

Grad Student Life

BC Graduate Intersections



To reach the Murray Graduate Student Center exit McElroy and cross Beacon to Hammond Street. The Center is the third house on the left.

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The Tightrope and the Trapeze: Tools for Building a Balanced Life

With the demands of school, work, family, and friends has your life become a balancing act? Join us at Graduate Intersections; a free overnight retreat at which you'll learn ways to reduce stress, fight anxiety, and maintain your equilibrium. This program also offers you the opportunity to nourish your spiritual self, meet fellow graduate and professional students, and re-charge your batteries in a beautiful, ocean-side setting. Faculty and staff serve as program facilitators.

All currently enrolled graduate and professional students are welcome to participate in this program. The selection process is competitive, so please take care as you complete your application. To promote balanced participation we will hold at least one spot per graduate and professional school.

The program is FREE, but we ask each interested applicant to submit a refundable \$50 deposit. Because of the costs incurred, we must have a financial guarantee from each accepted student. Deposit checks will be returned to students upon arrival at the retreat site.

We will be staying at the Warren Inn and Conference Center in Ashland, MA; a beautiful and peaceful setting, overlooking 220 lakefront acres. We will depart at 8:00am on Saturday, October 24th from the Murray Graduate Student Center. We will return to campus on Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm.

Applications are due on October 9th and can be found on our website: <http://www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/programs/gradintersections.html>. Students will be notified of their acceptance on 10/12 and must confirm their attendance by 10/14. Those who cancel after 10/14 will not receive their refund.

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2009-2010 Hours of Operation**

Monday-Thursday, 9am-10pm
Friday, 9am-5pm

DVD Lending Library Hours
Monday-Thursday, 11am-9pm
Friday, 10am-4pm

Arsenal Mall:<http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=330>**Wrentham Village Premium Outlets:**<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=10>

Update Your Style on a Budget

By: Kait Martorelli

For the shopping-inclined, the start of a new school year brings the need to update our wardrobes. Whether it's junior high or graduate school, some of us have always wanted to start the academic year off in style. I can still remember the outfit I wore on the first day of middle school. It took me forever to come up with the perfect outfit: colored denim shorts, a floral shirt, Keds, and of course, the most necessary part of any '90s outfit, a matching scrunchie placed carefully around my wrist. Looking back it makes me smile. These days the trends have changed but the desire to be on the cutting edge remains.

Our priorities have changed and we're busy with work, school and other responsibilities, but many of us would still like to make a few wardrobe additions. There are easy ways to update your style on a graduate student budget and stores nearby to do so. Easily accessible by the 86 bus and a short walk, the

Arsenal Mall in Watertown is a great place to start your search for inexpensive, yet updated looks. This mall hosts a variety of stores in one location that focus on selling discounted clothing. Check out Marshall's for a huge selection of inexpensive styles for both men and women. You can find any type of clothing or accessory here, with a lot of name-brand items if you are interested. I noticed that this particular Marshall's had a large selection of shoes and handbags, as well as athletic wear for both men and women. And don't forget about Marshall's large home section where you can find great deals on decorative items and kitchenware!

After perusing Marshall's, check out the Filene's Basement located upstairs. If you're looking for name-brand or designer clothing, Filene's is the ideal place. This store had a large selection of men's and women's designer jeans at significantly reduced prices and great tote bags that could be used for school. Guys will find a

large assortment of ties and belts here as well. Don't rule out Filene's in your search for a warm winter jacket; the store already had a wide variety of outerwear in September. The Arsenal Mall offers other popular discounted stores like the Gap Outlet and Aldo Factory Store, as well as reasonably-priced retailers like Old Navy and Forever 21. Be sure to venture into the Target across the street. Many popular designers like Anna Sui and Todd Oldham have started to design discounted lines for the retailer.

If you want to take a trip outside of the city, grab a friend with a car or rent a Zipcar and head down I-95S to the Wrentham Village Premium Outlets in Wrentham, MA. About a 45-minute drive from campus, you'll find 170 outlet stores ranging from Nike to Burberry. A trip to the Wrentham Outlets will satisfy the most avid shopper's desires while staying within a budget. Who knows, you may even find a matching scrunchie to complete your new look, but I wouldn't recommend it...

Resources at the Connors Family Learning Center

By: Brenda Marvin

The Connors Family Learning Center offers a variety of resources for graduate and professional students. Whether you need an extra set of eyes on your next paper, or time to practice your conversational skills with an ESL tutor, the CLFC staff are ready to help. Some course-specific tutoring in subjects such as foreign languages and statistics are also available. In addition, Sue Barrett, the Center Director, organizes a series of workshops to students who work as Teaching Assistants and Fellows.

