Dear College of Education Graduate Students,

Here is the March newsletter. We are in midst of the GSC elections for 2015-16 academic year. We have many talented people who been nominated, and this is your chance to elect representatives. Here is a link to the ballot which will be active till Wednesday, March 5th to make sure everyone has a chance to participate.

We have two town halls scheduled for March and hope you attend at least one of them. Our first town hall for March 18th at 4:30 PM in Rackley 403. This is a graduate student only town hall and will give you an opportunity to reflect on life in the College of Education with fellow graduate students. At this town hall, we will ask for your feedback on our work as a council, solicit ideas for next year and have a chance to talk freely about concerns and questions. Snacks will be provided. The following week, on March 26th at 11:30 to 1PM the Dean’s Town Hall will occur in Rackley 303. Please join the Deans, COE GSC reps and other graduate students for a conversation about life in the College of Ed. The deans are eager to hear from students and we look forward to a lively conversation.

In addition to these events, we have many wonderful opportunities happening around the College of Education. We have also included information on the upcoming College of Education Scholarships and the Moral Literacy Colloquium. We hope that consider attending some of these events.

As always, please contact the CoEGSC at psucoegsc@gmail.com if you would like to share upcoming events and/or have other relevant announcements. Please consider joining our list serve and following us on our Facebook Group and Twitter (@COEGSCpsu) for more up-to-the-minute information.

Wishing you a productive March,
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Don McPherson: You Throw Like a Girl
March 2, 2015, @ 6:30 p.m. in Freeman Auditorium, HUB

Co-sponsored by Paul Robeson Cultural Center and the Center for Women’s Studies, this discussion is directed primarily at men and focuses on language such as "you throw like a girl" that sets a standard on the narrow expectations of masculinity while simultaneously establishing an understanding that girls and women are "less than" men. The presentation focuses on nurturing positive language and understanding of masculine identity.

Communicative competence in children who use AAC:
Will I know it when I see it?
March 3rd, 2015, @ 9:30 a.m. in Krause Innovation Studio

by Dr. Laura Segebart DeThorne, refreshments and informal conversation to follow

Whereas the bulk of research literature within communication sciences and disorders is grounded within a biomedical perspective, the present line of research takes up a social-ecological framework to examine communicative competence through children who use alternative and augmentative communication devices (AAC). Using this framework, I will discuss questions such as “What does communicative competence look like?” and “How do I support communicative competence in interactions that involve children with marked speech-language impairments?” In sum, results support the importance of presumed competence, flexible multimodality, and coordinated repetition; examples and implications will be discussed.

Masking the Meaningful
Mar 04, 2015 @ 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM in Foster Auditorium, Paterno Library,

There are obvious reasons why citizens of the nations we label as democracies fail to support policies that address catastrophic threats. The current condition of many such nations allows for marked differences between preferences and interests (to the extent that the choice of the label “democracy” can be seriously questioned). Failures in the transmission of crucial information are intensified
because of market competition among media sources and widespread difficulties in understanding issues couched in terms of probabilities. Beyond these, however, are prevalent social conditions that interfere with citizens’ abilities to discern their interests. In my presentation, I suggest an account of the notion of interests (and of the related concept of freedom) in terms of an environment that provides opportunities for reflective choice. I’ll argue that such environments are highly vulnerable, and that economic institutions within “democratic” nations have systematically destroyed them. Throughout, I’ll use the example of responses to climate change to illustrate my claims.

**Alternative Academic Jobs in Academia**  
*March 5th @ Noon in 303 Rackley*

Join the College of Education Graduate Student Council and International Education Student Association for a brown bag with Drs. Ruth Mendum, Larry Boggess, and Michael Burrough who all work in multiple capacities at Penn State. Bring your lunch and questions for these great panelists whose career paths deviate from a traditional academic pathway.

**Mark Dann: Desegregation Litigation 60 years after Brown v. Board of Education**  
*Thursday, March 5th @ 12:45-1:45 in Katz Building - Courtroom*

The Black Law Student Association and the Law & Education Alliance at Penn State (LEAP) are co-sponsoring this speaker event. The talk will discuss the current state of desegregation litigation in the U.S. and the process and procedures the DoJ applies when considering litigation. There will be a question/answer period at the end of the presentation.

