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Dear Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows,

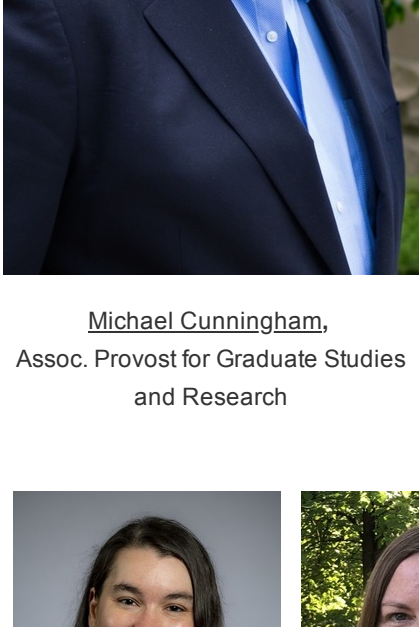
Congratulations on the end of another successful semester at Tulane and good luck to those still taking or administering final exams! We hope that the end of classes bring rest and a welcome change of pace.

We would like to remind you that the university will be closed from December 23 through January 2. If you have any questions or concerns for any department on campus, please make sure to reach out sooner rather than later.

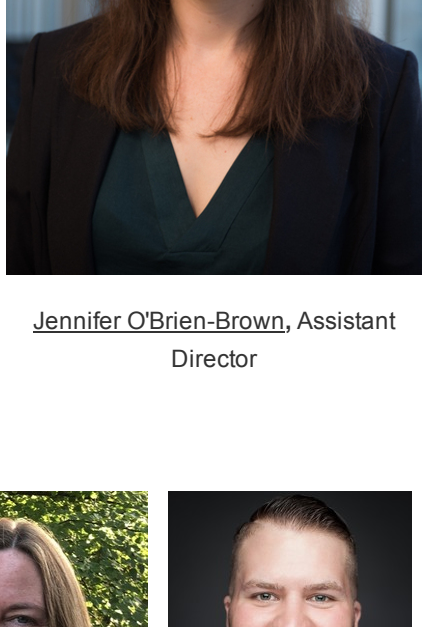
OGPS is already looking forward to next spring and a return to a full calendar of programs. We plan to bring back Donut Days for both Uptown and Downtown campuses (dates and locations to be announced), work with student organizations on their events, postdoc specific events, and bring back career workshops as detailed below! Most events will be published in our bulletin, so we encourage you to read it every week.

Sincerely,

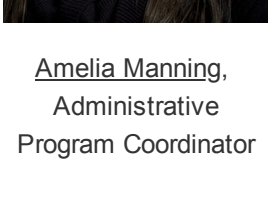
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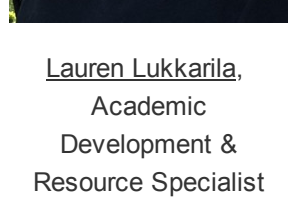
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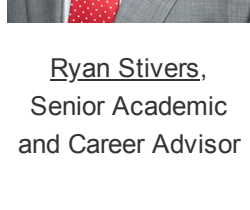
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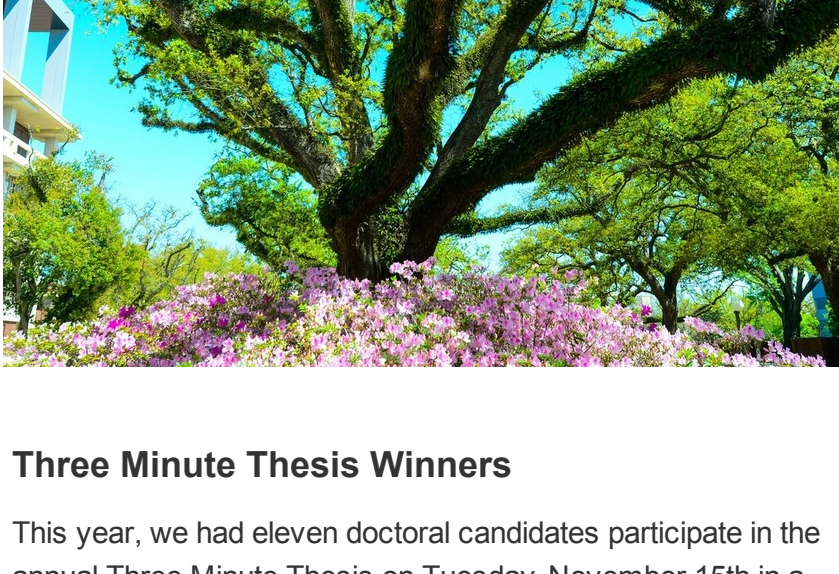


