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It's that Time of the Year GPSA Executive Board 2016—2017 Elections



The Graduate & Professional Student Association is the governing body for all enrolled graduate and professional students at UNLV. The Association represents the graduate and professional student body at Board of Regents meetings, campus-wide committees, offers fall, spring, and summer research/ conference travel funding, and maintains an office and computer lab in the Lied Library. The GPSA offers assistance to graduate and professional students to support for their academic endeavors. Providing an environment conducive to student scholarship and research is the primary goal of the GPSA. In addition, the GPSA strives to engender a sense of community among the graduate and professional students by furnishing financial support and fellowship.

The GPSA Council is made up of one representative from each Graduate College department and professional program, and currently meets the first of each month during the semesters. Meetings are open to all graduate and professional students. The Executive Board meets routinely, and consists of four elected positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Interested in serving on the GPSA E-Board from May 2016 - May 2017?? You must be enrolled and an admitted student in either a graduate and/or professional program. The [Declaration of Candidacy Form](#) and letter of support from a qualified advisor or faculty member stating your good academic standing and enrollment status are due in the GPSA Office by **Friday, April 1, 2016**. Applicant's resumes/CVs are encouraged, but not required, to be included in the applicant's application packet as well. Each candidate will be expected to make a speech to the GPSA Council on **Monday, April 4, 2016 at 2 p.m.** in the Student Union, room 208 A & B. Voting begins Monday, April 4, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. and concludes April 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

The voting results will be announced and posted by **Monday, April 11, 2016**. If you have any questions, please contact the GPSA Office, at 702-895-2261.

**COFFEE, ICED TEA &
COOKIES PROVIDED IN THE
Graduate Student Commons
Lied Library room 2141**



**from NOON – 4:00PM
during the week of midsemester:
March 14 - 18, 2016**

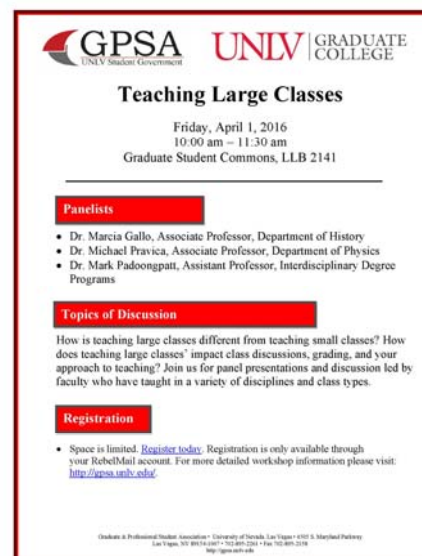
Available until refreshments are exhausted.

Professional Development offered Campus-wide

The GPSA / Graduate College offers a range of workshops to graduate and professional students throughout the semester. Workshops are now available on the Grad College YouTube

site: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecDoa9CABTg>. Be sure to check the GPSA website for the remaining workshops for the academic year.

- **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>
- **Writing Center** — The Writing Center can help you with any writing assignment at any stage of the writing process. They offer assistance in person, or you can send your paper using the simple form on the Online Writing Lab (OWL) page. Graduate 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/>
- **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>. Instructional Development and Research Events are open to all UNLV Grad Rebels.



GPSA **UNLV** GRADUATE COLLEGE

Teaching Large Classes

Friday, April 1, 2016
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141

Panelists

- Dr. Marcia Gallo, Associate Professor, Department of History
- Dr. Michael Pravica, Associate Professor, Department of Physics
- Dr. Mark Padoongpat, Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Degree Programs

Topics of Discussion

How is teaching large classes different from teaching small classes? How does teaching large classes' impact class discussions, grading, and your approach to teaching? Join us for panel presentations and discussion led by faculty who have taught in a variety of disciplines and class types.

Registration

- Space is limited. [Register today](#). Registration is only available through your RebelMail account. For more detailed workshop information please visit: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/>

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*GPSA / Graduate College Workshop:
April 1st—Teaching Large Classes*

Important Graduation Dates and Information

Spring commencement ceremonies for law (10:00 a.m.) and dental (5:00 p.m.) students is Friday, May 13, 2016 in the Artemus Ham Hall. Commencement ceremonies for graduate students is Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Thomas & Mack Center —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, , etc. through the [UNLV Bookstore](#), 702-736-3955.

