ABOUT US
The Graduate Student Welfare Advocacy Group (GSWAG) is a collective of English graduate students and faculty members who are dedicated to fostering an inclusive, compassionate, and justice-centered environment in the department.

Use our anonymous suggestion form to send over any information, whether general suggestions or something to be published in our newsletters:

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GRADUATE STUDENT WELFARE ADVOCACY GROUP
This newsletter is a collection of information centered around wellness, community-building, justice, equity, and inclusion for English Graduate Students at Northeastern University. We encourage all graduate students and faculty to submit information to be published in each monthly newsletter through our anonymous suggestion form. Find our newsletter archives here:

IT'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH!
"[Seeing blackness] is also about transforming the image, creating alternatives, asking ourselves questions about what types of images subvert, pose critical alternatives, and transform our worldviews and move us away from dualistic thinking about good and bad"
-bell hooks

This month—and every month—read, engage with, and cite Black scholars, such as:

- Audre Lorde
- bell hooks
- W.E.B. Du Bois
- Frederick Douglass
- Imani Perry
- Angela Davis
- Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Cornel West
- Toni Morrison
- Kimberle Crenshaw
- Maya Angelou
- Ibram X. Kendi
- Safiya Umoja Noble
- Ruja Benjamin
- Jessica Marie Johnson
- Eric Darnell Pritchard
- Moya Bailey
- Saidiya Hartman
- Eve Ewing
- Lauren Michele Jackson

SIGN UP FOR SUPPORT GROUPS
Northeastern University's Health and Counseling Services are currently setting up support groups. Use their website to choose a support group and fill out a registration form:
https://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/counseling-services/group-counseling/

Support groups include:
- Yoga for Mental Wellness
- Depression and Anxiety Support Group for Graduate Students
- HEAL
- International Student Support Group
Several grad students are presenting at the Conference on College Composition and Communication

- **Rachel E. Molko**, Resist!: An Intersectional Triologue
- **Matthew Hitchcock**, Composing Without Writing: Exploring the Intersection of Genre, Materiality, and Multimodality
- **Genny Barco-Medina**, Eliminated Spaces: The Liminal and Hybrid Spaces of Sex Workers Online
- **Cara Marta Messina, Mya Poe, and Kyle Oddis**, Reexamining Data Commonplaces in Writing Research: What Are We Doing in a World of Data Scraping, Demographic Change, and Discordant Methodologies
- **Tianna Grapeshreed and Jonathan Osbourne**, Reconceptualizing Racial Inclusion in Pedagogical Commonplaces
- **Gregory Palermo** Digital Citation Analysis’s Potential for Field Relanscaping.

- **Mya Poe, Cherice Jones, Abby Rabinowitz, and Lowell Abrams**, What Is STEM Writing? Challenging What We Know about Teaching STEM Writing
- **Neal Lerner, Brice Lanham, and Avery Blankenship**, Creating a Public, Community-Driven Writing Program Digital Archive

Other exciting news:

- **Abbie Levesque Decamp**’s forthcoming article, “XM<LEBT>/: A Schema for Encoding Queer Identities in Qualitative Research’ will appear in this issue of Computers and Composition
- **Gregory Palermo** will be joining the Editorial Collective of the Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy
- **Galen Bunting** is organizing a half-day workshop for the Consortium for the GCWS (see ‘events’ for more information)
- **Kyle Oddis** is presenting at the Writing Analytics conference

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**Cherice Jones**

Cherice’s work focuses on places where knowledge and power intersect and she has enjoyed learning about these intersections via archive work, language preservation, and decolonial rhetorical analysis. When it comes to compositional components of her writing, she enjoys collaborative work with her colleagues and mentors and believes in the power of pluriversal approaches (feel free to reach out if you’re interested in pursuing collaborative projects!). This semester Cherice is looking forward to contributing as an EGSA member to some exciting events in the works for grad students. She is also a proud first-gen recipient of her master’s degree from Northeastern and looks forward to presenting this year at CCCC’s on scientific writing.

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**Brice Lanham**

In the final semester of my MA the majority of my time has been devoted to my Co-op at National Geographic Learning (NGL), where I create digital products and supplemental websites for the print versions of NGL’s English Language Teaching textbooks. It’s been a great way to learn more about publishing while utilizing my language arts and digital design skills. I’m also busy working on creating the NU Writing Program Digital Archive (alongside Avery Blankenship, Kyle Oddis, and Neal Lerner), which I and my wonderful colleagues will be giving a presentation about at CCCCs in March.
FEB/MARCH 2020

For more event information, including registration and updated information visit http://bit.ly/GSWAG-feb-march2020

WOMEN TAKE THE FLOOR
September 13, 2019–May 3, 2021
MFA: Art of the Americas Wing, Level 3

GLORIA: A LIFE
January 24 – March 1, 2020
Loeb Drama Club

DETOUR RED: PLAY ABOUT MALCOLM X
February 01–16, 2020
Emerson College

NAMASTE SATURDAY
MFA: Ruth and Carl J. Shapiro Family Courtyard
February 8, 9–10am
March 14, 9–10am

TALISHA HALTIWANGER MORRISON'S WORKSHOP ON ANTI-RACISM IN THE WRITING CENTER
February 20, 10am–12pm
Curry Student Center, room 433
RSVP to Isabel Sobral Campos (i.sobralcampos@northeastern.edu)

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL IN BOSTON
February 20, 5:00pm
One Silber Way, Boston

DANEZ SMITH APPEARING AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE
Friday, February 28, 2020
7:00pm at Wellesley College

WOMEN OF COLOR IN THE ACADEMY CONFERENCE
March 13th, 8:30am-5 p.m.
See schedule here: https://web.northeastern.edu/woc/schedule/

Follow The Boston Calendar for more events https://www.thebostoncalendar.com/
WELFARE RESOURCES
ON AND OFF CAMPUS

STATEMENT SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER RIGHTS
In 2018, the EGSA created the Statement Supporting Transgender Student Rights. Read the statement here:
https://cssh.northeastern.edu/english/graduate/egsa/

NORTHEASTERN SUPPORT GROUPS
The counseling center offers support groups for various topics for behavioral health. After filling out the interest form online, you’ll get a call from the facilitator of the support group(s) you selected to talk availability, answer questions, and to schedule a one-on-one meeting. Group meetings are usually once per week and alternate semesters.
https://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/counseling-services/group-counseling/

UHCS 24/7 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
Support and resources that help you find yourself, your peace of mind, and your distinctive path.
877.233.9477 (in the U.S.), +1.781.457.7777 (outside the U.S.)

LGBTQA+ RESOURCE CENTER GENDER AND NAME CHANGE
change your gender and name in the Northeastern system:
https://studentlife.northeastern.edu/lgbtqa/transnu/name-gender-marker/

SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCE CENTER
A confidential resource center where people affected by any form of sexual violence can use walk-in hours to talk.
http://www.northeastern.edu/vision/visionresourcecenter/

TITLE IX REPORTING OPTIONS
Report gender or sexual discrimination, including misuse of pronouns/names, sexual violence, harassment, and other forms of discrimination.
https://www.northeastern.edu/ouec/reporting-options/

AFFORDABLE RECIPES FOR STUDENTS
Affordable recipes for students and those on a budget!
https://www.bonappetit.com/gallery/cheap-recipes

GRAD STUDENT UNION COFFEE HOUR
A place to vent frustrations and learn about the current attempts for grad students to unionize at Northeastern. Email Jeff Sternberg (sternberg.j@husky.neu.edu)