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UNLV Calendar of Events

Graduate Student Commons Lied Library room 2141



from 7:30am - 10:00am and 4:30pm - 7:00pm

during last week of instruction: November 30th – December 4th

(Available until refreshments are exhausted)

Candidates Selected in UNLV's Presidential Search

by Theresa Farmer, GPSA Representative, Foreign Language Department

On October 20th, three finalists for UNLV's presidential search were announced. Prior to this announcement, the President Search Committee was assembled with six members from the Board of Regents, and is supported by Institutional Advisory Members, which is composed of community and UNLV representatives, including Juan Carlos Duhart as the graduate student representative from the School of Life Sciences. The Institutional Advisory Members will advise the Regents on the many matters associated with a university president search. The consulting firm, Baker and Associates,

LLC, was selected to asidentifying the best candi-

Baker and Associates concandidates. Baker and that would have transferfaced by an incoming



sist in the search process by dates for on-campus interviews.

sidered hundreds of potential Associates looked for individuals able skills to meet the challenges president to UNLV with aware-

ness of the importance of professional experience in academia. Less than twenty applicants were asked to participate in telephone interviews with the UNLV President Search Committee. From this pool, Ricardo Azziz (President of the Georgia Regents University), Len Jessup (Dean of Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona), and John Valery White (Executive Vice President and Provost at UNLV) were selected as finalists and invited for on-campus interviews.

At the time of this publication, the candidates' interview schedule had yet to be finalized for the week of November 10th. Please visit http://www.unlv.edu/presidentsearch for more information about the candidates and other details regarding this search and its process.

Don't miss out on GPSA Funding Opportunities GPSA Research and Conference Travel Sponsorships

Need funding for your research project or to present at a conference during the Spring 2015 semester? GPSA sponsorship information and application are available at http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards/sponsorships.

This fall semester, GPSA Vice President Michael Alires, presented four workshops offering tips and providing an open forum for questions and answers on the Sponsorship application process. At each workshop, held at: the Law School, Dental School and in Beam Hall, the GPSA provided pizza and drinks

For the academic year 2014—2015, the GPSA has allocated \$100,000 for student research and conference travel. This year

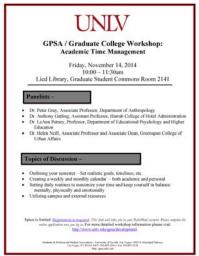


the Graduate College has contributed \$50,000 towards supplementing the Sponsorship program. Deadline for the GPSA Spring 2015 sponsorship is **November 15, 2014.** Summer sponsorship deadline is **March 15, 2015**. Also available are emergency travel funding, for conference presentation (must be presenting) or research travel only. Emergency applications are due the 20th of each month. Check the GPSA website to see if you qualify.

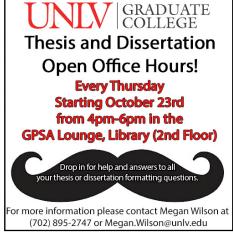
Professional Development offered Campus-wide

The GPSA offers a range of workshops to graduate and professional students throughout the semester. The last in the Fall semester line-up is the "Academic Time Management" workshop. See details to the right. For the full semester schedule please go to: http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development. Worskhops are now available on the Grad College YouTube site: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecDoa9CABTg. Other workshops and professional development opportunities offered on campus:

- UNLV Libraries Workshops A wide variety of Library workshops are offered to UNLV graduate and professional students. All sessions are free. For a complete listing of available workshops and registration please visit the library website: https://www.library.unlv.edu/services/instruction/workshops
- **Graduate College** "Provides a formal, value-added experience for graduate students to enhance their academic, professional, and career preparation and readiness. In addition, the programming centralizes essential information, facilitates greater access to resources, organizes and promotes academic and professional development opportunities, and collaborates with other campus units to ensure that an array of opportunities are available to graduate students." This information is from: http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/current/profdev/
- Writing Center The Writing Center can help you with any writing assignment, at any stage of the writing process. They can help you in person, or you can send your paper using the simple form on our Online Writing Lab (OWL) page. Grad assistants and adjunct instructors: the UNLV Writing Center will send a consultant to your class to talk about the services the Writing Center can offer your students. Call (702) 895-3908 to schedule a presentation: http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/
- Career Services The mission of Student Career Services is to educate, prepare and assist students as they pursue the career development and job search process in a global and dynamic world of work. http://hire.unlv.edu/
- Instructional Development and Research Events are open to all UNLV Grad Rebels. If you're interested please check out Instructional Development and Research Calendar of Events: http://www.unlv.edu/provost/idr/events.



