



# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO GRADUATE *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDENT NEWS

## GREETINGS FROM THERESE ALLEN-VASSAR, SENIOR DIRECTOR, NSIT CLIENT RELATIONS

NSIT consistently tries to keep students informed about safe computing tips; new services such as WebShare, an exciting online file storage and sharing application; and other useful NSIT resources. Networking Services and Information Technologies (NSIT) will soon begin issuing the updated Chicago Card, the University student, faculty, and staff identification card. The redesigned ID has a simplified look, moving much of the identifying information to the back of the card. It also contains new features, including the ChicagoID number (a secure replacement for the SSN), which will help streamline University information systems and access to

helpful campus resources. The Identification and privileges Office will begin phasing in the new card in March, and will eventually require everyone to get the new card.

NSIT also wants to remind you to be continually aware of NSIT's terms of acceptable use of the University network. Sharing copyrighted files and information over the network constitutes a violation of these terms and could make you subject to action by copyright owners under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).

Finally, in February NSIT launched the beta version of an entirely redesigned University home page. The redesign represents the first time the university has overhauled its page in more than 10 years, and it seeks to better capture the character of the University's educational philosophy and community.

Read more about the recent developments described above by visiting <http://nsit.uchicago.edu>.

Therese Allen-Vassar  
*Senior Director, NSIT Client Relations*

## WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

### Career Advising and Planning Services (CAPS)

Ida Noyes Hall • 1212 E. 59th St., Third Floor • 773.702.7040 • <http://caps.uchicago.edu>

#### SPRING QUARTER PROGRAMS

APRIL 11

**Hire Big 10+ Job Fair**

12:00-4:00 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall

APRIL 14

**PhD Careers in Counseling**

5:30 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall, West Lounge

APRIL 16

**Careers in Words**

7:00-8:00 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall, East Lounge

APRIL 24

**Public Service and Nonprofit Job Fair**

12:00-4:00 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall

MAY 21

**Your First Year as a Professor**

4:00 p.m.

MAY 27

**Job Search Preparation for Master's Students**

2:00-4:00 p.m.

JUNE 3

**Preparing for the Academic Job Market**

4:00 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall

#### CAREER EXPLORATION SEMINARS

Registration is required and space is limited for these 5-week programs. To register, call 702.7040 after April 1.

**For Master's Students**

SECTION I: MONDAYS, APRIL 14-MAY 12,  
12:30-2:30 p.m.

or

SECTION II: THURSDAYS, MAY 1-29, 2:00-  
4:00 p.m.

**For PhD. Students and Postdocs**

TUESDAYS, APRIL 22-MAY 20, 10:00 a.m.-  
12:00 p.m.

#### CAREER COUNSELING AND MORE

Students can make an appointment with a CAPS graduate career counselor by calling 702.7040.

Appointments are available Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Walk-in hours** are also available to graduate students and postdocs on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up at CAPS front desk. CAPS provides an opportunity for you to **practice interviewing skills** with industry pros and receive feedback. Call the CAPS Career Resources staff at 702.7040 to make an appointment for general, academic, or case interview practice.

## STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE REMINDER

Each year students are required to make a health insurance decision. Students whose first term of registration is Spring 08 must either enroll in or waive the University's Student Accident and Sickness Insurance (SASI) policy by **5:00 p.m. on Friday April 11** using the website <http://sasi.uchicago.edu>.

Students who waive SASI are required to submit proof of comparable insurance. The enrollment or waiver decision is binding for the remainder of the 07-08 plan year (through August 31). Please note that failure to enroll in or waive SASI by the deadline will result in a student's automatic enrollment in the SASI

Basic plan which carries a premium of \$590 per quarter.

For more information visit <http://student-health.uchicago.edu/studentinsurance>, contact [healthaffairs@listhost.uchicago.edu](mailto:healthaffairs@listhost.uchicago.edu), or call 834.4543.

## WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

# The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)

Gates-Blake 132 • 5845 S. Ellis Ave. • 773.834.4439 • <http://teaching.uchicago.edu>

## Seminars and Workshops

All programs will take place in Gates-Blake 132; students must register at [teaching@college.uchicago.edu](mailto:teaching@college.uchicago.edu).

