



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

## GREETINGS FROM KIMBERLY GOFF-CREWS, VICE PRESIDENT DEAN OF STUDENTS

Over the last 6 months in my role as Vice President and Dean of Students in the University, I have greatly enjoyed getting to know students and other members of the University community. It is exciting to be part of an environment where inquiry and action are so closely aligned. I want to take this opportunity to share with you some current issues that our office is thinking about relative to graduate students at our university.

As you may know, our division is responsible for providing policy direction and oversight for services and programs that affect all UC students in the arenas of Administrative Services, Health, Safety and Wellness, and Student, Campus and Community Life.

One of my main tasks is thinking about the big picture for student life. To that end, I am familiarizing myself with the university community and its neighboring communities. I am also focused on strengthening the relationship between students and the administration by working with Student Government (SG), Graduate Council, and other student leaders. Over the last several months, we have been working with SG to ensure that senior members of the

Administration are not only aware of student opinion and concerns but also reaching out to students for feedback on these issues. I encourage you to share your thoughts about current student issues with graduate student representatives—particularly Anthony Green, Graduate Council President, and Erica Simmons, Graduate Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees.

We are also working with the Working Group on Graduate Student Life, a group that Provost Rosenbaum charged with exploring key issues of concern to current and future graduate students in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Divinity School. The Group's purview includes but is not limited to: funding issues including tuition, stipends, summer fellowships, health fees, compensation for teaching; and particular constraints faced by international students and graduate student parents. We will consider the Group's findings as we continue to work on providing support for graduate and professional students with our new Deputy Provost for Graduate Education, Cathy Cohen, students, faculty, and deans.

The staff in my office and I are committed to looking at the graduate student experience at the U of C, both inside and outside of the classroom, with a fresh perspective, incorporating feedback from constituencies across the university to address students' needs. We will use this input to align our work and to better represent the cross-section of graduate and professional school students on larger institutional issues.

I invite you to join this sustained dialogue about graduate student life by contacting your student representatives with issues that you would like us to know about the University, the campus, and about you in particular. I welcome your thoughts and look forward to serving you.

For more information about our mission and for a complete list of offices in our division, visit <http://dos.uchicago.edu>.

Kimberly Goff-Crews  
*Vice President and Dean of Students in the University*

## 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>

#### 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.

See CAPS website for more information employer information sessions, CAPS resources, and upcoming programs, including Arts and Culture Immersion Day on February 9.

#### JOB, INTERNSHIP AND CAREER FAIRS

JANUARY 15  
How to Work the Winter Career Fair  
4:00 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall

JANUARY 16  
Winter Career Fair  
12:00-4:00 p.m., Ida Noyes Hall

#### ACADEMIC JOB MARKET SERIES

JANUARY 10  
The Campus Visit  
4:00 p.m.

JANUARY 22  
Negotiating an Academic Offer  
4:00 p.m.

#### REGISTER FOR UCHICAGOTRAK

For job and internship opportunities, register for UChicagoTRAK at <http://caps.uchicago.edu/uchicagotrak>.

## 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 13; students should register at [teaching@college.uchicago.edu](mailto:teaching@college.uchicago.edu).

JANUARY 10

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

JANUARY 14 or MARCH 11 (pick one)

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

JANUARY 15 or FEBRUARY 28 (pick one)

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

JANUARY 22

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

FEBRUARY 4

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

FEBRUARY 7

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

FEBRUARY 13

Workshop on Philosophy of Teaching Statements, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28

How Students Learn, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

MARCH 4

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

# 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.

JANUARY 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service  
12:00 p.m.; free and open to the public

JANUARY 24

*What Matters to Me and Why* by Martha Roth,  
Dean of Humanities  
12:00 p.m.; for information call 702.7059

FEBRUARY 8

Sonic Spectacular VIII  
8:00 p.m.; \$8 students and seniors, \$15 general,  
tickets at the door or call 702.7059

FEBRUARY 21

*What Matters to Me and Why* by James Chandler,  
Professor in English  
12:00 p.m.; for information call 702.7059

MARCH 7

Tallis Scholars  
8:00 p.m.; \$5 students, \$30 general, tickets at  
the door or call 702.8068

MARCH 18

Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of Christ*  
8:00 p.m., pre-concert lecture at 7:00 p.m.; \$10

general, 17 and under free; tickets at the door or  
call 702.7059

MARCH 21

*Le Chemin de la Croix*  
8:00 p.m.; \$8 students and seniors, \$10 general,  
tickets at the door or call 702.7059

# Student Counseling & Resource Service (SCRS)

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

## RELATIONSHIP GROUP

SCRS will offer a graduate student relationship group during the Winter and Spring quarters. This process-oriented group helps students to enhance skills, deepen insight, and grow interpersonally. For more information, contact Josh Singh at [jsingh@uhs.bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:jsingh@uhs.bsd.uchicago.edu).

