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Fellow Graduate and Professional Students,

As many of you have likely noticed, last week the Republican majority in the House formally introduced several pieces of a tax overhaul plan that are extremely troubling to students in higher education— namely the repealing of language specifically protective of students utilizing tuition remission. As information and language in this provision are often inconsistent with that used at individual universities, interpreting these changes in fine detail is difficult.

**However, the changes affecting the taxable status of tuition remissions would affect all students that receive compensation for their tuition. Students receiving compensation for their tuition would be taxed for the value of that tuition.**

For example – a student receiving a \$30k stipend/year with a tuition remission of \$50k/year, would be taxed as if their income is \$80k/year. Currently, this student would only be taxed on the \$30k of “take-home” income. Under these proposed changes, **a student- instructor or researcher that is working for less than minimum wage would be taxed as if they receive a nearly-six-figure salary.**

This would be disastrous for all students, and for the higher education system in general. GPSC’s mission is to advocate for the wellbeing of all graduate and professional students at Duke University – as such, we stand monolithically opposed to the above-proposed

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**Publicize your Event Here:**

Read this to get started [or fill out this handy form](#). **The DEADLINE for event submission is Wednesday at 5PM.**

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**Did You Know?**

GPSC has its own [Wiki](#)site where you can not only get info on housing, bars and restaurants, parking, and other matters of interest to

~~state representatives' offices to the above proposed~~  
changes in the tax code. We advise that these measures are removed in their entirety and that student interests are maintained.

GPSC is in contact with our representatives' offices and will update students as this situation develops. In the meantime, we encourage you to advocate your opinions on this issue by individually calling or writing letters to our federal representatives' offices.

**Contact information for Federal Representatives:**

[Senator Tillis](#)

[Senator Burr](#)

[List of House Representatives](#)

Thank you for your time,  
Will Barclay, GPSC Director of Advocacy  
Rashmi Joglekar, GPSC President  
GPSC Advocacy Committee

## CHECK IT OUT!

### GPSC: GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COMMUNITY PANTRY-- NOW OPEN!

GPSC's Community Pantry is now open to all graduate and professional students and is located at the GPSC House (306 Alexander Ave). The pantry is open from 5-8PM on Wednesdays and 3-6PM on Saturdays and is currently stocked with nonperishable foods, childcare items, school supplies, and gently used professional clothing. All donations are currently being accepted at our donations drop-off center, also located at the GPSC House. For any questions regarding this resource, please contact [gpscpres@duke.edu](mailto:gpscpres@duke.edu).

### GPSC: 2017-2018 MEN'S BASKETBALL UPDATES

If you have not been receiving email updates about the basketball season so far this year, and would like to, please follow [this link](#). If you did not participate in Campout this year and need a ticketing account, or if your ID did not scan at the ticketing office, please follow [this link](#). Reminder: all ticketing accounts from last year were wiped, so if you did not have an account made this year you will need a new account.

### GPSC: LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Legal Problems or Questions? Protect your future.

grad students, but you can also ADD AND EDIT the info on it! [Check it out!](#)

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[Friend GPSC SL Chairs](#) on Facebook to always be up to date with GPSC Student Life events!

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Reduce your legal risks. Arrange for an attorney to help you address legal charges. The Lawyers Assistance Program is available to all graduate and professional students to provide advice and counsel, or to help you through any legal problems. The LAP keeps regular office hours in the Bryan Center, on Mondays 4-7PM. Students may sign up for an appointment through [this link](#). Note: there is no maximum number of allotted appointments per student.

**GPSC: APPLY TO BE A YOUNG TRUSTEE**

All current graduate and professional students are encouraged to apply for the Young Trustee position, a sitting member on the Duke Board of Trustees. The application deadline is 11:59 PM EST, Monday, December 18th, 2017. If you have any questions, email the [young trustee screening committee](#). For more info on the application [click here](#).

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## THIS WEEK (11/13—11/19)

### CONVERSATION: CARBON AND CLIMATE AT DUKE

**Contact:** [Seaver Wang](#)

**Location:** West Union Room 068

**Date :** 11/13/17

**Time:** 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Join the Duke Climate Coalition to hear Sustainability Director Tavey Capps and Nicholas School professors Tim Johnson and Charlotte Clark answer questions and address how Duke University will play a role in addressing the climate crisis.

### GPSC: GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

**Contact:** [Stephanie Stefanski](#)

**Location :** Environment Hall, Field Auditorium

**Date :** 11/14/17

**Time :** 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

GPSC's fifth and final General Assembly meeting of the fall. Dinner will be provided. We will be discussing and voting on various resolutions as well as wrapping up the semester.