GPSA / Graduate College Workshop: Nov. 14th Academic Time Management



Time to format your thesis and dissertation? Every Thursday Meg Wilson, with the Graduate College, will hold consultations

Pull an All-Nighter with Zipcar—Take a Car Overnight and Save

The following message from Zipcar is being sent out by Parking and Transportation Services in an ongoing effort to promote alternative methods of transportation on the UNLV campus:

Got late night plans? Have a Zipcar sleepover. Members can reserve any of the cars on campus from 6pm-8:30am the next day for just \$36. (That's less than \$3/hour.) So whether you need wheels to break up a long study session or you want a sweet ride for that first date, reserve a car today.: http://www.zipcar.com/

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Not a member yet? Join Zipcar today for \$25 and get \$35 in driving credit so your first drive is on us. Sign up today at Zipcar.com to take advantage of this great deal.

Thank you! The Team at Zipcar

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2015-2016 Graduate College Fellowships and Scholarships Application Deadline—December 1, 2014

By Yacouba Moumouni

GPSA Representative, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

UNLV offers various types of scholarships and fellowships to graduate students on a merit basis. Those awards are meant to cover not only their basic needs, but also the expense associated with the completion of students' research projects.

The Graduate College Scholarship and Fellowship program provides students an opportunity to assist them in finishing their projects in a timely manner without the extra work of teaching classes, helping with paying their bills or having to work a side job that may not be relevant to their research projects. In other words, it gives the students the ability to focus on their studies.

There is prestige and honor associated with getting a fellowship or scholarship that one has to work hard for to be qualified. Any potential candidate has to put lot of effort into his/her project in order to be successful.

A fellowship or scholarship is a way that prevents one from being distracted; it allows one to set his/her thesis or dissertation as a number one priority. Furthermore, it puts one on the right track and motivates students to start your career path with certainty and full of anticipation of the discoveries to be found.

Finally, in order to be a recipient, one has to be committed to a well defined project. Participating in other extracurricular activities and having an active role in your department enables one to stand out. Also volunteering for communities or UNLV's student organizations, and networking with other researchers will enable one to develop the extra skills required to be a great candidate.

Check the Graduate College website to see a full listing of fellowships and scholarships that you may be eligible to receive:

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- The UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees Fellowship (package worth approx. \$30,000 per year)
- The President's UNLV Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (package worth approx. \$25,000)
- Barrick Graduate Fellowship (\$15,000 award, plus tuition/fee waiver)
- The Hermsen Fellowship (package worth approx. \$20,000)
- UNLV Graduate College STEM Fellowship (package worth approx. \$20,000)
- The Fred C. Albrecht Alumni Association Scholarship (worth \$1,500)
- The Donna Weistrop and David B. Shaffer Scholarship (worth approx. \$750-\$1,000)
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- The James F. Adams/GPSA Scholarship (worth \$1,000)
- The McNair Post-Baccalaureate Scholarship (worth \$4,000.00)

President's UNLV Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Recipient: Anthropology PhD Student, Katie Baustian

Katie Baustian was drawn to graduate studies at UNLV because of the strength of the Anthropology Department and to work with renowned bioarchaeologist Professor Debra Martin. Katie began the Master's program in 2007 studying the



Katie Baustian at her field site in New Mexico

health of ancient human skeletal remains of a 4,000 year-old Near Eastern population in the United Arab Emirates.

In 2010, Katie started her PhD program, co-chaired by Dr. Barbara Roth and Dr. Debra Martin. She then chose to re-direct her research to a prehistoric population from southwestern New Mexico. Her research focuses on the lived experiences of the ancient Mimbres people (AD 200-1400). By studying the skeletal remains excavated from several Mimbres sites, Katie tells the story of how this population lived and how they chose to use violence when facing stress. Katie anticipates completing her degree in Spring 2015 and is currently applying for academic positions.

