



April 2021

This has been a year of reckoning for the United States as we grapple with the long-term effects of racism and White supremacy. Recently, we witnessed the murder of eight people of Asian descent in Atlanta in a year of mounting racist and xenophobic violence against Asians, Asian-Americans, and Pacific Islanders. Additionally, murders across the country in many communities seem to be a part of our zeitgeist. Tulane's community has not been untouched by this violence; there have been reports of overt harassment as well as myriad micro-aggressions. We are, and have been, committed to doing the work to form a better, more inclusive community and to address the racism we find within ourselves.

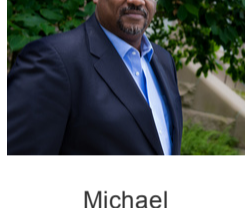
How do we break this futile cycle? How do we move beyond the siloed interpretations and judgments that have limited our ability to address the disparities that are sewn into the fabric of our nation? Perhaps it starts with humility and the need to check the privileges and assumptions that are so ingrained that we rarely perceive them. The next step is likely conversation and humble listening about our challenges, transgressions and opportunities. Hopefully, those conversations will result in a call to action for both our leaders and ourselves. Our next challenge will be to hold our leaders and each other accountable for the changes in approach, attitude and action that will be necessary to achieve the "liberty and justice for all" that we espouse in our university communications.

The Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (OGPS) stands ready to participate in the tough conversations that are ahead of our campus community, both as speaker and as a humble listener. We look forward to partnering with students, postdocs, faculty, alumni and community members as we identify actions needed to effect the change that is needed on our campus and beyond. We invite you to hold us accountable as we do our part to work towards that change.

These conversations, however, are not new. Much of the recent strategizing about solutions to unite campus constituents started in earnest in 1987 when Carolyn Barber-Pierre joined the Tulane community to start the Office of Minority Affairs. Ms. Barber-Pierre's tenure includes her current position as the Assistant Vice President and Director of Multicultural Affairs, to other titles such as the director of the Office of Minority Affairs (renamed in 1988 the Office of Multicultural Affairs), and leader of the "O". Today, we celebrate the next evolution of work under Ms. Barber-Pierre's leadership with opening of the Carolyn Barber-Pierre Center for Intercultural Life, which includes the Office of Multicultural Affairs, The Office for Gender and Sexual Diversity, and Religious Life. The Center's work is multifaceted and provides space for students to develop their identities around race and culture, sexuality and gender diversity, and spirituality while also working on campus-wide initiatives. These initiatives have included creating a space for students to work with the university to address issues of bias and discrimination as well as work led by the Center to focus on community engagement and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Graduate students are important to the Center for Intercultural Life (CIL). Individual graduate students serve in leadership roles within the Center. Programming efforts include reaching out all undergraduates, graduate and professional students on a weekly basis such as Wednesdays at the "O" and campus-wide receptions for graduate and professional students. A key value of the CIL is to foster a basis for the university community that promotes respect and appreciation for racial, ethnic, religious, gender and sexual diversity as well as the history, traditions, and cultures of underrepresented student populations. OGPS is honored to be a collaborator with the CIL to further promote and respect the experiences of graduate students. We also celebrate Ms. Barber-Pierre's legacy and work by highlighting and congratulating the new CIL space in Richardson Hall, located on the uptown campus's Gibson quad. This new location is centrally situated for programming efforts for all our students. Congratulations Ms. Carolyn Barber-Pierre and thank you for being a campus pacesetter!

Sincerely,

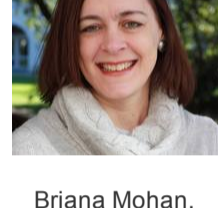
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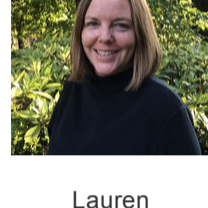
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Open Letter to Asian and Asian-American Students

This [open letter from two Asian American faculty members](#) was initially published in the Tulane Hullahaloo. We are linking to it here in case you missed this important message.

University Return to Normal Operations

Tulane University is making plans for our return to normal operations. We anticipate the fall semester will be very similar to pre-COVID semesters, fully in person and with limited or no restrictions. The timeline for this is still uncertain, but we advise all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to be in close communication with their departments about how this change will be handled in your particular situation. Please continue to read and follow any instructions from the Chief Operating Officer, as well as your deans and department/program directors.

