Duke Physics Graduate Student Organization

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 3:30 pm 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. Shobiit 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.