



Social Activities

Spiffy Valentine's Social - Thurs, Feb 14 at 4 PM, Physics 298: Come let us treat you to a fancy afternoon of decadent chocolate fondue, ruby-red strawberries, and ambrosial beverages. Reciting original (or unoriginal) physics poetry is encouraged. And a few creative contests...

Spring Department Receptions (Physics 298, 3:30 PM) - February 6, April 3, May 1.

Cookie Time!! - Fridays at 3 PM in the Graduate Student Lounge.

Weekly "Power Yoga" Wednesdays at 7 PM at Wilson Gym Rm 125/B - Increase flexibility & strength alongside other physics grad students. (Great for alleviating back pain and stiff legs too.) For more free fitness classes, visit <https://recreation.duke.edu/fitness/group-fitness-classes>.

Welcome to our new incoming transfer graduate student, Ge Chen!

Updates

Open House Volunteers Needed! - The open house for prospective incoming graduate students is scheduled from Feb 28 - March 1, and we need volunteers to help guide students to certain campus buildings and physics offices, give a campus tour, and eat and talk with the students. If interested in volunteering, please contact Brodie Popovic (brodie.popovic@duke.edu).

The graduate student lounge **publications wall** is looking outdated - let's replace old papers with publications from current/recent labmates to celebrate research success and learn from each other!

GSS Talks (Physics 298):

To give a talk, contact Yiqiu Zhao (yz202@phy.duke.edu) and send a brief abstract of the talk and the preferred week for presentation. The common time is Friday 12-1 p.m., but it can be flexible. Free lunch will be provided!

Colloquia (Wednesdays, Physics 130, 3:30 PM):

January 30 - Michael Manfra (Purdue)
February 13 - Zohreh Davoudi (University of Maryland)
February 27 - Latifa Elouadrhiri (Jefferson Lab)

Seminars

Outreach

Friday, Feb 15: Morning til 1 PM - Endeavor Charter School will visit Duke. We will provide an E/M physics program in Room 128.

Wednesday, Feb 27: 6:30 to 7:30 PM - Triangle Day School science night.

Contact Derek Leadbetter
(dpl@phy.duke.edu) to volunteer!

Starting next year, matriculating graduate students of all departments will receive payment in the August of their first semester rather than needing to wait an additional month for their first check.

If graduate students require emergency funds for travel in cases of family bereavement or crisis, the GPSC gives out funds up to \$200 to reimburse travel fees.

GPSC facilitates a **food pantry** available to graduate students at no cost.

GPSC News

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