

March Newsletter



SOCIAL EVENTS

Cookie Time! – Every **Wednesday at 2:30 pm** in PHYSICS275. Grab individually wrapped cookies and get to know folks in person!

St. Patrick's Day Social – Come out to this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration to socialize with your peers and enjoy themed snacks and beverages! The festivities will start at **3:30pm on March 18th at the TUNL patio**.

GENERAL UPDATES & NEWS

Talk to SPS Undergrads – Looking for graduate students from any year to speak to undergraduate SPS members about their research and PhD journey. The presentations are informal with a focus on your path through research as an undergraduate and what you do now in your field as a graduate student. A significant portion of the event following the presentation is Q&A and discussion. Time commitment is about 1.5 hours, and date scheduling for the talk is very flexible. Please email gregory.matousek@duke.edu if you are interested!

Duke Grad Academy – The Duke Graduate Academy consists of skills-based short courses open to all graduate and students and postdocs; no prerequisites or fees. Register in DukeHub by May 13 for Session I and June 29 for Session II. The courses are a great way to meet students from other department and cover topics not typically included in a graduate curriculum, or provide an intensive introduction for students who might not have the time or inclination to pursue a full course in a subject.. More information on the courses available can be found [here](#).

Annual Reports – All second year students and above are required by the Graduate School to complete an annual report. The deadline to submit your report (by emailing them to [Katherine Siler](#)) is March 31. More information and the report format can be found [here](#).

Conference Travel Fund – The Graduate School provides up to \$525 for domestic and \$700 for international travel for students who have passed all parts of their prelim and are presenting a paper or poster at a regional, national, or international conference. The application and additional details can be found at [Conference Travel](#).

SEMINARS

GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINAR (GSS) TALKS

March 18 (12pm): Charlie Prior

March 23 (12pm): Jingyi Zhou

March 25 (12pm): Jordan McCourt

March 30 (12pm): Swapnil Patel

Contact Son (st27@duke.edu) if you're interested in giving a hybrid in-person or online talk. Grad students of all years are able to present at a GSS.

PRELIMS & DEFENSE

Congratulations to Kevin Wang, Bo Yu, & Rebecca Chen and Dr. Ethan Arnault, Dr. Shobit Sharma, & Dr. Long Li for passing their prelim and defense exams, respectively, in February.

Reminder: Third year students have until **April 13** to complete their Prelim Exam and the Committee Approval form must be turned in to Katherine Siler at katherine.siler@duke.edu no later than 4 weeks prior to the date of your exam.