## SPEED READING FOR GRADS

JANUARY 25

4:00 p.m., location TBA

The Academic Skills Assessment Program (ASAP) will offer Speed Reading for Graduate Students. RSVP to Sherri Wandler at [swandler@uchicago.edu](mailto:swandler@uchicago.edu). For information on other ASAP workshops, visit the SCRS website.

## STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOLARS

Learn how to more effectively relax and manage stress in this 4 session seminar. Contact Ginger Carr at [gcarr@uchicago.edu](mailto:gcarr@uchicago.edu).

## 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.

JANUARY 7-MARCH 3, MONDAYS

Parenting Young Children  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

The group is intended to help and support par-

ents 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.

JANUARY 28-MARCH 10, 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; helping 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).

### DOOLITTLE-HARRISON AWARD

The Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship awards up to \$400 to doctoral students for presentation at a professional academic conference or for short-term travel outside of the contiguous United States to facilitate dissertation research.

Applicants must be pursuing a doctoral degree at the U of C in one of the four divisions (BSD, Humanities, PSD, SSD), the Divinity School, Public Policy, Social Services Administration, or the GSB and be in or beyond their 3rd year of Ph.D. work at the time the resources will be used. Note that Divinity School students are eligible if they have completed 2 years of Masters work and are in the 1st year or beyond of doctoral work. Students are eligible to hold the award only 1 time

within a 12-month period and recipients are given lower priority in subsequent competitions. For more details and to download an application, visit OGA's website.

### GRANTSMANSHIP SERIES

JANUARY 9

FLAS (Foreign Language Area Studies) Fellowship Workshop

4:00 p.m., Classics 110

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

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

ELI is co-directed by OGA and International House Office of Programs and External Relations. For more information, see p. 4 and visit <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>.

## 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 Ombuds 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 Ombuds and the Associate

Ombuds 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, Ombuds, and Geertrui Spaepen, Associate Ombuds

## 2008-09 RESIDENT HEAD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Applications and nominations for the position of Resident Head in the University House System for the 2008-09 academic year will be solicited in December and January. Positions are open to advanced graduate students pursuing a Ph.D. or a professional degree, University faculty, and administrative staff.

Resident Heads (RHs) live in the University Houses where they have direct, daily contact with College students. As active participants in house life, they assist undergraduates in developing residential communities that provide an environment conducive to serious study, rest, recreation and the development of healthy human relations. They offer adult guidance and support to individual students. Additionally, RHs, in collaboration with elected student house councils, plan and carry out a variety of stimulating intellectual, cultural, recreational, social, and informational

activities. They are assisted in these efforts by younger graduate students or upper-class undergraduates appointed as Assistant Resident Heads (RAs). In the larger residence halls, RHs coordinate their efforts with the Resident Masters, senior faculty who have overall community development and programming responsibilities for the entire hall.

Candidates for RH must be at least 25 years of age and may be single, married, or University registered domestic partners. Couples with children are welcome. At least one member of an applicant couple must have a direct University affiliation as student, faculty or administrative staff. Appointments are for nine months beginning with a training period in early September 2008. Compensation includes an apartment of appropriate size in one of the University Houses, meals in the residential dining halls during the

academic year, stipend, and, for those who are registered students, University student medical insurance coverage. The total package for a single RH has an estimated value of \$18,000. For married RHs, the value is increased by the meals and the health benefit provided for spouses and children and has been estimated to be as high as \$32,000.

Application materials are available on the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing website at <http://housing.uchicago.edu>. The deadline for application submission is January 21, 2008. Information sessions regarding the position and the selection process will be held in early January. Attendance at one of these sessions is required for all applicants. For more details on the sessions, contact the Office of Undergraduate Student Housing at 773.702.7366.

