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SGPS Office: Hours of Operation

The SGPS Office is open **Monday through Friday**
9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (closed noon until 1 for lunch)
We are located in room 021 of the John Deutsch University Centre (JDUC)

SGPS ORIENTATION EVENTS

There is still time to register for some of the SGPS Orientation Week events. You can get more information at the following URL:

<http://www.sgps.ca/orientation/registration.html>

SGPS OPT-OUT PERIOD 2009

Health and Dental Plan Opt-Outs

If you have **equivalent** health and dental coverage you may opt-out of the SGPS Health and Dental plan. You must opt-out between **September 14 and September 25, 2009**. No opt-outs will be taken before or after the opt-out period. Opt-outs for the health and dental plan are done online at the following URL:

<http://www.studentplans.ca>

Select Queen's University and follow the on-screen instructions.

Optional Fee Opt-Outs

You may opt-out of optional fees at the SGPS Office from **September 14 to September 25, 2009**. Optional fee opt-outs are done at the SGPS Office. You must present your **validated** student card at the office in order to opt-out. Optional fee list can be found here:

<http://www.sgps.ca/info/fees.html>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Thurs., Sept. 10 at the Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) 9:30 am - 12:00pm

Want to know how to be a successful graduate student? What resources exist within Queen's to assist me in doing this? What are some of the immigration, employment and tax issues I should be aware of? This session offers the opportunity to network with other international students and to learn their secrets for success.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TAS

For a complete agenda, please visit the following URL:

<http://www.queensu.ca/ctl/programs/conferences/TADay/2009/agenda.html>

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION P.A. SYSTEM

Over the next few weeks people may notice the installation of an Emergency Notification P.A. System on Campus. There will be P.A. equipment installed on the top of both Humphrey and Chernoff Halls, and a pole mounted unit at West Campus.

The system should be operational in early to mid September, at which time an online and print-based awareness campaign will be distributed to members of the Queen's community.

SGPS GOODLIFE MEMBERSHIP

SGPS members and their spouse are offered Goodlife membership at a discounted cost. This year the cost is \$370 per person (tax included) for a full year!! Membership lasts from October 15, 2009 to October 15, 2010.

To register email your name, student number, and whether or not you are a current Goodlife member to sgps.goodlife@gmail.com. Payments are made to the SGPS office (front desk) as cash or cheque made out to the Society of Graduate and Professional Students.

** Law students have joined the SGPS as Goodlife members and must be registered as new members through the SGPS office. **

UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE GRAD CLUB

Saturday Sept 12th Grad Club Welcome Back Mixer with Prizes Food and DJ Haircut

Saturday Sept 19th Basia Bulat

Friday Sept 25th Equip dance party

Friday 26th Hey Ocean!

Friday Oct 2nd Cuff the Duke

Saturday Oct 3rd Amy Milan with Bahamas

Every Tuesday 1/2 price Nachos for members only

Every Wednesday (starting Sept 23rd) OPEN MIC@9pm

Every Thursday SGPS presents TRIVIA @ 9pm

Friday and Saturday's Live Music or book your private event!

H1N1 UPDATE

Queen's is preparing for a second wave of H1N1 flu, which is expected this fall.

Here's info from Student Health Services: <http://www.queensu.ca/hcds/hs/>

How it's spread:

- Coughing, sneezing
- Direct contact with people who have the "flu"
- Sharing drinks or food
- Contact with contaminated surfaces, because the virus can live for a short time on doorknobs, railings, towels, etc...

How to prevent it:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't easily accessible
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue (not your hand)
- Keep your hands away from face (eyes, nose, mouth) because that is where the virus "gets in"
- Get an annual flu shot when campus clinics are held this fall.

Symptoms include sudden onset of: fever/chills, coughing, muscle aches, headache

Followed by: runny nose, sore throat, extreme tiredness, loss of appetite

May occasionally be followed by: nausea and/or vomiting

Minor symptoms, e.g. fatigue, may last a few weeks.

If you feel sick:

Call Telehealth Ontario at (1-866-797-0000). Follow the advice

Let someone know you are sick (friend, don)

Limit your interaction with other people – stay home and rest.

