

*Issue 3, Spring 2021*

## **Nominations for Sarah Bennett Holmes Award through Sunday, February 28**

The Sarah Bennett Holmes Committee is adding two new awards this year and expanding the award recipient criteria to be inclusive of women, men and gender non-conforming.

The two additional awards will be given to one graduate student and one team, who have exemplified great work in their efforts and contributions to issues that affect women at the university and across the Commonwealth.

Nominations are now open and are due by **February 28, 2021**. For more details, visit the [Sarah Bennett Holmes website](#).

To nominate individuals or teams for a Sarah Bennett Holmes Award, [click here](#).

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## **Stay Up-To-Date With Black History Month Events**

The Martin Luther King Center hosts several events to celebrate various cultural heritages. Events this month revolve around Black History Month. See the list of the remaining events [here](#).

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## **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](mailto:James.Lincoln@uky.edu).

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## GradTeach Live! Spring 2021 Showcase

**Graduate School Office:** Graduate Student Professional Enhancement

**Contact Persons:** Dr. Ashley Sorrell or Chad Gilpin

**Registration Deadline:** Monday, March 15, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. EST

**Workshop:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. EST

**Submission Deadline:** Monday, March 29, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. EST

**Showcase Date:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST

**Registration Form:** [https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2hNYqeJuN4NFwsS](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hNYqeJuN4NFwsS)

UK GradTeach Live! offers you the opportunity as a former or current graduate teaching assistant (recitation leader, lab leader, or primary instructor) to showcase your teaching philosophy and instructional skills to the university community. Participants will have 3 minutes and 1 slide to engage the audience in their pedagogical grounding/teaching philosophy and present a concrete example of what that philosophy looks like in the in-person, virtual, or hybrid classroom. The central challenge is to do so in a way that engages and holds the attention of your audience just as you hold the attention of your students. In recognition of the challenges of teaching in a pandemic, we invite you to focus your presentation on how you modified your teaching practices to engage students in the virtual or hybrid environment. This can relate to a specific strategy that proved effective for enhancing student engagement and learning, or a significant modification you made to an assignment to fit the context in which you taught.

*Check the [Graduate School's website](#) for more information!*

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## Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowships

The Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program provides opportunities for doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. The program is designed to deepen research knowledge and increase the study of modern foreign languages, cultural engagement, and area studies not generally included in U.S. curricula.

The internal submission deadline for the DDRA Fellowship Program is **Thursday, March 18 at 12:00 p.m. EST**.

For more information on these fellowships, including who is eligible and how to apply, visit the [Graduate School website](#).

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## Volunteers Needed for Study on the Cellular Effects of Massage on Human Skeletal Muscle

Researchers at the University of Kentucky are seeking individuals to participate in a 9 day study to determine the cellular effects of massage on healthy and shrinking skeletal

muscle tissue.

Depending on which group you are randomized into, this could involve 6 visits to campus, 4 blood draws, 3 thigh muscle biopsies, ingestion of heavy water for 9 days, 4 massages, and utilizing a knee immobilizer and crutches for 7 days.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are 18-30 years old
- Have a BMI < 27
- Have not had previous lower extremity surgery; and
- Do not currently have a lower extremity injury.

You will be compensated up to \$375 for your time.

For more information, please contact:

**Douglas Long**

[delong2@uky.edu](mailto:delong2@uky.edu)

859-323-5438

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## **GSPE Lunch & Learn: *The New PhD: How to Build a Better Graduate Education***

**Speakers:** Dr. Leonard Cassuto and Dr. Robert Weisbuch

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Register via Zoom:**

<https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpde2hqD0vGNR2QpI1AfyFyZ7n-5OFShrk>

Please join the Graduate School's Office of Graduate Student Professional Enhancement (GSPE) for a lunch-and-learn conversation with Dr. Leonard Cassuto and Dr. Robert Weisbuch, co-authors of [\*The New PhD: How to Build a Better Graduate Education\*](#) (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2021). See below for digital access to the book through UK Libraries.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the discussion.

