



E-NEWSLETTER

Education Students' Society

On January 20, 21 and 22, the Education Students' Society (ESS) had a referendum to decide whether or not ESS members would remain with the AMS or if ESS members would join the SGPS. The SGPS is pleased to announce ESS members decided to join the SGPS. We would like to welcome ESS members to the SGPS!

SGPS ELECTIONS

SGPS Council approved the calling of the 2009 General SGPS Election and Referendum. The positions up for election are President, VP Internal (Professional), VP Internal (Graduate), VP External, VP Operations and Graduate Student Senator. Nomination packages will be available at the SGPS Office (room 021 JDUC) starting Monday January 19th. **Nomination packages are due Wed. February 11th, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.** The election and referendum will take place February 25th and 26th, 2009. For more details, please visit our website.

<http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/election.html>

FIRST.LAST@QUEENSU.CA

The days of conference networking with an obscure e-mail address are finally over! SGPS members now have the ability to have a Queen's e-mail address with their first and last name instead of the current numbers and letters.

IT Services is pleased to announce your.name email alias for Grad Students. Effective January 20, 2009 Grad Students can request their your.name email alias.

For more information on your.name email alias for Grad Students go to:

<http://www.queensu.ca/its/email/forstudents.html>

To activate your new your.name email alias go to:

<https://eservices.queensu.ca/apps/mynetid/>

FREE ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS - KIJJI

If you are looking to buy or sell something, Kijiji might be the place for you. Kijiji offers free posting of ads on their online classified system. This is a very active site that has a special section for Kingston. If you are interested, check it out here: <http://kingston.kijiji.ca>

The SGPS does not assume liability for the site or anything that occurs from the use of the site. Use the site at your own discretion/risk.

QUEENS CANCELS NATIONAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Earlier this month, Queens' administration canceled the Queens National Scholar (QNS) program, effective immediately. Meant to attract outstanding scholars for faculty appointments, the goal of the National Scholar Program was to enrich teaching and research in newly developing fields of knowledge as well as in traditional disciplines.

Queen's administration's cancellation of the program was due to the fact that the competition currently costs the University over \$1 million over five years for three QNS appointments. According to an email distributed, "In the current financial situation, this is not a cost that the University can support. The suspension will be revisited in two years in light of the financial situation at that time".

NEWS FROM CFRC 101.9 FM

Radio Supports Community...Support Community Radio!

CFRC 101.9 FM Queen's Radio hosts its 4th Annual Funding Drive, Fri Jan 30 - Sun Feb 8. Our goal is to raise \$18,000. Help support one of Canada's oldest radio stations by calling (613)533-CFRC (2372) or visit www.cfrc.ca to donate or find out more information. You can also attend one of our events. All proceeds go towards our Funding Drive. Thank you for your support!

CFRC and ASUS Movie Theatre present "Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars" on Sunday February 1st, at 7pm and 10pm in Dunning Auditorium on Queen's Campus. Admission is \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. All Ages.

Apple Crisp presents a CFRC Funding Drive Festival on Tuesday February 3rd at 8:30pm at The Grad Club, with Magic Jordan, False Face, The Gertrudes and Cities Turn To Sand. Sliding scale of \$7-12. 19+ event.

CFRC presents the third performance of Into The Magic Soundbox on Friday February 6th at 6pm and 9pm at the Queen Street United Church. Performance will include shadow puppets, a fiddle, hurdy gurdy and spoken word performances. Admission is a sliding scale of \$5-10. This is a family friendly event!

Check out the Soul Shakedown on Saturday February 7th, 9pm at Time To Laugh Comedy Club. Featuring DJ Redfoot, DJ E and Nuphonic spinning pan-African funk, latin, hip hop, Asian dub, electronic, reggae and new age disco. \$8 advance at Brian's Record Option, \$10 at the door. 19+ event.

REELOUT 10: QUEER FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL

January 29 - February 8, 2009

The 10th annual reelout queer film and video festival is happening January 29th to February 8th. For more information, including a schedule of events, please go to:

<http://www.reelout.com>

SGPS COMMITTEES

IF YOU DO ONE THING THIS YEAR.....

Consider sitting on a University Senate Committee to have Your Say in the governance of Queen's and have direct impact on the way our University functions.