# I-House Office of Programs and External Relations

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

## GLOBAL VOICES PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

JANUARY 14

Public Lecture with Dr. Michael Shermer, Author of *The Mind of the Market*

JANUARY 18 & JANUARY 20

Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker* and *Sur La Glace* Ballet Performance and Live Music

JANUARY 26

Annual China Symposium 2008

JANUARY 27 & MARCH 16

The Chicago Ensemble's 31st Anniversary Concert Series

FEBRUARY 28

Panel Discussion: *The European Union: Exploring its Legal History and Framework*

## SPRING FESTIVAL SERIES

MARCH 28-30

43rd Annual Eastern European Folk Festival of Music and Dance

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Co-directed by I-House Office of Programs and External Relations and The Office of Graduate Affairs, the English Language Institute (ELI) helps students build English language skills and increase their understanding and enjoyment of life in the United States. 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 persons from the wider community. ELI also sponsors the Summer English Language Institute (SELI) and Tutoring Programs.

Registered U of C graduate and professional school students are eligible for **quarterly scholarships** to assist with tuition expenses. Students should complete a registration form and submit it to the Office of Programs and External Relations by January 11.

JANUARY 7

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

JANUARY 7-MARCH 14

ELI Winter Quarter Classes

For complete information about our Winter Quarter schedule of classes and workshops, visit <http://ihouse.uchicago.edu>, e-mail [i-house-programs@uchicago.edu](mailto:i-house-programs@uchicago.edu), or call 773.753.2281.

## STUDENT CARE CENTER SERVICES (SCC)

Almost one-third of UC students report negative academic performance due to cold or flu. There are some simple things that students can do to help protect themselves from getting the flu and also preventing the spread of germs to others. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the single best way to avoid getting the flu is to get vaccinated. Other tips include avoiding close contact with people who are sick,

staying home from school and work when ill, covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, washing hands often to get rid of germs, practicing good health habits such as getting plenty of sleep, being physically active, managing stress, drinking plenty of fluids and eating a healthy diet. There is an increase in illness among college students around midterms and finals because they don't focus on getting enough sleep and eating right and therefore

their bodies are not at optimal condition to fight off the cold and flu.

Students can get a free flu shot by making an appointment at SCC (402.5146) today.

SCC is located at 5841 S. Maryland Ave., Suite R100. For more information, call 773.702.4156 or visit <http://scc.uchicago.edu>

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

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

### FLIRTING FOR NERDS

On February 13, students are invited to get some help navigating the social scene at this "seminar" that teaches ways to interact smoothly with the opposite sex. Visit the ORCSA website for more details.

### COFFEE HOUSE

In conjunction with the Festival of the Arts, ORCSA will host open mic nights throughout the quarter at Hallowed Grounds (Reynolds Club, 2nd floor). The audience will vote for winners at each event and will choose a grand prize winner at the end of the quarter. Visit ORCSA's website for details.

### XPERIENCE CHICAGO

ORCSA offers XPerience Chicago, a series of trips and events that allow students to explore the city. Past events have included architectural boat tours, museum trips, sporting events, etc.

For details about how to sign up for upcoming events visit the website or contact Stacey Ergang at [sergang@uchicago.edu](mailto:sergang@uchicago.edu) or 702.4547.

### RSO CULTURAL SHOW SEASON

Students looking for a culturally diverse, family fun activity should consider attending one of the following RSO cultural events during Winter and Spring quarters. Event and ticket information is available at <http://stuff.uchicago.edu>.

JANUARY 19

Chinese Undergraduate Student Association

JANUARY 26

International Food Festival

FEBRUARY 16

Korean Students Organization

MARCH 8

African & Caribbean Students Association

APRIL 5

South Asian Students Association

APRIL 12

Organization of Black Students

APRIL 19

Organization of Latin American Students

### MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST

On March 16 at 11:59 p.m., students can kick off finals week with a free breakfast, sponsored by ORCSA, in the Reynolds Club. Vegan options are available.

### GRADUATE RSO SUPPORT

Starting in the Winter quarter 2008, Graduate Student organizations registered through ORCSA will be advised once again by Adviser Jigna Shah who can be reached at [jigna@uchicago.edu](mailto:jigna@uchicago.edu), 702.3343, or in Ida Noyes Hall, Suite 106.



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## Security

### STOP TAG REGISTRATION

The University of Chicago Police Department (UCPD) offers Stop Tag Registration. The Stop Tag process involves placement of a laminated bar code on a laptop computer. The tag or bar can make the equipment unattractive to thieves and can assist in the return of the laptop to the individual listed as the registered owner.

Stop Tag Registration is available at UCPD on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 702.8181. There is a \$12 charge (cash or check) for the registration. Laptops must be brought into the office at the time of registration.

### 834-HELP

834-HELP, a University Support Service line, is an answering service that will connect callers with a range of resources available on and off campus. The service can be used 24 hours a day.

