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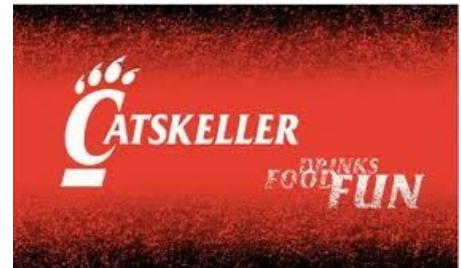
- **Free Lunch**
at the Lyceum
General Body
Meeting Fri-
day, Jan. 24
in 1606 at
1pm
- SSSP Dead-
line Jan. 31
- Lyceum
Brown Bag
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Outs!



Colloquium After Party, Jan. 24

GSGA is hosting a “**Welcome Back Party**” this Friday, January 24th starting at 5.30pm in Catskeller—perfect for all of us who will be attending the colloquium! All Catskeller goers will receive a \$5

voucher for food and soft drinks. GSGA will also be giving away game tokens and prizes so be sure to stop by for some free food and fun!



Upcoming Brown Bag, Jan. 29

Marcus Vines will be presenting in our next Brown Bag Workshop on January 29, in TUC 423 from 11:30am-12:30pm. Marcus is in the beginning stages of his dissertation research, which will focus on *black masculinity and personal and intimate relationships*. He tells us, “Elements of black masculinity can be problematic for the personal and intimate relationships of black men. This is especially



the case in terms of the tension between the contradictory demands of manhood, which propels black men in the direction of multiple sex partners, and the demands of committed relationships and responsible fatherhood, which discour-

ages men from seeking other sexual partners. However contradictory, both sets of demands are firmly rooted in black masculinity. The result is that many men find themselves in a position of constant negotiations with themselves and others about how to be a man that they themselves can respect in the midst of contradictory pressures.” This should be a very interesting talk and we hope to see you all there!

Clybourne Park, Feb. 1; Discussions to Follow



Are you going to see *Clybourne Park* at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park with the department on February 1? Do you know what it is about? Here are some of the details: *Clybourne Park* is winner of the 2011 Pulitzer Prize and the 2012 Tony Award for best play. It ran on Broadway until September 2012, and we are quite pleased that it is traveling to Cincinnati. The play is comprised of two acts set 50 years apart in the same Chicago house, and deals with themes of race and real estate. In 1959, nervous community members fear housing values will drop when neighbors agree to sell their home to a black family. In 2009, times have changed, and the predominantly black neighborhood is trying to hold its ground in the face of gentrification. You can also enjoy a clip of the play and read more about the synopsis here <http://clybournepark.com/about/synopsis/>.

After the play, please join your fellow sociologists in a **discussion of the play** at the Urban/Race Workshop, on February 6, from 12:30-1:45pm in TUC 405. There will also be a **free, community-wide discussion** about the messages and themes within the play, co-sponsored by Housing Opportunities Made Equal, U.C.'s Kunz Center for Social Research, and Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Plus, your very own **Jeffrey Timberlake** will be joining Kathryn Gardette, president of Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, and Timothy Douglas, *Clybourne Park* director, for a panel discussion about the ideas presented in the play and how they manifest themselves today in the Cincinnati region. The community discussion will take place on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 6-8pm at the **United Way Building**, 2400 Reading Road, Cincinnati, 45202.



February Brown Bag: Dating In & Out of the Closet

Mark your calendars for another exciting brown bag to take place on February 26th in TUC 423 from 11:30-12:30pm. Kelli Chapman will be presenting part of her dissertation research titled "Dating In and Out of the Closet: Negotiating Relationships as an LGBT Teen-

ager," which explores lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teens' perceptions of dating and sexuality. Kelli tells us, "LGBT youth are of particular interest in the study of sexual choices and behaviors because they possess both a non-normative (non-straight) sexual identity

as well as claim sexual identities at a time in life when sexuality is particularly policed, regulated, and defined as risky and dangerous." This should be another very interesting talk, so please be sure to come and support your fellow graduate student!



Conferences, Conferences, & More Conferences

Conferences provide graduate students with the opportunity to learn what others are doing in their field, receive helpful feedback from professionals, network, and are all around good for professional development. While it is too late to submit to present at the American Sociological Association conference in San Francisco this August 16-19, there is still time to apply to alterna-

tive conferences taking place in San Francisco at roughly the same time:

- SSSP, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, meets August 15-17 and is accepting proposals until January 31.
- SSSI, The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, meets August 15-17 and is accepting proposals until February 1.
- ASR, The Association for the Sociology of Religion, runs August 13-15, and is accepting proposals until April 30.

funds are available through the department, TAFT, and GSGA so be sure to check out those applications and deadlines to maximize the amount of travel funding that you receive!

