

# Graduate Student Organization October Newsletter

## 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](mailto:charles.prior@duke.edu)), Aitor ([aitor.bracho@duke.edu](mailto:aitor.bracho@duke.edu)), or Erik ([erik.r.peterson@duke.edu](mailto:erik.r.peterson@duke.edu)) on email or Slack with your film choice ideas. Watch for a poll & announcement about the first viewing time.

## 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](http://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.

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

## 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 Boulicaut

**Oct. 15 (12pm):** Utsav Patel

**Oct. 22 (12pm):** Son Nyugen

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

## 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 [advanna.maioir@duke.edu](mailto:advanna.maioir@duke.edu).)