APRIL 1

Assignments and Exams that Promote Curiosity and Learning, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

APRIL 9

Philosophy of Teaching Statements: Getting Started, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

APRIL 10

Responding to Students' Writing: When Less is More, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

APRIL 16

Seminar on Course Design, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

APRIL 22

Leading Worthwhile Classroom Discussions, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

MAY 8

How Students Learn, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

MAY 12

Seminar on Teaching Portfolios, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

MAY 22

Lecturing for Learning, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

JUNE 3

Workshop on Course Design, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

JUNE 5

Workshop on Teaching Portfolios, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

*Students must have completed the Seminar on Teaching Portfolios.*

# Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

5850 S. Woodlawn Ave. • 773.702.2100 • <http://rockefeller.uchicago.edu>

## Winter Quarter Events

All events will take place at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel; visit the website for more information.

APRIL 13

Those Were the Days Radio Players  
2:00 p.m.; money and non-perishable donations benefit the Hyde Park-Kenwood Food Pantry

Choral Evensong: An Organ Flourish, Part I  
5:00 p.m.

APRIL 17

*What Matters to Me and Why* by Robert Zimmer, President and Trustee of the University  
12:00 p.m.; call 702.7059

APRIL 27

Sim Shalom Annual Concert of Jewish Music  
7:30 p.m.; call 702.9075 for more information

MAY 11

Choral Evensong: An Organ Flourish, Part II  
5:00 p.m.

MAY 15

*What Matters to Me and Why* by Kimberly Goff-Crews, Vice President and Dean of Students in the University  
12:00 p.m.; call 702.7059

MAY 16, 8:00 P.M. & MAY 17, 3:00 P.M.

Handel's *Dixit Dominus*  
\$5 students in advance; \$10 students & seniors, \$20-\$30 at the door; call 702.7059

JUNE 7

Organ and Carillon Gala  
4:30 p.m., free; call 702.7059

JULY 6-AUGUST 18, SUNDAYS

Carillonathon!  
6:00 p.m. (tour at 5:30 p.m.); free; call 702.7059

# Student Counseling & Resource Service (SCRS)

5737 S. University Ave. • 773.702.9800 • <http://counseling.uchicago.edu>

## READING SKILLS FOR GRADS

APRIL 11

4:00 p.m., SCRS

The Academic Skills Assessment Program (ASAP) will offer Effective Reading Skills for Graduate Students. The workshop will help students improve reading speed, concentration and comprehension through directed exercises. Register by contacting Sherri Wandler at [swandler@uchicago.edu](mailto:swandler@uchicago.edu) or call 702.9800. Space is limited.

## STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOLARS

This interactive 4-week workshop is designed to empower students to more effectively manage the stress of daily life and will be offered at vari-

ous times during Spring Quarter. Register by contacting Ginger Carr at [gcarr@uchicago.edu](mailto:gcarr@uchicago.edu) or call 702.9800.

## PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUPS

Held at and co-sponsored by the Family Resource Center (5655 S. University Ave., 2nd Fl.); to register, contact the Family Resource Center at 288.2104 and for more information, contact Erika Schmidt at 702.9800.

MARCH 31-JUNE 9, MONDAYS

Parenting Young Children

10:00-11:00 a.m.

The group is intended to help and support parents as they help and support their children. The

group provides an opportunity to talk with other parents and SCRS staff with expertise in working with parents and children about the challenges and pleasures of parenting. This group has been meeting since the Fall and welcomes new members.

MARCH 31-JUNE 9, MONDAYS

Parents-To-Be

4:00-5:00 p.m.

This group will provide an opportunity for parents-to-be, both mothers and fathers, to explore the thoughts, feelings, hopes, fears, memories, and pleasures associated with parenting. First time parents-to-be and those with older children are welcome.

## Office of Graduate Affairs (OGA)

Administration Bldg. • 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Rm. 226 • 773.702.7813 • <http://grad-affairs.uchicago.edu>

### FACULTY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Nominations are being solicited for "Faculty Awards for Excellence in Graduate Teaching." These prestigious awards recognize regular, full-time faculty members in the graduate divisions and the Divinity School for sustained excellence in graduate teaching. Students play an essential role by nominating faculty and providing letters of support.