Self care for the flu:

- Stay home and limit contact with others until coughing and/or sneezing subside (usually less than 1 week)
- Get adequate sleep - 8-10 hours daily
- Drink plenty of water/juice
- Avoid alcohol: it impairs your ability to fight the virus
- acetaminophen or ibuprofen for fever, muscle aches and headaches (These will help you feel better, they will not make the flu go away).

For the latest information and for links to everything you need to know about the flu and how to fight it, check out <http://www.queensu.ca/pandemic>



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INTRAMURALS

Fall league registration will begin at the Athletics and Recreation open house on September 15, 2009 between 4pm and 8pm (the graduate student booth will be in Bartlett gym). Fall intramurals include:

- men's and women's basketball, outdoor soccer, and dome soccer
- coed innertube waterpolo, ultimate, and volleyball
- men's tough football
- women's volleyball

Register as a team or an individual and you will be place on a team. Registration is first come first serve so sign up early! Leagues run from September 24, 2009 till tournament.

Referees

If you want to earn some extra money sign up to be a referee! Contact Duane Parliament at 4djp3@queensu.ca and attend the appropriate referee clinic.

Sport	Date	Time	Salary (per game)
Volleyball	Sat. Sept. 19	9-12	\$13
Basketball	Sat. Sept. 19	1-4	\$15
Soccer	Sun. Sept. 20	9-12	\$15
Hockey	Sun. Sept. 20	1-4	\$15 or \$20

Open Tournaments

These tournaments are open to anybody 18+ and have an entry fee.

Sport	Tournament Date	Athletics and Recreation members fee	Non Athletics and Recreation members fee	Entry deadline
Volleyball	Oct. 31, 2009	\$150	\$225	Oct. 15, 2009
Basketball	Nov. 7, 2009	\$150	\$225	Oct. 22, 2009
Snow Football	Feb. 6/7, 2010	\$150	\$275	Jan. 21, 2010
Hockey	Feb. 13/14, 2010	\$300	\$450	Jan. 28, 2010
Soccer	Mar. 20/21, 2010	\$150	\$275	Mar. 4, 2010
Ultimate	Apr. 10, 2010	\$150	\$275	Mar. 25, 2010
BEWIC Sports Day	Jan. 15/16, 2010	\$475	\$675	Registration opens Nov. 2, 2009

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Trista Wood (SGPS Athletics Coordinator) and athletics@sgps.ca.

MEDIATION CENTRE COURSES

The Mediation Centre of Southeastern Ontario (MCSO) this Fall commences the ninth year of offering, twice per year, its 20-hour interactive Courses in Workshop format on "Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills" (Friday, November 6 through Sunday, November 8) and "Mediation Skills" (Friday, November 20 through Sunday, November 22, 2009), leading to the standard 40-hour qualifying certificate in the field, our Certificate on Alternative Dispute and Conflict Resolution. Sessions are held at the Queen's Donald Gordon Conference Centre. For complete details, please see:

<http://www.sgps.ca/events/downloads/mediation-centre.pdf>

HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Faculty of Health Sciences, Queen's University

October 2-3, 2009 Biosciences Atrium

We are inviting all primary investigators, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research project students, medical students, and clinical residents to present their relevant findings at our poster presentation session.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION September 12, 2009

For more details: <http://www.sgps.ca/events/downloads/HHRC-abstracts.pdf>

QUEEN'S ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Vice Principals Patrick Deane, Roderick Morrison and Bill Bryck are accepting nominations from Queen's students to serve as members of the Queen's Accessibility Committee for one to two-year terms, commencing October 1, 2009.

The Queen's Accessibility Committee brings together community members and representatives of various University groups working collectively to make Queen's University accessible for persons with disabilities.

In keeping with the spirit of Ontario's accessibility legislation, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, the Vice Principals seek especially the nomination of students with disabilities to help ensure their fulsome representation on the Committee. Please note that all information collected in the nomination form, including self-disclosing information about disabilities, remains strictly confidential with the Accessibility Coordinator and the Chair of the Committee.

