

**GSA Meeting Notes**  
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**Attendees:**

- Savannah (Zoom)
- Tori
- Kevin
- Aubree
- Rhian
- Lex
- Emma
- Holly
- Micayla

**Meeting Notes:**

- 2024-2025 IOS GSA e-board
  - All graduate students of the anthropology department are in GSA 😊
  - What is GSA?
    - The Graduate Students in Anthropology (GSA) is a student run, nonprofit organization designed to serve the needs and interests of the graduate students at Michigan State University (MSU).
  - Who is a member? ALL REGISTERED ANTHROPOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS!
  - What is the GSA e-board?
    - The GSA e-board consists of several elected individuals that fill the following positions:
      - President
      - Vice President
      - Council of Graduate Students (COGS) Representative
      - Graduate Employee Union (GEU) Steward
      - Information Officer
      - Treasurer
- Information Officer (Lex)
  - SOCIAL MEDIA IS UP! Pls follow us 😊
  - Will be posting information as it relates to the department and GSA activities.
  - Facebook: Graduate Students in Anthropology at MSU
  - Instagram: @msu\_anthro\_gsa
  - Monthly meeting minutes are posted on our website:  
<http://anthropology.msu.edu/gsa/monthly-meeting/>
- Previous Events Thank you (Tori)
  - GSA Graduate Research Symposium
    - T-shirt raffle winners: Dr. Andrea Louie and Rhian Dunn
  - GSA Chili Cookoff
    - Chili Winner: Carolyn Isaac
    - Corn break Winner: Rhian Dunn
  - Undergraduate Research Symposium
  - Overall, a huge thank you to those who have attended any or all of these events in the past couple of months. We do this for you guys.
- Upcoming Events (Tori)

- TRIVIA – Anthropology Faculty v. Students
  - Friday, March 22
  - Giltner, Room 115
  - Jeopardy Style
    - If you have a great jeopardy questions, please email GSA [msu.anp.gsa@gmail.com](mailto:msu.anp.gsa@gmail.com)
- Spring Department RCR – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 10am to 12pm
  - McDonel C103
  - A panel of faculty will be addressing the following topics:
    - Compensating research participants
    - Anonymity vs non-anonymity when working with research participants
    - Data privacy, IRB process
    - Community partnerships and working with marginalized communities
    - Managing stress/mental health while in the field
  - Contact Dr. Camp for any questions and more details [campstac@msu.edu](mailto:campstac@msu.edu)
- T-shirts are coming soon – stay tuned to social media for the announcement!
- Department/Faculty Meeting Notes (Aubree)
  - Grad student reviews happened (March 11)
  - Faculty meeting notes (2/19)
    - April 1<sup>st</sup> is hoping to have a new hire for Department Secretary
      - Looking at a new hire for archaeology faculty (Environmental Archaeology position)
    - GEU contracting is happening now
    - Early start is \$2,500 for the summer (??)
    - New grant focusing on peace-keeping in areas with conflicts (more details to come)
    - Last GCPC turn-in is April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Next meeting is Monday, March 18
- COGS Update/Events (Tori)
  - Next meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>
  - COGS Coffee and Connection – Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>
    - 9-10am
    - MSU Museum – 409 W. Circle Dr
  - COGS Craft and Connection – Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Noon-3pm
    - Dry Bean Pictures in the Chittenden Hall Lounge
    - Pizza and Snacks!
  - Drop-In Sports Arena with COGS – Saturday, March 23
    - 2-4pm
    - IM-West
    - You will have to activate your rec stuff so you do have to pay the rec fee

- Abrams Planetarium with COGS “Experience the Aurora” – Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - 7pm
  - FREE
- COGS Trivia Night @ Harrison Roadhouse Pub – Thursday March 28
  - FREE; teams of 4 and free appetizers and prizes
- Tori (as COGS rep) will start to forward these notifications to grad students in Cathi’s place, but try to stay tuned to the COGS social media to
- Treasury Update (Holly)
  - Chili cookoff raised \$220
    - Venmo, cash, and check
  - Aubree took out the cans which yielded \$18
  - GSA Symposium
    - Cost \$195.40
      - Food and tips
    - Department funded Woody’s lunch
      - Want to think about decreasing the amount of Humus we order
  - Current Total \$426.48
- GEU Update (Emma)
  - Contract bargaining
  - Emma will keep forwarding emails 😊
- Open Floor
  - Next E-Board should think about at the beginning of the year determining all of the times and dates for all of the activities

**Next Meeting Reminder – April 11 @6pm Elections for E-Board will be held**

For any questions, comments, concerns, qualms, or good jokes please contact:

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