

### SOCIAL EVENTS

**St. Patrick's Day Party – Tuesday, March 17, 7pm.** Come out to Erin Conley's apartment to celebrate with leprechaun levity and springtime serendipity. Sponsored by Women in Physics, but all physics grads are welcome! Potluck encouraged. Email [erin.conley@duke.edu](mailto:erin.conley@duke.edu) to RSVP and to obtain the address.

**Cookie Time! – Every Thursday at 3:15pm** in the Grad Student Lounge, Rm 275 [Note the new time!]

### GENERAL UPDATES & NEWS

★ **Star Party** ★ – Grad volunteers needed! **Friday, April 24 from 9 to 11pm** at the [Duke Teaching Observatory](#) in Duke Forest. Come out for this annual **stargazing/physics demo event!** Open to **any community members of the Triangle.** We need help widely distributing flyers over spring break. For the event, we need help with teaching, set-up, and clean-up. To commit as a volunteer, **sign up** here: <https://bit.ly/2ldFNU9>. (See email from Ryan Kozlowski ([rhk11@phy.duke.edu](mailto:rhk11@phy.duke.edu)) for more details.)

**Recent Travel Plans Cancelled** due to coronavirus? Contact Katherine ([Katherine.siler@duke.edu](mailto:Katherine.siler@duke.edu)) immediately to begin the resolution or reimbursement process, especially if you applied for Graduate School travel funds.

**GPSC Community Food Pantry** – Open to all graduate and professional students. Stocked with non-perishable foods, baby care items, school supplies, and gently worn professional clothing. A valid graduate or professional Duke student ID is required for entry. Located at 306 Alexander Ave (Wednesdays 5-8pm, Saturdays 3-6pm).

**GPSC Emergency Travel Fund** – Program to help you travel in times of family emergencies or bereavement. For more information, visit the GPSC website.

**PSA for Scholars@Duke** – Looking to increase your professional presence online? Want to wipe your first-year mug-shot off the face of the Duke Physics webpage forever? Then check out Scholars@Duke online, a program that you can use to **catalog and display your professional development** as a researcher and teacher! Manage your profile by linking to your OrcidID for a **publications list**, write a **small bio** about yourself, display your hard earned **fellowships and awards**, and most importantly, update your **professional headshot** to reflect who you are today! Much of the information you put into your Scholars@Duke profile will be added to your page on the Duke Physics website – including that new fancy headshot!

**Graduate Drop-In Advising** – Resumé advice? Career resources? 15-min consults. Location & times at <https://studentaffairs.duke.edu/career/career-services/drop-advising>

### SEMINARS

**COLLOQUIA** – Wednesdays, 3:30pm, Rm 130

**GSS TALKS** – free pizza, check time/location!

**March 2 (Monday): Jay Runge** (1:15pm in HEP conference room)

**March 18 (Wednesday): Andrew Seredinski** presenting on the college-teaching job market! (1pm in HEP conference room)

**March 20 (Friday): Son Nguyen** (12pm in Room 298)

(Email Ryan ([rhk11@phy.duke.edu](mailto:rhk11@phy.duke.edu)) to sign up)

### OUTREACH

**Physics Circles Seminars** – presenting our research to high-school students (NCSSM campus, Bryan 443, 4:30-5:30pm). Food provided. Contact [erin.conley@duke.edu](mailto:erin.conley@duke.edu) for more info.

- Monday March 2, 2020: Dripto Debroy, "Quantum Computing/Error Correction"
- Thursday March 12, 2020: Reed Hodges, "Quantum field theory"
- Thursday March 19, 2020: Jon Yuly, "Life's secret for pushing electrons uphill"
- Monday March 23, 2020: Sarah Brandsen, "Adaptive Procedures for Quantum State Discrimination"

**Carrington Middle School** – March 10 (Tuesday), all-day demos

**Contact Derek Leadbetter** ([dpl@phy.duke.edu](mailto:dpl@phy.duke.edu)) to get on the general volunteer list!