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## HOORAY!!! PRELIMS ARE OVER!!!!

On September 13th a group of PhD students sat at their computers and faced the daunting task of completing the preliminary exam. Congratulations to everyone who took it—

you survived!!! A special congratulations to those who passed. The Lyceum wishes you luck as you move forward in the program and begin working on your specialty papers.



## First Lyceum Brown Bag, Nov. 20

Wednesday, November 20, the Lyceum will host the first graduate student brown bag workshop of the year. Russell Spiker will present a project he is currently working on titled, “Union Status and Self-Rated Health Interview Survey (1997-2011).” We look forward to interesting conversation and



helpful feedback. Russell will also discuss his experience this summer at the Fenway Health Summer Institute for LGBT population health,

hosted by the Fenway Institute and Boston University. The workshop will take place in TUC 405 from 11:30am-12:30pm. Remember this is a BYOB (that is, bring your own bag) luncheon so be sure to pack something to eat!



## Recent Alum: Dr. Mark Killian



**Dr. Mark Killian,  
Assistant Profes-  
sor at Whitworth  
University**

The Lyceum contacted Mark Killian, a recent graduate from the department, to learn how he is doing at his new job as assistant professor in Spokane, Washington. Mark shared with us the perks of his new job:

1. My own office, with my own computer, and my own shelves, and my own highlighters (no stealing highlighters from the grad computer lab here).
2. An administrative assistant to take care of my “grunt work” (I mean seriously, I just had my assistant scan all of my stats notes and exercises)...(no comments on why I still have them)
3. A parking spot right outside my building...that’s for free!
4. Being called “Dr. Killian,” not because I revel in status distinctions (to be honest, the title is rather unceremonious), but because I’m marked. Like a tattoo reflecting a great accomplishment, I view my “D.R.” as a symbol representing the completion of grad school, the fete set before me six years ago. The great accomplishment.”

Mark also says that while Spokane is a great city, the most difficult part of the transition has been the emotional work required to help his family adapt to their new environment. Thus, he offers the following advice for future graduates, “Proceed with humility, no matter if you’re single, partnered or with a family, the next step in your academic career will have profound effects on those intimately connected to you.”



## Affordable Care Act: How does it effect you?

If you are registered for 6 credit hours or more, you are required to have health insurance. If you wish to waive the UC Student insurance plan, you must have an alternative plan approved by the university, and it

must be more comprehensive than the one offered by UC. If it is not approved, you will automatically be charged for UC Student insurance. Graduate Assistants are still eligible for GSHI awards. Please

visit <http://grad.uc.edu/student-life/news/affordable-care-act.html> for more information on these changes.



# UC: What Racial Progress Have We Made?

As you all have likely heard, Dean Ronald Jackson of the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences has resigned. The circumstances surrounding his resignation have sparked conversation among students, faculty, and administrators regarding the racial climate on campus. Below are some pictures of the demonstration that occurred on campus outside of TUC on Friday, November 15.



## Doing Our Part

The Lyceum will be working with the department to facilitate conversation about racial diversity and justice regarding graduate education, recruitment, our classrooms, and the research that we pursue. These conversations are vital to improving the racial climate at UC. Be on the lookout for more information about this intradepartmental conversation. Also, A&S will be hosting a forum next week and all are strongly encouraged to attend. We will email the details of *that* forum as they become available.





## Graduate Student Shout Outs!

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**Jen Carter**, presented her work “Reinforcement of the Sex Dichotomy: Female Sex Testing in International Athletics” in a session, *Regulating the Female Body*, at the NWSA (National Women’s Sociological Association) here in Cincinnati.



**Kalasia Daniels**, presented her work “Knowledge is Power, Change is Utopian: A Critical Analysis of the De-legitimization and Negation of African American Sociologists within Sociology’s Theoretical Framework” at a roundtable at the Midwest Sociology of Education conference in Madison, Wisconsin.



**Jodi Stooksberi**, presented her work “Purity Perils” in a session, *Regulating the Female Body*, at the NWSA here in Cincinnati.



**Alan Grigbsy**, presented his work “Why Can’t I be a Regular Man?: The Marginalized Black Male Collegiate Athlete” at a roundtable at the Midwest Sociology of Education conference in Madison, Wisconsin.



**Charlae Thompson**, presented her work “Good Girls Gone Bad: The Commodification of Female Artists” in a session, *Regulating the Female Body*, at the NWSA here in Cincinnati.



**Ciera Graham**, who recently became the student representative of the Association of Black Sociologists, is in the process of applying for a number of dissertation fellowship from the Ford Foundation, American Association of University Women, and the American Educational Research Association. So far she has been awarded the Kunz Center Graduate Research Award (\$500) and the TAFT Graduate Enrichment Award (\$1600).



**Ainsley Lambert**, served as a moderator for a session titled *Regulating the Female Body* at the NWSA here in Cincinnati. She also presented her work “Applying & Deciding: Students’ Perceptions of the Role of Parents and Schools in the College Enrollment Process” at a roundtable at the Midwest Sociology of Education conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

# NCSA Applications Due Nov. 15



Every year the department of sociology encourages graduate students to present papers, posters, or participate in other ways at our regional conference, the North Central Sociology Association. This year, you are especially encouraged because we are

hosting the event right here in downtown Cincinnati! We ask that you please consider participating to help our department and city paint a positive picture for our out-of-town guests.

This year the application process is different, so please be aware of

that when submitting your abstracts. The conference will take place April 10-13 at the Hyatt Regency downtown. For more information, or to submit an abstract, visit [http://www.ncsanet.org/?page\\_id=2145](http://www.ncsanet.org/?page_id=2145).

## Lyceum T-Shirts!

In the last Lyceum meeting, students indicated interest in creating an official Lyceum t-shirt! We are looking for creative ideas and/or anyone who is good with graphic design to help develop a unique t-shirt for our or-

ganization. If you have ideas or are interested in working with others on this, please contact Lyceum President, Alan Grigsby at [grigsbav@mail.uc.edu](mailto:grigsbav@mail.uc.edu).



## Other News

- The Lyceum is collecting donations from graduate students to purchase & send flowers to Linda Kocher, our former Administrative Assistant who is ill. The cost for a bouquet and delivery charges will require at least 15 students to donate \$3 each, however, we are also willing to take whatever you can afford to give. Please give all donations to Sarah Strouse in office 1018.
- GSGA is organizing a traditional **Thanksgiving Dinner** on **Tuesday, November 26 at TUC Great Hall**. The seating is limited for this event, so RSVP at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gsga\\_thanksgiving\\_dinner](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gsga_thanksgiving_dinner).