Topics that can be addressed are the faculty member's specific contributions and innovations; ability to encourage, influence and work with students; special approaches in teaching/lab instruction; pre-dissertation advising; overall mentoring; help-

ing students in their professional development; expanding opportunities (teaching, financial aid, placement); developing and running workshops; enhancing the quality of the student experience, etc. The strongest nominees will be those having strong student support. Students should work together on behalf of a faculty member. Letters from past as well as current students are welcome. Each nomination should include a letter from the Chair of the nominee's department and the nominee's c.v. The Chair's letter should fully address the above points. Please send letters by **April 7** to:

Office of Graduate Affairs, ADM 225

Faculty will be honored at the June convocation. Questions should be addressed to Brooke Noonan, 702.0871 or [brookec@uchicago.edu](mailto:brookec@uchicago.edu).

### IT'S TAX TIME!

For information on taxation of fellowships, stipends, etc., students can stop by OGA to pick up handouts or download the information at <http://grad-affairs.uchicago.edu/resources/tax.shtml>.

### GRANTSMANSHIP SERIES

APRIL 16

#### Dissertation Funding

12:00 p.m., Classics 110; lunch provided

MAY 15

#### Fulbright IIE, Fulbright-Hays DDRA, DAAD, and Lurcy Fellowships Workshop

4:00 p.m., Classics 110

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STUDENT OMBUDSPERSON

Are you having a problem and wondering with whom you can discuss it in confidence? The Office of the Student Ombudsman is at your service. *Ombuds* is a word of Swedish origin meaning "one who investigates complaints, reports findings, and achieves equitable settlements." At the U of C, the Students Ombudsman and the Associate

Ombudsman are appointed by the President of the University to support students in their interactions at the departmental, divisional, or university levels. The office aims to bring a fair, independent, and compassionate outlook to student concerns and to provide appropriate guidance.

For more information about the Office, who we are and what we do, please visit <http://ombudsperson.uchicago.edu>, call 702.8422, or visit the Office in Ida Noyes Hall, Room 214.

Leann Pace, Ombudsman, and Geertrui Spaepen, Associate Ombudsman

## Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA)

5710 S. Woodlawn Ave. • 773.834.4672 • <http://omsa.uchicago.edu>

### 5710 GRAND OPENING

5710 South Woodlawn held a day-long celebration and Grand Opening on Tuesday, February 26. 5710 S. Woodlawn is the new home of the OMSA staff and the Amandla Center. It is a student-centered space meant to serve as a vibrant hub for students to congregate, join in programming and community-building, and work closely with staff. 5710 S. Woodlawn includes a large lounge for events, programs, and socializing, a small study lounge, a conference room, offices for related student organizations and student programming, meeting and storage spaces, a kitchenette, resource library, and common computer resources. OMSA's phone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same. You can also reach us at 702.5710 or 2-5710 when on campus.

### SPRING QUARTER PROGRAMS

Visit OMSA's interactive events calendar for dates and times at <http://omsa.uchicago.edu>

JANUARY-APRIL

RSO Cultural Shows

APRIL

#### César Chávez Commemoration Day

Co-sponsored with MEChA; will feature a keynote speaker and culturally geared performances.

APRIL-MAY

#### PanAsia Festival

OMSA and PanAsia will celebrate Asian/Asian American heritage with workshops, identity forums, film screenings and lectures.

APRIL 17 and MAY 20

#### Graduate Student Brown Bag

12:00-1:15 p.m., 5710 S. Woodlawn Ave.

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT GRANTS

OMSA assists undergraduate, graduate, and professional students of color by providing grants that support students' pursuit of academically related activities. This grant is intended to serve students who, due to financial hardship, are not able to cover the cost of activities or supplies that are necessary for a full academic experience. This award is not designed to support attending classes at other institutions or for payment of University of Chicago

tuition. Academically related activities eligible for this grant include attendance of academic conferences. See the website for more information.

### EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUND

The Emergency Contingency Fund assists undergraduate, graduate and professional students of color whose ability to continue their educational program at the University of Chicago has been impaired by an unexpected financial emergency. See the website for more information.

### RACE STUDIES GRANT

The Race Studies Grant awards up to \$3,600 for scholarly research on the multifaceted nature and/or impact of race, ethnicity, and culture within the University of Chicago, higher education in general, or the City of Chicago. Any current University of Chicago student in good standing is eligible to apply. See the website for more information.

### 2006-07 HIGHLIGHTS

Learn more about OMSA's accomplishments in 2006-07 and its goals for the future at OMSA's website.

