

Noteworthy UNLV Dates

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

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<http://www.unlvtickets.com/students/>

- February 2** GPSA Council Meeting
- February 3** Men's Basketball: UNLV vs San Diego @ the TMC 7:30 p.m.
- February 6** GPSA Social—Freakin' Frog
- February 6** Final day to submit graduation application with all department approvals for spring 2009 commencement WITHOUT a late penalty fee
- February 10** Men's Basketball: UNLV vs. TCU @ the TMC 7:00 p.m.
- February 16** President's Day recess
- February 17** University Forum Lecture Series: "Where Have all the Bees Gone?" Dr. Michelle M. Elekonich, UNLV School of Life Sciences (<http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/calendar.html>)
- February 20** Final day to completely withdraw from all classes and receive a 50 percent refund. Official withdrawal form must be obtained from the Registrar's office. No refunds after this day.
- February 23** Conference Skill Development Workshop
- February 27** Final day to apply for graduation w/a \$20.00 late fee: Graduation fee \$70.00; Thesis fee \$45.00; or dissertation fee \$55.00
- March 1** Deadline to register for Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum
- March 2** GPSA Council Meeting
- March 15** GPSA Summer Grant Deadline: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/grants.htm>
- March 28** Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum

Spring 2009 Commencement Student Speaker Competition

The Graduate & Professional Student Association is looking for a graduate and/or professional student interested in speaking at the 2009 Spring Commencement, May 9, 2009. Applications are available in the GPSA, Lied Library room 3251, or at

<http://commencement.unlv.edu/speaker.html>

You need to be a graduating student. The competition deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009. For more information please call: 895-2261.



GPSA Research and Conference Travel Grants



Need funding for your research project or to attend a conference during the summer 2008 semester?

GPSA grant information and application is available at:

<http://gpsa.unlv.edu/grants.htm>

Deadline for the GPSA summer grant is March 15, 2009; fall grant deadline is April 15, 2009. Also available are emergency travel grants (for conference presentation only). Check the GPSA website to see if you qualify.

The Luminary

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Battling over Budget Cuts

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Funding Opportunities for Student Events

Having an event and are not sure how to fund it? Are you trying to promote diversity education, social justice, leadership experience, civic engagement or advocacy? The Student Funding Board is looking for organizations and/or students to fund their events up to \$750. If your event is open to all students and can benefit the entire campus, apply for funding! <http://getinvolved.unlv.edu/studentorgs/resources/>

Dear GPSA Community,

I chose the word "Community" deliberately because over the past year and a half, our efforts to fight the budget cuts to higher education have forged a community here at UNLV more active than in the previous decades (perhaps outside of the 60s, but then they didn't have a graduate community... so what I said previously still stands).

So, to get to the point: the January 22, 2009 rally was a smashing success in that over 3000 concerned citizens (the majority being UNLV students) fighting for education. At this rally, we were able to get the word out regarding how important letter-writing is to our elected officials. (To find your elected officials, please go to <http://mapserve.leg.state.nv.us/website/lcb/viewer.htm>.)

The next step: it's not over, people. We still have a lot of work to do over the next 120+ days. We have to work with our legislature, which is why I am working with our University's Government Relations Office and attending a workshop on lobbying hosted by UNLV. I will be going up to Lobby our legislature in con-

junction with the other institutions of higher education of Nevada. The tentative plan is to go up to Carson City in a couple of weeks to meet with members of the Assembly Ways and Means Education and Taxation Committee as well as members of the Senate Finance, Health, and Education Committee and Higher Education Committee. I am personally interested in making our graduate and professional presence known to the Higher Education Committee as we are still ignored in the State's educational



Students rallied at UNLV, January 22nd, to voice their concerns about budget cuts

jargon such as "PK-16." Education, as we know, extends past four years of college after high school. However, I will not lose sight of our main mission, which is to promote the interests of graduate and professional student education: *we need our University to stay open and programs with graduate and professional students to stay intact.*

If anyone is interested in traveling to Carson City to lobby for a week or so, please let me know as soon as possible so I can make the necessary arrangements. Also, if you have specific ideas regarding the budget, graduate and professional student issues, etc., I urge that you talk with your constituents and then me as soon as possible.

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GPSA Community Service Committee

Thank you to all who contributed to the Community Service Committee's Holiday Drive this past December. It was an overwhelming success. The donations of food, toys and clothing were given to Child Focus. This organization serves children living in foster care in the Las Vegas area. Upcoming "Year of the Child" Spring Community Service events are:



Goodies gathered for the GPSA Holiday Drive

- "Adopt Orr Middle School"— Especially needed are male mentors, school supplies and food.
- "Spring Clean for Domestic Violence Victims"— clothing, food and toys for Shade Tree Women's Shelter.