About a week before the event, you will be provided a link to submit any questions you may have for the authors.

UK Libraries has arranged for the UK community to have digital access to *The New PhD*. The direct link is here: <http://ezproxy.uky.edu/login?url=https://muse.jhu.edu/book/81097>

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## **Nietzel Visiting Distinguished Faculty Colloquium: "Interdisciplinary Conversation on Anticarceral Feminism"**

**Speaker:** Dr. Emily Thurma

**Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 3:30pm via Zoom**

**Register via Zoom at:** [https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_s-fdmALzQ3SkLM4BuZt1A](https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s-fdmALzQ3SkLM4BuZt1A)

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies invites you to an exciting conversation with Dr. Emily Thuma, author of *All Our Trials: Prisons, Policing, and the Feminist Fight to End Violence* (University of Illinois Press, 2019) and Assistant Professor of U.S. Politics and Law at The University of Washington, Tacoma. Dr. Lydia Pelot-Hobbs, Assistant Professor of Geography and African American & Africana Studies at University of Kentucky and Dr. Ashley Ruderman-Looff, from the Department of Crime and Justice at U-Mass Dartmouth and an alumna of the University of Kentucky GWS PhD program, will join Dr. Thuma in conversation about the history of anticarceral feminism. They will examine its intersectional emergence from movements for racial and economic justice,

prisoners' and psychiatric patients' rights, and gender and sexual liberation. This timely conversation is made possible with funds from the Graduate School.

## Other Reminders

[Free mental health resources available to UK students](#)

[Located in the basement of White Hall next to the Post Office, The Big Blue Pantry is open to any UK students with a valid UK ID](#)



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## News from The Graduate Student Congress

**“Civic Engagement Saturdays” with WV Councilwoman Ketchum on 02/27**

**Invited Guest:** WV Councilwoman Rosemary Ketchum

**Moderator:** Ryan Kuesel

**Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST via Zoom webinar

**Registration Form:** <https://forms.gle/V6EW13zNmqEPFgdr6>

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 fifth “Civic Engagement Saturdays” conversation will be with West Virginia Councilwoman Rosemary Ketchum, the first openly transgender official elected in 2020 to serve the 3rd Ward of Wheeling, WV. The moderator will be Ryan Kuesel, a Ph.D. Candidate in the Entomology Department and LGBTQ+ Advocate for the GSC.

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

## **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](mailto: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!*

## **GSC Virtual Advocacy Trip to Frankfort on 03/02**

**Committee:** External Affairs

**Chair:** Ellie Johnson, External Affairs Officer

**Date/time:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021

**Contact Email:** [eleanor.johnson@uky.edu](mailto:eleanor.johnson@uky.edu)

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) External Affairs Committee is planning a virtual trip to Frankfort, KY, to discuss state legislation that impacts the graduate student, professional student, and postdoctoral scholar communities at the University of Kentucky (UK). Any graduate or professional students or postdoctoral scholars interested in participating in this virtual advocacy trip are more than welcome to join the External Affairs Committee. However, two (2) hours of training on the basics of state government legislation and legislative advocacy will be required. Interested individuals should email the GSC's External Affairs Officer and Chair of the External Affairs Committee, Ellie Johnson, at [eleanor.johnson@uky.edu](mailto:eleanor.johnson@uky.edu).

*Check out the GSC's [website](#) for a copy of our Advocacy & Legislative Platform!*

## **March General Assembly Meeting on 03/04**

**President:** Katherine Counts

**Date:** Thursday, March 4, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST via Zoom

**Zoom Link:** <https://uky.zoom.us/j/91588452854?pwd=ak5jbUF2Vk8vQVNOVk9QZDVpRzQzQT09#success>

**Password:** 856780

The Graduate Student Congress's (GSC's) General Assembly Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month during the academic year. The purpose of the General Assembly Meetings is to bring together the GSC Executive Board and Leadership Team members with all GSC Representatives from across UK to discuss matters affecting our quality of life, and to provide updates and seek feedback from our constituents on the GSC's outreach programming, advocacy, and community enhancement efforts. All graduate and professional students, postdoctoral scholars, and graduate faculty are invited to attend.