Finally, if you are interested in getting feedback on your presentation from other graduate students, consider presenting at a Lyceum Brown Bag this semester. You can contact any Lyceum member to make arrangements. You might also consider presenting for faculty and graduate students at the **Graduate Student Conference Preparation Colloquium** on March 28th, which will be held in Crosley 1606.



Whether you are presenting or simply attending, we hope to see all of you in San Francisco! Remember that travel

Other Talks of Potential Interest...

•Proseminar

The next proseminar lecture, lead by Jennifer Malat, will take place from 12:30pm-1:45pm on Tuesday January 28th and will relate to all that is writing and publishing in academia.

•Childhood Poverty in Cincinnati

by Victor Garcia, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Surgery (COM), Cincinnati Children's Hospital, College of Medicine.
Friday, February 7 at 4pm in the Annie Laws Room, Teachers College Building.

•Family/Gender Workshop: "Can a Black Woman be Sex-Positive?"

by Tayo Banjo, Department of Communication, February 13, 12:30-1:45 in TUC 405.

•UC is hosting noontime talks on "**Diversity and Inclusion: Education, Collaboration, and Transformation**", each Tuesday in February. Since this is an Academic Health Center event, they are all held at the Medical Center. You can find more information on these talks at the following link: <http://healthnews.uc.edu/news/?/23761/>

•\$mart \$tart Workshop

Barb Rinto, Director of the Women's Center will present on learning the necessary skills for negotiating salary and benefits for the job you want.

—January 31, 2014, 12-2:30 p.m., 743 Steger

—March 19, 2014, 4-6:30 p.m., 430 Teachers

Register for this workshop at <https://webapps.uc.edu/JotForms/forms/form/33284117755>. Sponsored by the UC Women's Center and the Graduate School.



GSGA: Dissertation/Thesis Writing Group

The Graduate Student Governance Association would like to invite you



to join a Dissertation/Thesis Writing Group! This group provides a structured writing environment to graduate students and meets three times a week (although you do not need to attend every

session). If you are interested, follow this link to access their meeting schedule: http://grad.uc.edu/content/dam/grad/docs/Events/Dissertation_Writing_Group_Schedule_Spring2014.pdf.





Graduate Student Shout Outs!

SHOUT OUT



Aaryn Green recently passed her specialty paper, was nominated to apply for the Isabel & Mary Neff Scholarship, was invited by the Graduate School to participate on a panel for Graduate Recruitment weekend, and got a panel discussion accepted to NCSA called "Why Does Miley Matter?: A Panel Discussion about the Importance of Popular Culture for Understanding Social Life."



Russell Spiker has a forthcoming co-authored paper in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* and has also been accepted to present another co-authored project in a poster session at PAA.



Michael Rosino recently submitted to present at ASA (good luck!), and has written two encyclopedia entries that will be published in the Encyclopedia of Family Studies.



Alan Grigsby recently submitted to present a paper at ASA (good luck!), authored a book review that will be published by the *Western Journal of Black Studies*, coauthored 7 encyclopedia articles with **Rasha Aly**, served as a reviewer for *Sociological Insight*, and also served as the graduate representative on the 2014 Distinguished Research Professor Award selection committee.



Michael Black received IRB approval and has begun his dissertation research at a local halfway house in which he will follow inmates for the first two years as they transition back into society and navigate the forces they encounter regarding housing, employment, family, and community, and dealing with the stigma of being an ex-offender.



Ciera Graham has been applying for more fellowships including the Jack Kent Cooke and SSSP Dissertation Fellowships. She will be presenting some of her preliminary results from her dissertation at both NCSA and ESS and she is also currently working on a community health grant for the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD).



The Shout Outs Continue!



2014 NCSA Presenters

Look for your fellow graduate students at the upcoming NCSA conference!

**Rasha Aly
Paul Anderson
Jennifer Carter
Kelli Chapman
Kalasia Daniels
Harold Dawson
Katherine Durante
Kyle Galindez
Ciera Graham
Aaryn Green
Alan Grigsby
Holly Haywood
Andrea Hunt
Katherine Jiminez
Gara Kreider
Ainsley Lambert
Theresa Murphy
James Park
Michael Rosino
Russell Spiker
Jodi Stooksberry
Megan Underhill
Emily Wetzel**