrier of their choice. Graduate and professional students taking 9 credits or more will be initially charged for UNLV student health insurance; however, if proof that alternate insurance from a non-UNLV carrier is provided, the alternate coverage may qualify for a waiver and removal of the UNLV health insurance fee from the student account.

The deadline for submitting a waiver for the Spring 2014 semester is **January 13, 2014**. Please see the graduate and professional student mandatory health insurance webpage (<http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/current/insurance-waiver.html>) for the information that domestic graduate and professional students will need regarding the mandatory student health insurance and the process for applying for a hard waiver. UNLV health insurance is mandatory for all international students. International students with insurance questions must contact the International Students and Scholars office (SSC-C building; Phone 774-6477.) Please note: If you received a waiver for the student health insurance fee for the Fall 2013 semester, you will not need to request a waiver for the Spring 2014 semester. If you have waived but wish to enroll in the Student Health Insurance plan, please send your request to: insurancewaiver.grads@unlv.edu.

Don't miss out on the Art Department's Upcoming Special Events



- ❖ Graduate Student Camilla Oldenkamps Midway: Reception Thursday Nov.21 6pm-9pm @ Grant Hall Gallery
- ❖ Graduate Student Rebecca's Pugh's Midway: Tuesday Dec. 10 6pm-9pm @ Grant Hall Gallery
- ❖ Graduate Student Shelbi Schroeder's Midway: Friday Jan. 31 6pm-9pm @ Grant Hall Gallery
- ❖ Graduate Student Lisa Rocks's Midway: Friday Feb.7 6pm-9pm @ Grant Hall Gallery



GPSA Award Ceremony 2013

GPSA Student and Faculty Award

The GPSA recognizes students and faculty from across disciplines and classifications for their contributions to the development and continuing growth of UNLV. The four categories are: Outstanding Mentor Award, Service Award, Merit Award and Distinguished Contribution Award.

The two student awards, Service and Merit Awards come with a \$300 award. Learn more about how to nominate (or self-nominate) a deserving student or faculty member: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/grants/>. Application deadline is **December 6, 2013**.



Graduating this Semester—Interested in Serving as the Commencement Student Speaker???

Both an undergraduate and graduate/professional student speaker will be selected to address the graduating class at commencement. The speakers, who are selected through an applicant review process, must be members of the graduating class they plan to address. The final selection of the speakers will be made by the President's Cabinet. Selection will be based on civic engagement, scholarly achievements and awards.

Students may self-nominate or be nominated by their College Dean or faculty member.

The winter commencement ceremony is December 17, 2013 at 4:00 pm. Application packets should be emailed as a Word or PDF file to Kyle Kaalberg in the president's office at kyle.kaalberg@unlv.edu by **11:59 pm, Friday, November 15, 2013**. The application and further details are available at <http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html> For more information contact: Kyle Kaalberg kyle.kaalberg@unlv.edu / 702-895-3201



New Equipment / Technology in the Graduate Student Commons



Plotter in Commons

New this semester the GPSA has acquired a plotter, to print large posters for conference presentations. Also, when entering the Commons, students now swipe their RebelCard. This has proven to be a more efficient way of tracking usage in the study facility. Atlas.ti, a qualitative software, is currently on some of the computers but before the semester is out should be on all 44 computers.



Wyatt Bain swipes his Rebel Card as Sharon Young observes

Important Graduate College deadlines for Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

- ✧ Recruitment Awards Program—Deadline: April 1, 2014
- ✧ Emergency Graduate Student Retention Awards—(ongoing, no deadline)
- ✧ Outstanding Thesis & Dissertation Awards—College nominations. Deadline: December 18, 2013
- ✧ Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award—Nominations due by December 13, 2013
- ✧ Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award—Nominations due to Academic College by December 6, 2013; College nominations due to Graduate College by February 1, 2014
- ✧ Barrick Graduate Fellowship (\$15,000 award, plus tuition/fee waiver—Deadline: December 1, 2013
- ✧ Hermsen Fellowship (package worth approximately \$20,000)—Deadline: December 1, 2013
- ✧ President's UNLV Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (package worth approximately \$25,000)—Deadline: December 1, 2013
- ✧ UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees Fellowship (package worth approximately \$30,000 p/year)—Deadline: December 1, 2013
- ✧ Graduate College STEM Fellowship (package worth approximately \$20,000)—Deadline: December 1, 2013

More information about these and more fellowships, scholarships, awards, etc. available at <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/financing/>. Don't miss important Graduate College deadlines, events, etc. Subscribe to the RebelMail Graduate College Calendar: <http://rebelmail.unlv.edu/calendar/unlv-calendars> and have all these dates imported into your Google calendar.

Digital Scholarship at UNLV

By Surbhi Sharma, GPSA School of Life Sciences Representative

The UNLV digital scholarship repository is an online database maintained by UNLV libraries with the mission to capture, preserve and share intellectual output of UNLV faculty, staff, students and collaborations with other stakeholders.

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With 9,139 papers to date, there have been 630,304 downloads in the past year of its usage.

Digital Scholarship@UNLV is based on an open access publishing model allowing users to freely read, and download full text of research materials. By removing subscription costs, it increases the accessibility, visibility, and potential impact of scholarship, thus creating and promoting opportunities for education, collaboration, and faculty career advancement. It is an excellent resource to showcase student's research as well. However, a UNLV faculty member must sponsor the journal for an undergraduate or graduate student to submit their research in digital scholarship.