As a recipient of the President's UNLV Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Katie offers tips on how to succeed in your application for the Graduate College's Fel-

lowships and Scholarships: "It's a long application process, so be patient! It's very competitive, so prepare your application carefully, adhering to the all of the details that are requested. A limited pool of applicants is selected for the interview rounds." If selected for an interview, Katie recommends doing practice interviews and drafting a brief explanation of your research. "Be ready to do a 1 to 3 minute explanation of your research and academic goals. Rehearse your talk! Be prepared to field questions about your research. If you get selected for an interview, dress professionally, rehearse and be prepared. These scholarships will help you fund your graduate degree so it's worth the work and preparation."

A Place to Study - Graduate Student Commons

The Graduate Student Commons has a couple of new additions which help with you your end-of-the semester studies: a new HP printer and a Keurig coffee maker. Come visit us in Graduate Student Commons, Lied Library room 2141. This state of the art facility is equipped with a copier, fax, flatbed scanners, color laser printer, office supplies,

38 PCs, 6 Macs and large LCD touch whiteboards, a small ing room for group your reservations staff).

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Graduate Student Commons located on the 2nd floor of the Lied Library

Times smartphone apps. This does not include e-reader editions, premium crosswords or *The New York Times* crosswords apps. *The NY Times* apps are not supported on all devices. The Commons also has a large plotter to print large posters for your conference presentations. The printing cost comes directly off of your RebelCard. Students swipe their RebelCards when they enter the Commons. For more services and information visit: http://www.gpsa.edu.



Keurig coffee maker— K-cups \$1.00 each

free copy of *The New York Times* provided comfortable couches. The GPSA also be-*York Times* Readership program. UNLV 200 daily e-passes. These passes provide access for 24 hours to *The New York Times*

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Graduate Student Commons Hours Lied Library room 2141		
Monday—Thursday	7:30 am—11:00pm	
Friday	7:30am — 7:00pm	
Saturday	10:00am—6:00pm	
Sunday	11:00am—11:00pm	

Support a UNLV Veteran!

Veteran's Day: Walk/Run to Remember Blood Drive

Pida Plaza (between the Student Union and BEH)
Wednesday, November 12th
11:00am to 3:00pm

Consider the lives you could be changing with your donation:

• Be a child with leukemia • Have suffered a car accident • Need an organ transplant • Have hemophilia, cancer or anemia • Be a brand new mother • Be a victim of a violent crime • Need major surgery • Had open heart surgery



For an appointment please log onto www.bloodhero.com. Code: unly, Drop-ins are welcome! Each donor will get a voucher for \$5 off at Smash Burger. You must be at least 17 years old. Minimum weight is 110 pounds. Allow for 45 minutes. Please have a hearty breakfast the day of the donation, drink plenty of water and don't forget your picture ID. Contact information: Tracy Johnson—tracy.johnson@unly.edu

Sponsored by the Office of Veteran Services, Student Veteran Organization, and Rebel Women Vets.

Shedding Light on Fortune 500 Businesses: The MBA Executive Insight Speakers Series

By Ariel Rosen, GPSA Representative MBA Program

The MBA program at Lee Business School has previously brought in speakers from local businesses, but for the first time, the new "Speakers Series" promises to showcase Executives from Fortune 500 companies. The series started Monday, October 13, 2014 in the Greenspun Hall Auditorium with Riteesh Singh, an MBA from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and currently the Head of Business Strategy with SunGard Data Systems, a Fortune 500 company. Singh worked previously as a consultant with McKinsey & Co, and had the opportunity to consult with multiple Fortune 500 and Fortune 100 companies. However, Singh feels his greatest accomplishment is the development of Cisco's office phone, used on campus at UNLV today! Using data from GMAC's 2014 Corporate Recruiters Report Singh detailed what employers expect from MBAs and how what the Lee Business School is teaching can ensure success within the business world. Singh proposed that businesses expect MBAs to know what a customer, and the business as a whole, needs, rather than strictly following the orders a higher-up may decree. The goal of every organization is to maximize shareholder value, which means each employee's personal goal should be to help the company make or save money. Without this goal in mind, an employee's accomplishments mean little to the CEO or Board of Directors. According to the GMAC survey, employers believe skills in communication, teamwork, technical fields, leadership, and managerial areas will contribute to an employee's completion of the company's goals. However, from Singh's perspective, passion, creativity, efficiency, friendliness, and the ability to collaborate well are what he looks for in an employee. The next MBA Executive Speakers Series event will be held next semester, and will showcase an employee with New Product Development for Mastercard. Hope to see you there!

