

April 2022

Dear Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows,

This will be our last newsletter of the academic year as we look towards commencement and planning for new students and fellows. It has been a year of challenges (shortened semesters in both the fall and spring, to begin with) and growth across the university, and we are proud of how everyone has risen to the moment.

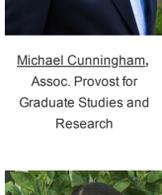
To celebrate our 2022 graduates, we will be hosting the annual Graduate Hooding and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, May 20 at 3 pm in McAlister Auditorium. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate their peers' accomplishments. On Saturday, May 21, the university will honor all of this year's graduates with the Unified Ceremony, featuring comedian and former Tulane researcher, Ken Jeong. Graduating students should make sure to read and follow all emails from the university about commencement to make sure that you are able to participate in all the festivities. Information can also be found at commencement.tulane.edu/2022.

For our continuing students and fellows, we are looking at summer programming and will be keeping you updated via shorter digests of events. Dr. Lauren Lukkarila's popular Dissertation Success Cohort will be launching a new cohort for PhD students who will be working on their dissertations this summer. The set-up meeting for this new summer cohort will take place on May 17 at 12:00 PM. This cohort will be limited to 20 participants, and participation in the set-up meeting is required. Learn more about this cohort and register for the meeting [here](#). Briana Mohan will continue to meet individually with people who need support with career-related matters, including May 2022 graduates. Appointment times are available until mid-June through the OGPS Career Support 2021 – 2022 Canvas course. On a lighter note, we also plan to have donuts and coffee once or twice over the summer. Finally, there will be opportunities for advanced graduate students to assist with new graduate student orientation, which we will also publicize.

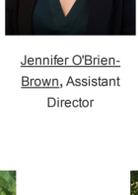
We hope that this summer provides some rest and respite and that you stay in touch with OGPS, whether you stay in New Orleans or head off on adventures elsewhere!

Sincerely,

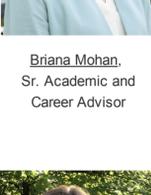
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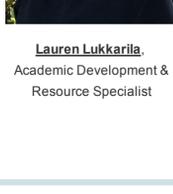
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Applications for new BIPOC Mentoring Program for Tulane Grad and Prof Students coming next week

A new BIPOC Graduate and Professional Student mentoring program with a cohort approach will bring students together for a day-long professional development experiences in the fall and spring, as well as for monthly gatherings. This program is co-sponsored by the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Applications will be live on May 6 and due in July. Keep an eye out for more details!

Tulane Pre-College Program is Seeking Graduate and Professional Students to be STEM instructors for Summer 2022

Tulane Pre-College Programs is hiring dynamic STEM instructors for our Summer 2022 middle and high school enrichment courses! Our instructors are grad students and professionals who want to inspire young people to pursue careers in STEM. In addition to teaching a pre-designed enrichment curriculum, the staff instructor is also responsible for continuously monitoring student progress and supervising both on-site and off-site academic learning experiences. The position's hours are Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 4:30 PM with courses running different weeks throughout the summer. We offer competitive pay starting at \$20/hour, commensurate with experience. Apply today at <https://jobs.tulane.edu/position/IRC22517> or email us at precollege@tulane.edu for more information.

Congratulations to D. Caleb Smith, PhD student in History, for receiving the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award

OGPS and the School of Liberal Arts are excited to announce that History PhD student D. Caleb Smith is receiving a [2022 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship \(DCF\)](#) for his dissertation, *"Been On The Shop Floor Too Long – Black Labor After The 1964 Civil Rights Act."* For a full bio, please [click here](#).

Taylor Chagemaker Institute Student Showcase, Thursday, April 28, 2:00-4:00 PM

Come learn about and provide feedback on a wide array of student-funded businesses with social impact!

CI is a social venture accelerator for Tulane graduate students that deepens students' understanding of social issues, connects them to local mentors and experts, and equips them with entrepreneurial tools to create a social enterprise. [Register here](#).

Summer Dissertation Success Cohort

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Reminder: Graduate Thesis and Dissertation Digital Repository Policy

Beginning this semester, the library will no longer accept paper copies of theses and dissertations. Students must submit a digital copy following the guidelines previously laid out, with electronic signatures being acceptable. All other requirements, formats, and deadlines remain the same. Please see the full policy for details [linked here](#). If you have any questions about this policy, please contact your school's dean's office or the Library.

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 a posting from Tulane's University Communications Department, among others. Please check our [webpage](#) frequently as we will try to update this page when we learn of new openings.

RESOURCES

Pregnancy.tulane.edu

For any student experiencing a family event, such as pregnancy, adoption, fostering, or any of the same for a student's partner, please visit pregnancy.tulane.edu for all the information and support you need.

Counseling Services

The Tulane counseling center team of trained professionals fosters personal, emotional, and academic growth by offering an array of services that enable students to develop new skills to improve their mental health and overall well-being. Services offered include access to self-help tools, short-term therapy, interpersonal and support groups, skill-building workshops, outreach and prevention programs, and consultation services to the Tulane community. For more information, please visit the [Counseling Center's site](#).

Concerns Report

For any kind of concern at Tulane, all members of the Tulane community are welcome and encouraged to report the concern using the [Concerns Report portal](#). All reports can be submitted anonymously by students, faculty, and staff. This portal can be used to report anything from academic concerns, behavior, accessibility, discrimination, Title IX violations, HR, and more, or even just an FYI. Please note, this is to report issues or concerns and is not designed to address imminent emergencies. If you have an emergency to report, please call Tulane University Police at (504) 865-5911 (Uptown), or (504) 988-5555 (Downtown).

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity is an excellent resource for graduate students. They offer regular workshops, core curricula, and other resources relevant to students who are teaching, writing dissertations, and thinking about the next steps in their academic careers. As an institutional member, Tulane guarantees free membership to anyone with a tulane.edu email address. To activate your account, please visit the [NCFDD site](#) and select "become a member."

[Learn More](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 Tulane Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Staff and Faculty Teach In: Friday, May 13

Join us for the 2022 Anti-Racism and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Teach-in for Tulane faculty and staff! Please note you must register for each of the sessions. We are excited to come together as a community to learn and grow with one another with the following 5 key learning goals:

1. Become Anti-Racist
2. Understand How Oppression Works
3. Know Intent vs. Impact
4. Understand Class Marginalization, Paternalism, and Patriarchy
5. Build Community and Organize Against Racism

[See sessions and register here.](#)

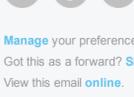
Building Your Professional Brand as a PhD: May 19, 2022

Topics include:

- Recognizing who you are, your skills, strength, values and connection to the world
- Discovering blind spots which limit your career success
- Identifying and articulating what differentiates you from the rest
- Understanding your unique strengths and brand key words
- Strategies to promoting your brand to potential clients, investors and employers
- Creating and communicating your elevator pitch and answer "tell me about yourself"

For more information and registration links for all events, students can check our PhD Pathways page at <https://versatilephd.com/phd-pathways/>

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