### NC MASTER'S AND PH.D. CAREER FAIR

**Contact:** [Jessica Tarter](#)

**Location:** The Friday Center, Chapel Hill, NC

**Date :** 11/14/17

**Time:** 12-4 pm

**RSVP:** [Yes](#)

This is an opportunity to meet employers who are specifically seeking to hire graduate students! Click the link to see a full list of employers attending and to register for this event.

### **INTERVIEW WORKSHOP**

**Contact:** [Jessica Tarter](#)

**Location:** Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Bryan Center

**Date :** 11/14/17

**Time:** 10 am - 12 pm

**RSVP:** [Yes](#)

Learn how to effectively prepare for behavioral interviews, including strategies for conducting research about the organization and the STAR format for organizing your responses to interview questions.

### **GPSC: ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING "SMART SERIES: LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT"**

**Contact:** [Shoaqing Ge](#)

**Date :** 11/16/17

**Time:** 12-1 pm

**RSVP:** [Yes](#)

GPSC academic programming will host their first event of the "SMART" series. As one of GPSC'S signature events, this year the invited speaker is the 10th President of Duke University-- President Price. Have thoughts, questions, or just simply want to communicate with our leader? Don't miss the chance!

### **GPSC: ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING CO-SPONSORS 2017 CHINA US HEALTH FORUM**

**Contact:** [Shoaqing Ge](#)

**Date :** 11/17-11/19

**Location:** Trent Semans Center

**RSVP:** [Yes](#)

Cutting-edge leaders from all over the world in health and biology industries, academia, and VC will be on spot. Grasp the golden chance and absorb new ideas through face-to-face communications with them. Check out the event's [Facebook page](#) for more details. As a co-sponsor, GPSC offers limited amount of one-day free access promo code 'GPSCVIP' for the event's registration.

## **THE PRACTICE OF PILGRIMAGE: CONNECTING DURHAM'S STORY, YOUR STORY, AND GOD'S STORY**

**Contact:** [Jonathon Yuly](#)

**Location:** Duke Episcopal Center (505 Alexander)

**Date :** 11/17/17

**Time:** 6:30 pm

GCF biweekly gathering (always open to friends!) for dinner and a combination of prayer, worship, testimony, talks, and fellowship. This Friday, we will hear from Reynolds Chapman from DurhamCares.

## **PHONE AND VIRTUAL INTERVIEW LAB**

**Contact:** [Jessica Tarter](#)

**Location:** DIBS Lecture Hall, M035

**Date :** 11/17/17

**Time:** 9 - 10 am

**RSVP:** [Yes](#)

One of the first interviews you might have during your job or internship search may be on the phone or computer. How can you best represent yourself in this type of interview? During this lab, students will learn how to approach these conversations.

## **GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) DAY**

**Contact:** [James MacCarthy](#)

**Location:** Environment Hall

**Date :** 11/17/17

**Time:** 9 am - 5 pm

Join us for an entire day dedicated to geospatial analysis! This will be an event attended by GIS professionals and academics on multiple topics: offshore energy, protected species, marine research, data visualization, Google Earth Engine, & more.

## **BOLD CORNERSTONE 2A**

**Contact:** [Jordan Kozal](#)

**Location:** [Unwharrie National Forest](#)

**Date :** 11/18/17, Saturday - Sunday

**Time:** 6 am - 4 pm

**Cost:** \$40

**RSVP:** [Yes](#)

BOLD Keystone Participants - Join BOLD for an overnight (20 mile) backpacking Trip in Unwharrie National Forest! Get outside, enjoy the beautiful Fall weather and bond with your fellow BOLDers!

## **BOLD CORNERSTONE 2B**

**Contact:** [Jordan Kozal](#)

**Location:** [Brunswick Nature Preserve](#)

**Date :** 11/18/17, Saturday - Sunday

**Time:** 6 am - 4 pm

**Cost:** \$40

**RSVP:** [Yes](#)

BOLD Keystone Participants - Join BOLD for an overnight kayak trip from Brunswick Nature Preserve to Carolina Beach in Wilmington, NC! Get outside, get on the water, and bond with your fellow BOLDers!