## International House

I-House • 1414 E. 59th St. • 773.753.2274 • <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>

### THE WORLD BEYOND THE HEADLINES SERIES

APRIL 10

*Faith and Community*: Panel Discussion on the peace-building process in Southeast Asia

APRIL 15

Michael Levin discusses his book, *The Next Great Clash: China and Russia vs. the U.S.*

APRIL 22

Marda Dunsky discusses her book, *Pens and Swords: How the American Mainstream Media Report the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

APRIL 28

David Rothkopf discusses his book, *Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They are Making*

MAY 15

Jimmie Briggs discusses his book, *Innocents Lost: When Child Soldiers Go to War*

JUNE 6

Steven Wax discusses his book, *Kafka Comes to America: Fighting for Justice in the War on Terror--A Public Defender's Inside Account*

JUNE 10

Ahmed Rashid discusses his book, *Descent into Chaos: The U.S. and the Failure of Nation Building in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Central Asia*

### RESIDENT HOUSING

I-House is accepting applications for Residence and Housing agreements for summer and the 2008-09 housing term. For information on room rates and types, contact Maria Acosta at 753.2280 or visit the website. Students, University affiliates, and affiliates of other Chicago-area

educational, professional, and cultural institutions are eligible to live at I-House. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to live at I-House.

### SHORT STAY GUEST HOUSING

I-House is pleased to offer overnight accommodations to parents, friends and other guests who can enjoy the use of renovated facilities, wireless internet, and proximity to the heart of campus and downtown Chicago. For reservation requests, email [i-house-housing@uchicago.edu](mailto:i-house-housing@uchicago.edu), call 753.2270 between 7 a.m.-11 p.m., or visit the website. A credit card is required to secure reservations.

### GLOBAL VOICES PERFORMING ARTS AND LECTURE SERIES

MARCH 31

*Acknowledging the Past, Imagining the Future*

APRIL 4-5

*Genocide: Crimes Unpunished, Lessons Unlearned*

APRIL 13

Mostly Music Concert by Quintet Attacca

APRIL 23

Science in the Community: Science Salons and Town Hall Meetings

APRIL 25

Kalapriya Dance Company

APRIL 26

Stories in Motion: South Indian Dance and storytelling

APRIL 30

Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Cul-

ture Annual Lecture featuring Sherman Alexie

MAY 4

Annual I-House Festival of Nations Celebration featuring food, films, music, and dance

MAY 9

Middle East Music Ensemble Spring Concert

MAY 14

Annual Ryerson Lecture by Martha Nussbaum

MAY 22

Beyond Choice: Exploring Reproductive Justice from Scholarship to Activism

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

The English Language Institute (ELI) helps students build English language skills and increase their understanding and enjoyment of life in the U.S. Quarterly classes and workshops, held at I-House, are offered at basic, intermediate, and advanced levels. Courses are open to international students and their family members and the wider community. ELI also sponsors the Summer English Language Institute (SELI) and Tutoring Programs. Registered U of C graduate and professional students are eligible for quarterly scholarships to assist with tuition expenses. Students should submit a completed registration form and submit it to the Office of Programs and External Relations by April 2. For information, visit <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>, e-mail [i-house-programs@uchicago.edu](mailto:i-house-programs@uchicago.edu), or call 773.753.2281.

MARCH 31

Registration and Placement Fair for ESL Classes 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., I-House, Map Room

APRIL 1-JUNE 7

ELI Spring Quarter Classes

## Office of the Reynolds Club and Student Activities (ORCSA)

Reynolds Club (RC) • 5706 S. University • 773.702.8787 • <http://studentactivities.uchicago.edu>

### XPERIENCE CHICAGO

ORCSA offers XPerience Chicago, a series of trips around the city that provide students opportunities to get off campus and explore Chicago. Past events have included architectural boat tours, museum trips, tickets to sporting events, etc. often at discounted prices. For details, visit <http://studentactivities.uchicago.edu> or contact Stacey Ergang [sergang@uchicago.edu](mailto:sergang@uchicago.edu).

### RSO CULTURAL SHOW SEASON

Students looking for a culturally diverse, family

fun activity should consider attending one of the following RSO cultural events. Event and ticket information is at <http://stuff.uchicago.edu>.

APRIL 5

South Asian Students Association

APRIL 12

Organization of Black Students

APRIL 18

PanAsia Festival kick off

APRIL 19

Organization of Latin American Students

### SUMMER BREEZE

May 17 is University of Chicago's annual Summer Breeze event! During the day, the Council on University Programming (COUP) sponsors Carnival on the Quads with food, fun and music. At night, the Major Activities Board (MAB) sponsors a concert for all to enjoy. For more information, visit <http://coupl.uchicago.edu> and <http://mab1@uchicago.edu>.

