Undergraduate Newsletter

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Interdisciplinary Writing Studio
Working on an essay, personal statement, or other piece of writing? The Interdisciplinary Writing Studio has tutors who can help! We specialize in working with students from GWSS, GEOG, AES, AIS & CHID. You can sign up for an appointment at http://depts.washington.edu/geog/interdisciplinary-writing-studio/.

GWSS Article Database

Notes from the Advisor, Laura Marquez

What can we improve?
Did you know that your amazing Undergraduate Representatives have developed another way for you to help your Department reach its full potential. Use this link to let us know how we are doing and to help us understand ways that we can improve: https://forms.gle/VWCQKmBSu4vLbUz66

Summer Advising Support
So, as most of you know, I have a 10 month appointment. The means I do not work in July or August. I will check email once very few weeks to try and catch any emergencies that may pop up, but I am not able to do a lot more than that over the summer. That said, should you find that you have an urgent or pressing question, please do email me. I will periodically have access to email and resources to help get you what you need. If you have any questions or concerns about any of this, please do not hesitate to let me know. I will be here through the end of June and I will come back the first week of September. Have an AMAZING summer!

News and Opportunities

Invitation to table at KUOW event on trans issues--June 6, Impact Hub
On Thursday, June 6 we’re bringing author and activist Jodie Patterson to the Impact Hub. Please forward this to others in our communities! Patterson will be sharing about her experience raising her transgender son. She will be interviewed by KUOW journalist Jeannie Yandle and then she and Jeannie will be in-conversation with transgender activist Spencer Bergstedt. Bios below. Here’s the Eventbrite with all the details.

Here are the basics:
If you’re looking to do research or just want to read articles on GWSS topics, check out the GWSS Database!

Health and Wellness Resources
Student Care
206 543-6085
livewell@uw.edu
Health and Wellness is a starting point for students in distress and in need of multiple levels of support.

The Counseling Center
206 543-1240
401 Schmitz Hall
Provides brief counseling assessment, referral, and crisis intervention services to currently enrolled University of Washington Students. There is no charge for most of their services.

Let’s Talk
Tuesday 2-4PM
Iris Song PsyD Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC) & Wednesdays 2-4PM
Kate Fredenberg, LICSW, Q Center, HUB 315

Feeling Lost? Meet the Student Leadership Advisors
The Husky Leadership Initiative is excited to announce the Student Leadership Advisers, a group of current students who are eager to support others in navigating the many opportunities at the University of Washington. These advisers are deeply engaged in various parts of this campus

WHAT: Race, Gender and Bold Parenting: Jodie Patterson on Raising Her Transgender Son
WHERE: The Impact Hub, Pioneer Square
WHEN: Thurs, June 6, doors at 6:00 PM
BIOS:

Jodie Patterson is an activist, entrepreneur, and writer. Her activism on behalf of the LGBTQAI community, inspired by her transgender son, has won her accolades from Hillary Clinton and Chirlane McCray, the First Lady of New York City. Patterson was named the "#1 Most Influential Mom 2018" by Family Circle and has been covered in a variety of publications, including O: The Oprah Magazine, The New York Times, Essence, Cosmopolitan, Vogue Japan and The Advocate.

Spencer Bergstedt, J.D. is a consultant and trainer on Transgender medical, social, and workplace issues. He is an author, a former lawyer and an activist. He transitioned over 20 years ago when conversations about LGBT identity were very different than today.

Jeannie Yandel has produced nearly every show out of KUOW, including The Conversation and The Record. She’s won awards for her reporting and her interviewing. Now she makes new shows as an editor with KUOW’s podcast team, and she co-hosts the podcast Battle Tactics For Your Sexist Workplace.

Call for Lavender Graduation Volunteers
Please consider volunteering for our extraordinary end of the year celebration!

2019 Lavender Graduation Ceremony Details:
Tuesday, June 11th, 6:00-8:30 PM @ wǝɫǝbʔaltxʷ Intellectual House

We need volunteers from 10AM - 10PM on June 11, the day of graduation. Please visit the Volunteer Registration Form to learn more about the roles and sign up.

https://forms.gle/NBLDPmjUeaQUaZCDA

Volunteer Opportunity: Apply to be a FIUTS SUSI Ambassador
This summer, FIUTS (Foundation for International Understanding Through Students) will host 20 undergraduates from Brazil, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, and Tunisia for the Study of the US Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Youth, Education, and Closing the Skills Gap. SUSIs are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and promote a better understanding of the people, institutions, and culture of the United States among foreign students, teachers, and scholars. Learn more about the SUSI at http://exchanges.state.gov/susi.
community, and have been trained to provide guidance to students who are looking to get connected. Current students can request an individual appointment with one of the advisers starting now!

Visit the Husky Leadership Initiative website for details.