Queen's University Senate Committees are looking for graduate student representatives to sit on the following committees:

Academic Development
Academic Procedures
Alumni Teaching Award
Budget Review
Creative Arts and Public Lectures
Information Technology
International Centre
JDUC Council
Library
Nominating
Non-Academic Discipline
Operations Review

For most of the committees, the term of service will start in September 2009 with a few exceptions. For details on the mandate of the committees and their term of service please visit the Senate Committees webpage: <http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/vacancy>

An on-line application form is at the bottom of the webpage, just click on "students". For general inquiry, please contact Vice President Internal (Graduate), Joellen, at vpig@sgps.ca or SGPS Committee Coordinator, Igor, at committee@sgps.ca.

Application deadline is March 16th, 2009.

QUIC INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

QUIC believes that sharing the excitement of your international experiences with others, whether you are an international student commenting on your impression of life in Canada, or a Canadian student who has had an invaluable experience abroad, is an important step in the building of understanding, appreciation and enjoyment across cultures and peoples. We are really excited to host the International Photo Contest at QUIC for the very first time.

Share your photos with us and have the chance to:

Win the Grand Prize of \$100.00

Win a host of other prizes donated by Kingston community restaurants, cafes, and shops

Have your photo(s) enlarged and displayed at QUIC at the Gala Exhibition on March 19.

For more details, please visit: <http://www.sgps.ca/quicphotocontest>

2 NEW GRADUATE AWARDS

The Catherine J. de W. Lane Award

Established in November 2008 by Catherine J. de W. Lane, B.A. (Hons.) 1967, and awarded on the basis of academic achievement to incoming graduate students in any program of study at Queen's University with preference given to persons of aboriginal ancestry from the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta or British Columbia. **Applications are to be made to the School of Graduate Studies and Research.** Value: variable

The Fondation J. Armand Bombardier Humanitarian Engineering Fellowship

Established in November 2008 by Fondation J. Armand Bombardier and awarded to a funding eligible graduate student in the Department of Civil Engineering at Queen's University. Awarded to a student pursuing humanitarian efforts in engineering. Awarded on the basis of above average academic achievement and exceptional interest in helping disadvantaged communities around the world. The purpose of this fellowship is to place students with partner organizations all over the world to help establish or develop sustainability projects. Selection will be made by the Graduate Studies Committee in the Department of Civil Engineering. **Application to be made to the graduate coordinator in the Department of Civil Engineering by March 1.** Value: variable (Target value: \$6,700).

ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The AMS Sustainability Office will be hosting the next Cross-Campus Environmental Forum on Wednesday, February 4th at 5:30pm in the John Orr Room of the JDUC. These one-hour, bi-weekly forums give sustainability-related campus groups and interested individuals an opportunity to meet, discuss current projects, and collaborate on new initiatives. If you or your group would like to be included in the agenda for next week's forum, please contact Claire Nelischer, Communications Deputy, at 7csn@queensu.ca.

ABORIGINAL PLAYWRIGHTS PRESENT @ QUEEN'S

Three renowned Aboriginal playwrights from different corners of the world will present their work at an International Aboriginal Playwrights Day, Monday, Feb. 2. Presented by the Department of Drama with the Playwrights Guild of Canada, the Canada Council for the Arts and Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre, the day begins with a public reading by First Nations playwright and former President of the Playwrights Guild of Canada Yvette Nolan from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Rotunda Theatre in the Theological building. Later that day, Ms. Nolan will join Cook Islands playwright Miria George and New Zealand Maori writer Hone Kouka of New Zealand for a panel on Cross cultural Theatre Production and Creation from 1:30 to 3 pm, also in the Rotunda Theatre. Coffee with the visiting artists will take place from 4 to 5 pm at the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre at 146 Barrie St, followed by a feast in their honour from 5 to 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, go to: www.queensu.ca/fdasc

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Men and women are needed for participation in online research studies being conducted by the Sexual Health Research Lab, Department of Psychology. Our online research focuses on relationships, sexuality, personality, communication, health, and social support. For more information on our studies, please visit www.psyc-research.com, or contact the SHRL by phone (613-533-3276), or by email (SHRL@queensu.ca). Win cash in prize draws!

All calls and email contact are treated with the strictest confidentiality.