## Security

### SAFETY IN MOTION

#### Traffic Basics and Riding Predictably

On the street, most motorists follow the same traffic rules. Traffic moves smoothly because drivers can predict what each other will do. A collision happens when someone does something abnormal. When you are on a bike in the middle of all those cars, it's easy not to follow traffic rules; you can maneuver better than a car and almost no one will stop you. This is how most bicyclists get into collisions. When you break traffic laws motorists don't know what you'll do next, so they are not sure how to avoid you. But if you act like the operator of a vehicle--signaling turns, turning from the correct lanes, and stopping at red lights--drivers can predict what you will do.

#### How to Lock Up Your Bike

A thief with enough time and the correct tools can break any lock. But you can discourage many thieves if you follow the following tips about locking your bike:

- **Lock the whole bike.** You should put your chain, cable or U lock through your frame and both wheels--taking the front wheel off if you have a quick release hub. Never lock through your wheel without locking the frame as thieves can remove your wheel and steal the rest of the bike.
- **Cross locking.** A good way to foil thieves is to use more than one kind of lock. Put a U lock through your frame and front tire, and put a cable through your frame and both tires.
- **Placing the lock.** Thieves can break a lock by putting it against a wall or sidewalk and smashing it with a hammer. If you use a padlock, put it where it is not close to the ground and leave little or no slack in your cable or chain. When using a U lock, leave little or not space in the lock's middle to prevent prying.

*From City of Chicago Safety in Motion brochure.*

## Awareness

### EMERGENCY PHONES

#### Can You Find the Emergency Phones Near Where you Live, Work, and Study?

There are 325 emergency phones in the area, located on thoroughfares heavily trafficked by pedestrians. Simply press the red button inside the phone box and your location will be immediately transmitted to the UCPD. You may then explain your request to the dispatcher. You need not say anything if you must keep moving to protect yourself. Continue to use emergency phones along the way so that police can follow your course. An officer or patrol car will come to your aid immediately. An Emergency Phone Location Map is at <http://commonsense.uchicago.edu>.

## Growth

### CHICAGO ALTERNATIVE POLICING (CAPS)

The City of Chicago has a new weapon in the fight against crime--and that new weapon is you, the community. A new partnership between police and community is the foundation of Chicago's own philosophy of community policing, known as CAPS--Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy.

### ATTEND A BEAT COMMUNITY MEETING

Meet the officers who patrol your beat. Work with your beat officers and your neighbors to determine the priority crime problems in your neighborhood. Find out what the police are doing--and what you can do--to fight crime and address the priority problems on your block and your beat. Meet your neighbors and get organized. You can do all of these, and more, at your beat community meeting. For more information, go to <http://cityofchicago.org>.

## Empowerment

### CALLING 311

The following are the principal functions of the 311 system:

- Provide information regarding City events and programs;
- Receive request for City Services and forward them to the appropriate departments;
- Process non-emergency Police reports;
- Serve as the Back-up Facility for the 911 Center.

You can call 311 to find out what Police District and beat you live in as well as the date, time, and location of your next beat meeting.

In addition, 311 allows you easy access to non-emergency police services, from filing police reports to talking to police personnel in your district. Remember, if the incident that you are reporting has occurred and the offender is gone from the scene you call 311. However, if the incident you are reporting is occurring now, and the presence of a police officer will help resolve it, (writing a parking ticket, quieting loud neighbors, etc.) dial 911.

311 operators can tell you what political district you live in as well as the address and telephone number of your Alderman, so you can forward your questions and/or concerns.

311 operators can provide information on City and neighborhood events, including parades, Grant and Millennium Parks festivals, Chicago Public Library programs, and more.

Residents of Chicago can call 311 to request numerous City services. Some of these services include the need for garbage cans, reporting stray animals, and towing abandoned vehicles.

Finally, if you are unsure where to go for services and programs within the City or to which department you should direct your questions and/or concerns, 311 operators will be able to direct you to the appropriate parties.