**UW Student Legal Services (SLS)**

SLS is an on-campus law office that offers FREE 40-minute consultations on a multitude of legal matters. It is a safe and confidential space for all UW-Seattle Students who have legal questions or concern.

**UW Food Pantry**

Did you know that UW now has a food pantry for students? Located on the west side of campus in Poplar Hall, the 700-square-foot space provides free, nonperishable groceries and select fresh produce. Anyone with a Husky Identification Card is eligible to receive support and may make as many visits as necessary. http://www.washington.edu/news/2018/11/01/uw-opens-permanent-food-pantry-on-campus/

**Career & Internship Center**

Resume & Cover Letter Review Service

- Tuesday-Friday, 10-4PM
- Same-Day Sessions Service
- Or Online Resume Review Service

Career coaching appointments are now reserved for conversations about broad career topics including career & option

We are recruiting 20 UW students to be SUSI Ambassadors, volunteers who will be matched one to one with SUSI participants during their time in Seattle from June 22nd – July 21st, 2019. Ambassadors are a critical piece of the program and act as peer mentors, cultural liaisons, and student leaders. SUSI Ambassadors learn new skills, build their resumes, make international friends, and have fun! Ambassadors should expect to attend 3-4 (6-8 hours) program activities each week. Most activities are in the evenings or on weekends. ALL current University of Washington students are eligible to apply. Visit http://www.fiuts.org/susi-ambassadors to apply by Monday, June 10th.

Questions? Come to a SUSI Ambassador Info Session in the FIUTS office (HUB 206) from 1:30-2:30pm on Thursday, June 6th or contact Kailyn Swarthout, FIUTS Education Programs Coordinator, at kailyn@fiuts.org.
exploration, choosing a major, job & internship search strategy and interview strategy including mock interviews.

Workshop Offerings
Online workshops providing a balanced (in-person and online) workshop schedule.

Scholarship Fridays
Fridays at 1:30pm during winter quarter you have the opportunity to learn more about scholarships! This quarter learn about Getting Started with scholarships, the Mary Gates Endowment for Students and the Gilman Scholarship. Check out our calendar for the session schedule! See the full calendar for dates and locations!

When: Fridays | 1:30pm
Where: MGH 171
Learn more

Student Success Coach
Academic Support Programs is offering students an opportunity to meet with one of our three Student Success Coaches this quarter to get support in any challenges or struggles you are facing, learn to improve your study skills or gain new ones. Success Coaching is an interactive process that empowers students to get from where they are now to where they want to be. The Success Coach is a peer who students can visit at CLUE to help build more general skills for success. Even if you are not sure why you're struggling to meet their academic goals, the Success Coach can help identify and overcome challenges to create a foundation for success in college.

Low-Cost LSAT Prep Course at UW
Are you interested in going to LAW school, but can't afford to pay $1200+ for LSAT prep classes?
The ASP Success Coach meets with students one-on-one to help them develop skills in:

- Effective study strategies
- Time management skills
- Setting and working towards goals
- Finding campus resources
- Motivation

Success Coaching is not academic advising, personal counseling, a disciplinary meeting, or one on one tutoring for a particular course.

**How it Works**
You can make an appointment during our open hours on our website. We will prioritize students appointments first, but you are welcome drop-in on a first come-first serve basis. Meetings will be 30 minutes in length. Make an appointment here: https://meetme.so/UWStudentSuccessCoaching

**Queer People of Color Alliance**
Fridays, 4:30 – 6:00 at the Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC)
We aim to provide a safe space for queer people of color to discuss LGBTQ+ issues as they intersect with culture, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, or ability.

FB: facebook.com/qpoca
Email: qpoca@uw.edu

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There will be another low-cost, high quality, LSAT prep course offered at UW (open to non-students as well). The course will take place in Smith Hall.
You can apply for the course (and see testimonials, etc.) at campusprep.org.

**LSAT PREP COURSE**
The course will start in July and will prep you for the late Sept. and Oct. test dates. The comprehensive, 27 hour, live course includes 3 practice exams and costs **$328**. (some students who qualify for financial need-based aid will pay about $250.)

The course is taught by one of our top-ranked instructors, who is a high-scorer on the LSAT and a UW Law student. He has taught and tutored for several years.

**LSAT PREP COURSE SCHEDULE:**
Wednesdays 6-9pm
7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/15, 8/22

Proctored practice exams: TBD

"The same caliber as traditional prep courses, but it comes at a cheaper cost."
-Kristine Jackson, Dean of Admissions at CU Boulder Law

You can try the course by having until midnight on the day of the first class session to receive a full refund for any reason.

