

**GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS**

Join the College of Arts & Sciences for their [Graduate Professional Development Workshop](#) on **Thursday, March 25 at 3:00pm!**

In this panel discussion hosted by Sarah Lyon, graduate alumni will discuss their diverse paths to careers outside academia. [Click here for more information about each panelist.](#)

We encourage you to submit questions for the panel when registering for the workshop at https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvfuquqjkjE9I4tVnXTW4J-jk0G_IGTMCC

 GradTeach
LIVE!**2021 GradTeach Live! Virtual Showcase**

4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021

[GradTeach Live!](#) (GTL) offers graduate teaching assistants the opportunity to showcase their teaching philosophy and instructional skills to the university community in a concise and engaging three-minute presentation. Our 2021 Live Virtual Showcase will include a keynote by Professor Kevin Gannon, author of [Radical Hope: A Teaching Manifesto](#) (West Virginia University Press, 2020). An activist, teacher, and public intellectual, Gannon writes for the Chronicle of Higher Education and speaks on the themes of social justice and teaching as a “radical act of hope.”

Gannon’s keynote is co-sponsored by [The Graduate School](#) and [Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching](#). Following the keynote, [GradTeach Live!](#) participants with the top submissions will present live, and then we will hold people’s choice voting, followed by the announcement of our winners.

The deadline for submitting your GTL entry submission (video and slide) will be no later than 8 a.m. EST on **Monday, March 29th, 2021**. Visit the GradTeach Live! web page for information on how to submit your entry. Note: participants can still enter without having pre-registered an intent to participate.

Are you an international graduate student? Would you like to meet other international graduate students at UK? Please join members of the Graduate Student Congress on Zoom for a Trivia Night on **Friday, March 26 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.**

There will be Crank and Boom ice cream vouchers for the participants and prizes for the trivia winners.

Register here: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9g8KmcktZDvoeG

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Congress, the Graduate School, and the International Center.



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY GRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

News from The Graduate Student Congress

Robert E. Hemenway Writing Center Services Available to Graduate Students

Director: Judith Gatton Prats (judithgprats@uky.edu)

Dates: January 25 – May 7

Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm & Friday 10am-3pm
REMOTE ONLY

The Writing Center offers free and friendly help to all UK students (graduate and undergraduate), faculty, and staff. The Writing Center assists with writing assignments across the curriculum, offering advice on academic, creative, and professional projects. The Writing Center can help clients:

- begin, develop, and/or review their projects
- fulfill assignment requirements
- communicate effectively in specific disciplines
- document sources fairly and correctly
- learn and practice academic standards of edited written English
- develop and polish their writing style

The Writing Center is committed to helping clients learn editing and proofreading strategies, as well as documentation skills. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK Writing Center offers virtual appointments (E-tutoring or Online Synchronous) for Spring 2021.

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

Survey on Confucius Institute Closing at UK

Sponsor: Asian/Asian American Club

President: Yan Wang (yan.wang80@uky.edu)

Anonymous Survey Link:

https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0NZxaYcTVte86G2

The current anti-Asian hate crimes, especially the massive shooting in Atlanta, has seriously damaged the Asian and Asian American community. Closing the Confucius Institute, which has been a comfort zone for the Asian community and intercultural learning, has also damaged the Asian community and other community that has been benefitted from the Confucius Institute on campus. The survey invites the UK community

to share their thoughts on the closure of the Confucius Institute and to provide suggestions to the university to continue supporting student sense of belonging and intercultural learning. It will be very helpful for the university to hear from the community and provide support that the community needs the most. Thank you in advance for your support.

Visit the Asian/Asian American Club's [webpage](#) to get involved!

PDN "Networking Hangout" on 03/25

Committee: Professional Development & Networking
Partnership: Office of Institutional Diversity
Event Leads: Sharique Khan & Kimberly Emeric
Thursday, March 25, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST via Zoom
Registration Form: <http://bit.ly/30YVPut>

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 March event will be "Institutional diversity and challenges in recruiting and retaining diverse students, staff, and faculty." Also, the first 50 people to sign up will receive a free meal from GirlsGirlsGirls!

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

Celebrating Diversity Month (03/22 - 04/18)

Committee: Institutional Advocacy
Chair: Staci McGill
Event Lead: Olumuyiwa Moses Desmennu & Edward Lo
Dates: Monday, March 22, 2021 – Sunday, April 18, 2021
Times: various (see website for exact times)
Community Dialogues Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/xuJ9NCwnCogzmdz99>
Virtual Popup Museum Submission Form: Coming soon!

