

## Graduate Student Organization: March and April Newsletter





**Gardens Party** - Thurs, Mar 21 at 4 PM, Duke Gardens: With the right amount of sunshine, delicious fresh fruit, and frisbee throwing, who wouldn't want to enjoy the bounty of spring this March? Come to the Duke Gardens and bring outdoor games - we'll provide (non-alcoholic) refreshments and an excuse to be outdoors!

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

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

The **2018 departmental newsletter** is in! Find it here: https://phy.duke.edu/sites/phy.duke.edu/files/site-images/Newsletter2018-web300.pdf (**Or use this QR**!)



## Departmental/GSO Updates

GSO leadership will host an **open membership meeting** before the end of the semester to gather feedback from students and discuss potential changes to the organization's constitution. Details to come.

Be on the lookout for a series of panels on **Life as an International Student**. While the structure is not fully decided yet, we imagine having a conversation or Q/A sessions with international students in the department to learn from one another.

Code of Conduct: Check the email from Joshua Socolar on 03/01: "We ask that you provide feedback by contacting any committee member [Yuchen Zhao, Justin Raybern, Kate Scholberg, Rita Boggs, Patty Hight Davis, or Josh Socolar] via email or in person. In late March or early April, the committee plans to attend a faculty meeting, a meeting with all staff, and a meeting with graduate students to answer questions and hear additional comments. Our aim is to present to the Chair a proposed code of conduct policy and a committee charter (if that idea is generally supported) by mid-April.

**GSS Talks** (Physics 298, free lunch!):

## **Seminars**

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Tuesday, March 19, 12-1 PM - Matt Epland Wednesday, March 20, 12-1 PM - Nick Haynes (PhD alumnus)

To give a talk, contact Yiqiu Zhao (yz202@phy.duke.edu).

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

April 10 - Seth Lloyd (MIT)

April 24 - Katia Bertoldi (Harvard)

May 8 - Nigel Lockyer (Fermilab)

## Outreach

Saturday, Apr 13: 1:00 to 3:00 PM - Alumni Kid's Science Extravaganza in the French Family Science Building. Show physics demos to alumni and their families!

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