

Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest Week of April 8, 2024

Welcome to the Graduate Student Life Weekly Digest!

This weekly digest serves as official communication from the Office of Graduate Student Life and keeps you up-to-date on events, opportunities, campus resources and support services for graduate students at Rutgers! Share with your friends and tell them to subscribe HERE! You can contact the Office of Graduate Student Life by emailing gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu or visiting our offices during the week in the Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Ave, behind Panera Bread). The Graduate Student Lounge is open from 7am-12am (Midnight) on Weekdays and 9am-12am (Midnight) on Weekends, click HERE to view the daily hours for the College Ave Student Center (includes Graduate Student Lounge). Learn more about the Office of Graduate Student Life by visiting our website HERE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Turn the Campus Teal for April!

Wear teal and Turn the Campus Teal for April to raise awareness and take a stand during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) will be hosting a series of events during the month of April to raise awareness surrounding sexual violence including Take Back the Night on Thursday, April 11, Denim Day on Wednesday, April 24, and Pause for Puppies on Tuesday, April 30. Tuesdays in April are Teal Tuesdays of Action and all are encouraged to wear teal shirts. Follow VPVA's instagram page @ruvpva for more information.

Call for Research Participants!

As part of Rutgers' ongoing work to support our students, an interdisciplinary team of researchers are interviewing students to learn more about their experiences with food insecurity on campus.

Participants will be asked to complete a short questionnaire and participate in an interview. All interviews will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams and will last approximately 60-75 minutes. All interviewees will be compensated with an electronic \$50 Mastercard gift card.

If you are interested in being interviewed, please complete this short form to determine your eligibility: https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9O040jEeGWskWgK. If you are eligible to participate, a member of the research team will email you to schedule your interview. Any questions about interviews can be directed to Rutgers GSE Assistant Professor of Practice, Dr. Brescia at stephanie.brescia@gse.rutgers.edu.

Opportunity to Work with the Office of Compliance and Title IX!

Are you interested in making a positive impact on the Rutgers Community while learning about the Title IX process? Consider applying to become a Title IX Campus Liaison! A Campus Liaison is a member of the

Rutgers community who is trained to assist students engaged in the <u>formal grievance process</u> for cases of sexual misconduct, stalking, and relationship violence in understanding the Title IX policy, process, and procedures. The Title IX Office will provide comprehensive training and support to all Campus Liaisons throughout the entire process. This role serves on an as-needed basis and can be flexible around your schedule. Serving as a Campus Liaison is an excellent way to make a positive impact on the Rutgers community while gaining valuable knowledge and experience with University policies and procedures. If you are interested in becoming a Title IX Campus Liaison, please fill out this <u>application form</u>. To learn more about the role, please contact graduate intern Nikki Sullivan at <u>ams1125@echo.rutgers.edu</u>.

Discover New SHAPES Class From Rutgers Recreation!

Check out an exciting addition to the Rutgers Recreation Fitness and Wellness Class Schedule that launched this April! Introducing Les Mills SHAPES, a dynamic fusion of Pilates, Barre, and Power Yoga. All are welcome, from beginners to seasoned enthusiasts! Explore the daily class schedule and reserve your spot <u>HERE</u>.

- GET INVOLVED -

Participate in Strategic Planning for the Zimmerli Art Museum!

Participate in strategic planning efforts with the Zimmerli Art Museum! Graduate students and museum visitors alike are invited to provide feedback via THIS anonymous survey and may opt to join a working group to help shape the future direction of the Zimmerli!

Rutgers International Women's Group (IWG): Open to International Women– Graduate Students, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Spouses!

The International Women's Group of Rutgers University (IWG) is a volunteer organization with membership open to all international women who study or work at Rutgers or are spouses of Rutgers students. The members of IWG help each other to build a new life and community while adjusting to New Jersey and Rutgers. Click HERE more information, or email iwgmembers@gmail.com.

Explore Involvement in Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs)!

