

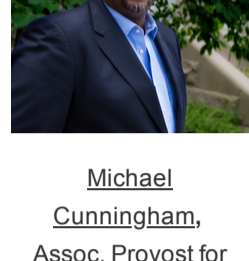


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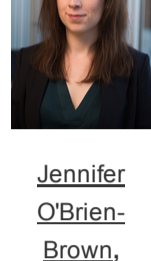
Please join us in welcoming Lauren Lukkarila to the OGPS team! Lauren comes to us from Georgia Tech, where she was the Assistant Director of the Georgia Tech Language Institute and a Senior Lecturer. In her new roles at Tulane, she will serve both as a Senior Professor of Practice in the School of Professional Advancement and a member of the OGPS team as an Academic Development & Resource Specialist. Lauren is a highly experienced and accomplished teacher whose teaching career in higher education has spanned 25+ years and has included teaching domestic and international students at both graduate and undergraduate levels of study.

Lauren specializes in developing and designing innovative curricula and materials for specific academic and professional audiences. In recent years, she has developed courses and workshops that focus on improving the academic reading, listening, and writing skills of international graduate students across all disciplines at Georgia Tech. She has also designed and taught customized academic writing courses for international graduate students in specific disciplines like engineering and physics. Lauren has developed multiple intensive workshops for professional audiences on topics like public speaking, oral communication, pronunciation, intercultural communication, and professional writing that she has offered in international work settings. Lauren holds a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics from Georgia State University, an M.A. in Hispanic Literature and a B.A. in Spanish and Latin American Studies from the University of Tennessee (Knoxville).

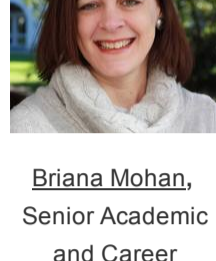
In an effort to better understand and address graduate student and postdoc needs, particularly with regard to academic support, Lauren, on behalf of OGPS, will begin her time with OGPS by embarking on a listening tour. She will be reaching out to graduate students, postdocs, faculty, and staff to collect input on ways to better support graduate education and postdoc training at Tulane. If you have input that you would like to share before Lauren's listening tour reaches you, please feel free to reach out to her and share your ideas and/or concerns at llukkarila@tulane.edu.



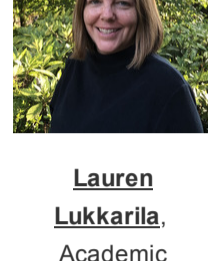
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SUPPORT FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

The Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies was relieved to learn this week that [the US government rescinded a recent policy directive](#) that had been issued relating to international students' coursework in the fall 2020 semester. Nevertheless, the negative effects of the original announcement -- in addition to multiple recent anti-immigrant decisions, orders, and practices by the US government -- make many in our graduate student and postdoc community feel unwelcome as the new academic year approaches.

OGPS has been working with schools, offices, and individuals across campus to determine how we can help support international grad students and postdocs, whether people are learning and working remotely or in person. Some of the specific things we are doing include the following --

- Our orientation for new graduate students will be delivered virtually this year, with launch scheduled for the week of August 3;
- All of Briana Mohan's career workshops and individual meetings will be conducted remotely this fall;
- Our newest teammember, Professor Lauren Lukkarila, will be supporting graduate students and postdocs who need help accessing support remotely. As you've seen in her introduction above, Professor Lukkarila has extensive experience in helping hone international graduate students' communication and academic skills;
- There is a newly forming International Student Support Group at Tulane. All undergraduate and graduate international students who are currently residing in the state of Louisiana may join and the group will meet weekly via Zoom. Registration is required and start date and time are currently TBA. Those interested in participating should call the Counseling Center at 504-314-2277 to schedule a telehealth group screen appointment for the International Student Support Group with Ginette Argüello, LMSW;
- OGPS will continue to collaborate with other offices and individuals across campus, as well as national and international professional organizations, to address the difficult issues members of our international community are facing. Please note recent university communication from school deans, OISS, and President Fitts

[A Message to Our International Students from President Fitts](#)

[Statement by Tulane Deans on International Students](#)

[Office of International Students and Scholars CoVid-19 Information](#)

We are grateful to be in community with all of our international students and postdocs, no matter where people are physically located, and look forward to supporting everyone the best we can in the weeks and months to come.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



COVID-19 Request for Full Remote Attendance

Students who would like to request to take all courses online in the Fall 2020 semester must [fill out this questionnaire](#) from Student Affairs. After completing the questionnaire, Student Affairs personnel will contact you to determine appropriate next steps.

