

LTJ Fellows Gathering

The Graduate School Office of Diversity and Inclusion (GS DEI) will host a night of history and fun for the Lyman T. Johnson (LTJ) Fellows in recognition of Black History month on **Friday, February 12 from 7:00-9:00pm via Zoom**. Dr. Cleo Price (Assistant Dean) and David Robinson (Graduate Assistant) from the GS DEI office along with current LTJ Fellows (Jasmine Jester, Erika Simpson, Brien Washington, and Kai Davis) will host a discussion with the new and continuing LTJ Fellows on the history of Mr. Johnson and his days fighting to become the first graduate student of color to attend the University of Kentucky. After the history presentation, Fellows will be placed in breakout rooms to get to know each other and create communities of support.

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Certificates of completion will be awarded for attending three or more sessions.

Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 through Friday, February 19, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m. EST

Website: <https://www.uky.edu/gsc/FGPSLC>

To register, [click here](#).

Kentucky Peace Corps Association to Host Statewide Virtual Screening of *A Towering Task: The Story of the Peace Corps*

Screening will be accompanied by a virtual panel discussion with the filmmaker

President John F. Kennedy established the United States Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. In the almost 60 years since more than 240,000 Volunteers have served in 142 countries.

To share that history the Kentucky Peace Corps Association will host a virtual screening of the film *A Towering Task: The Story of the Peace Corps* and a virtual panel discussion. The film will be available to be viewed from February 20, 2021 – February 22, 2021.

A Towering Task: The Story of the Peace Corps is the first big picture documentary about the Peace Corps and explores the program's history and legacy, told through interviews, archival materials and more. The film is narrated by Annette Bening.

The KPCA is hosting this screening as part of the organization's mission to educate and inform Kentuckians about the Peace Corps. To further the conversation about the Peace

Corps beyond the film, the KPCA will be also be hosting a virtual panel discussion on **February 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. EST.**

The panel discussion will feature the director of the film, Alana DeJoseph. DeJoseph will be joined by three of Kentucky's Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, representing different decades across the history of the program.

To register for the screening and/or the panel discussion, [click here for the registration form](#). For any other questions, please contact the KPCA at kypeacecorps@gmail.com.

Book Launch Event for America's Public Philosopher: Essays on Social Justice, Economics, Education, and the Future of Democracy

Graduate School's Community Enhancement Program cordially invites you to attend the book launch event for Dr. Eric Thomas Weber's edited anthology of essays by John Dewey titled 'America's Public Philosopher: Essays on Social Justice, Economics, Education, and the Future of Democracy'.

Dr. Weber is an associate professor of educational policy studies and evaluation at the University of Kentucky. He is the author of 'Uniting Mississippi: Democracy and Leadership in the South' (2015) and 'Democracy and Leadership: On Pragmatism and Virtue' (2013), among others. He is also an executive director of the Society of Philosophers in America and cohost of the Philosophy Bakes Bread radio show and podcast. His commitment to public scholarship is an example for all intellectuals.

Book Description: "Dewey was a founder of a distinctly American philosophical tradition, pragmatism, and he spoke out widely on the most important questions of his day. He was a progressive thinker whose deep commitment to democracy led him to courageous stances on issues such as war, civil liberties, and racial, class, and gender inequalities. ... These essays inspire optimism for the possibility of a more humane public and political culture, in which citizens share in the pursuit of lifelong education through participation in democratic life. America's Public Philosopher reveals John Dewey as a powerful example for scholars seeking to address a wider audience and a much-needed voice for all readers in search of intellectual and moral leadership."

The event will take place via zoom on **Thursday, March 4th at 7:00pm via Zoom**. You can register here: <https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcud-mrpz4vH9RiXGVFRnzbIQ-j8LI60BqH>

View the flyer for the event [here](#).

For questions, please contact James Lincoln at James.Lincoln@uky.edu.



New "Intro to the IRB" Video!

Curious about what is required to conduct human research? Our [new video](#) gives a brief overview on where to start and who can help.

Check it out and share the link with new faculty, student researchers, or anyone new to the IRB!

Tax Workshops For International Students

It's taxes time! All international students who are on an F or J visa and were physically in the U.S. during the tax year 2020 are expected to complete and file tax and/or other

related federal forms with the U.S. federal government. Filing a federal tax form is required for all international students, even if they did not work during the prior year. If you did work in 2020 and filed correctly, you may get money back! The average tax refund for UK was \$715 last year.

ISSS and the Graduate School are pleased to host FOUR workshops this year on how to file your taxes. Register for one of the following workshop dates:

Sprintax Tax Webinar - University of Kentucky on **Feb 12, 2021 12:00 PM EST**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3816314013133773581>

Sprintax Tax Webinar - University of Kentucky on **Mar 11, 2021 1:30 PM EST**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/191583716658667533>

Sprintax Tax Webinar - University of Kentucky on **Mar 18, 2021 2:00 PM EDT**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7062699059956499213>

Sprintax Webinar - University of Kentucky on **Apr 1, 2021 12:00 PM EDT**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4144277440978620429>

DOE Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) Program Now Accepting Applications

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science is pleased to announce that the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program is now accepting applications for the 2021 Solicitation 1. Applications are due **5:00pm Eastern Time on Wednesday, May 5, 2021**.