Explore the official directory of Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) recognized by the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and discover graduate involvement opportunities on campus. GSOs are a fantastic way to meet other graduate students and participate in campus activities. Find the GSO directory HERE.

- STAY INFORMED -

Looking for more ways to stay informed? Check out the <u>Newsletters page</u> on our website! The Newsletters page is the new home for information about various newsletters and listservs that are relevant to the graduate student experience including: the Graduate Student Association, Student Volunteer Engagement, Career Exploration and Success: Doctoral Career Community, Student Basic Needs, and more! Any new newsletter information will still be shared here in the Weekly Digest!

Follow Graduate Student Life on Instagram!

Stay up to date with the Office of Graduate Student Life by following us on Instagram @rugradstudentlife! Never miss another graduate student life event!

EVENTS

- RSVP NOW & COMING UP! -

LAST CAFÉ OF THE SEMESTER! Research Café – Wednesday, April 17, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Zoom Register HERE!

Join PhD Candidates Pritha Mukherjee and Julie Aromi for their exciting research presentations "Reconstructing Heritage: A History of Archaeological Collections in Provincial Museums of Eastern India" and "Archives and the Shape of a Story: An Analysis of NYC Archives' Approaches to Preserving the 1991 Crown Heights Riot." Research Café is a monthly gathering place for graduate students across disciplinary areas to share their research and benefit from peer feedback and support in a friendly, low-stakes setting. Please register to attend on Zoom. To view the full schedule of presentations taking place this semester, click HERE. Contact Dr. Briana Bivens briana-bivens@rutgers.edu with any questions.

RSVP NOW! Artist Talk and Exhibition Celebration with Pulitzer Prize Winning Photojournalist Michelle V. Agins – Sunday, April 21, 3pm-6pm

<u>Location: Zimmerli Art Museum (71 Hamilton St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)</u>

RSVP **HERE** (Required for attendance)!

Join the Zimmerli Art Museum for an artist talk with Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Michelle V. Agins and a celebration of her first museum exhibition, "Storyteller." Agins is a New York Times staff photographer and Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist whose images tell unforgettable stories about life in America. Learn more about "Storyteller," which comprises 68 images taken during her 35 years at The New York Times HERE. This event is free & open to the public, click HERE for more information.

LAST SESSION OF THE SEMESTER! Gentle Yoga and Sound Bath Experience – Sunday, April 28, 6pm–7:15 pm

<u>Location: Sonny Werblin Recreation Center: Conference Room (656 Bartholomew Rd, Piscataway, Busch Campus)</u>

Register **HERE!** Only a few spots left!

Join Rutgers Recreation for a sound bath meditation experience to relax your body and calm your mind. Sound baths use instruments such as Tibetan singing bowls to create a meditative and grounding experience. Sound vibrations penetrate deep into the body and stimulate the parasympathetic nervous system, helping to activate the body's natural healing mechanisms. This session will start with gentle yoga and guided breathwork followed by the meditative sound bath experience.

- THIS WEEK! -

Spring Step Challenge - Monday, April 1 - Sunday, April 14

Location: Virtual

Register to participate **HERE!**

There's still time to participate in the Spring Step Challenge! Did you know that taking 7,500 steps per day can help boost your overall health and wellbeing, improve focus, and increase energy? Join the Rutgers Recreation Spring Step Challenge for a chance to win great prizes just by stepping! Participants who log 52,000 steps each week of the challenge will earn an Amazon water bottle and all participants who log any steps during the challenge will be entered into the weekly Amazon gift card prize drawings!

Office of Disability Services Graduate Student Drop-In Hours – Wednesday, April 10, 2-4 pm Location: Graduate Student Lounge, 126 College Ave (Behind Panera Bread), College Ave Campus and on Zoom, join meeting HERE (Meeting ID: 980 3049 3889, Password: 064210).

These sessions are part of the <u>Life @ The Graduate Student Lounge Event Series</u> and will be offered every Wednesday.