Take Advantage of the Free Lecture Series Across Campus

- Barrick Lecture Series (event is free, but need a ticket): This lecture series usually http://pac.unlv.edu/barrick.phpgenerally presented two to three times annually. Check back for updates. Starting time for the lectures is usually 7:30 pm. Tickets are always free to the public, with a two-per-customer limit. Past speakers have been: Steve Forbes. Garrison Keillor, Howard Dean and Karl Rove. http://www.unlv.edu/pac/barrick
- Black Mountain Institute— "Support a series of initiative that promote humanistic and cross culture dialogue,



including readings and panel discussions". With an upcoming talk, "To Swerve or Not to Swerve: How Literature Navigates the Past": A Conversation with Stephen Greenblatt and Geraldine Brooks Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7pm at the Philip J. Cohen Theatre in the UNLV Student Union. http://blackmountain.unlv.edu

- **Brookings Mountain West (BMW)**—An offshoot of the Washington DC think tank, the Brookings Institution, BMW brings experts in Brookings to share their expertise on a way range of pressing issues affecting the nation and the world. Evening lectures are held in the Greenspun Hall Auditorium. http://brookingsmtnwest.unlv.edu/events/
- University Forum Lecture Series: The College of Liberal Arts' University Forum Lecture Series offers a wide range of lectures throughout the academic year. This November 4th from 7:30—8:30pm, the series hosts a talk by Sunniva Sorby, Canadian explorer and lecturer, One Ocean Expeditions, Inc., "The American Women's Antarctic Expedition: Anything if the Mind Allows It" in the Marjorie Barrick Musuem/ Harry Reid Center. http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/forum.htm

Other academic lectures are hosted by various Colleges and departments across campus check the UNLV calendar for other available talks: http://www.unlv.edu/calendar

Student Counseling and Psychological Services

By Kirk Askia Talib-deen, GPSA Secretary

Does school stress you out? Are you thinking of dropping out? Are you having conflicts in your personal relationships that are irreconcilable? As part of the Wellness Wheel, which is the collaborative effort of the programs and services of the UNLV Student Recreation and Wellness Center, UNLV offers Student Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) for its students and staff. Headed by Dr. Julio A. Espinoza, a li-

censed psychologist and a graduate Riverside, the CAPS program extends a the university community members to working within the academic arena. licensed psychologist and psychiatrist ple, and group therapy. The program agement and a wellness program for Group sessions offered include a gengroup, building social confidence



from the University of California, wide range of services that allows cope better with the demands of The CAPS program, with both a on campus, offers individual, cou-offers workshops for stress manyour mental and physical health. eral therapy group, career success group, alcohol (and/or other

drugs)"got you thinking group", only to name a few. The beauty of these services is the fees are included in each semester's tuition and fee payment; in other words, the services of trained psychologist and psychiatrist outside of the university would normally run individuals in the area of \$250-\$300 hourly. With these valuable resources that the Student Wellness Center offers its students, take advantage of CAPS, it is there for you.

CAPS is located in the Student Wellness Center. Their contact information is: 702-895-3627 caps@unlv.edu / http://www.unlv.edu/srwc/caps. Hours of operation for the academic year: Monday—Thursday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The UNLV Student Recreation and Student Wellness Center has Something for Everybody

- With over 184,000 square feet the UNLV Student Recreation and Student Wellness Center (SRWC) in addition to housing with Einstein Bagels Brothers and a Juice Bar provides a full range of physical and mental relief from your academic studies:
- Student Counseling and Psychological Services Access counseling and clinical services; Health education programming; Health and wellness information/resources; Peer educators; Fitness assessments; Hire a personal trainer; Nutrition and lifestyle consultations; Support group for students in recovery; Lactation site; Relaxation room with massage chairs
- The Pharmacy Fill your prescriptions with the added convenience of staying on campus



SRWC is located on the south side of campus near the Tropicana Parking Garage

- The Student Health Center Get vaccinations and treatment for minor illness and injuries.
- Wellness Zone Health and wellness programs, resources and consultations
- Recreation Center—200 meter or 1/8 mile Indoor Jogging Track; 25 yard Lap Pool; Spa and Leisure Pool; Multi-Purpose Activity Courts; Cardio Equipment, Circuit Training machines; Intramural Sports: Individ ual, Team & Special Events; PEX Activity Classes for Academic Credit; Outdoor Equipment Rentals; Pri vate and Group Swim Lessons; Personal Fitness Training; Fitness Assessments including Body Composi tion Analysis; Group Exercise (Rebel X) Classes: 40+ classes per week; Relaxation Room with Massage Chairs: Rebel Wellness Zone

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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.