Students in need of assistance with papers have two options. Some prefer to make an in-person appointment with a writing tutor. They are happy to help with short

papers or excerpts up to eight pages. Others opt to submit essays to the Online Writing Lab and receive comments electronically. With written permission from your professor, tutors will also assist with take-home examinations.

ESL students looking for help with writing and conversation can make appointments with accredited tutors. Many students avail themselves of this service to gain confidence with their speaking skills. ESL students who work as TAs often use their sessions to practice their lectures.

If you're looking for one-on-one help with a particular subject, such as a foreign language or Statistics, the CFLC will do its best to find a tutor with the appropriate expertise.

Dr. Sue Barrett has a Teaching Seminar series that may be of interest to for graduate assistants who work in the classroom as TAs and TFs. Topics this fall include: Students Needing Special Accommodation on 10/2, Techniques for Leading Discussion on 10/14, Giving Students Useful Feedback on 10/27, and Writing and Revising Your Syllabus on 11/12. All sessions take place from 12:00-1:00pm in the Connors Family Learning Center. Lunch will be provided.

Appointments are made by calling 617-552-0611. The Connors Family Learning Center on the second floor of O'Neill Library. For more information check out their website at: <http://www.bc.edu/libraries/help/tutoring.html>.

Updates from Graduate Student Organizations

Apple Picking

Tickets are on sale beginning Tuesday (Sept. 29th) at the Murray Graduate Student Center

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m. -- 3: 30 p.m.

Join the GSA for a day of apple picking, cider, donuts, and hay rides. Transportation will be provided from the Murray Graduate Student Center to the orchard. Tickets will be on sale at the Murray Graduate Student Center from 9/29-10/9 for \$10, transportation, apples and fun all included. A limited number of children's tickets can be purchased for \$5. This trip will be limited to 50 people. For more information, email Mark Thomas at thomasby@bc.edu or Deb Ritter at ritterd@bc.edu.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Committees Seek Volunteers

Individual Research and Conference Grants Committee, Social Committee, Service Committee, Scholarship and Excellence Committee, and Spirituality Committee are all looking for students who would like to get involved this upcoming year in planning our graduate student activities.

If you are interested, please contact Meaghan Clark our New GSA Vice-President at (clark.meaghan.3@gmail.com)

"Gender and the Jesuits"

The GSA Spirituality Committee Invites you join in a Conversation with Professors.

Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, PhD; Catherine Cornille, PhD; Randy Sachs S.J., TH.D.; Tom Stegmann S.J., PhD Their personal background and experience will be framed by Decree 14 of the 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, which made recommendations regarding "Jesuits and the situation of women in church and civil society." The event takes place on 10/15 at 3:30pm in the Cabaret Room, Vanderslice Hall, Lower Campus. Refreshments will be provided.

Intercollegiate Event for Local Boston Universities

The Boston Graduate Leadership Organization (BGLO) plans social events for graduate students from Boston College, Boston University, Harvard, MIT, Northeastern, Suffolk, and Tufts. The first BGLO event, last April at the Roxy Nightclub in downtown Boston, drew over 700 students from these universities.

Join Boston College graduate students and other graduate students from local universities for our event this semester:

DATE: October 15th, 2009.

WHERE: Tequila Rain on Lansdowne St. next to Fenway Park.

WHEN: 8pm-2am

We hope to see you there!

Interested in hearing about our events?

Join our Facebook group: Boston Graduate Leadership Organization.

Individual Research and Conference Grant Applications Due September 30!

Attention fellow graduate students: we would like to send you a friendly reminder that the fall deadline for applications to the Individual Research and Conference Grants is Sept. 30th. If you would like to submit an application for funding this fall, please refer to the following website and submit your application by September 30th. No late applications will be accepted. For more information please contact Stephanie Garrard at smgarrard@gmail.com

http://www.bc.edu/offices/gsc/gsa/gsa_funding.html

This funding opportunity is provided by the Graduate Student Association

Campus Updates for Graduate and Professional Students

From Campus Ministry

For information about campus liturgies, consult the web page (www.bc.edu/offices/ministry).

