

## GSA Meeting Agenda: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 2019, 4:00 AT PIZZA HOUSE**

- Graduate School Updates
  - o Alternative Spartan Break is accepting applications for programs in December and March over the breaks, and April 6-7. Apply online at [asb.msu.edu](http://asb.msu.edu)
  - o Apply for the MSU Hearing Boards review cases of students accused of violating university policy. Applications are due Feb 1, with interviews on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.  
[judaffrs@vps.msu.edu](mailto:judaffrs@vps.msu.edu)
- Department & Related Events:
  - o Letters for accepted students to the program go out shortly.
  - o The College hired 2 postdoctoral positions, part of university strategic plan and will likely to turn into tenure job track hires.
    - Gabe Sanchez (archaeologist) was hired. His research is environmentally focused and involves indigenous groups and costal fisheries.
  - o Cities of the Arab World Conference February 14-15, 2019 at MSU
  - o Galen Lecture: March 29<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm at the International Center, Cultural Appropriation and the Pilipino Cultural Diaspora
  - o Chair Search: Waiting for applications
  - o GCPC: Annual Review due Feb 1: make an appointment with your advisor to get signed
  - o Graduate Spring Workshop: Feb 9<sup>th</sup> in C103 McDonel, 2<sup>nd</sup> half of orientation for the 1<sup>st</sup> years, afternoon RCR credit: data management and security (comes with free lunch).
  - o New Graduate Student Awards: Hart and Maxwell
- Treasury update:
  - o Amount GSA funds total : ~\$650
  - o Applied for COGS funding for symposium. Livy will meet with COGS on February 2.
- GEU update:
  - o Livy has free GEU shirts in her office if anyone wants one.
  - o GEU is trying to start a GEU group for each dept with a rep for each subdiscipline. They need a rep for the bio section! Email Livy if you are interested.
- GSA Activity Updates
  - o GSA Symposium
    - Date: February 8, 2019
    - We still need 1 students and 3 faculty.... or a combination of 4 presenters
    - Planning Committee: (Plemons, Jack)
      - Call for abstracts, submit by Feb 5<sup>th</sup> if you haven't already!
      - Organize presenters, abstracts, and programs
    - Food committee:
      - Place order for delivery on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (during lunch, time TBD).
        - o Purchase breakfast (Costco): fruit, coffee, bagels, GF options
    - Swag:
      - Purchase pens
  - o GSA HAPPY HOUR FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SYMPOSIUM ON FEBRUARY 8 AT ZOOBIES!! We hope to see you there!
  - o Volunteer event is being planned for late April with Punks with Lunch. More will be discussed later.
  - o Think of things you could donate to the raffle (at the Bake Sale) this Spring. Items purchased abroad and electric tooth brushes are very popular.

- Bake Sale: **March 14, 2019 in Baker 155:** get your bake on!
- Adjourn