Dear Fellow Graduate Students,

The Fall 2012 semester is flying by, which means that time is running out to ensure that you attend a GSA event this term (http://gradstudents.cua.edu/gsaevents.cfm) and/or apply for one of our vacant officer positions. (Please see below or click here: http://gradstudents.cua.edu/job-opportunities.cfm.)

The GSA Senate and Executive Committee have been hard at work this term doing our best to serve you. Our accomplishments include not only funding many conference presentations, lectures, and events while staying within our budget, but engaging in unprecedented collaboration with entities around campus. For instance, we are pleased to have co-hosted several new events, including the New Student Happy Hour with the Office of Admissions, the workshop series: “Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts,” with the Center for Academic Success, and the conference “Rousseau at 300: The Impact of Jean Jacques Rousseau on Morality and Politics” (Sat, Nov 17th at 10:30am in Caldwell Auditorium) with the Department of Politics. We are also proud to report that the GSA Senate and Executive Committee have passed several key pieces of legislation that will improve officer accountability and provide clearer direction to future GSA Senators and officers. Finally, our association completed two successful service projects this semester, including a clothing drive for the Miriam’s Kitchen and a phone-a-thon for CUA donors. Please see below for our third and final service project this semester: our contribution to the CUA Campus Ministry Thanksgiving Food Drive.

If you are interested in knowing further details about these and other accomplishments, please check our website regularly and/or contact me at 25forte@cardinalmail.cua.edu. As always, I also welcome your feedback.

Yours in Service,
Executive Committee Updates

Job Openings:
GSA Events Coordinator: This position involves contacting ticket offices and arranging the logistics of the remaining 2012-2013 social calendar. The Events coordinator will have a budget of approximately $10,000 to plan the remainder of the year's events. In the past two years we aimed for the selection to be broad and enriching to mind, body, and soul, with trips to the symphony, the theatre, outdoor locations, sporting events and more. The position is open until filled.
Requirements: Event planning experience.
Interested parties should send a resume and cover letter to Joe Forte at 25forte@cardinalmail.cua.edu by December 7, 2012. Salary: $13/hr, 4hrs/wk.

GSA Vice President: This position involves planning the GSA conference in the spring, coordinating the efforts of the GSA’s ad hoc committees, and assisting the President with other duties as needed.
Requirements: Either one year GSA experience (as either a Senator or Officer), experience serving as chairperson of a graduate conference committee, or experience as a higher education professional for a graduate student population is preferred.
Please send a resume and cover letter to Joe Forte at 25forte@cardinalmail.cua.edu by December 7, 2012. Salary: $13/hr, 8hrs/wk

Other job openings on campus:
Please see http://gradstudents.cua.edu/job-opportunities.cfm

SENATE UPDATES

Please see the Senate page on the GSA website for information about your school and department Senators: http://gradstudents.cua.edu/senatorlist.cfm. These generous colleagues of yours have volunteered to serve in order to connect graduate students to the work of the GSA. Thank them when you get a chance!
The dates, times, and places of Senate meetings are posted here:
http://gradstudents.cua.edu/senators.cfm

SAVE THE DATE: EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATES

National Symphony Orchestra
Friday November 16th join the GSA for a trip to the National Symphony Orchestra: Vasily Petrenko, conductor / Beyond the Score: Shostakovich's Symphony No. 4 – Is Music Dangerous? "Take your musical appreciation to the next level with this new NSO initiative that's half concert, half multimedia educational experience. Conductor Vasily Petrenko explores Shostakovich's Symphony No. 4." The concert starts at 8pm but meet by 7:30 at the box office to get your tickets. To reserve a ticket please contact Homer Twigg: 72twigg@cardinalmail.cua.edu.

Comedian Adam Ruben
Friday December 7th at 9:30pm join the GSA and unwind before exams with comedian Adam Ruben, author of the book Surviving Your Stupid Stupid Decision to go to Grad School. Location: Pryzbyla Center Food Court. Appetizers will be available to all, and alcoholic beverages will be available to those of legal drinking age with proper ID.

For more GSA events updates, including workshops on pedagogy and performances, keep checking: http://gradstudents.cua.edu/gsaevents.cfm

For information about non-GSA events on campus for graduate students, keep checking: http://gradstudents.cua.edu/non-gsa-events.cfm

CONFERENCES

Don’t forget that we have funds available for conference presentations and attendance.
Please see the website for guidelines:
http://gradstudents.cua.edu/conferences.cfm
Please contact Amanda Bono (83bono@cardinalmail.cua.edu) with further questions about conferences.

LECTURES
The Department of Politics and the GSA present:
Rousseau at 300: The Impact of Jean Jacques Rousseau on Morality and Politics
November 17th at 10:30am in Caldwell Auditorium.
Keynote speech by Dr. Benjamin Barber: “Would Jean Jacques Occupy Wallstreet?”
Morning Panel: Dr. Richard Boyd, Dr. Elizabeth Wingrove and Dr. Claes Ryn.
Afternoon Panel: Dr. Alan Levine, Dr. Tracy Strong, and Dr. Susan Shell.
With lunch and light reception.
For more information, scheduling or disability support please contact: 56mickey@cardinalmail.cua.edu.

Don’t forget that we want to help you bring lecturers to campus.
For details, go to: http://gradstudents.cua.edu/lectures.cfm
Please contact John Meinert (44meinert@cardinalmail.cua.edu) with further questions about lectures.

Check the GSA website as the year progresses for a listing of lectures that your colleagues have sponsored: http://gradstudents.cua.edu/2010-2011events.cfm

**FOOD DRIVE**
This Thanksgiving, start the season off by GIVING
You can help feed a family in Brookland this Thanksgiving by donating some of the suggested items below:

- A $20 grocery store gift card (If you put together a bag with a few other people you may be able to come up with a gift card to help the family buy fresh food and a turkey for Thanksgiving)
- Potatoes (boxed only)
- cans of string beans
- cans of cranberry sauce
- box of stuffing
- can of gravy
- boxed bread mixes
- hamburger helper
- macaroni and cheese
- canned soups
✓ canned vegetables
✓ dessert

There are no required items, but we will not be able to give these outreach initiatives any fresh food.

Thank you for your support! Please drop your donations to the Campus Ministry Office in Caldwell Hall during business hours (9am – 5pm) during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 12th - 16th).

**Website Updates**

Please visit [gradstudents.cua.edu](http://gradstudents.cua.edu) | The website is newly updated and now includes both GSA and non-GSA events. Do you need information on conference funding or would you like to inquire about sponsoring a lecture? The GSA website is home to most up-to-date information on items of concern to the graduate student community. You can also find practical tips for graduate students, volunteer and employment opportunities, and the latest information on the work of the GSA Senate.

**Library Locker Space**

Mullen Library is offering locker space for graduate students for the Fall 2012 semester. You can check out a key at the circulation desk. Space is available on September 4th. Lockers must be cleared out and all keys returned by Saturday, December 15. For more information contact the circulation desk.

**Final Thoughts**

As always, if you have general questions about the work of the GSA, or if you would like to suggest other ways that we can improve the lives of CUA grad students, please contact Joe Forte at 25forte@cardinalmail.cua.edu or feel free to attend one of our Senate meetings. If you choose the latter, please contact your Senator first.

We in the GSA leadership wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.