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includes: articles, monographs, authors, technical reports, conference sets, and publicly-funded research from 18 individual campus groups across mountain west and student affairs sorted based on disciplines and authors.

There have been a total of 310,306 full-text downloads in the past year indicating the volume of its usage.

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Graduate College Teaching Certificate Program

by Meghan Pierce, GPSA Secretary

The Graduate College is pleased to announce the introduction of the Graduate College Teaching Certificate Program (GCTCP). Much like the Graduate College Research Certificate Program (GRCRP), GCTCP will be a free, value added professional development program. Once accepted into the program, participants must complete a minimum of 6 approved campus workshops and then complete their culminating experience. The GCTCP workshops are designed to foster intellectual discussion of ethical issues in graduate student teaching. All of the GA Teaching workshops offered during the fall 2013 semester will be accepted retroactively to fulfill GCTCP requirements.

If you have not started your GRCRP experience, graduate, and select undergraduate students can enroll by following instructions on this site <http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/gcrp.html>. Once accepted into the program, participants must complete a minimum of 6 approved campus workshops and then complete their culminating experience. The GRCRP workshops are designed to foster intellectual discussion of ethical issues in conducting research, as well as provide insight and training on best research practices. The GRCRP is a collaborative effort between the Responsible Conduct of Research Training sponsored by the Office of Research Integrity, Graduate Student Workshops sponsored by Lied Library, the Committee for Faculty Professional Opportunities, the Office of Sponsored Programs, the Professional Development Committee of the Graduate Council, and the Graduate College.

The GPSA / Graduate College are hosting a series of Professional Development Workshops

- November 14th—**Workshop: Coping in graduate school.** 3:00-4:30pm, LLB 2141—Registrations must be made from your UNLV Rebel mail account from the link off webpage: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development>. Panelists: Dr. Fred Krauss, Director of Graduate Services; Dr. Julio Espinoza, Outreach Coordinator, Licensed Psychologist and CAPS staff (Counseling and Psychological Services); Erin Farrar, Director Campus Recreational Service. Topics of Discussion: developing coping strategies: goal setting, prioritizing, exercising, sleeping, developing social support network and creating a balanced life
- November 15th—**Workshop: Academic time management.** 10:00-11:30am, LLB 2141—Registrations must be made from your UNLV Rebel mail account from the link off webpage: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development>. Panelists: Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology; Dr. Anthony Gatling, Assistant Professor, Harrah College of Hotel Administration; Dr. LeAnn Putney, Professor, Department of Educational Psychology and Higher Education; Dr. Helen Neill, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Greenspun College of Urban Affairs. 1) Outlining your semester – Set realistic goals, timelines, etc.; 2) Creating a weekly and monthly calendar – both academic and personal; 3) Setting daily routines to maximize your time and keep yourself in balance: mentally, physically and emotionally; Utilizing campus and external resources
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, from noon to 2pm and Thursday, Nov. 21—**Workshop: FAFSA** from 3 to 5pm, Rhyolite Room on the first floor of the Lied Library - All graduate students are invited to attend one of three free workshops put on by the Graduate College and the office of financial aid and scholarships. Need-based scholarships and fellowships require graduate students to submit the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education. There are many financial aid opportunities students miss by not completing this easy and free application. During the workshops computers will be available for students to use to submit their FAFSA applications online with assistance from the staff members. No reservation is needed. To complete the FAFSA process, students should bring: 1) Student's 2012 federal income tax return; 2) Student's 2012 W2s; 3) Amounts of any additional income received in the entire year of 2012, such as child support, social security, welfare benefits, etc. (Documentation is not required.);

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free: [http://
www.unlvtickets.com/students/](http://www.unlvtickets.com/students/)

Noteworthy UNLV / GPSA Dates

November 8 Football: UNLV vs Utah @ Sam Boyd Stadium

November 11 Veterans Day—No Instruction

November 13 UNLV Toastmaster 4—5 pm Student Union 205. Free and open to the public.
Interested contact: Cristina Scoble cristina.scoble@unlv.edu / 895-3925

November 13 Veterans Day Run/Walk to Remember, 6am—2pm at the Valerie Pida Plaza

November 18 Passage to the Future: Art from a New Generation in Japan from 9am—5pm at
the Marjorie Barrick Museum in the Main Gallery

November 18 Diversity Forum: Addressing Violence in Indian Country, 10am—noon in
Greenspun Hall Auditorium

November 25 Exhibition Lecture: Dr. Aya Louisa McDonald, 7-8:30pm in the Marjorie Bar-
rick Museum Auditorium

November 28 Thanksgiving Day Recess—No Instruction

December 2 GPSA Meeting 2 p.m. in SU Room 208 B & C

December 4 GPSA Research Brown Bag, Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141 from
noon—1pm. College of Urban Affairs research highlighted

December 5 GPSA Social @ Macayos 5—8pm (see flyer below)

December 6 Last day for electronic submission of final thesis & disserta-
tion to Proquest (formatting pre-approved by Grad College)

December 17 UNLV Commencement at Thomas & Mack Center—4:00pm

Make the most of your academic experience—
meet your fellow graduate & professional students
at one of the GPSA's scheduled events.
Check <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/> for upcoming activities.

Join the GPSA for the End-of-Semester Social



**Thursday, December 5, 2013
from 5:00—8:00pm**

Location: 1375 E. Tropicana
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702-736-1898

UNLV Graduate / Professional Student ID required!!

**Delicious
Free appetizers
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