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Announcements

GPSG Elections

GPSG will be holding elections from February 28th to March 4th. You will vote by logging in to my.pitt.edu and clicking on the ‘GPSG elections’ icon in the top left corner. For more information on the candidates and the voting process visit gpsg.pitt.edu

Blue Man Group

Discounted tickets to see the Blue Man Group are currently sold out. We have a lot of other fun events coming up soon!

TEDx University of Pittsburgh

TEDx will be returning this spring with new and exciting discussion, including talks by John Fetterman, the mayor of Braddock, and Mike Boninger, the director of the UPMC rehabilitation institute. The event will begin 10am Saturday, March 26th in the Assembly Room at William Pitt Union. Tickets will go on sale Monday February 29th at 9a.m. Go to tedx.pitt.edu or Facebook for more information.

Party in the Tropics

GPSG will be offering drink tickets to Party in the Tropics at Phipps Conservatory on March 4th. Go to the Phipps website for more information on the event. More information will follow on how to purchase tickets.

PhD Comics

Jorje Cham, from PhD comics will be coming to speak to University of Pittsburgh graduate students on March 14th, and on March 3rd, we will be showing a screening of The PhD Movie, written and
produced by Dr. Cham. Click here for more information on the screening and here for more information on Dr. Cham’s talk.

**Student Opportunities**

**GOSECA Graduate Conference**

**March 18-20.** This year’s conference theme encourages participants to think critically about the impact that fluid, adaptable conceptions of belonging and exclusion in the realms – past and present – of domestic and international politics, economics, cultural production, social relations, the law, and demography, among others, have had on their specific field of study. Graduate students from all academic and professional disciplines are invited to make submissions. See attached flyer for details.

**Patient Care Health Simulation**

Pharmacy, PharmD is hosting a large Patient Care Health Simulation on February 29th in O'Hara. This is to be interprofessional and will allow all students to learn more about what each profession does to help patients throughout their healthcare experience, as well as to increase patient empathy and understanding.

**Pitt Health Innovation Case Competition (PHICC)**

PHICC is a great opportunity to experience and practice business cases in health innovation while building professional connections in a networking reception. And you have the first place team wins $4000! See the flyer for more details and go to www.fourthriversolutions.org/phicc2016 to register.

**Library Workshops**

This semester several workshops will be offered to Pitt graduate students through Hillman Library. Each workshop will be on Fridays from 1-3pm. See the schedule below for workshop offerings or go to the library website for more information.

- March 4th - Getting Started with Network Visualization with Gephi
- March 15th - New Models for Scholarly Communication
- March 18th - Managing Qualitative Data from Online Communities
- March 25th - Wikipedia and how YOU can Contribute
- April 1st - Telling Online Stories with Omeka
- April 8th - Building a Digital Portfolio with Wordpress

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We're so excited for PhD comics next month!

Case Competition Friday, April 8th
1st place team wins $4000!
Registration open until March 4th

Experience and practice business cases in health innovation.
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The recent influx of refugees to Eastern and Central Europe created a political and humanitarian crisis that has sparked intense international debate. The varied national responses both within and outside the European Union raise practical questions about asylum definitions and integration efforts, but they also point to larger theoretical questions about inclusion and exclusion, belonging and identity. How do democratic societies deal with cultural difference? What role do religion, gender and ethnicity play in national cohesion? What role should international conventions play in governing the specific actions of states? What are the financial and moral responsibilities of states and national populations? Moreover, how do recent events compare to diaspora and refugee crises of the past? Specifically, how have historical relationships between countries and peoples impacted contemporary responses to political events or shaped narratives and structures related to belonging and exclusion? These questions speak to the intersections of international relations, historical inquiry, cultural politics, and state and international public policy in Eastern Europe and Central Eurasia.

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**DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS:** Friday, January 8, 2015, 11:59 PM EST. Accepted panelists will be notified by January 15, 2016.

One page, double-spaced abstracts of no more than 300 words must be submitted through the GOSECA Website Submission Form at [goseca.ucis.pitt.edu/submissions-form](http://goseca.ucis.pitt.edu/submissions-form).

For further information, please contact [info.goseca@gmail.com](mailto:info.goseca@gmail.com).