Every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m. at the Graduate Student Lounge (126 College Avenue) and on Zoom, Coordinator Nychey Michel from the Office of Disabilities Services (ODS) will offer drop-in hours just for graduate students. Come stop by and meet Nychey. She can be reached at (848)-202-3111 or nlm108@echo.rutgers.edu. Click HERE for more information.

Graduate Student Yoga & Giveaway – Wednesday, April 10, 5–6pm

Location: Graduate Student Lounge, 126 College Ave (Behind Panera Bread), College Ave Campus Graduate Yoga is part of the Life @ The Graduate Student Lounge Event Series and is held every Wednesday. Stop by the Graduate Student Lounge this Wednesday for a special session of graduate student yoga for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week and receive a special giveaway! The first 5 participants will receive a sleep mask and all participants will receive a delicious chocolate treat! Take a pause from your busy week by practicing Yoga and relax your mind and body with your fellow graduate students. Hosted by Rutgers Recreation and Office of Graduate Student Life. No Registration Needed. Yoga mats and blocks are provided, and all skill levels are welcome! Email gradstudentlife@echo.rutgers.edu with any questions.

Attend the Graduate Research in Interdisciplinary Biosciences (GRIB) Conference! – Thursday, April 11, 8:30am-4:30pm

Location: Cook Student Center (59 Biel Rd, New Brunswick, Cook-Douglass Campus)
Register to attend HERE!

Graduate students conducting research in the Interdisciplinary Life and Health Sciences are invited to present research posters in the Graduate Research in Interdisciplinary Biosciences (GRIB) Conference! GRIB is an annual research conference intended to showcase the research of graduate students in the Biological Sciences field. Members of any STEM-oriented departments are encouraged to attend the Conference, present their research, and network with the rest of the Rutgers community! You won't want to miss this free all-day event that will include invited keynote speakers, graduate student speakers, breakfast, lunch, and a poster session! Click HERE for more information about GRIB and please email grib@sebs.rutgers.edu with any questions.

Shopping Trip Sign-Up - International Students - Thursday, April 11, 5pm-8pm

Location: Pick-ups from Bevier Road on Busch Campus & the College Avenue Student Center Reserve Your spot on the Shuttle HERE!

Rutgers Global–International Student and Scholar Services arrange shopping shuttles to local stores throughout the semester and summer so students can purchase groceries and other living essentials. You should sign up to reserve your spot on the shuttle. International students and scholars who have signed up will be given preference to ride on the shuttle. To view the full schedule of shopping trips and learn more information about the Shopping Shuttle Service, click HERE.

Artist Talk with Paul D. Miller AKA DJ Spooky – Thursday, April 11, 6pm-8pm Location: Zimmerli Art Museum (71 Hamilton St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus) RSVP HERE!

Join the Zimmerli Art Museum for a multimedia presentation by Paul D. Miller—aka DJ Spooky—presents "Anthropocene Blues - The Peace Symphony." This multimedia project draws on interviews with some of the last survivors of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and reactions to their stories. Miller transformed the conversations into classical, hip hop, and electronic music compositions that he calls

"acoustic portraits" of the stories. The talk will be followed by an Audience Q&A and light reception. This event is free & open to the public, click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

Take Back the Night - Thursday, April 11, 6pm-9pm

Location: Meet at College Hall (125 George St, New Brunswick, Cook-Douglass Campus), Marching to the Steps of Brower Commons (145 College Ave, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Join VPVA for Take Back the Night, one of the oldest worldwide movements against sexual violence.

Meet outside of College Hall at 6pm for poster making and performances and march at 7pm from College Hall to the Steps of Brower Commons. At 8pm there will be speakers and a vigil in support of survivors of sexual violence. For more information, check out VPVA's instagram page @ruvpva.

RUSHRM 19th Annual Spring Business Conference – Friday, April 12, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm Location: Virtual (Morning Session) & In-Person (Afternoon Session), exact location and attendance link provided after registration

Register to attend **HERE** by Wednesday, April 10!

