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HSSC FEATURE

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## THE BIWEEKLY NEED TO KNOW

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## WHAT IS HSSC?

### HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT COUNCIL (HSSC)

The Health Sciences Student Council (HSSC) is a student organization composed of representatives from all student programs in the Health Sciences Center (HSC) at UNM. The HSSC has three main functions. The first is to promote interprofessional education and collaboration. The HSSC also acts as a liaison between the students and the HSC administration. Finally, the HSSC serves as a support for students in any way it can.

HSSC's primary goal is to promote interprofessionalism among health sciences and assist students in any way possible.

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## A MESSAGE FROM HSSC

The Health Sciences Student Council (HSSC) represents the students of the UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC). We are comprised of representatives from all programs at UNM HSC and work to provide a forum all students to be involved and have fair and equal representation. The Executive Committee of HSSC is comprised of five individuals that are elected every year. This year, the President is Sangam Shrestha (2nd year MPH student), the Vice President is Damon Alvarez (3rd year PharmD, 2nd year MBA), the Vice President of Outreach is Erica Logue (2nd year MD student), the Treasurer is Lucas Maestas (2nd year MD student), and the Secretary is Desna Ghatalia (2nd year MD student). The HSSC strives to provide an inclusive and diverse learning environment for students. By not only providing a space for student voices to be heard, but also to provide an environment for professional growth.

A major part of professional growth, especially in health sciences, are the development of skills necessary for interdisciplinary cooperation and academic learning. One event the HSSC holds every semester is Coffee and Bagels, which allows for student networking and interactions with faculty and staff. This year, we are pleased to offer Coffee and Bagels twice a semester, once in September and then next three in November, February, and in April. This event is spearheaded by Damon Alvarez. As with many other professions, we are constantly learning and teaching not only patients and other healthcare providers, but also the next generation of learners and providers.

While we do focus on the students at UNM HSC, we also want to foster the next generation of healthcare providers; as such, we are providing high school students, starting with students at Albuquerque High School, the opportunity to learn about the diverse field of healthcare. A panel of representatives from different programs will be meeting with students on November 30th and January 11th to discuss what programs are currently available both on the graduate side and undergraduate side at UNM HSC. We hope to expand this program through out the Albuquerque metro area and statewide in New Mexico. This program is being spearheaded by Erica Logue.

This year, as with many other student organizations through out UNM, we are working on reestablishing HSSC and increasing student involvement. With the assistance of the representatives from the 15 programs at UNM HSC, we hope to make the transition back to in-person learning for students as smooth as possible while also providing students as much opportunities as possible to be involved with the Health Sciences Center.

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## A MESSAGE FROM HSSC CONT.

From the promoting of student events to having guest speakers at our meetings, we hope to create a campus that is as transparent and informative as possible. We have also started working with GPSA this year to help bridge the “Lomas gap” and bring a unity through out UNM. From the Executive Committee and representatives of HSSC we look forward to work further with GPSA to create a lasting and strong relationship.

If you have any questions or would like to collaborate with us, please feel free to contact the Executive Committee of HSSC.

Sincerely yours,

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## OFFICE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE ON NORTH CAMPUS

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GPSA & HSSC have partnered to establish a permanent office on North Campus. We are YOUR collective student government.

Services we provide include:

- Grants & Scholarships
  - Social Media & Newsletter Resources
  - Professional & Entertainment Events
  - Representation to UNM Administration
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**HSSB ROOM 244 | BY APPOINTMENT**  
**EMAIL [GPSACHA@UNM.EDU](mailto:GPSACHA@UNM.EDU)**

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## SPOTLIGHT

**Sangam Shrestha** is a second year Master of Public Health (MPH) student concentrating in epidemiology and serves as the President of HSSC. He was born in Nepal and moved to the United States in 2000 and since then most of his life has been spent in New Mexico.

Shrestha received his Bachelor of Sciences in biochemistry from UNM in May of 2020 and is expected to complete his MPH in May of 2022. The MPH program has been an eye opener for Shrestha and has allowed him to

explore topics of interest such as diseases affecting the pediatric population (children aged 2 to 18) globally and in the United States.