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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



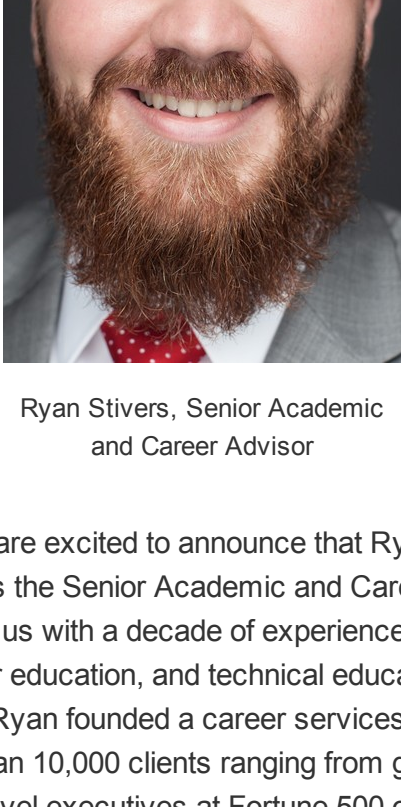
### Three Minute Thesis Winners

This year, we had eleven doctoral candidates participate in the annual Three Minute Thesis on Tuesday, November 15th in a packed Kendall-Cram Lecture Hall. The task: to explain their dissertation research in under 3 minutes, using only one PowerPoint slide.

Hans Desale, PhD candidate in the Department of Tropical Medicine (SPHTM), clinched the Grand Prize for his presentation on Chagas disease. He will also represent Tulane in the 3MT competition at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools this spring. Anika Tabassum, PhD candidate in the Physics and Engineering Physics Department (SSE) won the People's Choice Award.

We would like to thank all of our participants for their excellent presentations, our judges, Professor Ashley Nelson of the Freeman School of Business, and everyone who attended or watched the competition.

### Introducing Ryan Stivers - New Senior Career Advisor for OGPS



Ryan Stivers, Senior Academic  
and Career Advisor

This month we are excited to announce that Ryan Stivers has joined OGPS as the Senior Academic and Career Advisor. Ryan comes to us with a decade of experience in career services, higher education, and technical education. Prior to joining OGPS, Ryan founded a career services firm that served more than 10,000 clients ranging from graduate students to C-level executives at Fortune 500 organizations. Ryan's clients consistently averaged a 95% job placement in less than 6 months and an average raise of 15%. Ryan's expertise includes assisting clients with complex backgrounds and difficult transitions (e.g. employment gaps, academic to for-profit, non-profit to for-profit, etc.). In addition to his for-profit experience, Ryan served as Program Manager – Teacher Development Partnership at Johns Hopkins University, managing 55 adjunct faculty and 500 graduate students, giving him crucial experience in the hiring of academic faculty. Prior to his work in program management and career services, Ryan was a K-12 Teacher in New Orleans where he was a 2x finalist for New Orleans Teacher of the Year.