Graduation Deadlines for Spring 2016 for graduate students:

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Final day to apply and submit application for graduation through MyUNLV account. Please note: A \$75 graduation and commencement fee will be placed on your student account (one fee per degree/certificate) beginning the first day of registration for the semester in which you have applied to graduate, or, if registration has already opened, your fee will be applied within two business days.

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Last day to take comprehensive exam, or to defend your thesis or dissertation.

Friday, April 22, 2016

Last day to submit the complete and properly formatted copy of your thesis or dissertation to the Graduate College for final format review. All final exam results and final documents must be submitted to the Graduate College by this date.

April 15th GPSA Social Mixer for a Social Cause!

The UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) is hosting a Spring Fling Social Mixer!

Please join us in supporting domestic violence awareness. Friday, April 15th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the Stan Fulton Building Lounge (SFB).

Come socialize and network with fellow graduate and professional students. This is a social mixer supporting a social cause. Consider bringing an item to support the Shade Tree Women's and Children Emergency Shelter.

- Guest Speakers
- Cash bar and appetizers provided
- Wear **purple** in support of this cause

For a complete list of donational items needed, please visit this website: <http://www.theshadetree.org/items-needed/>

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GPSA
UNLV Student Government

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GPSA 2015 Award Recipients

Each year, the Graduate & Professional Student Association recognizes a variety of individuals from across disciplines and classifications at the University for their contributions to the development and continuing growth of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The award recipients will be recognized at the March 12th Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum.



GPSA Merit Award: acknowledges up to three graduate and professional students each academic year who have proven to be outstanding scholars in their field.

- * Elena Bejinariu, Department of Criminal Justice
- * Moinak Bhaduri, Department of Mathematical Sciences
- * Erica Marti, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and Construction

GPSA Service Award: acknowledges up to three graduate and professional students each academic year who have displayed outstanding performance through their dedication and service to the UNLV and Las Vegas communities.

- * Meghan Pierce, Department of Psychology
- * Surbhi Sharma, School of Life Sciences
- * Terri Thomas, School of Social Work

GPSA Mentor Award: acknowledges UNLV faculty and/or mentors from the community who have demonstrated continued success in preparing graduate and professional students for academia and as future colleagues.

- * Dr. Hasan Deniz, Associate Professor, Department of Teaching & Learning
- * Dr. Martin Schiller, Professor School of Life Sciences and Executive Director of the Nevada Institute of Personalized Medicine
- * Dr. Doris Watson, Professor, Department of Educational Psychology and Higher

More information about GPSA awards is available at: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards>

In Recognition of Professor Catherine Bellver's Dedicated Service

By Theresa Farmer—GPSA Representative Department of World Languages and Cultures

After 44 years of exemplary service, Dr. Catherine Bellver will retire from her position of Distinguished Professor from the Department of World Languages and Cultures this summer. After receiving both her MA and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, she taught at the University of California, Davis, before joining the then Department of Foreign Languages at UNLV in 1972. She has taught every Spanish level from elementary grammar classes to graduate seminars, and is convinced that the variety of teaching assignments has kept her intellectually stimulated, her classes interesting for the students, and helped them improve their knowledge of Spanish culture and ability to critically analyze texts. During her professional academic career, Dr. Bellver's re-narrative of the 20th century, and resulted in five books, about 70 articles and chapters.



Dr. Catherine Bellver

In addition to her scholarly research, Dr. as a member of different professional organizations and academic journal advisory boards. Within her department, she served as the lower division Spanish coordinator for 20 years before being department chair in the 1990's, and then as graduate coordinator since 2003. She also contributed to the establishment of the Women's Center and created the Women's Studies Program, serving as its interim director from 1991 to 1993.

Bellver has also had an active service role in the lower division Spanish coordinator the 1990's, and then as graduate coordinator establishment of the Women's Center and

These efforts were documented in an interview with her as part of the Las Vegas Women Oral History Project in 2006. In 2005, Dr. Bellver was awarded the lifetime Don Schmiedel Service Award for recognition of her service to UNLV.

Student Computing Services—<http://oit.unlv.edu/students/>

Visti OIT's website for more information on these computing opportunities

- **Printing** - Specialized printing is available with the large formatting printer in the Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141 - The cost is \$11 per linear foot, which comes directly off your Rebel Card. We recommend preparing your document before you come in to print.
- **Software opportunities** - Don't want to purchase that expensive software for your coursework or research project? Many labs on campus have a wide assortment of software and extended hours of service. There are also discounts on software for UNLV students.
- **Computer Labs** – Student labs are located across the campus. Some labs have more specialized software and printing options. Check to see what is available.
- **Lynda.com** - Visit OIT and find out more about the variety of free online tutorials for UNLV students that provide instruction on how to use different types of software.
- **Using UNLV Network Space to Build a Webpage** - OIT provides information on how to create a free webpage with UNLV's domain.