*Visit the GSC's [website](#) for a copy of the agenda!*

## **GSC 2021 – 2022 Executive Board Nominations Open on 03/04**

**Election Chair:** Lauren Fann, Vice President

**Nominations Open:** Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. EST

**Nominations Close:** Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST

## **Email Letter of Intent to: [gsc@uky.edu](mailto:gsc@uky.edu)**

Every year, the entire Graduate Student Congress (GSC) Congressional body elects the next year's Executive Board at the April General Assembly Meeting. Per the GSC Constitution and By-Laws, nominees for the Executive Board must be enrolled in graduate or professional studies or be a postdoctoral scholar at the University of Kentucky (UK) during the duration of their term and be in good academic standing. Nominees for President must have been involved with the GSC for at least six (6) months prior to the election in April. Self- and other-nominations are permitted. For self-nominations, interested individuals should submit a letter of intent to the GSC President. For other-nominations, send an email to the GSC President with the name and contact information of the person you are nominating, along with the title of the Executive Board position and a justification for their nomination. The GSC President will contact the nominated individual to ask if they would like to accept or decline their nomination. If the nominated individual accepts, then they will be asked to submit a letter of intent to the GSC President. If the nominated individual declines, then their name will be removed from consideration. At the April General Assembly meeting, nominees will confirm their nomination and be given the chance to speak as an eligible candidate. If a nominee wishes to be considered for the Executive Board, but cannot be present, the nominee's letter of intent can be read aloud instead, or the nominee can pre-record a short video statement.

*See the GSC's [website](#) for a more information about each Executive Board position!*

## **Life After Graduate School Conference (03/08 - 03/12)**

**Committee:** Professional Development & Networking

**Co-Chairs:** Parul Suri & Sara Qian

**Dates:** Monday, March 8, 2021 through Friday, March 12, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. EST

**Registration Form:** coming soon!

All graduate students and professional students at the University of Kentucky (UK) are invited to attend the GSC's "Life After Graduate School" (LAGS) Conference. The purpose of the LAGS Conference is to help graduate and professional students learn about the skills they may need to acquire to land a job in their field of choice, especially if that position is outside of academia. The GSC understands that the academic job market is strained right now, but there are vast opportunities available for graduate and professional students if they just know where to look. Graduate and professional students who attend this conference will have the opportunity to figure out some of the different kinds of future career opportunities available to them, as well as how to position themselves for success in a career or job outside of their area of specialization. By the end of the conference, attendees should be able to better navigate the job market after graduate, whether they pursue positions inside or outside academia.

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

## **GSC Budget Conference (03/15 - 03/16)**

**Committee:** Appropriations & Revenue

**Chair:** Shaila Zaman, Treasurer

**Dates:** Monday, March 15, 2021 & Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST

**Proposal Submission Deadline:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST

**Submission Form:** coming soon!

Every Spring, the Graduate Student Congress (GSC) Appropriations & Revenue (A&R) Committee is tasked with creating a budget for the following academic year. As part of this process, all GSC Committee Chairs are required to submit a budget report for the current academic year, and a budget proposal for the next academic year. Other GSC members, including the leadership team, Representatives, and constituents, are also invited to submit budget proposals for the next academic year. Let us know if you have an idea for a new GSC initiative, program, or event! At the budget conference, submitters will have the opportunity to justify their proposals. After the budget conference, the A&R Committee will reconvene to finalize the proposed budget so it can be submitted for approval by the entire GSC Congressional Body at the April General Assembly meeting as a regular by-law.

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

## **Upcoming Spring Semester Events**

### **February**

02/27: "Civic Engagement Saturdays" with WV Councilwoman 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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