Ryan's life path is not a traditional one. As a product of failing education systems, he dropped out of high school in Chicago, IL, and moved into the workforce, quickly becoming a successful operations professional. After years of proven success in operational process improvement and systems design, Ryan returned to school to obtain his GED (High School Diploma Equivalency). He immediately enrolled in college, working a full-time job and serving as a full-time student with a course overload. During his time in undergrad, he was awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Scholarship and Graduate full ride scholarship, was recognized with Christopher Mojekwu Intercultural Relations Award, and the President's Award. Ryan holds a B.A. in History and Secondary Education from Lake Forest College, and an M.A. in Educational Leadership from Teachers College at Columbia University.

Ryan is excited to usher in new and innovative approaches to career services for OGPS students. Over the course of the next semester, you can expect to see numerous changes, including revamping asynchronous support materials, launching new systems for communication and engagement, and providing leading-edge industry knowledge about the realities, challenges, and opportunities of the modern job search market for graduate and postgraduate students.

In addition to Ryan's professional passions, Ryan spends his free time engaged in meaningful social justice work, a plethora of nerdy activities, and hiking with his dog Loki. If you'd like to give Ryan a warm welcome, you can email him at [rstivers@tulane.edu](mailto:rstivers@tulane.edu) or make an appointment with him via [Handshake](#).

### Annual Reviews of Students and Fellows

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows should be reviewed, in writing, at least once during every year of their program. Postdocs may be reviewed with the general staff reviews or may be reviewed at the time of their contract renewal. OGPS has created templates for graduate student reviews if your school or unit does not have one, which can be found [here](#). They include a self-evaluation as well as an advisor evaluation template.

If you have any questions about conducting reviews, please reach out to OGPS at [ogps@tulane.edu](mailto:ogps@tulane.edu).

## OPPORTUNITIES

### University of Albany: Assistant Professor in Artificial Intelligence in Biological Sciences

The University at Albany, State University of New York, Department of Biological Sciences seeks an Assistant Professor (tenure-track) in Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Biological Sciences.

We welcome outstanding candidates who have demonstrated potential for developing and/or applying AI research, broadly defined, to any field of biology and any biological system. We encourage candidates who combine experimental and computational techniques.

Review of applications will start on **January 12, 2023**

This position is part of university-wide AI cluster hire, with 26 faculty positions being sought across multiple departments and colleges.

[Application site](#)  
[AI at UAlbany](#)  
[AI cluster hire](#)

### 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.

This month, there are positions available for multiple graduate assistants in the Center for Public Service and a research assistant position in the Newcomb Art Museum.

### Conference of Southern Graduate Schools

If you are interested in attending the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools conference, held March 2-4, 2023 in Tampa, Florida, please see the registration site [here](#). Please let [Amelia at OGPS](#) know if you are attending, as Tulane may receive registration discounts for multiple attendees.

## REGULAR RESOURCES

The following resources are always available for Tulane students, scholars, and fellows:

[Pregnancy.tulane.edu](#) - for any parenting situation

[Counseling Services](#)

[Concerns](#) - for any type of concern report, whether for yourself or for another

[Accessibility Services](#)

[Swipe Out Hunger](#) - combatting food insecurity at Tulane

[NCFDD](#) - for faculty, TAs, and future faculty

[Grad/PhD/Postdoc Opportunities](#) (within Tulane and outside)

[Learn More](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OGPS Workshops: Capitalizing on your Degree Series - Resume Writing

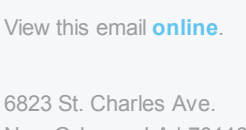
**Monday, January 9, 12 - 1 PM (Master's Students)** [Register here](#)

**Monday, February 6, 12 - 1 PM (PhD Students)** [Register here](#)

A single document and six seconds separate you from the job you want. Join this workshop, led by Ryan Stivers, founder of a for-profit career services firm, to hear the secrets behind how resume writing screening works and how to optimize your resume to defeat Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS), get past recruiters, and get an interview with the hiring manager of the job you want.

**Special Note: Individuals who attend these workshops will receive priority scheduling for one-on-one sessions with Ryan Stivers in the spring.**

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