More information regarding these upcoming events can be found at: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/Activities.htm>

Thesis/Dissertation Seminar

Presented by Dr. Harriet Barlow, Associate Dean for Graduate Student Services

Who: Master's and doctoral students required to complete a thesis or dissertation

What: Thesis & Dissertation Preparation Seminar

When: February 19, 2009 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Student Union room 208B

Why: To better understand the Graduate College guidelines and submission requirements

Registration is NOT required. . .but bringing your Guide to Preparing & Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation is necessary. Please download and bring the Guide to Preparing & Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation. Available at: http://graduatecollege.unlv.edu/PDF_Docs/t&dmanual.pdf

For more information, please e-mail Dr. Harriet Barlow@ harriet.barlow@unlv.edu

GPSA Hosted Spring Social Events

GPSA hosted socials provide an informal forum for networking and conversation among graduate and professional students from across the various colleges and disciplines. The socials are held several times a month. Don't miss the events scheduled for the Spring:

- Friday, February 6th, 5—8p.m. @ Freakin' Frog 4700 Maryland Parkway, 595-3237
- March Social. Date to be announced @ Blue Martini located at Town Square, 6593 Las Vegas Blvd., 948-9438
- April Social. Date to be announced @ Frankie's Tiki Lounge—1712 W. Charleston, 385-3110



GPSA Activities Committee plan the Spring socials

Other events planned for this semester: bowling night, karaoke and a hike at Valley of Fire.

Questions: contact michael.pius@mac.com Stay up-to-date on upcoming activities: sign-up on the GPSA activities listserv @ <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/Activities.htm>



KEEP UNLV STRONG

Graduate Student Spring '09 Programs in Learning Technologies

—open to all graduate students—

- Avoiding Plagiarism —This hands-on session will focus on methods to deter intentional and unintentional plagiarism and to verify information sources. Thu, Feb 5th, 1:30—2:30 p.m. in the LLB, Pioche room.
- RSS Feeds —An introduction to Web-based tools that streamline your Web surfing by collecting newsfeeds from the sources that interest you. Tues, Feb 10th, 2:00—3:00 p.m. in the LLB, Pioche room.
- Free Software—This workshop introduces the many free software products available that can be used in studies and teaching. Wed, Feb 11th, 11:00 a.m.—noon in the LLB, Pioche room or Thu, Apr 2nd, 11:00 a.m.—noon

Pre-register for these and more workshops at <http://tlc.unlv.edu/graduate>

Get Connected with GPSA News Source

The Involvement Center has a new interactive tool for student organizations and administrators to communicate, manage organizations, and network. By creating your own portal on OrgSync you can access such features such as the GPSA calendar, to-do lists, meeting information, discussion boards, polls, forms, and file uploads will help organizations function easier on our commuter based campus.

How to:

1. Login to: <http://getinvolved.unlv.edu>
2. Click on **Join** an Org from the main screen of your portal.
3. Scroll down to University of Nevada, Las Vegas and click on **Organizations** with the blue tab to the right of UNLV.
4. Scroll through the list and find the **Graduate & Professional Student Association**.
5. Click on **Request** and send the group a message or click on **Join** and use **rebels** as the password.
6. We will get back to you with a message that you have been added as a member.

UNLV Career Day

Thursday, February 26, 2009

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Thomas & Mack Concourse

Employers across a variety of industries will be available to talk to you about career opportunities, available jobs, internships and career-track positions. Last year's event enjoyed close to 200 employer organizations. Although the recent economic downturn leaves us less certain of exact outcomes, over 100 organizations are anticipated to attend this event. A list of participating employers as well as job postings and extensive career services information can be accessed from the Career Services website at <http://hire.unlv.edu>.



UNLV Career Day

More UNLV career events on the horizon:

- Resume Review Day: Wednesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
 - Top 10 for Interview Success, Co-present with the Lied Library: Thursday, Feb. 19, 1:00—2:00 p.m. Eureka Room, Lied Library.
 - Tourism and Event Planning Mixer 2009: Tuesday, March 10, 5:30—7:00 p.m., Stan Fulton Building. RSVP required for this event. Please stop by the Bob Boughner Career Services Center (BEH 126) to register.
 - Business Employer Panel: Monday, March 16, 7:00—8:30 p.m. SU room 213 and Tuesday, March 17, 7:00—8:30 p.m. SU 219.
 - Internship & Summer Job Fair 2009: Thursday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
 - Diversity Employer Panel & Mixer 2009: Tuesday April 14, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom
- Career Services Walk in Hours—SSC 301**
Monday—Tuesday 9:00—11:00 a.m.
Wednesday—Thursday 1:00—3:00 p.m.