If you have any questions please feel free to email Sarah Whittington, LEAP President, at sxw319@dsl.psu.edu

**Laci Green: The F Word (Feminism)**  
*March 16, 2015, @ 6:30 p.m. in 100 Thomas Building*

It’s the twenty-first century – do we really need feminism? Come out and learn about the feminism debate and how the third wave is making history. Covers
goals, history, and critiques of feminism, along with power and privilege, intersectionality, and how to be an ally or activist.

**Education Career Day**

*March 16, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel*

- See all of the School Districts attending:
  - http://careefairs.psu.edu/education/
- PRE-FAIR RESUME SHARING, now through March 6th
- WORKSHOPS
  - Resumes for Educators - Be Ready for the Fair
    - March 9th @4-5 p.m.
  - What to Expect at Education Career Day
    - March 9th @ 5:15- 6:15 p.m.

**Curriculum Vitae Writing Workshop**

*March 17, 2015 @ Noon in 303 Rackley*

Applying for academic jobs, scholarships or other opportunities? Chances are you will need a curriculum vitae. So join the College of Education Graduate Student Council and the Education Policy Studies Student Association for two sessions on creating your curriculum vita. During this first workshop we will include tips from faculty with search committee experience. The second will be an opportunity for you to get personal feedback. Details on the second workshop are available below.

**Creating CVs and Resumes**

*March 17 @ 6:00-8:00 PM in 362 Willard*

Join the Writing Center Instructor: Michael Heeney for a workshop on CVs and Resumes. What are the differences between CVs and resumes? How do these documents vary between disciplines and fields? This workshop will teach strategies for creating a professionally written—yet unique—document that appeals to an admissions committee or hiring committee. We will focus on genre conventions, organization, word choice, and consistent verb usage. If you have a current resume or CV, please bring two copies to workshop.
Nice is Not Enough: Providing the Foundation for Lifelong Moral Development
March 18, 2015 from 03:30 PM to 05:00 PM in Garden Room, Pasquerilla

All approaches to moral development and character education aim to develop young people who will respect the norms of society, and who will act in ways that are compassionate and fair toward others. This talk will outline the educational principles and practices that contribute to this basic social-emotional and moral foundation. However, the case will also be made that developing such “nice” civil people is insufficient. Drawing from over 40 years of research and current work in school settings, the talk will outline educational principles and practices directed at stimulating students’ capacities to engage in social critique from a moral perspective, and contribute to a more just and moral society. The presentation will discuss the relationships between morality and the non-moral factors of religious norms, societal convention, and personal choice that enter into our socio-moral judgments. Examples from classroom discourse and sample lessons will be used to illustrate teaching practices that foster moral growth and students’ capacities to address complex social and personal issues from a critical moral perspective.

College of Education Graduate Student Only Townhall
March 18th @ 4:30 PM in 403 Rackley

Join the College of Education Graduate Student Council for a conversation about life in the College of Education. Please bring your ideas, questions and concerns for this important conversation. This conversation is open to all grad students and snacks will be served.

NWC (N*gger W*back Ch*nk)
March 18th @ 7PM in Eisenhower Auditorium

It is play with 3 guys who discuss race. The truth is that there is only one race: the human race.

Exploring the school to prison pipeline
March 19th @ 5:30PM in Katz Law Building Room 116

Join the Pennsylvania Educational Equity Project, Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Association and other student organization at this school to
prison panel which will be moderated by Dr. Megan Hopkins. The panelists will include Bill Ayers and representatives from both EdLaw and the ACLU.

Teaching toward Democracy: A Workshop  
*March 20th @ 10:00-11:30 Pasquerilla Spiritual Center Garden Room*

Join Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Association in welcoming Bill Ayers to campus for this exciting workshop on the role of education in democracies.

The Political Correctness of Diversity: Rethinking our Understanding of Difference  
*March 20th @ 10:00-11:30 Pasquerilla Spiritual Center Room 127*

Join Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Association in welcoming Bill Ayers to campus for this workshop exploring diversity and difference.

Social Justice Symposium with Elaine Penn & Brittney Griner  
*March 21st @ 10:30AM - 4PM, in Heritage Hall, HUB Robeson Center*

Penn is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and performer. Her dynamic and motivating keynotes have inspired countless people. She has also held numerous university positions. Elaine received her bachelor’s degree from Greensboro College and her master’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. While at Greensboro, she received numerous athletic honors.