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) invites all faculty, staff, and students to participate in this year's "Celebrating Diversity Month" (CDM) program series. The purpose of CDM is to bring together members of the UK community for active and intentional engagement in issues pertaining to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice. During CDM, the GSC will offer three distinct activities or events: (1) a Virtual Popup Museum to communicate and visually illustrate the diversity of backgrounds that enrich UK; (2) a Cultural Libraries Book Project, to collect titles and provide free access to books from underrepresented authors and on ideas related to diversity and inclusion; and (3) a Community Dialogues event series in collaboration with several university and community activists at UK, to coordinate deep conversations about the complex ideas and histories surrounding diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice.

Visit the GSC's [website](#) to find out more information!

GSC 2021 – 2022 Executive Board Nominations Close on 03/25

Election Chair: Lauren Fann, Vice President
Nominations Close: Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST
Email Letter of Intent to: 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!

GSC Awards Cycle 5 Closes on 03/31

Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST
Awards Committee Chair: Lan Jiang (lan.jiang@uky.edu)

Awards Available During Cycle 5:

- 7 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!

Lead Blue Awards Deadline on 03/31

Office of Student Organizations and Activities
Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 11:45 p.m. EST
Individual Award Application:
<https://uky.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/466727>
Group Award Application:
<https://uky.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/466728>

The Office of Student Organizations and Activities invites all students at the University of Kentucky to self- or other-nominate for the annual Lead Blue Awards ceremony. The Lead Blue Awards recognize the successes and accomplishments of student leaders, student organizations, and advisors. The 2020 – 2021 Lead Blue Award categories are:

Student Organization Awards

- New Student Organization of the Year
- Organization of the Year
- Collaboration Award
- Program of the Year Award
- Over 50 Members

- Under 50 Members
- Diversity & Inclusion Award
- Civic Engagement Award
- Service-Based
- Non-Service Based

Individual Student Leadership Awards

- Diversity & Inclusion
- Student Organization Advisor of the Year Award
- Student Organization Member of the Year
- Student Organization Officer of the Year
- Emerging Leader of the Year Award (freshmen or sophomore only)
- Leadership Legacy Award (junior or senior only)

See SOA's [website](#) for more information!

April General Assembly Meeting on 04/01

President: Katherine Counts

Thursday, April 1, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST via Zoom

Zoom Link:

<https://uky.zoom.us/j/91588452854pwd=ak5jbUF2Vk8vQVNOVk9QZDVpRzQzQT09>

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!

NAGPS Midwestern Regional Conference (04/05 - 04/08)

Partnerships: National Association of Graduate/Professional Students (NAGPS) & Ohio University's Graduate Student Senate (GSS)

Event Leads: Katherine Counts (UK) & Amal Shimir (OU)

Dates: Monday, April 5, 2021 – Thursday, April 8, 2021

Times: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. EST

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/1G1h1JgfQDu56FF58>

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) at the University of Kentucky (UK) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at Ohio University (OU) invite all graduate and professional students across the country to attend the 2021 National Association of Graduate/Professional Students (NAGPS) Midwestern Regional Conference. The purpose of the NAGPS Midwestern Regional Conference is to provide graduate and professional students in the midwestern region of the United States, along with their affiliate Graduate/Professional Student Organizations (GPSOs), the opportunity to meet and interact one another, while also learning about and discussing important topics related to graduate and professional student education. The purpose of this year's conference, specifically, is to give a voice to those graduate and professional students whose hard work and dedication often goes unnoticed and underappreciated at institutions of higher education.

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

NAGPS Virtual Legislative Action Days (04/10 - 04/11)

Committee: External Affairs

Chair: Ellie Johnson, External Affairs Officer

Dates: Saturday, April 10, 2021 – Sunday, April 11, 2021

Times: TBD

Deadline to Register: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST

Contact Email: eleanor.johnson@uky.edu

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) External Affairs Committee is planning a virtual trip to Washington, D.C. in partnership with the National Association of Graduate/Professional Students (NAGPS), to discuss federal legislation that impacts the graduate student, professional student, and postdoctoral scholar communities across the nation. The trip will include informational sessions on policy issues, and best practices for conducting meetings with policymakers on issues in higher education policy. Specifically, the topics to be discussed include mental health resources, sexual harassment prevent, and institutional transparency. Following the Advocacy summit, selected attendees will virtually meet with their Representatives to advocate for graduate and professional education. 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. Interested individuals should email the GSC's External Affairs Officer and Chair of the External Affairs Committee, Ellie Johnson, at eleanor.johnson@uky.edu.

Check out the NAGPS [website](#) for a copy of their Legislative Platform!

Upcoming Spring Semester Events

March

03/25: "Networking Hangout"

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

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: DGS Luncheon

TBD: Meeting with the President

TBD: Graduation Celebration

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