You are invited to attend: A Celebration of Graduate and Professional Student Research March 11th and 12th

Please join the GPSA and Graduate College as we showcase the excellence in graduate and professional student research at the Inspiration, Innovation, Impact Reception on March 11th and at the Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum March 12th. The events' schedules are:



Friday, March 11th from 4:00—6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom

Remarks: - Dr. Len Jessup, President • Dr. Carl Reiber, Senior ViceProvost • Dean Kathryn Korgan, Graduate College • Surbhi Sharma, GPSA President • Meghan Pierce, GPSA Vice President

Featured Graduate Student Presenters: Daniel Mast, College of Science • Shelly Volsche, College of Liberal Arts • Henry Castillo, Greenspun College of Urban Affairs • ChristinaVanden Bosch der Nederlanden, College of Liberal Arts • Nicole Santero, Greenspun College of Urban Affairs • Kristyne Wiegand, School of Allied Health Sciences • Karli Nave, College of Liberal Arts Performances by: Jasmine Mathews, College of Fine Arts • Ryan Dougherty, College of Fine Arts • Stephon Pettway, College of Fine Arts - Richard Hodges, College of Fine Arts

Saturday, March 12th from 8:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m. in the Student Union 2nd Floor

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| Platform Sessions | Student Union |
| Science Platform Session A: 9:00 – 11:30am | Room 205 |
| Science and Health Science Platform Session B: 9:00 – 11:15am | Room 207 |
| Science and Engineering Platform Session C: 9:00 – 11:15am | Room 208A |
| Social Science: Platform Session A: 9:00 – 11:30am | Room 208B |
| Social Science: Platform Session B: 9:00 – 11:30am | Room 209 |
| Social Science, Business and Hotel: Platform Session C: 8:45 – 11:30am | Room 211 |
| Social Science: Platform Session D: 8:30 – 11:30am..... | Room 213 |
| Education: Platform Session A: 9:00 – 11:30am | Room 218 |
| Education: Platform Session B: 9:00 – 11:30am | Room 219 |
| Humanities & Fine Arts: Platform Session A: 8:45 – 11:45am | Philip J. Cohen Theatre |
| Poster Sessions | Student Union |
| Science and Engineering: Poster Session A: 9:00 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Science and Health Science: Poster Session B: 9:00 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Science and Health Science: Poster Session C: 9:00 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Science and Health Science: Poster Session D: 9:15 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Science and Health Science: Poster Session E: 9:00 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Social Science: Poster Session A: 9:00 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Social Science: Poster Session B: 9:00 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Social Science: Poster Session C: 9:00 – 11:15am | Ballroom |
| Social Science and Hotel: Poster Session D: 9:15 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Education: Poster Session A: 9:15 – 11:30am | Ballroom |
| Fine Arts: Poster Session A: 9:30 – 10:45am | Ballroom |
| Luncheon and Awards Ceremony: noon – 2:00pm | Ballroom |

GPSA Book Scholarships

The GPSA has set up a book scholarship program. It is designed to offer financial assistance to graduate and professional students purchasing textbooks for the upcoming semester at the UNLV Bookstore. 15 scholarships are awarded each Fall and Spring semester in the amount of \$100.00 each.

Eligibility: To qualify for the GPSA Book Scholarship students must be admitted and enrolled full-time (9 credits or 6 credits with a graduate assistantship). Students must also have and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, be in good academic standing and have completed at least six (6) graduate credit hours at UNLV. **Students are permitted to receive no more than one GPSA Book Scholarship for the duration of their UNLV academic career.** The application is available at: <http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards>. Incomplete or late applications will be ineligible. The next application deadline, **April 30, 2016** is for books to be purchased in the Fall 2015 semester.



Deadlines: Applications are due April 30th for the fall semester and October 30th for the spring semester.

UNLV Cares FOOD PANTRY

UNLV Cares Food Pantry collects donations from the UNLV community to assist students and staff. The idea is to provide a mode of support for members of the UNLV community struggling to afford food through a discreet system that allows Rebels to help one another.