Alumni Panel on April 21 at 12:30

The Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is hosting a virtual alumni panel event on April 21st at 12:30 pm CST. Four Tulane alumni will share advice and insights on life after a master's or Ph.D. degree. Students interested in attending should [register here](#) by April 16th at 12:00 pm CST. If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out to OGPS fellow [Ashley White](#). Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

Survey on Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Career Advising Needs

OGPS Fellow, Jaclyn Maraldo, is soliciting information on graduate student and postdoctoral fellow career advising needs. This survey is particularly concerned with the needs of students and fellows who are looking to pursue non-academic careers. Results of the survey will help inform events later this semester, as well as new resources for the OGPS Career Support Canvas page.

The survey should take fewer than five minutes to complete and can be accessed [here](#).

Tulane Cancer Center Invited Speaker Series

The Tulane Cancer Center presents

You Want a Satisfying Career in Science How is That Going to Happen?

Perry Hackett, PhD
Professor
Center for Genome Engineering
Department of Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development
University of Minnesota

Thursday, April 8, 2021
Noon – 1:00pm

Please click [here](#) to join us on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 940 1874 5877
Passcode: 469475

Changemaker Institute Ventures 2021

Please join the Taylor Center on April 8 at 5:30 pm for the Taylor Student Showcase, where graduates of the Changemaker Institute social venture accelerator will share quick 5-minute presentations about their venture and you will be able to provide direct feedback to each team.

Registration and more information can be found [here](#).

CELT End of the Semester Grading Break Wednesday, May 12

The Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching is hosting its semester to annual grading break on Wednesday, May 12 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the 1834 Club. It is open to all faculty, teaching staff, graduate TAs, and postdoctoral fellows. Please [RSVP here](#) (RSVP is required because food is being served and CELT needs an accurate number to plan for.)

Lunch will be served so please RSVP and come join CELT for a meal and a chance to win door prizes.

Beyond the Professoriate's 8th Annual Online Career Conference for Graduate Students and PhDs

The program features 16 PhDs from all academic disciplines, who will discuss networking, resume writing, online job search strategies, and how to manage a career transition. This year's conference will also directly address tips and strategies for navigating the job market during the Covid-19 recession and economic recovery. <https://beyondprof.com/conference/>

Attend Live: May 1st & 8th, starting at 11:00 AM (ET) both days.

Where: Online! Attend the conference from wherever you are via Zoom webinar. No travel required.

Register: <https://beyondprof.com/conference/>

Video Replay: 30-day replay available, starting May 15th.

Price: \$59 for All Access (live + replay), \$29 for Live Only attendance.

Who Should Attend: Graduate students, recent PhDs, postdocs, adjuncts, faculty members ... and anyone else interested in learning about career options for PhDs.

Career and Academic Resources

Our career and academic resources are all available on Canvas! We encourage you to visit the sites regularly as OGPS Staff and Fellows work to add new articles and information often.

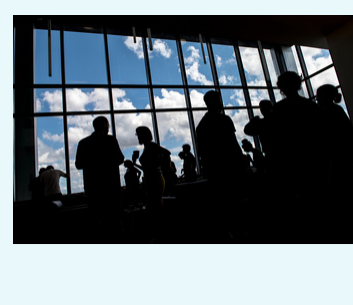
One-on-one appointments are available with Dr. Lauren Lukkarila, Briana Mohan, and Jennifer O'Brien-Brown, which you can schedule through Canvas.

OPPORTUNITIES

Webpage for Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Opportunities

OGPS is notified periodically of opportunities for Tulane graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. These can range from part time work-study jobs to assistantships, to full time employment opportunities after graduation. This month we have received information about a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory and a writing fellowship with A Studio in the Woods, which are now accepting applications. Please check our [new webpage](#) frequently as we will try to update this page when we learn of new openings.

[Learn More](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

Notices in Canvas

We will be using Canvas to send a once-a-week announcement with upcoming workshops in OGPS, CELT, the Howard Tilton Memorial Library, and other university organizations as they come up.

Upcoming OGPS Workshops

Apr. 15, 10am-11am
Job Offers and Negotiations

Apr. 16, 11am-12:15pm
Applying the Basic Principles of Academic Research Writing (Part 3 of 3)

Apr. 21, 2pm-3pm
Part 2 - Informational Interviewing and Networking

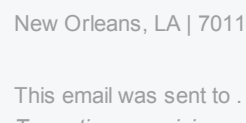
More workshops and more details about workshops will be included in the announcements from Canvas. All workshops in Spring 2021 will be held virtually, registration is required.

Health Sciences Research Days

April 14 - 15

This event will showcase the breadth and depth of Tulane's health sciences research activities across disciplines, departments, and schools. Graduate and undergraduate students, trainees, faculty, and staff from across the university will present their research in a series of poster sessions. In addition, there will be distinguished lectures and affiliated workshops scheduled throughout this two-day exhibition. For more information and to register, please visit hsrd.tulane.edu.

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