**Apply ASAP at campusprep.org, as there will likely be more applications than there are spaces available. Email questions to admin@campusprep.org.**

“Campus Prep helped me gain admission to nine top-twenty and top-ten law schools so far, including University of Chicago, NYU, University of Pennsylvania, UC Berkeley, and Georgetown University.”
-Breanna Hinricks

“I was admitted to all the schools to which I applied - and some with substantial scholarships. I am completely satisfied with the course and the instruction and would highly recommend it.”
-Michaela Feld
“I was accepted to every school I applied to including University of Colorado, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Boston University, Boston College, Northwestern University, and more. I owe a large part of that to my preparation for the LSAT through this course.”

-Kellie Nelson

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**Course of Interest**

**GRDSCH 200: Preparing for Graduate Education**

Are you unsure if you want to attend graduate school?
Do you know for certain that you want to attend graduate school, but are not sure how to write a quality personal statement?
Not sure what program or school you want to attend?
**We can help!**

This 2 Credit, nine-week course is for juniors and seniors who know they want to pursue, or are considering the possibility of graduate education. During the quarter, students will learn first-hand from faculty and staff involved in graduate admissions how to find programs that fit their interests, and how to prepare application materials.

Course information:
GRDSCH 200: Preparing for Graduate Education
Summer Quarter 2019: Mondays, 1:10-3:20pm
Electrical and Computer Engineering Building (ECE), Room 037
SLN 11735
Course Website: https://www.washington.edu/trends/grdsch-200-preparing-for-graduate-education/
GETTING INTO GRAD SCHOOL

THE INSIDE SCOOP ABOUT WHAT WORKS

GRDSCH 200:
PREPARING FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION

Are you unsure if you want to attend graduate school?
Explore and find out!

Do you know for certain that you want to attend graduate school, but are not sure how to write a quality personal statement?
We can help!

Not sure what program or school you want to attend?
Find your fit here!

This ten-week course is for juniors and seniors who know they want to pursue, or are considering the possibility of, graduate education; learn first-hand from faculty and staff involved in graduate admissions how to find a good program fit and how to prepare effective application materials.

The course seeks to engage students in determining the right "fit" for their individual graduate education goals through three primary objectives:

Investigation: What is your desire to attend graduate school?
What you need to know about the graduate school experience

Revelation: What do graduate school admission committees actually expect?
Demystify the process
Personal statements, resumes/CVs and letters of recommendation
Preparation: How does investigation and revelation lead to finding a "good fit," and how do you chart a course of action?
Why do you want to go? When do you want to go? Where do you want to go?
What do you want to do? How can you do it?

CREDITS: 2 CR/NC
Mondays, 1:10 - 3:20 p.m. / Summer 2019 Full-Term
Electrical and Computer Engineering Building (ECE),
Room 037
SLN: 11735

For information: Issa Abdulcadir, issa9@uw.edu, or grad.washington.edu/discover/preparing-for-grad-school.shtml

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON
NEW Pre-Law Seminar - Autumn 2019
PRE-LAW SEMINAR

AUTUMN QUARTER 2019

WEDNESDAYS | 2:30-3:20PM | JHN 111
1 CREDIT | GEN ST 297 SECTION V | SLN: 15607

This course is for pre-law students who are exploring, preparing, and/or applying to law school.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

• For students who are exploring - learn and discover more about law school and if a career in law suits your personality traits, academic strengths, core values, and life interests.

• For students who are preparing and applying - learn about the timeline of preparing to apply, how to be a competitive applicant, and time to work on your application with career coach.

• Learn about the benefits and challenges of an education and career in the law.

• Become familiar with various legal career paths and areas of law.

• Identify core skills that can help you become a successful applicant and J.D. candidate.

• Know how to find and use a number of career exploration resources.

• Learn how to network, build your resume, and gain experience as a pre-law student.
ESS307: Diversity Outreach
TTh 2:30-3:50pm, JHN026
3-5 credits DIV/NW or I&S

Prerequisites: One of ESS101, ESS102, ESS211, ESS212, ESS213, ESS472 (exceptions can be made, previous approval of the instructor)
Instructor: Isabel Carrera, micz@uw.edu

Students will explore and understand the barriers that underserved and underrepresented communities in the Northwest face prior to pursuing careers in STEM and will learn how to design culturally appropriate outreach activities.

This is a service learning course that mixes community-based work with lectures/seminars. The credits for the participation in the class will be variable dependent on the hours volunteering:
• 3 credits: class time + 20 hrs volunteering/qtr
• 4 credits: class time + 30 hrs volunteering/qtr
• 5 credits: class time + 40 hrs volunteering/qtr
INTERESTED IN STEM OUTREACH?

ESS307: DIVERSITY OUTREACH

Learn to design community-based outreach projects.
(3-5 Credits NW/I&S + Div)

Students will work with underserved and underrepresented communities to understand the barriers they face prior to pursuing careers in STEM. The core of the course relies on the critical analysis of the relationship between science, diversity, and social justice.

Total number of credits depending volunteered hours.

T-TH 2:30 - 3:50 p.m.  *  JHN026

For more info contact Isabel Carrera (miscellw.edu)