Griner is currently a center on the WNBA’s Phoenix Mercury team. She has a host of athletic accomplishments including being a 3 time All-American, AP Player of the year, and a NCAA title. She is committed to advocating for an inclusive society, ending bullying, and other social justice work. *(Pre-registration required)*

College of Education Dean’s Town Hall  
*March 26th @ 11:30 AM in 303 Rackley*

Join the Deans of the College of Education and the College of Education Graduate Student Council for a conversation about life in the College of Education. Please bring your ideas, questions and concerns for this important conversation. This conversation is open to all grad students and lunch will be served.

Curriculum Vitae Writing Workshop
March 27, 2015 @ Noon in Innovation Studio

Interested in creating a CV? Need feedback on your CV? This workshop requires that you send in your CV in advance of the March 27th session. Please send your CV to psucoegsc@gmail.com with the subject line "CV workshop" by Sunday March 22nd. We will then peer review each other's CVs and give you feedback based on our experience and tips we learned from our experts at the first workshop held on March 17th (information available above).

Scholarship Reminder

College of Education Scholarships

While you’re planning your spring semester schedule, please set aside time to apply for a scholarship! The College of Education’s scholarship committee is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2015-16 academic year. The College has academic awards within all fields of study so please take advantage of this opportunity to be recognized for your achievements and, most especially, to alleviate your tuition bill and other expenses.

You are eligible to apply for a scholarship if you are an undergraduate or graduate student who is currently enrolled in or has secured their enrollment in the College of Education at Penn State University Park for the 2015-16 academic year. The application deadline is April 1, 2015. If you filled out a scholarship application for a previous academic year, kindly note that you are still required to submit a new one this year in order to be considered for a scholarship.

Applying for a scholarship won’t take you long and the results can be very rewarding. You’ll need to fill out two forms, the College of Education application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. Once your FAFSA is complete, the information is routed to the College by Penn State’s Office of Student Aid. (Please note: international students are not required to fill out a FAFSA – see our website for more information.)

The College of Education application form is accessed through ANGEL:
1. Go to the ANGEL home page
2. In the Log On box enter your permanent PSU Access ID and password.
**NOTE: If you will be new to Penn State in the fall of 2015 and don’t yet have
an ID and password, please select Friends of Penn State, click Log On and enter your information.**

3. From My Groups, select Find a Group
4. Using the Keyword Search, type Scholarship Application
5. BEFORE you click on College of Education: Scholarship Application, you may see ‘Enroll (no PIN required)’ to the right of the application link. You must enroll in the group before you can access the application.
6. Then choose the application appropriate for your academic standing, graduate or undergraduate.

If you have any questions on the application process, please contact education@psu.edu. We read all emails and will respond to your inquiry.
Additionally, you can also check out the frequently asked questions page of our website as a resource.

Conference Opportunities

PAC-TE (Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators)
Graduate Student Research Presentations
• DEADLINE for proposal: March 9th, 2015 through https://www.pac-te.org/public-TEA-graduate-student-call-for-proposals
• Will feature graduate students presenting their proposed, in-progress, or completed research. Students whose proposals are accepted will present in two hour time periods in the morning and/or afternoon on Thursday, October 29 outside the ballroom at the Best Western Premier in Harrisburg, giving the TEA participants many opportunities to speak with the students.
• This will be a competitive, blind-reviewed process. We will consider research that is at one of three levels - proposed, in-progress or completed. The actual session will be informal with participants using either computer screens or tri-fold table top posters to display their work and our members circulating to mentor, offer comments and ask questions to help the students think about their work in new ways. If you are listed as a project advisor, we will contact you via email to endorse the student’s proposal. We may also ask you to assist the student if our committee recommends proposal revisions.

8th Annual Moral Literacy Colloquium at the Rock Ethics Institute
• Proposals are welcome for the 8th Annual Moral Literacy Colloquium at the Rock Ethics Institute ("Ethics and Education: Developing Moral Literacy"). The event
opens on Friday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nittany Lion Inn and continues on Saturday, April 25 in the Rackley Building of the Penn State University Park campus.

- **The deadline for proposals is March 16, 2015.** For more details on the event, including the Call for Papers, registration information, and information on our keynote speakers please visit the event website at http://bit.ly/2015MLC. Please note that we have a capacity for a limited number of papers/workshops. Registration for the event is also limited and, so, we encourage early registration for those interested in attending.

**Social Thought Conference**

- Organized by students from Sociology department
- Theme of the conference this year is (In) equality, (In) accessibility, (In) justice
- Keynote speaker is Dr. Frances Fox Piven (Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology at CUNY), sociology of poverty and social movements researcher
- **DEADLINE for proposal: March 16th, 2015,** to Lisa Boyd, lmb5594@psu.edu.