## Awareness

### RESOURCES FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION (RSVP) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The mission of Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention at the University of Chicago is to promote healthy gender relations through dialogue and education. The scope of issues RSVP addresses is quite broad, ranging from dating (including communication and sexual decision-making), to risk reduction for sexual assault (especially acquaintance rape), stalking, and relationship violence.

RSVP activities include dissemination of information, interactive educational programming, referrals for survivors as well as for their friends and family, coordination with other University and student groups, and structural intervention within (and occasionally beyond) the University. RSVP also trains students with the skills necessary to become

activists and implement the University's commitment to the progressive education of women and men in a world free from sexual violence.

## Growth

### THEFT PREVENTION TIPS FROM CHICAGO ALTERNATIVE POLICING

**Pick-pocketing and other theft can occur anywhere!**

- Stay alert to what is happening around you and who is around you.
- Thieves target busy, distracted, and unsuspecting people.

**When inside a business or store (including those on campus):**

- Do not place items on the back of your chair or the chairs next to you.
- Do not leave valuables unprotected at any time.
- Place purses, bags, and valuables on the floor next to your legs making sure the item is on the inside of the table or booth where a thief cannot reach the item without reaching over you.
- Never set wallets and credit cards down on a table or counter.
- Take out your wallet, cash, debit, and credit cards only when you are ready to use them.
- Put your wallet, cash, debit, and credit cards away as soon as the transaction is completed. Do not walk out of the facility with cash or cards in your hand.
- Keep your receipts.

**Minimize your loss:**

- Only carry the amount of cash you think you will need for the day.

- Carry as few credit cards as possible.
- Carry I.D. cards separate from your cash and credit cards.
- Make a list of the credit cards you do carry, including the credit card company contact numbers. Keep a copy of this list in a safe place. Carry another copy with you and keep it with your I.D.s.
- Do not write down your credit card numbers.

For more information about prevention, contact the Chicago Police Department Preventative Program Unit at 312.745.5838. The University of Chicago Policy Department also offers prevention information through its Crime Prevention Officer. For more information, call 702.8181.

## Empowerment

### 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 can be found at <http://commonsense.uchicago.edu>.

### COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE

You may file a complaint against a Chicago Police Officer by dialing the City of Chicago's non-emergency line 311 or by calling the Chicago Police Department's Office of Professional Standards at 312.745.3594.

# 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. For information, visit UCSC's website.

## SUMMER LINKS INTERNSHIPS

The application deadline is **January 17** for this 11-week paid internship program for returning students interested in public service, community building, and social change. The final information session is on January 10 at 6:00 p.m. at 5525 S. Ellis, Ste. 160 and applications are available on UCSC's website.

## GREETINGS FROM THE GRADUATE STUDENT LIAISON TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Greetings Graduate Students,

I hope many of you got an email from me this fall announcing a new initiative with the University of Chicago's Board of Trustees to host Trustee luncheons a few times a quarter. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my role, and the Trustee luncheon initiative more formally.

Last spring you elected me to represent graduate student needs and concerns to the University of Chicago's Board of Trustees. As Graduate Student Liaison to the Trustees I attend meetings of the Trustee Committee on Campus on Student Life. I work with members of the University Administration to set the agenda for these meetings and respond to Trustee questions about graduate

student experiences at Chicago. My goal is to make sure Trustees understand the challenges and opportunities we have as University of Chicago graduate students and to work with them to improve our experience wherever and whenever possible.

As part of this goal, I have worked with our Undergraduate Liaison, Hollie Gilman, and the Dean of Students Offices to facilitate at least two luncheons (that may not take place during lunch, but we will be sure to provide refreshments of some sort) per quarter where Trustees have the opportunity to interact directly with a small group of graduate and undergraduate students. Our hope is that, through these conversations, Trustees will hear first-hand about the ups and downs of students' experiences and students will

get a better sense of how the Trustees can shape those experiences.

Please keep a lookout for emails from me (that may come via your Dean of Students or Student Government) inviting you to attend the luncheons. We hope to accommodate as many students as possible before the end of the year. Furthermore, do not hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions or want to talk with me about any general issues or concerns pertaining to the graduate student experience.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Erica Simmons  
3rd year Political Science doctoral student

## Campuswide News and Happenings

<http://grad.uchicago.edu>

### STUDENT LOAN ADMINISTRATION

<https://sla.uchicago.edu>

Continuing students who wish to apply for financial assistance in 2008-09, including federal loans, federal work study, and private loans, should complete the online application, available in March 2008. SLA will send a reminder e-mail once the application is made available and linked to their website. As a reminder, all students must apply annually for financial assistance.