Twilight Retreat for Graduate/Professional Students will take place at Murray House on Wednesday, September 30th, 6:30-9pm. This is an opportunity to meet folks from other graduate and professional programs, to gather for dinner, conversation, some quiet time for personal reflection and sharing. RSVP Sister Mary at Mary.Sweeney.4@bc.edu

Are you planning a wedding? Would you like help selecting music for the Church service? St. Ignatius Church invites you to "Music for the Wedding Liturgy," on Monday, October 5, at 7:30 P.M. The event is free and open to all.

Is life getting a bit too busy? Slow down and re-focus at "**15 Minutes of Peace and Quiet and Prayer,**" Thursdays, 4:4:15 P.M. in Cushing Chapel, next to Room 326 in the School of Nursing. We begin and end promptly, but in between we take some time to reflect on a passage of Scripture or pray "backwards" over our day, remembering blessings and challenges.

Mass is celebrated daily at noon in the Cushing Chapel. The chapel is available at other times for your own quiet prayer.

Calling All French Speakers!

Pot amical sponsorisé par la Maison Française à Boston College

DATE: mercredi, le 30 septembre

WHEN: de 16h30 à 18h30

WHERE: Vouté Hall, 2nd floor lounge

Venez faire la connaissance d'autres francophones à BC autour d'un petit goûter. Venez nombreux!

A bientôt, à la Maison Française

For more information, contact Ana Conboy at conboya@bc.edu

(The Maison Française invites French speakers to gather for snacks and conversation on 9/30 from 4:30-6:30 in Vouté Hall's 2nd Floor Lounge.)

Save the Date!

Veritas et Vinum

Join us on October 16th from 4:00-5:30pm in the Fulton Honors Library where Captain Maggie Connolly of the Boston College Police Department will be our guest speaker. Refreshments and great conversation will be on the agenda!

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15

- Sept 30th • Latinos and U.S. Catholicism: Present Contributions and Future Possibilities (Wednesday 7:30pm Fulton 511)
- Oct. 2nd • Friday Night Live - Latin Soul (Gasson 100 8pm - *Rep Your Flag After Party @10-1am (Gasson 100)* DJ Lus from Jam'n 94.5- Official #1 for Hip Hop & R&B)
- Oct. 6th • Service Learning South of the Border: Boston College Service and Immersion Trips (Tuesday 7:30pm Higgins 300)
- Oct. 8th • Bilingual Education & the Minority Drop Out Rate: Myths and Realities (Location & Time: Thursday 7pm Higgins 300)
- Oct. 13th • Latinos in Corporate America (Tuesday 3-6pm Fulton Honors Library)
- Oct. 13th • The Tapestry of American History Through Native Eyes: An Alternate Perspective (Higgins 300 Tuesday 7pm - *Candlelight Vigil * Quad)
- Oct. 16th • 1st Annual Latin Soul Arts Festival (O'Neil Plaza)
- Oct. 16th • HHM Closing Celebration- BC bOp! Concert & the 30th Year Celebration of the AHANA Acronym Block Party (Location & Time: Gasson 100 Friday 7pm)
- Hispanic Heritage Month's Latin Soul Film Festival

Please visit <http://ugbc.org/hispanicheritage> for more details on these events

Mark Your Calendar...

September

- 30: Hispanic Heritage Month Events, (September 30-October 16, See page 4 for more details)
- 30: Individual Research and Conference Grants applications due today
- 30: French Table (4:30-6:30pm, Voute Hall, 2nd Floor Lounge)
- 30: Twilight Retreat (6:30-9:00pm, Murray Graduate Student Center)

October

- 2: Teaching Seminar: Students with Special Accommodations (Connors Family Learning Center, 12:00-1:00pm)
- 5: Music for the Wedding Liturgy (7:30pm, St. Ignatius Church)
- 8: Doctoral Support Group Lunch (12:15-1:15pm, Room 328, 21 Campanella Way)
- 9: Graduate Intersections Applications Due Today
- 10: Apple Picking with the GSA (9:45am-3:00pm)
- 14: Teaching Seminar: Techniques for Leading Discussion (Connors Family Learning Center, 12:00-1:00pm)
- 15: Gender and the Jesuits (3:30pm, Cabaret Room, Vanderslice Hall, Lower Campus)
- 15: BGLO Social (8:00pm-2:00am, Tequila Rain)
- 16: Veritas et Vinum (4:00-5:30pm, Fulton Honors Library)
- 24-25: Graduate Intersections (Warren Conference Center, Ashland, MA)

BC Calendars
On the Web:

Student Life Calendar
www.bc.edu/studentevents

University Calendar
<https://events.bc.edu/cgi-bin/publish/webevent.cgi>

Academic Calendar
www.bc.edu/acal