**January 2016, First Edition**

**Announcements**

**Business Etiquette Dinner**

GPSG will host a dinner, instructing students on proper dinner etiquette. Do you have an interview coming up soon? Make sure you know how to use all of those forks! The event will be on February 11 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Go to our Facebook page for more information, and buy tickets on Eventbrite.

**Blue Man Group**

Discounted tickets to see the Blue Man Group will be available to all graduate and professional students. The tickets are for the February 27 8pm showing. Buy tickets now on Eventbrite!

**TEDx University of Pittsburgh**

TEDx will be returning this spring with new and exciting discussion. The event will begin 10am Saturday, March 26th in the Assembly Room at William Pitt Union. Details will follow soon!

**GPSG Elections**

The University of Pittsburgh Graduate and Professional Assembly is currently seeking candidates for each GPSG Executive Board office that will become available in May 2016. This opportunity is open to all University of Pittsburgh graduate students regardless of prior experience in student government or graduate student organizations. Officer positions can receive a stipend. Positions available: President, VP of Communications, VP of Committees, VP of Finance, VP of Programming. Please submit applications by February 5, 2016. For more information visit gpsg.pitt.edu
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. During the event, there will also be a screening of PhD, the movie. For more information on PhD comics go to phdcomics.com

Student Opportunities

GOSECA Graduate Conference

Abstract submissions are due Friday, January 21st. 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.

Bridging Israel and Turkey

Learn about the dynamics of Jewish people living in contemporary Istanbul with an event in the Cathedral of learning on February 3, 2016. Events include tours of the Israeli Heritage and Turkish Nationality rooms as well as a lecture from Marcy Brink-Danan. See the attached flyer for more information.

Wellness Center Condom Cozy Contest

The Wellness Center is pleased to announce the first annual Condom Cozy Contest. All eligible designs will be judged and the top 5 winners designs will be used to cover all Wellness Center condoms. Additionally, winners will receive a complementary prize! See the attached flyer for more 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.
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.

January 29th - Creating Online Digital Collections with Omeka
February 5th - Introduction to Data Visualization with Tableau
February 19th - Advanced Data Cleaning with Open Refine
February 26th - Introduction to Spatial Analysis
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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Bridging Israel and Turkey: Turkish Jews and the Concept of 'Home'

Marcy Brink-Danan
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Third Floor - Cathedral of Learning

6:00 PM - Tours of Israel Heritage Room and Turkish Nationality Room
7:00 PM (324 CL) - Lecture with Marcy Brink-Danan
8:30 PM - Refreshments and Reception

Advance Registration is Recommended but not Required
The event is FREE and OPEN to the public

Marcy Brink-Danan is a professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Hebrew University. She is the author of *Jewish Life in 21st Century Turkey: The Other Side of Tolerance* (Indiana University Press, 2011). Brink-Danan examines what it means for Jews to live as a tolerated minority in contemporary Istanbul.

To register email eprobola@jfedpgh.org
or call 412-992-5247

For more information on the event contact: jsp@pitt.edu
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RULES:

⇒ Design must reference or illustrate safe sex and wellness practices; color or black and white designs permitted
⇒ Design will be judged based on content, originality, quality, and appropriateness (no lewd images or language)
⇒ Use template and sign your artwork on the template

***Deadline to submit a design is Friday February 5, 2016***

Please hand deliver your finished template to the Wellness Center (ATTN: Topher Hoffmann, or Alia Gehr-Seloover), OR scan and e-mail to csh18@pitt.edu or aag56@pitt.edu.

Name:  
PS #:  
Email:
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.

For further information, please contact info.goseca@gmail.com.