Shrestha's interests lay in research in the underserved and minority populations such as individuals of Hispanic ethnicity and of Asian race. Looking down the road at his career and future goals, he would like to pursue a PhD in epidemiology to expand and learn more about these interests in an academic environment. Following graduation, either from the MPH program or receiving a PhD, Shrestha would like to work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and/or Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) as an epidemiologist.

In his free time, Shrestha enjoys watching movies with his family, talking with his friends, and going hiking in new locations that he has not hiked before.



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**Erica Logue** is currently a second year MD student and serves as HSSC's Outreach VP. She is from Albuquerque and graduated from UNM in 2008 with a BA in Economics and Spanish. Logue worked for Goldman Sachs for eight years before moving back to NM to apply to medical school. She also worked as an EMT for the Valencia County jail for several years.



As part of her work with HSSC, Logue is piloting an outreach program for

Albuquerque youth that consists of a career panel with Albuquerque high school students to expose them to the different careers in healthcare. HSSC hopes to broaden the panel to schools statewide and become more involved with health education curriculum.

Logue recently took up oil painting.

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## SPOTLIGHT

**Randy Ko** is a current combined M.D./Ph.D. candidate with the UNM School of Medicine and the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program and serves as a Student Regent for UNM (March 2021 to December 2022 appointment). Ko received a B.S. in Biochemistry and a B.A. in East Asian Studies (Chinese) at the University of New Mexico in 2018. Randy Ko is a lifelong New Mexican and was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



As an undergraduate student, Ko served as a UNM Trailblazer Student Alumni Ambassador and Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM) Senator. As an ASUNM Senator, Ko served as a voting member of the Student Fee Review Board for the FY 2016-2017 budget cycle, Student Publication Board, and ASUNM Finance Committee. As a medical student, Ko served on the UNM School of Medicine Learning Environment Office Advisory Committee and the UNM School of Medicine Curriculum Committee, among others.

Ko has previously conducted research with institutions abroad and locally with the UNM Cancer Research Facility, and Sandia National Laboratory Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT). As a result of his research profile, Ko was named a 2017 Goldwater Scholar. Ko is a graduate student actively conducting research under the guidance of Dr. Eric Prossnitz with the Division of Molecular Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine at the UNM School of Medicine.

# GPSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

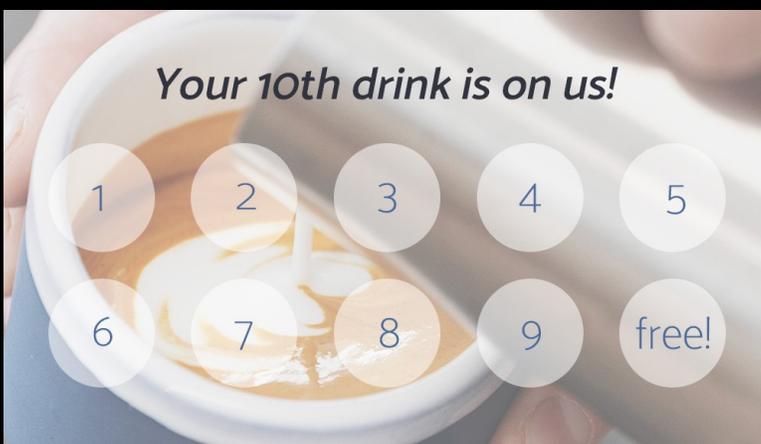
## NOVEL POINT COFFEE DISCOUNT FOR GRAD STUDENTS

All Graduate and Professional Students will be able to pick up Novel Point Coffee discount punch cards from the GPSA Main Campus Office, starting on Friday, October 22. The discount punch cards will allow students to purchase 9 drinks and get the 10th free! These discount cards will be limited to verified Graduate and Professional Students only.

Stay tuned for more discount opportunities in the near future!



PICK UP  
YOUR  
DISCOUNT  
CARD IN  
THE GPSA  
OFFICE!