Graduating Students who have borrowed federal loans while attending the University of Chicago and who plan to graduate in Winter 2008 are required to complete an Exit Counseling meeting with the SLA Office. Students should contact SLA after the fifth week of the quarter to sched-

ule an appointment with a Loan Officer. During this meeting the Loan Officer will cover repayment terms and conditions for specific loans.

For more information on student loans, contact SLA at 773.702.6061 or [student-loans@uchicago.edu](mailto:student-loans@uchicago.edu).

### FINANCING GRADUATE EDUCATION WEBSITE

<http://gradfinancing.uchicago.edu>

The U of C has developed a new website focused on financing graduate education. The website is linked to the new and improved Graduate and Professional Student Gateway found at <http://grad.uchicago.edu>.

### FRANKE INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES

Graduate students are encouraged to submit proposals for conference funding for 2008. 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, and the winter deadline is Friday, February 8. For further information on preparing a proposal, e-mail [m-browning@uchicago.edu](mailto:m-browning@uchicago.edu) at the Franke Institute.

# Physical Education and Athletics (OMSA)

Ratner Athletic Center • 5530 S. Ellis Ave. • 773.753.4680 • <http://athletics.uchicago.edu>

## U OF C RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INFORMATION

Three-month and full year memberships to the Ratner Athletic Center are available to spouses and children of graduate and professional students. All eligible potential members can enjoy a one-week free trial period membership.

Facility amenities include:

- 50 meter x 25 yard swimming pool
- over 100 pieces of cardio equipment, 38 of which have cardio theater TVs
- over 75 selectorized fitness machines

- 7 total multi-purpose courts for basketball, volleyball, etc.
- 200-meter indoor/400-meter outdoor running tracks
- 5 squash and 4 racquetball/handball/wallball courts

Programs and services include:

- personal training
- fitness orientation sessions
- FitChicago (non-credit) wellness classes, such as yoga, pilates, cardio kickboxing, water aerobics, etc.
- Master's Swimming (see below)

For more information, stop by the Ratner Front Desk, or visit the website.

## MASTER'S SWIMMING

Master's Swimming is a fun, non-competitive, recreational swim club. The true essence of the program is to provide a good workout while helping to develop stroke technique and efficiency. Weekday morning and evening sessions are available on a monthly or quarterly basis. Interested Ratner members may try out the program free of charge for one week. Students can inquire at the Ratner Center Front desk.

# Family Resource Center

5655 S. University Ave. (University Church), 2nd Floor • <http://grad-affairs.uchicago.edu/services/parents>

## Winter Quarter Events

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

## OVERVIEW OF THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (FRC)

The Family Resource Center is generously supported by the University of Chicago's Women's Board and welcomes graduate and professional student families affiliated with the University of Chicago.

The FRC mission is to create a welcoming space where families from the university community can access resources, information, and supportive programming and services. The Center is administered by the Office of Graduate Affairs (OGA). The space includes a private space for nursing and changing a baby, playroom with new toys and books, email access, and a place for babysitting exchanges.

Located on the 2nd floor of the University Church building (57th and University), the FRC is open Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. during the academic year. The FRC can be used at no charge for university affiliated families, but all users must submit a Registration Form and Parent Release Consent Form. Both forms are available at the FRC, on OGA's website or by contacting Natalie Tilghman at [nmbaney@uchicago.edu](mailto:nmbaney@uchicago.edu). Prospective members are welcome to visit the FRC to pick up an informational packet.

## CASE MANAGEMENT

The Family Resource Center also offers assistance to university-affiliated families needing help locating

resources either in the university or the larger Hyde Park community. FRC staff or graduate-level social work students can connect families with information on paternity/maternity leave, schools, day care, employment, and other issues. For assistance, email Natalie Tilghman at [nmbaney@uchicago.edu](mailto:nmbaney@uchicago.edu) and she will refer you to the appropriate staff members.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

In collaboration with Student Counseling and Resource Service, the Family Resource Center also offers the following discussion groups that meet regularly:

- Parenting Young Children Discussion
- Parents-To-Be Discussion

Beginning in January, the FRC will also host **Parents Care + Share**, a supportive discussion group for parents that provides a separate, concurrent program for children.