Join the RUSHRM Graduate Chapter and School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR) for the RUSHRM 19th Annual Spring Business Conference: "Building Future Human Capital Leaders: Harnessing Al and Fostering Global Network for Success." Meet and gain insights from top Human Resource Management experts including Joseph Bonito, SVP Talent Executive (Bank of America), and George Murphy, CEO and President (Murphy Strategy Group), who will address how HR adds value and provides a competitive advantage for your organization using Al, HR analytics, strategy, and leadership, among other topics. Contact the RUSHRM Graduate Chapter rushrm.presidents@gmail.com with any questions.

Rutgers Advanced Institute for Critical Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Lunch and Information Session – Friday, April 12, 12pm

<u>Location: Academic Building West, Room 5190 (15 Seminary Pl, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)</u>
Register to attend <u>HERE</u> by Wednesday, April 10!

Join the Rutgers Advanced Institute for Critical Caribbean Studies (RAICCS) for an informal gathering and delicious lunch to learn more about how RAICCS can support Caribbean-focused graduate student research with grants, workshops and more! Don't miss this opportunity to meet faculty and graduate students from across disciplines! Contact Kiran Baldeo kjb234@rutgers.edu with any questions. Click HERE for more information.

Invisible Nation: Documentary Screening & Discussion – Saturday, April 13, 10:30am–2pm Location: Livingston Student Center, Room 202C, (84 Joyce Kilmer Ave, Piscataway, Livingston Campus) Register HERE by Thursday April 11!

Join the Rutgers Taiwan Study Association for a Documentary Screening and discussion of "Invisible Nation." Discover the untold story of Taiwan in this groundbreaking documentary explores Taiwan's political struggles in the face of China's suppression of its voice. Through this film, global audiences gain insight into Taiwan's journey to democracy, shedding light on this "invisible nation" and its remarkable democratic values. Director Vanessa Hope's seven-year endeavor captures Taiwan's first female president's campaign and governance, showcasing Taiwan as a nation worthy of international recognition. Don't miss the chance to witness the resilience and democracy of Taiwan in "Invisible Nation." Tickets are free for Rutgers students, \$10 for general admission.

- WELLNESS WORKSHOPS, GROUPS, & SUPPORT-

Tame the Brain Graduate Wellness Workshop: Don't Tip the Scale: Work Life Balance – Thursday, April 11, 11am-12pm

Location: Graduate Student Lounge, 126 College Ave (Behind Panera Bread), College Ave Campus
This workshop, hosted by CAPS Community Based Counselor Shan Reeves, introduces students to the
dimensions of wellness and the benefits of having a balanced life. Students will learn to use the
dimensions of wellness to recognize their strengths and find ways to create life balance amid academic
responsibility. Click HERE for more information about Tame the Brain Graduate Wellness Workshops
offered during the spring semester!

NEXT WEEK! Graduate Wellness Workshop: Working Through Anger, Resentment, and Conflict – Monday, April 15, 2pm-3pm

<u>Location: Zoom, Join Meeting HERE (Meeting ID: 997 3253 5425, Password: 969824)</u>
Join CAPS Community Based Counselor, Dana and your peers to discuss techniques and strategies to address conflict and let go of resentment. This workshop will talk about anger as a healthy emotion, and discuss various ways to express and discharge angry feelings in a productive way.

NEXT WEEK! AACC Wellness Workshop: Chai and Chat about APIDA Wellness, an Asian Heritage Month Event! – Wednesday, April 17, 6pm-8pm

<u>Location: Asian American Cultural Center (AACC), Multipurpose Room (49 Joyce Kilmer Ave, Piscataway, Livingston Campus)</u>

Join CAPS Community Based Counselor Mei-Ling Cheng for chai and chat about Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) wellness for this Asian Heritage Month wellness workshop!