# University Community Service Center (UCSC)

5525 S. Ellis Ave. • 773.753.4483 • <http://ucsc.uchicago.edu> • [ucsc@uchicago.edu](mailto:ucsc@uchicago.edu)

## WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

Whether it's health care, ESL, working with refugees, HIV/AIDS prevention, affordable housing, or something else entirely UCSC can match students with a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. For information, contact Trudi at [trudi@uchicago.edu](mailto:trudi@uchicago.edu).

**Group Service Opportunities** are available to departments or student groups who want to give

back together. For information, contact Aruj at [ucsc@uchicago.edu](mailto:ucsc@uchicago.edu).

## JOIN MEN IN SERVICE (MIS)

Men in Service provides an opportunity for men in the College, graduate and professional schools to reach out and make a difference in the community while connecting with other socially minded individuals on both short-term and

long-term volunteer projects. For information, contact Chris Hansman at [ucsc@uchicago.edu](mailto:ucsc@uchicago.edu).

## VOLUNTEER WITH LOCAL YOUTH

There are many places to volunteer near campus, including Strive Tutoring, The Blue Gargoyle, Washington Park Youth Program, Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, and CircEsteem, Revere Elementary. Visit the website to learn more.

## UPDATES FROM THE LIBRARY STUDENT RESOURCE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Graduate Students,

The Library Student Resource Group (LSRG) enables student representatives from every division within the University to communicate with members of the Library Administration about the inner workings of the University libraries. The group meets bi-quarterly and addresses areas of student concern such as "recall wars" or noise level, brainstorms on future student needs, such as expansion and renovation, and helps to make recommendations for improvement in library access, services, policies, etc.

LSRG also discusses how information about new resources, such as Lens, can best be communicated to patrons. One of the group's newly implemented recommendations that undoubtedly makes the life of graduate students easier has been a change in borrowing privileges for PhD candidates. Thanks to the work of David Larsen, Head of Access Services, who met with the group in November, PhD candidates are now able to renew their books indefinitely instead of lugging dissertation-related materials to the library after the 3-renewal minimum has been exceeded.

Students are encouraged to contact their LSRG representatives, appointed by divisional Deans of Students, to voice concern or provide suggestions. For the name of your division's representative or to learn more about this group's activities, please visit <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/about/studadv/home.html>.

Larisa Reznik  
*Doctoral Student, Divinity School*

## Campuswide News and Happenings

<http://grad.uchicago.edu>

### STUDENT LOAN ADMINISTRATION <https://sla.uchicago.edu>

Graduating students who have borrowed federal loans while attending the University of Chicago and who plan to graduate in Spring 2008 are required to complete an Exit Counseling meeting with the SLA Office. Students should contact SLA after the April 21 for more information on group exit counseling meetings which will be conducted in May. Students are encouraged to attend the group meetings; however, individual meetings can be scheduled with a Loan Officer by making an appointment through SLA. For more information, contact SLA at 773.702.6061 or [student-loans@uchicago.edu](mailto:student-loans@uchicago.edu).

### GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING <http://reo.uchicago.edu/housing>

The University's Real Estate Operations department professionally manages more than 1,300 Graduate Student Housing apartments, ranging in size from efficiencies to three-bedrooms. With the University of Chicago as landlord,

students have access to a friendly and responsive staff, thoughtful attention to security and maintenance issues, many amenities not available in other commercial housing units, a ready-made community of colleagues and friends, and flexible rental terms.

Graduate Student Housing has a wide variety of property types, locations and amenities, such as on-campus graduate dormitory and 30 walk-up or elevator apartment buildings. Parking, newly furnished and shared student occupancy units are available, and many buildings welcome pets. Students interested in applying for immediate occupancy or for next academic year can drop by the Assignment Office, located at 5316 S. Dorchester Ave., phone 773.753.2218, or visit <http://reo.uchicago.edu/housing>.

### DISSERTATION OFFICE <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/phd/>

The Dissertation Office will be offering information sessions for doctoral students. The Office will review the procedures for submitting the

final dissertation to students' departments, discuss the required forms, and answer students' questions. The sessions will be held in Regenstein Library, Room 153 at the following times:

- April 21, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- April 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The Dissertation Office has also developed an information session for departmental administrators that is designed to address their questions and concerns related to the dissertation submission process. The session will be offered in Regenstein Library, Room 153 at the following time:

- April 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

To register for sessions, visit <https://training.uchicago.edu/>; click on "University Libraries", then on "Dissertation Office"; select "Dissertation Procedures for Students" or "Dissertation Procedures for Staff". If you are unable to attend either session, please contact the Dissertation Office at [phd@lib.uchicago.edu](mailto:phd@lib.uchicago.edu) to make other arrangements.