## WINTER QUARTER PROGRAMS

Registered users can enjoy the following classes and events:

### Weekly Classes

- Pre-School Jumpstart
- Pre-Natal and Family Yoga
- Creative Movement Class
- Pre-Ballet Class

- English Conversation Class
- Storytelling Group
- World Folk Music Company Infant & Toddler Music Class
- Toddler Playgroup
- Global Explorers Kids
- Toddler Story Time

### Weekly Family Activities

- Chinese New Year and Asian Arts Festival
- Visits from children's book authors, Lisa Malen and Kevin Luthhardt
- Bhangra dance performance and lesson
- Scribble Monster family concert
- Undergraduate student parent luncheon
- International cooking class and potluck
- Kid's cooking class: pizza party
- Introduction to watercolor painting

### Parent Education Lectures

- Sibling Rivalry
- Child Cognitive Development
- Being a Couple

Note that some classes and activities are free and others require a fee. For more information, including program descriptions, targeted age groups, and meeting times and locations, visit OGA's website or contact Natalie Tilghman at [nmbaney@uchicago.edu](mailto:nmbaney@uchicago.edu).

## 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.

### JANUARY DEADLINES

- American Council for International Education ACTR/ACCELS Title VIII Fellowships, including the Research Scholar Program and Combined Research and Language Training (CRLT) Program
- American Sociological Association (ASA) Congressional Fellowship
- American Heart Association (AHA) Fellowships, including various Affiliate Research Programs Predoctoral Fellowships
- American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Language Study in India Fellowships
- American School of Classical Studies Fellowships, including multiple Athens Fellowships
- DAAD German Academic Exchange Service Summer Intensive Language Courses in Germany
- Department of Homeland Security United States Government Homeland Security Fellowships
- Title VI Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for Academic Year and Summer Study of Modern Language and World Area Studies
- National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Fellowships
- National Flagship Language Initiative (NFLI) Fellowships
- Harvard University Center for International Affairs Olin Institute for Strategic Studies Fellowships in National Security
- High Altitude Observatory (HAO) Newkirk Graduate Fellowship Program
- University of California, Santa Barbara Women's Studies Dissertation Scholars Fellowships
- United States Army Center of Military History Dissertation Fellowships
- Winterthur Museum, Garden, and Library Lois F. McNeil Dissertation Fellowships
- Yale Center for British Art Fellowships

### FEBRUARY DEADLINES

- Agency for Health Care Policy and Research National Institutes of Health (NIH) Dissertation Grants
- American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) Fellowships including the Harrell Family Fellowship, Jennifer C. Groot Fellowships in the Archaeology of Jordan, and the Kress Fellowship in the Art and Archaeology of Jordan
- Association for Gerontology in Higher Education AARP Andrus Foundation Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships in Gerontology
- Intercollegiate Studies Institute Western Civilization Fellowship
- Kellogg Institute for International Studies Dissertation Year Fellowships and Graduate Supplemental Award
- Morris K. Udall Foundation Environmental Public Policy & Conflict Resolution Ph.D. Fellowship Program
- Newcomen Society of the United States Dissertation Fellowship in Business and American Culture
- Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation Homeland Security Fellowships and Cooperation Pre-/Postdoctoral Fellowships for Scholars
- Truman Library Institute Dissertation Year Fellowships
- University of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs Miller Center Fellowships
- United States Department of Defense (DOD), Department of the Navy, Naval Historical Center Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Predoctoral Fellowships in U.S. Naval History
- United States Department of Energy (DOE) Nuclear Security Administration Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship (SSGF)
- Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship for Master's Students

### MARCH DEADLINES

- Matsushita International Foundation Research Center
- Organization of American States (OAS) Regular Training (PRA) Fellowships
- Critical Language Scholarship for Intensive Summer Language Institutes
- Library Company of Philadelphia Research Fellowships in Early American Economy & Society and Early American History & Culture
- Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Anna Sobol Levy Fellowship
- The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarships
- University of Virginia Albert Gallatin Fellowship in International Affairs
- American Institute for Economic Research Summer Fellowships and In-Absentia Awards
- The Fund for Theological Education, Inc. Ministry Fellowships

### APRIL DEADLINES

- Columbia University Teachers College Center for Young Children and Families Putting Children First Summer Fellowship Program
- NIH National Institutes of Mental Health Dissertation Research Grants in Developmental Psychopathology, HIV/AIDS Research, and Mental Health Services Research
- Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Predoc Fellowship Program
- Hudson Institute Herman Kahn Fellowships on Policy-Oriented Research
- Radcliffe College; Murray Research Center Dissertation Awards Adolescent and Youth Dissertation Award

### MINORITY FELLOWSHIPS

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