

Notes from the GSC Chair

A few quick notes about ongoing GSC initiatives... First, as briefly noted in the last newsletter, we have been working with the administration to get formal graduate student representation in faculty discipline group meetings. This has long been established in G&G, but we are now trying to expand such representation to the other discipline groups in the College. The POA, Geography, and GEM groups now include graduate student representation in their meetings. This means that, for those of you in those discipline groups, you will now be receiving more information about governance of your respective group within CEOAS. Emily Lemagie, Frieda Fein, and Hannah Gossner are now the graduate student representatives for POA, Geography, and GEM, respectively.

Second, we are continuing to expand our diversity, inclusion, and social justice efforts. See the note below from our Diversity and Inclusion Chair, Zach Wallace. Finally, you should have all received the email about the changes in our use of Dawes House. Be sure to at least read the summary at the top. Stay tuned for more information about Dawes as we continue to work with the administration on improvements to our dedicated graduate student space...

I wanted to also note a few things about the GSC... As I hope you all know, the GSC is the formal intermediary between the College's administration and the graduate student population. It is our job to work with the administration on subjects of concern for the graduate student body. **If you have any questions/comments/complaints within the scope of this general mission-statement-type-thing, you should contact your GSC representative(s).** These are listed on the GSC's website. Furthermore, the GSC is not an exclusive club; we welcome new members at any time. If you are unhappy with how things are now and you want to change them, or if you are content with things in the College but you still want to be involved in our activities and affairs, please join us. You can contact me, or any GSC member, about getting involved.

There are several different ways that you can stay informed about GSC activities. The primary means of communication will be the GSCConnection. Here, you'll be able to get summaries of the key updates. In addition to the newsletter, you will also get occasional emails from me and your discipline group representative(s). **If you don't read the GSCConnection and the emails, you won't know what's going on.** Finally, all of our meeting notes/minutes are posted online. You can access them through our [website](#).

-Ben Murphy (GSC Chair)

3 Questions with Abby Metzger

CEOAS Research, Publishing, and Outreach Manager

1. What does a typical day look like for you? My bread and butter is storytelling... whether interviewing people, writing, storyboarding for a video or agonizing over the perfect lead. But there are a whole lotta unknown unknowns that can, ahem, disrupt my day: a request to edit a proposal, questions about data management resources on campus, a request for photos, etc. Never a dull moment!

2. What is the craziest request or task you've had while working in CEOAS? Definitely partying with the geologists for the Geo@100 centennial celebration. I was two weeks into the job and knew I had struck gold while orchestrating a photo session with faculty, including Anita Grunder dressed in full-on period regalia. See attached photo. People who can work and play in equal measure? Yes please.

3. Can you tell us a fun fact about yourself? This is going to sound super provincial, but I was born and raised in Corvallis. I even married my high school sweetheart, who I met when I was 15. I've seen a bit of the world and lived elsewhere (thankfully!), but Corvallis' charming vortex pulled me back.



Diversity and Inclusion Update

From Zach Wallace

GSC now supports a sub-committee focused on the support of students of color and other marginalized groups within CEOAS. The main focus of the sub-committee is to promote **awareness, advocacy, and communication** of the struggles these students face on a daily basis. Our current **goals** are to :

- 1) Provide a space for students of color and other marginalized groups to safely disclose their stories and experiences.
- 2) Initiate discussions on biases in science and higher education that will be accessible to the entire CEOAS community (graduate, faculty, and administrative).

For questions, concerns, or interest in participating in the sub-committee, contact Zach Wallace at wallacez@oregonstate.edu.

Upcoming Events

- The annual [CEOAS Day of Service](#) will be coming up on **April 15th**, stay tuned for details
- [CEOAS demonstrations at the Corvallis Farmer's Market](#) are happening this **spring**, contact [Cedric Hagen](#) to sign up
- [Student Travel Reimbursement Award Apps due March 3rd](#)

Recent GSC Activities

- **Snow Weekend 2017** in January was a success!
- GSC wants to help make **Dawes House** a useful grad student space. Please use the sign-in sheet at Dawes House so we have a record of use and send ideas about what you'd like to see to [Emily Lemagie](#) or [Susan Schnur](#)
- Following GSC's fall meeting with Dean Marinelli, we now have **student representatives** on POA [Emily Lemagie], GEM [Hannah Gossner], and GEOG [Frieda Fein] program committees in addition to Nikki Moore on G&G



Peter Davidson (G&G) on the slopes