GPSA Recognized Student Organization: Movies that Matter Spring Films



Flock of Dodos

Celebrate Darwin Day - 150 years of knowing about the changing world of life around us. Sponsored by UNLV Departments of GeoScience and Life Sciences Co-sponsored by Movies that Matter DATE: Friday, February 13, 2009 TIME: 7:00 p.m. reception, screening at 7:30 p.m. PLACE: UNLV, CBC A-106 FREE ADMISSION AND POPCORN

A Single Woman

A film about Jeanette Rankin: America's First Lady in Congress and co-founder of the ACLU. **Director Kamala Lopez will be present!** Sponsored by Womens Research Institute of Nevada. Co-sponsored by: League of Womens Voters, ACLU, CSN Womens Studies, UNLV Womens Studies, and Movies that Matter.

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2009
TIME: 6:00 p.m. reception, screening at 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: UNLV, Barrick Museum
FREE ADMISSION AND POPCORN

Trouble the Water

As the drama of Hurricane Katrina unfolded, New Orleans resident Kimberly Roberts recorded the chaos and devastation of her own experience. This film received an Oscar Nomination for Best Documentary 2008 and winner of the Sundance Grand Jury Prize 2008.

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m. reception, screening at 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: UNLV, Student Union Theatre
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Public Land Institute Announcement

Anyone accessing public lands for an UNLV activity, i.e. research or field trip, must obtain a permit through the public lands permit program: <http://publiclands.unlv.edu/permits/>



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The step after that: when I get back from Carson City, I will hold a meeting with all of you to discuss our efforts. The student leaders from CSN, NSC, and here (CSUN & GPSA) will be working to get a bus trip to Carson City for another rally in front of the capital building. We have not set the date for this yet, but end of April

or beginning of May has been suggested as this time will be toward the end of the legislature. (a reminder that we take education seriously is always a good thing)

Saving the best for last, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is currently active and engaged in getting the word out to their constituents about Nevada's budget crisis, the town hall meetings held at UNLV, the rally, and I would like to especially thank those of you who have gone above and beyond by attending phone banks, canvassing the University, and volunteering your time at the rally. You all inspire me.

Sincerely,



GPSA Sociology representative, Crystal Jackson, gathers petition letters to be sent to State legislators.

Freebies Around Campus with Student ID

- Free Drink at Chipotle's
- \$1 off Regal Cinemas movie ticket, call 221-2283 for info
- 10% off Pick Up Stix
- 10% off Jiffy Lube Service
- Dell's student discount program <http://ww.delluniversity.com/>
- Planetarium—CSN Cheyenne Campus, 651-4759



Conference Skills Development Workshop

Monday, February 23, 2009: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Student Union – Room 211

Looking for tips on how to capture your audience's attention at conferences??? The GPSA is offering a multidisciplinary workshop to assist graduate and professional students with oral and poster presentation skills. UNLV faculty members with expertise in conference skills development will share their knowledge in a wide variety of sessions. The schedule is below:

- 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. — Dr. Javier Rodriguez, School of Life Sciences: "Delivering Your PowerPoint Presentation"
- 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. — Dr. Karl Kingsley, School of Dental Medicine: "How to Prepare Your Poster Presentation"
- 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. — Moderator TBA: "Writing Abstracts"
- 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. — Heather Lusty, GPSA Vice President & Grant Committee Chair: "GPSA Grant Application Process Q & A: Question and Answer Session Regarding the Grant Application Process at UNLV"

To register go to: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/professionalDevelopment.html>

Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum

Saturday, March 28, 2009
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union



Register online: <http://gpsa.unlv.edu/research%20forum.htm> to present your research in either an oral or poster format. Awards are given at the end of the event to recognize outstanding presentations. Co-hosted by the Graduate College and the Graduate & Professional Student Association .Deadline is March 1, 2009. Questions: 895-2261.

You know you are a Graduate Student if . . .

- . . . everything reminds you of something in your discipline.
 - . . . you have ever discussed academic matters at a sporting event.
 - . . . you have ever spent more than \$50 on photocopying while researching a single paper.
 - . . . you can tell the time of day by looking at the traffic flow at the library.
 - . . . you look forward to summers because you can study more productively without the distraction of classes.
 - . . . you regard ibuprofen as a vitamin.
 - . . . you consider all papers to be works in progress.
 - . . . you have give up trying to keep your books organized and are now just trying to keep them all in the same general area.
 - . . . you have accepted guilt as inherent feature of relaxation.
 - . . . you find yourself explaining to children that you're "in 20th grade."
 - . . . you look forward to taking some time off to do laundry.
 - . . . your professor doesn't show up to class and you discuss the readings anyway.
 - . . . you've ever traveled across two state lines specifically to go to a library.
 - . . . your bill for Xeroxing exceeds your phone bill.
 - . . . the food groups are ramen, caffeine, Subway, bagels, and the occasional delivery.
 - . . . you have every minute of the next four months planned out but have no idea what you are going to do for the rest of your life.
- Source: <http://www.cs.umbc.edu/www/graduate/how-to-tell.html>