Weekly Let's Talk Drop In Counseling Conversations - Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays

Locations: Zoom, Busch Campus, College Ave Campus

Free Private and Confidential Drop-In Conversations with licensed mental health professionals available in-person or virtual. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information about drop-in Let's Talk sessions with our graduate student focused counselors Dana and Shan! Click <u>HERE</u> for information about Let's Talk sessions with other CAPS Community Based-Counselors.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT & WORKSHOPS –

Social Science Library Workshop - Monday, April 8, 2pm-3:30pm

Location: Zoom

Register for all workshops **HERE**!

Please join the Rutgers University Libraries for library workshops on conducting systematic and scoping reviews! Evidence synthesis methods are growing in popularity among social and natural science disciplines, but many faculty and students aren't sure of the steps, tools, resources, or types of methods used in an evidence synthesis project. These workshops provide a broad overview of the concepts behind evidence synthesis, so that you can approach future projects with confidence. This spring, the Libraries are offering a new workshop specifically for students who will be using systematic or scoping review methods in their dissertations! Click HERE to view the full schedule and descriptions of systematic scoping workshops offered during the spring semester. Please contact Social Sciences Librarian, Julia Maxwell julia.maxwell@rutgers.edu with any questions.

Learning Centers Workshop: Lit Review 101 – Thursday, April 11, 6-7pm

Location: Zoom
Register HERE!

Join the Rutgers Learning Centers for their Graduate Student Workshop Series. Click <u>HERE</u> for the full list of workshops. Email Lucille Leung <u>Ilu@echo.rutgers.edu</u> with any questions.

Academic Coaching from Learning Centers

Academic Coaching is available to students from freshmen to Ph.D. candidates and can be particularly helpful to graduate students who would benefit from talking through motivation challenges, breaking down large tasks into more approachable segments, and seeking accountability for productivity. Several of the Rutgers Academic Coaches support graduate students specifically. Click here to download the Penji scheduling app. Once in the app, join the Academic Coaching community; then, under "Topics", click on "SEE ALL GRADUATE STUDENT COACHING" to access open appointments with these coaches. Any problems registering or have questions, please contact academiccoaches@echo.rutgers.edu.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FUNDING, & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –

Preparing Job Materials: A Co-Mentoring Session with Grad Students and Postdocs – Monday, April 15, 12pm-2pm

<u>Location: Alexander Library, Hatchery Innovation Studio (169 College Ave, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)</u>

Register to attend **HERE** by Wednesday, April 10!

Applying for jobs can be an intimidating, time-consuming, and uncertain experience. This co-mentoring work session is designed to bring together graduate students and postdocs to share wisdom, ideas, and feedback with one another on job application materials for both academic and non-academic positions. In an interactive, roundtable format, participants will both provide feedback on peers' documents and receive feedback on their own. Please bring 3 copies of one job application material (i.e., CV, teaching statement, diversity statement) on which you'd like to receive feedback from peers! Lunch will be provided! Questions? Please contact Dr. Briana Bivens briana.bivens@rutgers.edu, Dr. Janet Alder janet.alder@rutgers.edu, or Dr. Itzamarie Chévere-Torres <a href="mailto:icea.gov/icea

FREE Self-Service Professional Headshots at the Career Portrait Lounge! – By Appointment 9:30am-3:45pm

Locations: Busch Student Center (604 Bartholomew Rd, Piscataway, Busch Campus) **AND**Gateway Transit Village Building, 4th Floor (106 Somerset St, New Brunswick, College Ave Campus)

Need a headshot? Professional photos are a snap for Rutgers-New Brunswick graduate students. The Office of Career Exploration and Success now has two self-service photography studios on the Busch and College Ave campuses. Take your candidacy and digital brand to the next level and schedule an appointment to get your picture-perfect headshot! Click HERE for more information and learn how to schedule a self-service headshot appointment via Handshake!

Build a Fellowship Plan with GradFund!

Schedule an appointment with a GradFund advisor for fellowship assistance! Schedule a Planning Meeting to learn how to search for fellowships and grants or to plan out your future funding applications. Request Help with a Funder to learn about the funder's application review process and find the best way to frame your research plans for a particular application. Book an Application Review appointment to have a GradFund advisor review your application materials for one application.

