**Social Events**

**Cookie Time!** – Every Thursday at 3pm behind the Physics Building outside TUNL. Grab individually wrapped cookies and get to know folks in person!

**Ice Cream Social!** – Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 1PM at the TUNL patio. Come make your own ice cream (with toppings!) and get to know GSO officers/committees and suggest/hear ideas for the year.

**Monthly Birthday Celebration (Aug-Oct)** - If your birthday is in Aug-Oct join us during Cookie Time on Oct. 15 to celebrate with cupcakes!

**Fall Get Together** – Mark your calendars for a fall themed drinks and games on Nov. 5 at 4PM! Location TBA.

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**General Updates & News**

**Flu Shots** – Duke students can sign up for an appointment to get their flu vaccine through November 2. No appointment necessary and you can find the various locations with this link.

**Applications for The Graduate School Fellowships** – The fellowship application period for summer 2022 and the 2022-2022 academic year opens October 1 and runs through November 12. Click here for instructions and details. Additional funding opportunities can be found in this Duke compilation.

**Voting resources** – Check out vote.duke.edu for information and resources on participating in the upcoming elections. The deadline to register to vote in North Carolina is October 8.

**Graduating in December?** Please note the following Graduate School deadlines:
- **Friday, October 15**: Apply to graduate
- **Monday, November 8**: Initial submission of electronic doctoral dissertation
- **Monday, November 22**: Last day to defend dissertation
- **Monday, December 6**: Final submission of electronic dissertation

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

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**Seminars**

**Colloquia** – Joint UNC-Duke virtual talks
- **Oct. 13**: Electron-Ion Collider
- **Oct. 20**: Patrick Charbonneau (Duke)
- **Oct. 27**: TeamUp Event

**Graduate Student Seminar (GSS) Talks**
- **Oct. 8 @ 12PM (RM 298)**: Reed Hodges
- **Oct. 15**: Ethan Mancil

Contact Son (stn7@duke.edu) or via Slack if you're interested in giving a virtual talk to your fellow friendly grad students.

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**Staying Active**

**Stay active this month** by checking out Duke Group Fitness Classes! All Group Fitness classes are FREE and in-person, pre-registration (linked here) is required.

(Have any helpful suggestions for grads during this time? Send them to maria.acevedo@duke.edu.)
Teaching Award Recipients 2020-2021

Mary Creason Memorial Fellowship: Joel Bierman, Duane Byer, Chun-Chia Chen, Ge Chen, Johnny Chiles, Will Delooze, Isabella Goetting, Michael Higgins, Mingyu Kang, Yuheng (James) Liao, Xincheng Lin, Gregory Matousek, Matthew McEneaney, Ha Nguyen, Katherine Parham, Swapnil Patel, Erik Peterson, Bo Yu

This year, in recognition of their extraordinary efforts teaching amidst a pandemic, the entire teaching team of laboratory TAs was recognized with this award, as well as a small stipend.

AAPT Outstanding Teacher Assistants of the Year: Ryan Bouabid and James Wheeler

Recipients receive AAPT gift membership which includes electronic access to premier journals: The American Journal of Physics, The Physics Teacher and Physics Today

Professor of the Year: Professor Shailesh Chandrasekhar

Fall 2021 Fellowship Recipients

Goshaw Family Endowment Fellowship: Ustav Patel

Charles Townes/Perkins-Elmer Fellowship: Rebecca Chen and Tianyu Dai

Henry W. Newson Fellowship: Erin Conley, Long Li, and Jay Runge

Walter Gordy Memorial Endowment Fellowship: Trevyn Larson and Lingfei Zhao

Congratulations to all our outstanding grads this year