Fellow Graduate Students,

Election session is upon us, not just at the national level, but here at CUA as well. In this issue, you will find information on our upcoming elections. We need you! Consider serving in a leadership role with your Graduate Student Association and help lead the organization forward.

On top of elections, we have some great programs coming up in March. I encourage you to read through this eNewsletter for great information. As always, please feel free to reach out of our officers or to a member of the Senate. We are here to serve.

Yours in Service,

James J. Lewis
President, Graduate Student Association

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**SPRING ELECTIONS!**

Have you benefited from the efforts of the GSA this year? Do you have ideas on how to improve the graduate student experience at CUA? Now is the time to start looking ahead to next year. The GSA Officer Elections will be held March 19 – 22. The Election Committee is accepting nominations from now until February 27.

**NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!**

Please consider whether you or someone you know would be a good fit for one of the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Academic Senator. For information about the role of any of these officers in the GSA, please visit the Executive Committee page.

You can view a timeline for the election and download the nomination form at gradstudents.cua.edu/elections. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Alianello, Election Committee Chair.

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**INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE**
** Please note that the deadline for submitting papers to the Graduate Student Conference has been extended to **February 5. **

** Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 29. This year, in conjunction with CUA’s 125th anniversary Cardinal Service Commitment, our conference will be entitled “Scholarship in Service: the Catholic Research University.” We will continue exploring the university’s foundational principles, focusing on the relationship between academic work and contributing to projects that help others in a meaningful way. To view the Call for Papers, please visit our website. We look forward to seeing you there!

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** GSA LECTURE **

** A LIFE OF FAITH AND SERVICE: CULTURAL CONNECTIONS AND PERSONAL GROWTH **

As a community, the graduate students of CUA are continually seeking ways to connect our academic work with a life of faith and service. The GSA warmly invites you to join us on **Thursday, March 15** for a series of guest lectures and student testimonies focused on the intersection of theory and practice when seeking to serve others. The lectures will include professional analysis of contemporary mission work within the United States and testimonials from students who have successfully shifted theory into practice through service work at home and abroad. For more information, contact the Lecture Chair, Jufang Tseng.

** LECTURE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT **

** AN UPDATE ON LECTURE FUNDING **

Due to a higher-than-expected volume of requests this year, we are no longer accepting departmental lecture proposals for the Spring 2012 semester. However, funding may be available from your department or school senator(s). To find out, please contact your senator. We apologize for the inconvenience. The increase in demand for financial support from the GSA Lecture Committee will be heavily considered as we plan next year's guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact the Lecture Chair, Jufang Tseng.

** VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY **

** STILL LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT PLACE **

826DC serves kids ages 6-18 throughout the district, providing free writing workshops and drop-in homework help. They are based both in our center in Columbia Heights and in schools throughout the city.
TO VOLUNTEER IN 2012?

They're looking for a few good volunteers to help join their ranks, particularly with daytime availability. For more information, contact Allie McKay.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**GSA Senate Open Forum**

Today, **Wednesday, February 1, 2012** in Pryz 327 attend the GSA Senate Meeting. Before the meeting, Linda Dooley, president of the Bryce Harlow Fellowship Foundation, will give a presentation for CUA graduate students on the Bryce Harlow Fellowship program. The fellowship is for graduate students interested in a career in lobbying. During the Open Forum, Colin Pears, Director of the Center for Academic Success, will give a short talk on the resources CAS offers to graduate students. Following this, he will answer any questions you may have.

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**Spring Philosophy Lecture Series**

The School of Philosophy announces its Spring Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the GSA. Beginning **February 10**, hear lectures on subjects ranging from Socrates to Kant. View the lecture calendar for a complete list of dates and times.

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**February 17, 2012. Genesis Reboot at Synetic Theater. 8 pm.**

In *Genesis Reboot*, an angel and a demon retell the story of creation from their perspectives in this farcical new play. As the evening wears on, loyalties are tested, boundaries are broken, and the Garden comes alive in unexpected ways. The Fall of Man comes with applause as Cain and Abel share a prison cell.

Contact Brian Rice for tickets.