CALL FOR PAPERS - SHIFT

Call for Papers - Shift: Queen's Graduate Journal of Visual and Material Culture

We are pleased to announce an open call for submissions to the second issue of Shift, set to be launched 01 October 2009. Shift welcomes academic papers, as well as exhibition and book reviews dealing with visual and material culture from graduate students in any discipline in the humanities. Papers may address a full range of topics and historical periods. All manuscripts should be sent by email to sh.ift@queensu.ca by 01 April 2009. For further details and submission guidelines please see the full call for papers on our website at <http://www.shiftjournal.org/callforpapers.htm>

RACE 4 DIGNITY

On Thursday, February 26th 2009 Dignitas Youth- Queens' Chapter, an HIV/AIDS and related issues group on campus, is hosting the second annual Race 4 Dignity (R4D). R4D is a 12 hour spin-a-thon starting at 8:00 am running till 8:00 pmtaking place in the JDUC lower ceilidh. There will be great prizes for teams and individuals that raise the most money and T-shirts for all participants. Dignitas Youth is part of Dignitas International, a Canadian medical humanitarian organization started by James Orbinski and James Fraser. Dignitas works with communities in the Zomba district in Malawi Africa to provide life-saving antiretroviral drugs to those who need them most.

To learn more about Dignitas international go to www.dignitasinternational.org

If you are interested in putting a team together, or spinning solo please the registration site at http://dignitas.unxvision.com/Event/index.asp?Event_Id=16

GREEN ROOFS

Green Roofs - A miracle in sustainability. Green roofs have been touted worldwide for their environmental benefits of reducing building heating and cooling costs, filtering rainwater runoff, reducing urban smog and providing habitat for urban wildlife. If conducting further research or learning more about green roofs is of interest to you, we at the GROOF Project have access to a wide selection of research papers and student projects completed on the subject of green roofs. For more information, please do not hesitate to check out our website at www.groof.org or send us an email at raisethegroof@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS WORKSHOP

Here's some updates about the career workshops:

when: Feb 23rd- March, lunch hours or after 5:30pm

where: Career Services&/QUIC

what:

- 1) Career Services basics and resources
- 2) Assets of international experience
- 3) how to choose: ph.D or working?
- 4) timelines for job searching; skills
- 5) work permit policies, welfare
- 6) Case Examples

how:

- 1) topics will be demonstrated through about 4 workshops;
- 2) depending on the number of participants, they could be regular workshops or round table discussion

Soon, there will be more details coming up. Please email us at international@sgps.ca if you have more enquiries or requests.

PANEL ON DIVERSITY, ANTI-RACISM AND EQUITY

The Offices of the Principal and Vice-Principal (Academic) have created a new panel to explore issues of Diversity, Anti-Racism and Equity (DARE) on campus. DARE invites all members of the Queen's community to share their views on these issues, including your personal experiences, your thoughts on past diversity initiatives at Queen's and your ideas for the best way forward. A variety of forums, both public and confidential, have been created to provide Queen's members with opportunities to express their views and to provide their feedback either in person or electronically.

To foster open and constructive discussions DARE will host:

Open Hearings:

Tuesday February 3rd, 2009 Robert Sutherland Room (JDUC) 10:00-12:00

Thursday February 5th, 2009 McLaughlin Room (JDUC) 3:00 - 5:00

University town halls:

Tuesday February 10th, 2009 Policy Studies, room 202, 10:00 - 12:00

Thursday February 12th, 2009 Policy Studies, room 202, 3:00 - 5:00

Students, faculty and staff are also strongly encouraged to send their views and comments, in confidence, by emailing to dare@queensu.ca. The identities of all who communicate with the committee will be stringently protected.

QSAA PRESENTS: WINTER CAREER CONFERENCE

Date: February 7 2009

Time: 11:00 am - 1:15pm

Location: Stirling Hall Room B & C

Cost: Free, space is limited. Register today!

Register online: <http://queensu.ca/alumni/programs/students/careers.html>

Students for a short time...alumni for a lifetime.

International Careers - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Kate Humphrys: PHE/Artsci'01 (Biology) Ed'02 – Worked on several international development projects focused on health promotion and education in Guyana and Tanzania.
- Matt Reesor: Artsci' 96 (Politics) - Taught English in Japan and now works as the International Admissions Manager at Queen's University.
- Sue Bates: Artsci' 91 (Geography) - Worked in Scotland, Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands, and is current the volunteer President of the Kingston Branch of the Queen's University Alumni Association.

Success With Your Queen's Degree - 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

- Desmond Lee: Artsci' 93 (Geology) – A lawyer at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Toronto, and was just named as one of Canada's leading lawyers under 40.
- Tosca Reno: Artsci' 85 (Life Sciences) – A best selling author, Fitness Model and Columnist for Oxygen and Clean Eating magazines.
- Chris Cuthbert: Artsci 79 (Sociology) – The current voice of the CFL and play-by-play announcer for NHL broadcasts for TSN. Chris has been named the lead hockey announcer for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A complete list of events and details is available by following this link (pdf):

<http://www.sgps.ca/events/downloads/black-history-month.pdf>