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Graduate & Professional Student Association



# GRADUATE GAYLA

**OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**12PM-2PM**

**GRC COURTYARD**

**FOOD**

**SPEAKERS**

**FEATURING A PERFORMANCE FROM MS. NM PRIDE**

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LGBTQ GRADUATE STUDENTS TO NETWORK**

# GPSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GPSA GRANTS RESULTS

*The results for the GPSA Fall 2021  
grants cycle will be announced:*

**OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 28**



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A MESSAGE FROM UNITED GRAD WORKERS

Thank you to all who voted in the United Grad Workers leadership and bylaws elections! We have a robust Bargaining Committee and a stellar team of Chief Stewards, all of whom are eager to mobilize our membership and represent our interests at the bargaining table with UNM admin! You can find your school or college's Bargaining Committee representative(s) and Chief Steward(s) [here](#). We are excited to continue building our organization and to negotiate a contract reflects the value we provide to the university!

***THE UNIVERSITY WORKS  
BECAUSE WE DO!***

IG & TWITTER: @UNMGRADWORKERS  
FB: FACEBOOK.COM/UNMGRADWORKERS

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## SHAC PHARMACY

The Pharmacy is located on the SHAC Plaza Level.

### **SHAC Pharmacy is now open to the public.**

To access the Pharmacy, please utilize the west plaza entrance and follow the procedures.



There will be no clinic access from the Pharmacy.

Questions?  
Call (505) 277-6306

We're open  
Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday:  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
&  
Tuesday:  
9:00 AM-5:00 PM

- Fill your prescriptions at SHAC from SHAC providers OR an outside provider.
- Tax-free OTC options.
- Charge to your bursars.
- We're available to answer any of your prescription/healthcare questions.
- We are fast!
- You may have someone else pick up for you. Just give us a call and let us know!
- Safe drug disposal site.



### **If you have UNM graduate insurance, using the SHAC pharmacy is super affordable!**

Generic at SHAC  
~\$10 vs ~\$20 other pharmacies

Preferred brand at SHAC  
~\$20 vs ~\$40 at other pharmacies

Non-preferred brand at SHAC  
~\$30 vs ~\$60 at other pharmacies

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SIX DJs

THREE STAGES

ONE SILENT DISCO

BRING YOUR LOBO ID - MASKS REQUIRED - WEAR TENNIS SHOES

VISIT [SSE.UNM.EDU](http://SSE.UNM.EDU) FOR MORE INFORMATION



SILENT  
LIGHTS

JOHNSON MAIN GYM - EAST ENTRANCE

7:00PM UNTIL 10:00PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: ASUNM STUDENT SPECIAL EVENTS, ASUNM LOBO SPIRIT & UCAM

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Presents

## GHOST HUNTER DALEN SPRATT OF GHOST BROTHERS

Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
Woodward Hall 101  
7:30



As Seen On:



FREE

Must show: UNM ID  
or vaccine card

[SSE.UNM.EDU](http://SSE.UNM.EDU)

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## Digital Learning at CTL

Digital Learning supports online teaching, including for GAs and grad instructors. If you are teaching (or planning to teach) remotely, they can provide pedagogical and technical support.

They are teaching Adobe Spark Post Oct. 21 at 1pm: <https://cdl.unm.edu/instru-spprt/workshop-schedule/workshops.php?wid=600>

Also see their list of workshops for more information and to sign-up:  
<https://cdl.unm.edu/instru-spprt/workshop-schedule/workshops-url.php>

They have Drop-In Labs once a week for any questions you may have.

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## Mapping Brain Development in Childhood

### Institute for Human Neuroscience

Researchers at The Mind Research Network are looking for healthy children to participate in a noninvasive brain imaging research study of brain and cognitive development.

#### Why are we doing this?

The purpose of this study is to understand how the healthy brain matures and how hormones influence this development. As children mature into adolescents and eventually adults, both their brains and cognitive abilities change dramatically. This study aims to identify those changes. To study the brain, we will be using a series of brain imaging tests, all of which are non-invasive and harmless.

#### What will be required?

- Complete two visits each year for 5 years
- Complete MEG and MRI scans
- Complete neuropsychological and cognitive assessments
- Provide saliva samples

There is no cost to you, and you will receive compensation for your time.

Each participant will receive \$50 in cash at the end of each visit.