- *Pantry use is only permitted once during an open week unless you are arriving on foot, bike or public transportation.*
- *As with previous semesters, if you can't make it to open pantry hours, we can arrange for special accommodations on an emergency basis.*
- *The Pantry checks ID's and only serve those affiliated with UNLV, so please bring your ID with you.*
- *The Pantry is a supplementary food pantry which operates on a very limited budget; please adhere to the allotted quantities which we have put in place to ensure our ability to continue serving the students, staff and faculty of UNLV.*

The pantry counts on campus generosity to restock our shelves. Please drop off canned goods and nonperishable foods in donation boxes located at: Lied Library, Student Union, and the Student Wellness and Recreation Center. Please contact the Pantry to arrange any donation that the boxes may not accommodate. The UNLV Cares Food Pantry is located at the UNLV Paradise Campus - 851 E. Tropicana Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89119. The pantry is located in the [PAR6 building](#), which is in the back of the Paradise Campus.

Spring 2016 Open Pantry Hours are from 1:00—5:30 p.m. Distribution dates:

Monday, March 7 • Thursday, March 10 • Monday, March 21 • Thursday, March 24 • Monday, April 4 • Thursday, April 7 • Monday, April 18 • Thursday, April 21 • Monday, May 2 • Thursday, May 5

Email: unlvcaresfoodpantry@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNLVCaresFoodPantry>

The GPSA Website has a New “Resource Page”

<http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/resources>



The Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) has created a new webpage to provide you with an array of resources and insider tips about the UNLV campus and the Las Vegas community. Featured resources are: for new students, funding academic, campus and recreational opportunities. We hope that you explore the webpage and find this information helpful on your journey through graduate and professional school.

Lecture Series across the UNLV Campus

Most of the lectures are free, but please check the website for confirmation:

- Barrick – Admission is free but tickets are required. Past guest speakers have included: Michael Eisner, Garrison Keillor, George Stephanopoulos, Ken Burns, Bob Woodward, and many more
- Brookings Mountain West – Part of the Brookings Institution, BMW offers lectures from experts in topics such as, sustainability, economy, immigration, health, etc.
- Juanita Greer White Distinguished Lecture Series - Hosted by the School of Life Sciences
- University Forum Lecture Series – Hosted by the College of Liberal Arts
- Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute – Literature and creative writing lecture series
- Artist Department Lecture Series – Sponsored by the Department of Art

Don't miss out on GPSA Funding Opportunities

GPSA Research and Conference Travel Sponsorships

Need funding for your research project or to attend a conference during the summer 2016 semester? GPSA sponsorship information and application are available at

<http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards>. For the

academic year 2015-2016, 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. The

deadline for the GPSA Summer 2016 sponsorship is **March 15, 2016** for research, conference and event activities falling between 5/15/16 – 8/21/16. Fall 2016 sponsorship deadline is **April 15, 2016** for research, conference and event activities falling between 8/22/16—12/17/16. Also available are emergency travel funding (for conference presentation and research travel only). Those



applications are due the 20th of each month. you qualify.

Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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

March 7 GPSA Council Meeting @ the Student Union room 208 A, B, C
from 2:00—3:00pm

March 15 GPSA Summer Sponsorship application deadline

March 31 Write Night—hosted by the Graduate College and UNLV Li-
braries: Supportive event for students' writing endeavors

April 4 GPSA Council Meeting @ the Student Union room 208 A, B, C
from 2:00—3:00pm

April 4—8 GPSA Executive Board Elections

April 15 GPSA Fall Sponsorship application deadline

April 15 GPSA Spring Fling Mixer—Stan Fulton Lounge from 4:00
p.m.—7:00 p.m. Wear purple in support of domestic violence
awareness

May 13 Spring Commencement Ceremonies for law (10:00 a.m.) and
dental students (5:00 p.m.) at Artemus Ham Hall

May 14 Spring Commencement Ceremonies—2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
at the Thomas & Mack Center

GPSA newsletter archives are available: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/newsletter/>



GPSA Publication Committee:

Chair & GPSA Secretary Ariel Rosen, Audrey Bardwell,
Theresa Farmer and GPSA Manager Rebecca Boulton

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

Both an undergraduate and graduate 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 is based on civic engagement, scholarly achievements and awards.



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

The spring commencement ceremonies are Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Speeches should be kept at 3 minutes. Application packets should be emailed as a single PDF file to Dr. Kyle Kaalberg in the president's office at kyle.kaalberg@unlv.edu by **11:59 pm, Monday, March 28, 2016**. If you choose to include a letter of nomination, you may ask the nominator to email this directly to Dr. Kaalberg. The application and further details are available at: <http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html>

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