## **GPSC: FOOTBALL TAILGATE- DUKE VS. GA TECH**

**Contact:** [Sara Stevens](#)

**Location :** Grassy area next to the Card lot and Wilson Gym

**Date :** 11/18/17

**Time :** 1 - 3:30 pm

Join GPSC in cheering on Duke football before their home game against Georgia Tech! There will be food, beer, non-alcoholic beverages and lawn games! The tailgate will begin 3 hours prior to kick-off (game time is 12:00pm). Food and drinks are limited, so come early! You **MUST** bring your student/spouse ID for entrance, as well as your government-issued ID (US state license or ID only, passports NOT accepted) if you plan to drink beer. Feel free to bring non-student guests. Glass and liquor bottles are not permitted in the tailgate area. We will also be accepting food donations for the Food Pantry (see above), so bring canned goods along with your Duke spirit-- GO DUKE!

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## **NEXT WEEK (11/20–11/26)**

### **ENVISIONING THE INVISIBLE: PHOTO CONTEST**

**Contact:** [Duke EGSC](#)

**Date :** 11/20/17

The Envisioning the Invisible Photo Contest hosted by EGSC will begin collect submissions November 20th and close December 22nd. Be sure to stay tuned for more details and prepare your submissions!

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS, ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & MORE**

### **GPSC: EMERGENCY TRAVEL FUND**

GPSC recently launched the Emergency Travel Fund (ETF) to aid students in purchasing travel for family/medical emergencies and bereavement travel in the form of small (\$200) grants. Application instructions and eligibility will be posted later this month.

### **SIGN UP FOR FOODCON 2017**

**Contact:** [Jordan Taveirne](#)

**Date:** 12/8/17, **Time:** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Location:** [UNC-Chapel Hill Kenan-Flagler Business School](#)

FoodCon 2017 is a one-day conference focused on the business of sustainable food. It is put on in partnership with Duke, UNC, and NC State. The goal is to bring together a diverse audience of students, community members, and business professionals. \$10 for students. After purchasing your ticket, please add your information to the following [Google Doc](#) so we can contact you with updates and arrange for transportation.

### **5 KEY NORMS OF GENDER VIOLENCE: TRAIN THE TRAINER**

**Contact:** [Krystal George](#)

**Date:** 12/14/17, **Time:** 8:30 am - 12:30 pm or 12 - 4 pm

**Location:** [Women's Center](#)

Come to a training for those would like to educate our students on gender violence. Learn about the roles of power, violence, masculinity, femininity, and silence in gender violence. Food provided at each session.

### **PART TIME OPENING FOR WOMEN'S CENTER GRADUATE ASSISTANT (SPRING 2018)**

**Contact:** [Krystal George](#)

[This position](#) provides prevention education and training related to gender based violence for the Duke community. Gender-based violence encompasses relationship violence, rape/sexual assault, stalking, sexual harassment.

### **PROVOST'S GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**

**Contact:** [Carolyn Mackman](#)

The Provost's Office is currently seeking 1-2 graduate students for [administrative internships](#). The positions are nine-month internships, running from September to May 31. Each internship provides an annual stipend, as well as tuition and fees.

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### **DUKE-DKU GLOBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM**

**Contact:** [Carolyn Mackman](#)

Duke-DKU Fellows teach 2 courses at Duke Kunshan University over a 5 month stay at DKU. Assignment of classes will be determined by Fellow specific expertise and DKU teaching needs. The award carries a generous stipend and additional benefits. More info, [click here](#).

### **CAREFREE STUDY**

**Contact:** [Askia Dunnon, MD](#)

Ongoing enrollment for the [CaREFREE study](#). We are currently recruiting healthy female participants in a local pilot study evaluating the effect of energy availability on the female reproductive cycle. Compensation provided.

### **PASSING THE TORCH MENTORING PROGRAM**

**Contact:** [Bibi Gnagno](#)

Passing the Torch is an undergraduate-graduate student mentorship program which seeks to connect mentors and mentees with mutual interests in hopes of facilitating the growth of an informative, supportive and mutually beneficial relationship. For more info, [click here!](#)

### **GPSC: NEED A PLACE TO HOST YOUR EVENT? GPSC HAS YOUR ANSWER!**

Student groups may reserve rooms in the [GPSC House](#), located at 306 Alexander Avenue on Central Campus. The house has a living room area, kitchen, conference room, meeting rooms and a yard. It is equipped to meet the needs of your events and meetings with an e-print station, photo printer, television, projector and some games. To reserve: [Click here](#).

Graduate and Professional Student Council.

Visit GPSC's website [here](#).

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Don't Forget to Check out GPSC Student Life's Facebook Page.

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- Find the full version of Duke's events calendar at [Events@Duke](#)
- Check out useful information on grad student resources on the [GPSC Wiki Site](#)
- Post classifieds at <http://dukelist.duke.edu>



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