Announcements:

**APRIL 11, 2014**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**April 16th:**
Clinical Area Meeting  
(Student Reps Invited)

**April 28th:**
Brown Bag with Dr. Gerald C. Davison

**May 7th:**
Clinical Area Meeting  
(Student Reps Invited)

**May 8th:**
Leibovitz Conference

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### Saks Student Scholar Program

The Elyn Saks Institute has a student scholar program that provides some financial support ($2000) and some involvement with the institute regarding mental illness, legal issues, policy and ethics. In addition, the scholar is required to meet on a regular basis (monthly?) and write a paper that can result in a publication. For a list of the current student scholars and the institute go to:

[http://weblaw.usc.edu/centers/saks/scholars.cfm](http://weblaw.usc.edu/centers/saks/scholars.cfm)

If you are interested in applying to be a Sax Student Scholar please send to Steven Lopez (lopezs@usc.edu) the following:

1. a one-page single spaced statement indicating why you want to participate in this program.
2. your cv.

**The deadline for receipt of these materials is April 20.**

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### Guest Lectures

All are welcome to attend the following two guest lectures in PS 201. Please let Darby Saxbe (dsaxbe@usc.edu) know if you plan to sit in.

**Introduction to Dialectical Behavior Therapy**  
**Speaker:** Lynn McFarr, Ph.D. (Associate Training Director, Harbor-UCLA Hospital)  
**Tuesday, April 15th, 1-3:30 pm**

**Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy**  
**Speaker:** Emmanuel Espejo, Ph.D. (Associate Program Director of the Anxiety Disorders Clinic, San Diego VA)  
**Tuesday, April 22nd, 1-4 pm**
Graduate Student Advocate for Fellowships

The graduate school is delighted to announce that Lisa Locascio will be joining us as the **Graduate Student Advocate for Fellowships**.

Lisa is a PhD candidate in the department of Creative Writing. She has taught writing to undergraduates in the Thematic Option Honors Program and the Writing Program and co-runs The Loudest Voice Extracurricular Writing Workshop, a creative writing community open to everyone at USC, as well as The Loudest Voice Reading Series, which strives to connect students in the Creative Writing and Literature Department through events featuring their writing and that of visiting artists.

As the GSA for fellowships, Lisa will assist current PhD students in securing external fellowships by:

- Researching fellowship opportunities for PhD students from a variety of disciplines
- Organizing fellowship information sessions
- Developing peer support programs for PhD students interested in applying for external fellowships

Working individually with PhD students to prepare competitive applications

We would like to hear from PhD students about the best ways to support them as they attempt to secure nationally competitive awards. Please feel free to email Lisa at **gsa.fellowships@usc.edu**

Leibovitz Conference

Thursday, May 8, 2014: 4:30-6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Erika Quinly (quinly@usc.edu) by April 24th.