Schedule a Post-Award Consultation for advice on moving forward after receiving a fellowship offer. Wherever you are in the fellowship, grant, or award process, GradFund is here to help! Click <u>HERE</u> for more information on GradFund and click <u>HERE</u> to schedule a Gradfund appointment.

Learn to Write a Competitive Funding Application with GradFund's FREE Self-Paced Canvas Course

Learn to write a competitive external funding application using GradFund's FREE self-paced Canvas course! This course teaches the art of competitive proposal writing through developing familiarity with both funders in your field of study and the proposal writing genre. Click HERE to enroll in GradFund's self-paced Canvas course.

- SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES -

APPLICATIONS OPEN THIS WEEK! 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Apply **HERE!**

Graduate students and young professionals from all academic disciplines are invited to apply for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program! The Fulbright U.S. Student Program expands perspectives through academic and professional advancement and cross-cultural dialogue. Program participants pursue graduate study, conduct research, or teach English abroad. During their grants, Fulbrighters meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country by sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual and community basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' views and beliefs, ways of life, and ways they think. Click HERE more information about the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, click HERE for more information about eligibility, and click HERE for more information about award benefits.

Students interested in applying for the 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Student Program should consider attending informational Webinars hosted by the Fulbright Program to learn more about the program. Click <u>HERE</u> for a complete schedule of upcoming Fulbright Info Webinars or <u>HERE</u> to view previous Webinar recordings.

– EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES –

NOW HIRING! 2024-2025 Assistant Residence Life Coordinators – Rutgers Residence Life

Position Dates: July 29, 2024 - May 23, 2025.

Compensation: \$10,000 yearly stipend, furnished on-campus apartment in a residence hall, and tuition remission (up to 42 general credits, equivalent to the in-state cost of the Ed.M. in College Student Affairs tuition per fall/spring academic year).

Apply by 12pm (noon) Monday, April 15!

The Department of Residence Life is hiring Graduate students as Assistant Residence Life Coordinators (A-RLCs) for 2024-2025! A-RLCs report directly to a Residence Life Coordinator for a building or campus area. The main areas of responsibility include the advisement of Hall Government, departmental committee involvement, the development and implementation of the Resident Assistants' programming plans, and planning and implementing campus-wide initiatives. A-RLCs assist in supervision, student conduct, and day-to-day management of their assigned building. All graduate A-RLCs must successfully clear a background check prior to move-in. This is a live-on position that includes participation in the on-campus duty rotation and requires a valid driver's license and successful completion of Defensive Driving training prior to duty rotation. Students should expect to work approximately 20 hours per week, including a minimum of 15 designated office hours per week. To apply, email Rachael Padula

<u>rachael.padula@rutgers.edu</u>, include a current resume, cover letter and three references' contact information (one being the direct supervisor). Click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

Please note: GSAPP clinical psychology students, students who are student teaching, law students, students enrolled in any medical program, or students who must complete clinical rotations will not be considered for this position

THE RESOURCE CORNER

Get EndNote FREE through the Rutgers Libraries!

EndNote is available to all Rutgers students, faculty, and staff through the Rutgers Libraries! EndNote is a desktop program for collecting and organizing references that allows you to create a searchable personal reference database, find full text articles, manage and annotate pdf files, cite references while writing a paper, create bibliographies in your preferred style, and more! Click HERE for more information about downloading EndNote as a Rutgers affiliate.

Access Adobe Creative Cloud FREE!

The Adobe Creative Cloud software suite is available to all active Rutgers students, faculty, and staff! Access Adobe's most popular photography, graphic design, illustration, video, and web design software including Adobe Premier, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, and Acrobat and more! Click HERE for more information about accessing the Adobe Creative Cloud as a Rutgers affiliate.

STUDENT SERVICES & SUPPORT

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