The SCGSR program provides doctoral dissertation/thesis research opportunities for graduate students at DOE national laboratories. Applicants in transdisciplinary research areas such as Microelectronics, Data Science, Conservation Laws and Symmetries, and Accelerator Science are strongly encouraged to apply. More details about the program, research areas, and online application can be found at <https://science.osti.gov/wdts/scgsr/>.

Muscle Activity Study Enrolling Now!

Researchers at the University of Kentucky invite you to participate in a research study examining muscle activity. This study looks to investigate how weight and exercise affect muscle weakness and muscle activity. Participants will be required to make four visits to the exercise physiology and biomotion lab. In exchange for your participation, you will be compensated \$40 upon completion of the study.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are a 20 - 40 year old female
- Have a BMI of 18 to 40
- Are premenopausal
- Are not currently taking medications which contribute to muscle weakness
- Do not have arthritis, low back or lower extremity injury
- Have not had low back or lower extremity surgery within the past 6 months.

Contact: Rebekah Seay
334-430-2128
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View the flyer for the study [here](#).



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News from The Graduate Student Congress

February “Networking Hangout” on 02/11

Committee: Professional Development & Networking

Event Leads: Samantha Malone & Shishir Sarker

Thursday, February 11, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST via Zoom

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/DtGAQSVFBxw9iRqS6>

The GSC's Professional Development & Networking (PDN) Committee has started a new series of events this year called "Networking Hangouts." The purpose of these events is to provide graduate and professional students and postdocs the opportunity to network and practice networking in a supportive and low-stakes environment. Each "Networking Hangouts" event has a specific theme or topic of discussion. The topic of discussion for the February event will be "How to meet potential employers." Also, the first 20 people to sign up will receive a free meal from Local Taco!

Visit the [GSC's website](#) for more information!

UK Working Parents and Caretakers Forum on 02/11

GSC Parent and Family Advocate: Emily Kaufman

Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. EST via Zoom

Registration Form: <https://tinyurl.com/y69y973y>

Join the discussion on shaping UK's family leave policies for grad students, faculty, and staff. This forum is a chance to make connections with other UK parents and share resources, information, struggles, and strategies. We will begin with a brief presentation on UK's existing parental leave policies and benchmarks, then brainstorm our policy demands, and end with an open discussion. We are particularly interested in the needs of underrepresented parents and caretakers, and welcome those in any academic role or stage.

“Civic Engagement Saturdays” with Senator Thomas on 02/13

Invited Guest: Senator Reginald Thomas

Moderator: Katherine Counts

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST via Zoom webinar

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/p3HdiB5v23K7K75x6>

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) at the University of Kentucky (UK) invites all undergraduate students, graduate students, professional students, and postdoctoral scholars to attend the next “Civic Engagement Saturdays” conversation. The purpose of “Civic Engagement Saturdays” is to provide an opportunity for diverse politicians and activists to speak with members of the UK community about recognizing yourself in politics, how to get involved in politics, and effecting change in your community(ies). The fourth “Civic Engagement Saturdays” conversation will be with Senator Reginald Thomas, who has served in the Kentucky Senate for the 13th District (Lexington) since 2014. The moderator will be Katherine Counts, a second-year M.A. student in the Department of Community & Leadership Development and President of the Graduate Student Congress.

Check out the [GSC's website](#) for more information!

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Check out the [GSC's website](#) for a list of presenters!

GSC Awards Cycle 4 Open Until 02/28

Deadline: Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST

Awards Committee Chair: Lan Jiang (lan.jiang@uky.edu)

Awards Available During Cycle 4:

17 Conference Awards (\$500 each)

2 Research Awards (\$500 each)

1 Professional Development Award (\$250 each)

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) provides awards to University of Kentucky graduate and professional students to attend conferences, conduct research, engage in professional development, and purchase or rent graduation regalia. We do not place specific restrictions on the types of research, conferences, or professional development that we will fund. Successful applicants should be able to make a strong case for how their proposed research, conference, or professional development will contribute to their personal and professional growth. Due to the competitive nature of the awards, and our desire to fund as many students as possible, applicants are only eligible for funding once for each type of award per academic year.

See the [GSC's website](#) for more information and links to each application!

Upcoming Spring Semester Events

February

02/03: Spring Ice Cream Social

02/04: General Assembly Meeting

02/11: "Networking Hangout"

02/13: "Civic Engagement Saturdays" with Senator Reginald Thomas

02/15 - 02/19: Future Graduate and Professional Student Leaders Conference

02/27: "Civic Engagement Saturdays" with WV Councilperson Rosemary Ketchum

March

03/02: Advocacy Trip to Frankfort

03/04: General Assembly Meeting (Executive Board Nominations Open)

03/08 - 03/12: Life After Graduate School Conference

03/13: "Civic Engagement Saturdays" with Kansas Representative Stephani Byers

03/15 - 03/19: Budget Conference
TBD: "Networking Hangout"
TBD: Celebrating Diversity Month

April

04/01: General Assembly Meeting (Executive Board Elections, Budget Proposal)
04/05 - 04/09: NAGPS Midwestern Regional Conference
04/06 - 04/10: National Graduate Student Appreciation Week
04/10 - 04/13: Legislative Advocacy Days
TBD: "Civic Engagement Saturdays"
TBD: DGS Luncheon
04/26 - 04/30: UK Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week

May

05/06: General Assembly Meeting (Executive Board Transitions)
TBD: End-of-the-Year Gala
TBD: Meeting with the President
TBD: Graduation Celebration

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