Interested students are invited to visit the Equity Office website at <http://www.queensu.ca/equity/content.php?page=QAC> for more information about the Queen's Accessibility Committee or to complete a nomination form.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Parsons jeanette.parsons@queensu.ca

ANIMALS AND ANIMALITY ACROSS THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, June 26-27, 2010, Queen's University

Keynote: Carol Adams

The emergent field of critical animal studies is rapidly being articulated across scholarly boundaries. We invite graduate students to enter this growing conversation and approach the topic of animals and animality from perspectives reflecting the broad (inter)disciplinarity of this field. Discussions will use critical animal studies as a conceptual lens in order to investigate issues including the boundaries between self and Other, agency and biological drive, and reason and non-reason; the codes that permeate our conceptions of non-human animals; and the implications of troubling and/or making porous the human/animal divide.

Topics may include, but are by no means limited to:

- Thinking with animals / intro-species boundary disruption
- Becoming animals and biocentric ethics
- The boundary between domestic and wild, sentiment and terror
- Making animals 'matter' and the role of affect
- Animal poetry and ecopoetics
- Animals and the nation in the nineteenth century and beyond
- Animals and spectacle (both alive and dead)
- Urban and wild animals and the politics of space
- Animal geographies and environmental histories
- Animals and transnational ecologies
- Animals and desire / animality and sexuality
- Speciesism and racism
- Vegetarianism and the politics of meat
- Animals in language / symbolic animals
- The discourses and iconography of animals in various cultural forms
- The uses of animals in war and torture
- Animal studies now and its future directions

Proposals may reflect traditional and innovative formats, including papers, panels, roundtables, and community dialogues, as well as creative submissions. Please send an abstract of approximately 250 words, along with your name, department, affiliation, and e-mail address to jaime.j.s.denike@queensu.ca. For creative submissions, send 30 lines of poetry or a 300 word excerpt. For information about our call for artistic submissions for our connected Just Act Natural art exhibit, please contact us.

The deadline for submissions is October 1st, 2009.

KINGSTON CHORAL SOCIETY WANTS YOU!

Do you like to sing? Then come sing with the Symphony!

The Kingston Choral Society invites graduate students to join us for our exciting 09-10 season. We will be performing four concerts, three with the Kingston Symphony Orchestra and Glen Fast, and the fourth with BrassWerks and Brian Jackson. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings at Sydenham Street United Church, and membership dues are the most reasonable in town! Auditions for new members will be held on Tuesday evening, September 1, or by arrangement. We particularly encourage applications from tenors and basses! For more information, visit our website www.kingstonchoralsociety.ca or email symphonychoir@gmail.com. You can also call Sarah on 613-328-0312 or 613-541-0314.

If you sing in the Kingston Choral Society, you sing with the Kingston Symphony!

JOURNAL: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Queen's Journal's Board of Directors is looking for a graduate student-at-large. Please email journal_editors@ams.queensu.ca for more information.

INCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Temporary accommodations

International students arriving on Queen's University Campus prior to September 3rd, who do not have their housing arranged, may be able to stay in a temporary residence room for approximately \$30.00 per night while they conduct their housing search. If you are interested, please contact Queen's Event Services at event.services@queensu.ca to make a reservation for a temporary residence room. Please note that these rooms are available only till September 3, 2009 (September 3 is the last night available and students must move out of their room by noon on September 4). You will need a Visa or MasterCard number to reserve your room (if do not have one of these credit cards, please provide your Queen's University student number). You must identify in your request that you are an international student. There are a limited number of residence rooms available therefore we recommend you make a reservation no later than August 25th.

If you do not make a reservation for a temporary residence room, there are a number of motels and Bed & Breakfasts in Kingston for you to consider for your temporary accommodation. Reservations need to be made in advance as rooms can sell out quickly during this busy period. For more information please visit <http://quic.queensu.ca/resource/temporaryhousingoptions.asp>

Please feel free to contact the QUIC International Housing Office directly at ihc@queensu.ca if you have any questions.