# The University of Chicago Library

Regenstein Library • 1100 E. 57th St. • 773.702.8740 • <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/index.php3>

## LENS

<http://lens.lib.uchicago.edu>

Discover connections and find resources on a topic using Lens, the University of Chicago Library's new search engine. Lens can help students find books, journals, DVDs, and other items in the Library Catalog, plus archive and manuscript finding aids, electronic reference sources such as the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, and information from the Library website. Lens was rolled out in January, and the Library is continuing to enhance and refine this innovative tool in response to user input. Students are encouraged to provide comments

and feedback by clicking the "Feedback" link at the bottom of any Lens page.

## CHANGE IN RENEWAL POLICY

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/using/circ/#renewals>

Starting March 24, students enrolled in Ph.D. and J.S.D. programs will be allowed to renew regular loans from the University of Chicago Library as many times as needed. Previously, students in these programs were limited to three renewals, but a large number of students argued that this policy was burdensome to dissertation writers, who often need large amounts of library

material for multiple years. In response to students' comments, the Library Student Resource Group worked with the Board of the University Library to change the policy for Ph.D. or J.S.D. students, but reaffirmed the three-renewal limit for other students. Even so, Ph.D. and J.S.D. students are encouraged to return materials no longer being used so that these materials can be made available to others.

Graduate students affected by the change have contacted the Library with numerous messages of support and thanks for the Library's responsiveness to student needs. The full policy can be found online.

# Family Resource Center (FRC)

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## Spring Quarter Events

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at the Family Resource Center; visit the website for more information.

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Free to registered FRC users. Space is limited and registration is required. Children must be accompanied by adults.

APRIL 8

**Kid's Cooling: Pancakes**, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

APRIL 9

**Documentary: *The Business of Being Born***, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

MAY 19

**African Arts & Dance Festival**, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

MAY 23

**Field Trip: Japanese Zen Garden in Jackson Park**, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

JUNE 2

**Year-End Picnic**, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall Library and Lounge

### WEEKLY CLASSES

Registered FRC users can enjoy the following 10-week classes and activities at the FRC, unless otherwise noted. Note that some programs require a quarterly fee and partial scholarships are available to those who qualify. For more information, contact Michael Tower at [tower@uchicago.edu](mailto:tower@uchicago.edu).

MARCH 31-MAY 19, MONDAYS

**Muntu African Dance**, 3:45-4:45 p.m., 5-8 yrs, \$85.

MARCH 31-MAY 19, MONDAYS

**Sign With Your Baby**, 12:15-1:00 p.m., 6 mos-4 yrs, \$80.

APRIL 1-JUNE 3, TUESDAYS

**World Folk Music Company Infant & Toddler Music Class**, 10:00-11:00 a.m., 6 mos-3.5 yrs, \$80 (8 classes).

APRIL 1-JUNE 3, TUESDAYS

**Toddler Time**, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 1-3 yrs, \$15.

APRIL 2-JUNE 4, WEDNESDAYS

**Crafts for Kids**, 3:00-4:00 p.m., 3 yrs +, \$15.

APRIL 2-JUNE 4, WEDNESDAYS

**Storytelling**, 4:00-5:00 p.m., 3-8 yrs, \$35 (8 classes).

APRIL 3-JUNE 5, THURSDAYS

**Pre-School Jump Start**, 3:00-4:30 p.m., 3-5 yrs, \$40.

APRIL 3-JUNE 5, THURSDAYS

**Prenatal and Family Yoga**, 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages, \$50 (or \$7 per class).

APRIL 4-JUNE 6, FRIDAYS

**The Chinese Brew**, 1:00-2:00 p.m., 3 yrs +, \$65.

APRIL 4-JUNE 6, FRIDAYS

**Creative Movement**, 2:00-2:45 p.m., 3-4 yrs, \$35.

APRIL 4-MAY 23, FRIDAYS

**Global Explorer Kids**, 4:00-5:00 p.m., 3-6 yrs, \$80 (8 classes).

APRIL 5-JUNE 7, SATURDAYS

**Pre-Ballet Class**, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 5-8 yrs, \$35.

### GROUPS

Free to registered FRC users. Space is limited and registration is required. Children can accompany their parents.