New BMSSA Officers

[The Biomedical Sciences Student Association \(BMSSA\)](#), which represents graduate students in the School of Medicine's Biomedical Sciences program, has elected their officers for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. The new officers are:

- President - Angelle Bradford
- Vice President - Michelle Galeas-Pena
- Treasurer - Aissia Mercer
- Secretary - Jaikin Harrell
- International Representative - Shaina D'Souza
- PSP Representatives - Tim Prior and Natalya Motyka
- 2nd Year Representative - Alex Mrozek
- 3rd Year Representative - Amanda Harriett
- Community Service Chair - Antoinette Bell
- Social Chair - Joe Berta
- Webmaster - Giovanni Biagini

Extra Emergency Funds Available for GSSA Students

GSSA has voted to donate some of its unused funds from the 2019-2020 academic year to help support GSSA students facing extraordinary challenges as a result of CoVid-19 and the resulting economic and logistical upheavals. If you are a graduate student in the School of Liberal Arts or the School of Science and Engineering would like to apply for these funds, please apply through Student Affairs using this [form](#).

Student and Postdoc Highlights

This month we are highlighting [the secretary of GSSA, Amanda Reusch](#).

If you are interested in submitting a story for this section (about yourself or a colleague), please use [this form](#).

Career Resources

- [Managing Your Relationship with Your Research Mentor](#) is a topic that many grad students and postdocs ask about when discussing their career considerations. These slides accompanied workshop conducted by Naledi Saul at UCSF on this topic. Though the focus is on those working in biomedical sciences, much of it is applicable to those in other disciplines.
- The University of Chicago has an extremely helpful career guide, [GRAD Guide to Career Planning During Covid - 19](#), which includes a list of job boards for remote positions.
- [Future PI Slack](#) is an informal peer support group for biomed postdocs who want to pursue academic careers.
- The [Carpe Careers column](#) in *Inside Higher Ed* is a weekly career advice column for PhDs and postdocs. A recent article, "How to Keep Your Options Open", by Derek Attig, is timely for those who are starting to apply for academic and other types of positions.
- For all job seekers, Candor is maintaining a [list of employers](#) that are still hiring or have hiring freezes.
- Additional online career resources can be found [here](#), including the scheduling calendar to meet with Briana Mohan for remote, 45-minute confidential consultations.

OPPORTUNITIES

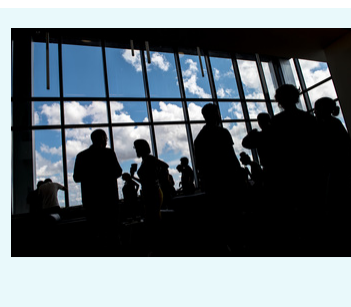
Fall GSSA Travel Award Applications Due August 15

Graduate students presenting at conferences in the Fall of 2020 (September 1 through December 31) can apply for travel funding from OGPS/GSSA here. Please see our [website](#) for more details about eligibility and funding levels. Awards may not be used if the university has restricted non-essential business travel.

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 number of graduate assistant positions within Student Affairs and a role with TU Information technology as a Classroom Experience Assistant. Please check our [new webpage](#) frequently as we will try to update this page when we learn of new openings.

[Learn More](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Training for Teaching Assistants and Instructors of Record for Fall 2020

Tulane is in the midst of preparing for the various scenarios that we may face in the fall semester. We will be teaching technology enhanced courses, completely online courses, and HyFlex courses. In an effort to prepare you for a variety of teaching modalities in the fall, Tulane's Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT) and the Innovative Learning Center (ILC) have designed an Online Teaching Training.

This is a 5-week training which will be asynchronous with a weekly Zoom meeting. You will receive a certificate of completion if you successfully complete the training. The training begins on July 27, and applications are due July 22. We highly encourage all graduate TAs who have not already enrolled in or completed a CELT training this summer to join this session..

[Apply here by July 22](#)

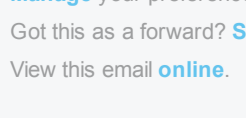
Beyond the Professoriate - Free webinar Th, July 17

Making the Most of Graduate School with Carol Powers and Morris Grubbs. Register [here](#).

First day of the Fall Semester - August 19

The fall semester will begin earlier than usual this year; mark your calendars! Please check the updated [Academic Calendar](#) for more important dates in the fall semester.

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