**For more information, please contact:**

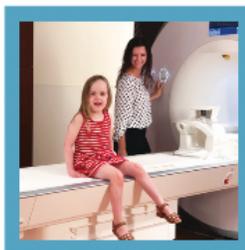
**The Mind Research Network**

childstudy@mrn.org | 505-227-3199 or 505-585-5391

#### Children who are eligible:

- Are between the ages of 6 and 8 or 11 and 13 years old
- Have never been diagnosed with a psychiatric or neurological disorder
- Are medically healthy
- Are able to complete a series of mental tasks
- Are willing to participate annually for 5 years

**Participants will receive a printed picture of his/her brain.**



The **Mind**  
RESEARCH NETWORK  
FOR NEURODIAGNOSTIC DISCOVERY

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## HUD Planning Competition

Please join us for one of these information sessions on team formation for this prestigious opportunity will begin this week.

This year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will hold the 9th Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition, which will be awarded late spring 2022. This competition invites multi-disciplinary teams of up to 5 graduate students and a faculty advisor to submit plans in response to a real life affordable housing design issue. Students are asked to address social, economic, and environmental issues of the problem. The competition comes with cash prizes for the top 4 teams of \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Interactions with a range of professionals consulting on the project for HUD have often turn into interesting career opportunities for students as well.

More information can be found [here](#).

Every Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday effective 10/7/2021 until 10/25/2021 from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM at this link:  
<https://unm.zoom.us/j/5757790954>.

Registration opens for student teams: 09/13/2021

Deadline for teams to submit their intent to participate: Noon Eastern Time, 10/25/2021

The housing project outline and description will be presented after team registration closes.

Check out last year's competition [here](#).

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The UNM Graduate Christian Fellowship invites you to a special Colloquium*

## Anti-Racism & Critical Race Theory *Exploring the Intersections of CRT, Global Theology, and Ethnic Studies*

**A conversation with:**

**Nathan Luis Cartagena, Ph.D.**

*Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Wheaton College*

<https://www.nathancartagena.com>

**Jeff Liou, Ph.D.**

*National Director of Theological Formation for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship;*

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary*

<https://intervarsity.org>

**Robert Chao Romero, J.D., Ph.D.**

*Associate Professor, Chavez Department of Chicana/o and Central American  
Studies; Asian American Studies, UCLA*

<https://chavez.ucla.edu/person/robert-chao-romero/>

**Exploring issues of justice regarding race and ethnicity in our age.**

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/UNMGCF/>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/gcfunm>

Website: <http://gcf.unm.edu/>

*photo by Ryati Iwata*

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

**7-8:30 pm**



Scan or click here to register  
for the Zoom event

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LEARN TO SUPPORT  
IMMIGRANT STUDENTS  
ON YOUR CAMPUS



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/DQ51J47K1P72AZ9Q6](https://forms.gle/dQ51J47K1P72Az9Q6)  
UNM EDUCATORS REGISTRATION AT  
[LEARNINGCENTRAL.UNM.EDU](http://LEARNINGCENTRAL.UNM.EDU)

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## DIVERSITY SUMMIT 2021

### Diversity/Inclusion: Theory to Practice

*Transforming Individuals, Institutions, and  
Communities: Post Pandemic*

**November 4-5, 2021**

**(Thursday and Friday)**

**Virtual event hosted by UNM-GALLUP**

*Please join us in discussions with  
various speakers on the topics  
of equity, inclusion, awareness,  
understanding and acceptance. The  
goal is to provide information to take  
back and apply at your institution.*

*Proposals are invited  
Deadline Ongoing*

[gallup.unm.edu/diversity/call-for-proposals.html](http://gallup.unm.edu/diversity/call-for-proposals.html)

For information and  
registration go to:

[gallup.unm.edu/diversity](http://gallup.unm.edu/diversity)



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Providing PhD candidates with  
support for dissertation research

MELLON  
INTERNATIONAL  
DISSERTATION  
RESEARCH  
FELLOWSHIP

## About the fellowship

The International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) program supports the next generation of scholars in the humanities and humanistic social sciences pursuing research that advances knowledge about non-US cultures or US Indigenous cultures and societies. The program is open to a range of methodologies, including research in archives and manuscript collections, fieldwork and surveys, and quantitative data collection. The IDRF program especially welcomes applications from underrepresented institutions.

