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## Graduate Student Publication & Conference Bulletin Boards

The Graduate Student Publication and Conference Presentation bulletin boards are located in the hallways of the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of Crosley. You've probably seen them, but hardly paid any attention to them because not only are they hideous, they are largely outdated! The Lyceum would like to update these boards but we cannot do it without you! Have you presented at a conference, published your own paper, or been listed as an author on a paper that has been published in the past two

years? If yes, we need your help!

Please send the first page of the publication that includes your name(s), journal, etc. or your conference presentation abstract with the date and conference information to either Katie Durante or Ainsley Lambert and we will be glad to post it!

We hope that updating these boards will partially help to develop a community that encourages graduate students to

present at conferences, publish papers, and to stay active in the career development process. Plus, we also just want to celebrate your achievements! Again, please help us do this by sending us the necessary information .



## How Was Your Prelim Experience?

Has anyone in the department ever asked you this? We think it's important! No matter if you took the exam recently, several years ago, or are preparing to take the exam soon, we want your feedback! We are aiming to collect data on students' experiences to better inform

both students' and faculty members' understanding of any issues or problems associated with the general prelim. We hope to work with faculty to make sure that the prelim is a smooth experience for both students and involved faculty. What better way to do this than

with data and an informed perspective? The Lyceum is currently working on a survey to get at the experience of graduate students so keep an eye out for an email from us. Be sure to complete it, as **all feedback is vital!**



# Upcoming Colloquium Features Graduate Students



On March 28, graduate students from our very own sociology department will present at the Graduate Student Colloquium. The presentations will begin at 3pm in Crosley 1606. Presenters include Megan Underhill, Ainsley Lambert, Michael Black and Katie Durante, and Mike Rosino.

**Megan Underhill** will be presenting a research proposal to explore how middle class, white Americans racially socialize their children. While some research has been done on the process by which the racial identity of black, Asian, and multi-racial Americans develops over the life course, literature has largely ignored white Americans. Megan recognizes the need to ad-

dress this gap in the literature, which unintentionally perpetuates the myth that only “non-whites have race.”

Our second presenter, **Ainsley Lambert**, will discuss her thesis research which is based on 19 interviews, and draws on social and cultural capital theories to examine the complex process in which both family and school factors influence students’ college enrollment decisions.

**Michael Black** and **Katie Durante** will be discussing their work-in-progress, which examines the relationship between labor surplus and punishment. Using the National Prisoner Statistics and sup-

plementary data, they will be presenting the results of a cross-sectional analysis to see how unemployment rates effect incarceration rates across the 50 states in 2011 when controlling for other relevant variables.

Our final panelist, **Mike Rosino**, will be presenting his research which examines online communities to discover how group knowledge and shared meanings are developed through asynchronous computer mediated communication. He finds that positive responses to online posts which are deemed high quality, explanatory, or credible validate the knowledge and interpretations contained within them.

# Grad Association for Teaching Enrichment (G.A.T.E.)

It is important that we, as graduate students, take advantage of opportunities that foster career development. The Graduate Association for Teaching Enrichment, better known as G.A.T.E., offers workshops that enhance the teaching practices of graduate students by providing information, training, and instruction on teaching concepts and methods.

G.A.T.E. offers a variety of opportunities each semester which focus

on graduate student teaching practices. Workshops focus on topics such as developing a teaching philosophy and creating an ePortfolio, models of teaching excellence, pedagogical preparation for teaching, and other related topics. To learn more and register for future workshops, or to join their email list, visit <http://www.uc.edu/cetl/gta/gate.html>.



## Final Lyceum Brown Bag: Wed, April 9th

Gara Krieder will be presenting part of her thesis titled “Gender Influences on the Risk Factors of Obesity” on Wednesday, April 9th in TUC 423 at 11:30am. The purpose of her work is to examine how gender differences influence obesity rates after life

course events. Using body mass index rates to determine obesity, this work examines how marriage, employment, and children might influence changes in these rates and vary by gender. Gara will also be presenting variations of this paper at NCSA in Cincin-

nati and SSSP in San Francisco.

### Other Presenters?

If you would like to present your work on this date as part of a panel, please contact Ainsley Lambert or Katie Durante.



## Lyceum Nominations & Elections!

It’s that time to nominate and elect new Lyceum board members! In addition to providing much needed service to the department and your fellow graduate students, being a Lyceum board member gives you an opportunity to shape the



culture of grad student life in the department. It has been an honor for all of us who have served this year and we’d like to stress the importance of electing new members who are committed to furthering the progress that the Lyceum has made. That being said, who do you think would do well as a member of the Lyceum board? Be sure to nominate them! Perhaps **you** would be a good fit!

If you feel unsure, know that current board members plan to work with the new members to guarantee a smooth transition. We will be sending out a Survey Monkey in the coming weeks seeking nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. A follow up email will ask you to vote on the nominees so be on the lookout!

# Other News

- Jennifer Malat will be presenting a proseminar on writing and publishing papers on April 1. This will take place in Crosley 1606 from 12:30 – 1:45. This is a topic of importance to all graduate students, so we hope to see you there!
- NCSA in Cincinnati —The North Central Sociological Association will host its annual meeting (April 10-13)

at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. Be on the lookout for lots of UC sociology graduate students and faculty who will be attending, as well as presenting. Also, on Friday, April 11th, Erik Olin Wright will give the Useem Plenary Address, so check it out! As a final reminder, Tuesday, April 1, is the deadline for the conference preregistration. After preregistration, the cost will increase.

# End of the Year Celebration!

In just a few weeks we will be wrapping up the semester! Don't forget about our end of the year celebration! The celebration will take place on Friday, April 18th in 1606 Crosley Tower! The level of fun may be exaggerated in these pictures, but be sure to stop by anyway for snacks, drinks, and conversation!