Commencement attendance is not required; however, if you do plan to attend, you must wear the appropriate cap, gown, and hood. Degree candidates planning to attend commencement can purchase all commencement-related items and materials, including caps, gowns, hoods, invitations, announcements, and class rings, through the <u>UNLV</u> <u>Bookstore</u>, 702-736-3955.

The winter commencement ceremony is Tuesday, December 16, 2014 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, Monday, November 10, 2014. The applifurther cation and details are available http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html For more information contact: Kyle Kaalberg kyle.kaalberg@unlv.edu / 702-895-3201

GPSA Student and Faculty Awards—Nominations due by December 6th

Do you know an outstanding member of the graduate and professional student community?? Consider nominating them for an award!!

Student Awards -

The GPSA Service Award acknowledges up to three graduate and/or professional students per academic year. These students have displayed outstanding performance through their dedication and service to both the UNLV and the Las Vegas Community. Monetary Award: \$300.00.



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• The GPSA Merit Award recognizes up to three graduate and/or professional students per academic year. These students have proven themselves to be outstanding scholars in their field. Monetary Award: \$300.00.

Faculty and Staff Awards -

- **The GPSA Distinguished Contribution** Award recognizes up to three awards for service to graduate and professional students each academic year from the following categories: UNLV Administration, Faculty, and Staff. This award bestows formal recognition upon devoted supporters of graduate and professional students. *Monetary Award: None*.
- **The GPSA Outstanding Mentor Award** recognizes up to three UNLV faculty or mentors from the community per academic year. These mentors are people who have demonstrated continued success in preparing graduate and professional students for academia. *Monetary Award: None*.

For the application and further details go to: http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards.

Noteworthy UNLV Dates

Graduate & Professional Student Association University of Nevada, Las Vegas 4505 S. Maryland Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89154-1007

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Visit the GPSA at: http://gpsa.unlv.edu/

Information and dates of UNLV student activities can be found at: http://activities.unlv.edu/

Attend UNLV athletic events for free, more information: http://www.unlvtickets.com/ students/ November 3 GPSA Council meeting. 2:00pm—3:00pm, Student Union rooms 208 A, B & C

November 7 Graduate College Thesis & Dissertation Formatting Workshop LLB 2141, Graduate Student Commons @11:30am

November 11 Veteran's Day Recess

November 16 UNLV Runnin' Rebels Basketball vs Sam Houston State at 5:00pm, Thomas & Mack Center

November 20 Brookings Mountain West Lecture: Carol Graham @ 7:00pm—8:00pm. Greenspun Hall Auditorium.

November 27-28 Thanksgiving Recess

December 3 University Forum Lecture Series: Global Climate Change: What's Going On? 7:30—8:30pm in the Marjorie Barrick Mu-

November 29 UNLV Football vs UNR, time TBA, at the Sam Boyd Silver-Bowl

December 16 UNLV Winter 2014 Commencement @ the Thomas & Mack Center @ 4:00pm

December 25— UNLV Winter Break. Nonessential business operations are

Jannuary 1 suspended during this time. For a listing of offices remaining open and their contact information go to:

http://www.unlv.edu/directories/winterbreak

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Rebel Grad Slam — Come Cheer on UNLV Graduate Students This Week—November 3—7



The first **Rebel Grad Slam** will take place November 3—7. You are welcome to attend and cheer on UNLV graduate and professional students as they share their research in a three-minute presentation competition.

The first round of the competition will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (November 3rd—5th) in the Student Union noon -1:00 pm and 5:00—6:00 p.m.

The semi-final round will take place on Thursday, November 6th, from noon—1:00pmin the Barrick Museum and 5:00—6:00pm in the Student Union, Room 218.

The final round will take place on Friday, November 7th, in the Greenspun auditorium 3:00—4:00pm