MARCH 31-JUNE 2, MONDAYS

**Parenting Young Children Discussion Group**, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

APRIL 3-JUNE 5, THURSDAYS

**University of Chicago Parents Care + Share (and Children's Program)**, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

APRIL 2-JUNE 4, WEDNESDAYS

**Toddler Playgroup**, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 1-3 yrs.

### PARENT EDUCATION LECTURES

Free to FRC users. Space is limited and registration is required.

APRIL 30

**Stress Management**, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

MAY 7

**Cross-Cultural Parenting**, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

MAY 29

**Choosing Daycare for your Child**, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

DATE AND TIME TBD

**Safe Baby Training  
Your Child's Education**

## GREETINGS FROM THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

Greetings Fellow Graduate Students,

The Graduate Council has been busy this year with a multitude of new projects as it continues to shift its focus away from being strictly activity-oriented to being an organization driven by graduate issues. So far, we have worked on such problems as the timing mismatch between stipend/aid dispersal and graduate housing's rent due dates; the Graduate Aid Initiative; and various issues with busing, to name but a few.

We host forums every other week with different university administrators to discuss new initiatives in their administrative areas and problems that grads have which fall in their respective bailiwicks and departments. Each forum is held in a basement classroom in the GSB from 5-6 p.m. Topics for the spring quarter will be as follows:

March 31: Career Advising Planning Services (CAPS), Associate Director Shoshannah Cohen

April 14: Transportation & Busing, Director Brian Shaw

April 28: Communication Vice President Julie Peterson

May 19: Graduate Life, Vice President Dean of Students Kimberly Goff-Crews

On the social activities front, during winter quarter Graduate Council sponsored trips to two Blackhawks games and Lyric Opera's production of *Barber of Seville*, all of which had a huge turnout. We will be sponsoring trips to a White Sox game and a Cubs game in spring quarter, so watch for email describing how to get a ticket

to either of these outings. The annual GC BBQ will be held Friday, May 16th at Ida Noyes Hall. Hopefully this year we won't be constrained to the Cloister Room and can hold it outside on a warm and sunny spring afternoon.

If you have any questions about the Graduate Council, or concerns that we should investigate, please contact me.

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## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### The 2008-09 Fellowship Search

Listed below are major fellowships with upcoming deadlines. To verify deadlines and to learn more about these and other fellowships, visit <http://www.grad.nd.edu/gfd>. The Office of Graduate Affairs offers workshops on funding and fellowships (see p. 3). Visit OGA's online Fellowship Databases at <http://grad-affairs.uchicago.edu/funding> and stop by OGA to discuss funding opportunities and to pick up useful handouts and fellowships lists.

#### APRIL DEADLINES

- Hudson Institute Herman Kahn Fellowships (policy-related)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH) Dissertation Research Grants
- International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) Charles and Kathleen Manatt Democracy Studies Fellowship Program (summer)
- Radcliffe College Murray Research Center Dissertation Awards
- The Fund for Theological Education, Inc. Ministry Fellowship
- The Franke Institute for the Humanities Conference Funding

*Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals for conference funding for 2008-09. The Franke Institute for the Humanities can sometimes provide support for Humanities events that are interdisciplinary and involve several departments. The proposal should include a letter from a faculty advisor for the event. For more information, students can e-mail [m-browning@uchicago.edu](mailto:m-browning@uchicago.edu).*

#### MAY DEADLINES

- Program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States' Universities Grant

- German Historical Institute Doctoral and Postdoctoral Short-Term Fellowships
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Fellowships
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) German Studies Short-Term Research Grant
- U.S. Marine Corps Historical Center Dissertation Fellowship and General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. Memorial Dissertation Fellowship
- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Dissertation Grants
- Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE), Lumina Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Program
- Smithsonian Native Arts Program Fellowships

#### JUNE DEADLINES

- National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) Autism Speaks Predoctoral Fellowships
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Early Doctoral Student Research Grant Program and Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program

#### JULY DEADLINES

- American Heart Association/Mid-American Research Consortium Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Acton Institute Calihan Research Assistance Program Research Fellowships
- Library of Congress the John Kluge Center Kluge Center Fellowships
- American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Junior/Senior Research Fellowships

#### MINORITY FELLOWSHIPS

For more information on minority fellowships, visit the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs website at <http://omsa.uchicago.edu/opportunities/grad.shtml>.

- American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Robert D. Watkins Minority Graduate Fellowship
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowships
- Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students