## Eligibility

The program is open to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences—regardless of citizenship—enrolled in PhD programs in the United States. Applicants must complete all PhD requirements except on-site research by the time the fellowship begins. Proposals for research conducted in the United States with US Indigenous peoples and on Native topics, and proposals that identify the United States as a case for comparative inquiry, are welcome; however, proposals that otherwise focus predominantly or exclusively on the United States are not eligible.

## Fellowship terms

The IDRF program provides support for six to twelve months of dissertation research. Applicants from select humanities disciplines are eligible to apply for a shorter international component within the six to twelve months of support. Fellowship amounts vary depending on the research plan, with a per-fellowship average of \$23,000.

[www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship](http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship)

The IDRF program is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

**Deadline: November 2, 2021**



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LOOKING FOR OTHER RESOURCES?

- [African American Student Services \(AASS\)](#)
- [American Indian Student Services \(AISS\)](#)
- [Associated Students of the University of New Mexico \(ASUNM\)](#)
- [Collegiate Recovery Center](#)
- [Community Engagement Center \(CEC\)](#)
- [NM Dream Team](#)
- [El Centro de la Raza](#)
- [Graduate Resource Center \(GRC\)](#)
- [Graduate and Professional Student Association \(GPSA\)](#)
- [Graduate Studies \(GS\)](#)
- [Kiva Club](#)
- [LGBTQ Resource Center](#)
- [Lobo Guardian](#)
- [LoboRESPECT](#)
- [Men of Color Initiative \(MOCI\)](#)
- [Office of Career Services](#)
- [Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color \(PNMGC\)](#)
- [Student Activities Center \(SAC\)](#)
- [Student Government Accounting Office \(SGAO\)](#)
- [Veteran & Military Resource Center \(VRC\)](#)
- [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#)
- [United Grad Workers \(UGW\)](#)

# WANT TO SHARE A MESSAGE WITH GRAD STUDENTS?

## WE CAN SHARE YOUR MESSAGE WITH ALL GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AT UNM

Our team is dedicated to promoting the resources available to Graduate & Professional Students at UNM. If you want us to highlight an event, program, or other resource available to Graduate & Professional Students, please email a request to [gpsa@unm.edu](mailto:gpsa@unm.edu) with a brief description and flyer to include in the next newsletter.

All requests should be made one week prior to the publication of the GPSA Communiqué. The deadline for submissions to be included in the next newsletter is 5:00 PM Friday, October 29, 2021.

# WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA?

## OUR TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU ANY WAY THAT WE CAN! READ OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why do I have GPSA charge on my bursar's account?** Students enrolled in a degree-seeking graduate program at UNM are required to pay a student fee to GPSA. This fee goes to funding UNM programs and organizations and is allocated annually by the Student Fee Review Board. Students who do not pay this fee are not eligible to apply for scholarships or grants through GPSA.

**Are new UNM Graduate & Professional Students eligible to apply for grants?** Yes. You are eligible to apply for SRG, PDG and NMRC (if being offered in the semester) if you meet the respective grant's requirement. However, you are not eligible to apply for the Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) if you are in your first semester.

# WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA? CONTINUED

**Are grants and scholarships offered every semester?** The Student Research Grant (SRG), Professional Development Grant (PDG) and Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) are offered in every semester i.e. Fall, Spring and Summer. However, the New Mexico Research Grant (NMRC High Priority and General Priority) are offered only in the Fall Semester.

**Can I apply to multiple grants in one grant cycle?** Yes, you can apply multiple grants in the same grant cycle, but each grant requires a separate application i.e. Statement of Proposal, Budget sheet and Letter of Recommendation (if required).

**Can I utilize my grant award another semester?** Yes, you can. The funds which are sought for the event or activity must be utilized within the next, current or previous funding period.



**Ask a question.** Didn't see your question in our list of [FAQs](#)? Submit any questions you have on [our website](#). If your question is urgent or specific, please submit an email directly to the appropriate Committee Chair for a quicker response.

## CONTACT US!

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