**Social Events**

**Cookie Time!** – Every Wednesday at 4:30pm on Zoom. BYOCookies and get to know folks over virtual games and conversation.  
Be on the lookout for a fall-themed event soon!

**Movie Nights** – Get in touch with Charlie (charles.prior@duke.edu), Aitor (aitor.bracho@duke.edu), or Erik (erik.r.peterson@duke.edu) on email or Slack with your film choice ideas. Watch for a poll & announcement about the first viewing time.

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**General Updates & News**

**Flu Shots** – Duke students can sign up for an appointment to get their flu vaccine through November 7. No walk-ups are allowed. You can reserve a time at one of the various locations at this link.

**Applications for The Graduate School Fellowships** – The fellowship application period for summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 academic year opens October 1 and runs through November 13. 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 9.

**Graduating in December?** Please note the following Graduate School deadlines:  
- **Friday, October 23**: Apply to graduate  
- **Monday, November 9**: Initial submission of electronic doctoral dissertation  
- **Monday, November 23**: Last day to defend dissertation  
- **Monday, December 7**: 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.

**DGSAA Office Hours** – Katherine Siler’s office hours through November 23 are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-3 pm.

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**Seminars**

**Colloquia** – Joint UNC-Duke virtual talks  
**Sept. 30**: Bob Jaffe (MIT)  
**Oct. 7**: Amy Nicholson (UNC)  
**Oct. 19**: Christoph Schmidt (Duke)  
**Nov. 4**: Nicholas Law (UNC)

**Graduate Student Seminar (GSS) Talks**  
**Oct. 5 (12pm)**: Elise Le Boulcaut  
**Oct. 15 (12pm)**: Utsav Patel  
**Oct. 22 (12pm)**: Son Nuygen

Contact Baran (baran.bodur@duke.edu or via Slack) if you’re interested in giving a virtual talk to your fellow friendly grad students.

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**Working Remote Tips**

**Strengthen your immune system this fall** with a little self care: Balanced eating, regular sleep, physical activity, and stress reduction can help keep you on the right track.

**Zoom pro-tips** – New Zoom features have been released to allow more control over background noise reduction, lighting, slides-as-virtual-background, and more. Check out the official tutorial here.

[Have any helpful suggestions for grads during this time? Send them to adryan.majer@duke.edu.]