UPDATE: Thesis & Dissertation Workshop

Although the document-formatting workshop given at the beginning of each semester will not take place in its usual face-to-face format, the PowerPoint on which the workshop is based will be sent out to graduating students on Wednesday, September 23.

Changes to Fall Academic Calendar

View the 2020 Fall Academic Calendar and the Graduate School Calendar, but please note the most significant changes below:

- September 30: The 50% refund deadline
- November 6: The final date to drop classes or resign from LSU

Theses & Dissertation Email Reviews

In the interest of the safety of students and editors during the COVID-19 pandemic, appointments with the editor will be replaced with preliminary reviews conducted by email. The process is as follows:

- Consulting the formatting guidelines on the Graduate School website, the student applies the formatting rules to the thesis or dissertation, as usual.
- The student emails an Adobe PDF of the document’s correctly formatted front matter, page 1 of the narrative text, and the first page of the required list of references, or bibliography, as follows:
  - Dissertations: to cmckenzie@lsu.edu; theses: to apaxto5@lsu.edu.
  - Do not send the entire document
  - The subject line should read: Request for Preliminary Review
- The editor will return the material with comments within a day or two.

Students are always free to email specific formatting questions to the editors.

The review is optional and is meant to catch obvious oversights, not to replace the guidelines. The reason that editors now request preliminary pages for review is that these pages contain most document errors.

Students not graduating in December 2020 should send their review requests after fall commencement.
Racism: Dismantling the System

The LSU Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, in partnership with Southern University's Nelson Mandela College of Government & Social Sciences, Louisiana Budget Project, NAACP Louisiana State Conference, and LSU Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, presents:

Through this ongoing series, we aim to unpack the systemic racism plaguing our nation, in an effort to actively work to make changes in our communities. The series also seeks to amplify the voices of community advocates, academics, journalists, and more working for racial justice in our nation and beyond. The inaugural episode of the series will focus on the history of racism and its deep-seated effects within the United States, from colonization to slavery to the Civil Rights Movement and beyond, and will include the following panelist:

The event will be held Zoom and will be live-streamed. To confirm your attendance and receive the Zoom access code, please complete the registration on the Eventbrite site: Racism: Dismantling the System
LSU Libraries Fall 2020 Online Workshops

**Literature Reviews 101**
*Tuesday, September 22*
1:30 - 2:30 pm

How do I find review articles? How do I keep my notes organized? How do I evaluate my sources? How should I format my literature review? Learn the tips and tricks to writing literature reviews in this workshop! Event URL will be sent via registration email.

**News Research 101**
*Thursday, September 24*
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Do you need to search news sources such as newspapers, transcripts, video, or wire services? This workshop will introduce students to conducting news research. Workshop participants will learn how to find out whether LSU Libraries has full-text access to a specific new source, how to search multiple news sources at the same time using newspaper databases (such as Nexis Uni and Access World News), and how to create and refine your search so you locate the most relevant articles on your topic. Event URL will be sent via registration email.

**Systematic Reviews**
*Wednesday, September 30*
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Do you need to learn how to do a Systematic Review? Where do you even begin? Is the type of paper I want/need to do even a Systematic Review? In this workshop we will go over what a Systematic Review is (and isn't) and how to do one. We will also cover resources that can help you manage the process. Event URL will be sent via registration email.

Visit LSU Libraries Events & Programming web page for additional workshops. Please email Rebecca Kelley at rkell25@lsu.edu with questions or suggestions for future workshop topics.
The LSU Black Faculty & Staff Caucus presents

**Kickoff Event**

**Journey for Justice I Filmmaker Q&A**

*Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:30 pm*

The **Journey to Justice** is a three-part Zoom series highlighting the triumphs of two notable African-Americans who were key in breaking racial barriers at LSU and their communities. This project aims to engage the campus in an open discussion of racial injustice by reviewing two works:

- **Journey for Justice:** The A.P. Tureaud Story
- **A View from the Inside...** Thirty-Six Years of Desegregation

The Kick-Off event will be held on September 30 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Attendees are invited to watch the **Journey for Justice: The A.P. Tureaud Story**, and then join us via Zoom for a live discussion facilitated by director/producer Dr. Rachel Emanuel and Mr. A.P. Tureaud, Jr.

**Register for The Kick-Off Event**

Visit the [Black Faculty & Staff Caucus website](#) for more information.
Latin American & Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

This year, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA), the Latinx Faculty & Staff Caucus, the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) as well as other members of the LAHHM Planning Committee bring you an exciting line-up of events.

Learn more about each event and register by visiting our website at lsu.edu/latinx. You can also email oma@lsu.edu or call 225-578-4339 with questions.
**Mental Health Resources Now Available**

**Group Therapy**
Group options range from interpersonal therapy groups to semi-structured groups on specific topics. Individuals interested in participating in group therapy can make a request during an Initial Consultation appointment, or discuss options with their current MHS therapist.

Visit the Student Health Center's website to view a list of fall virtual group offerings.

**Individual Therapy**
The SHC offers individual psychotherapy as well as group psychotherapy. Students can schedule a consultation to connect with a therapist to talk confidentially about immediate concerns. The therapist will discuss with the student their reasons for seeking help and evaluate which services and resources may be most useful.

Call 225-578-8774 for an appointment.

**Let's Talk**
Let's Talk offers brief, informal and confidential consultations. Meetings last about 15 minutes and it is an easy way to seek support, perspective, and assistance connecting with campus and community resources. Let's Talk may be a good fit for you if...

- You have wondered what it is like to talk with a mental health counselor
- You aren't interested in ongoing counseling, but would like a counselor's perspective
- You have a specific problem suitable for a 15-minute conversation
- You are concerned about a friend and want ideas about what to do

Join Let's Talk Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 956-4442-4852)
Every Mon & Thurs from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.
Weekly Announcements

Mental Health Resources Now Available

**Emotional Wisdom Webinars**
This series provide students the opportunity to learn and practice skills for effective mood management. Emotional Wisdom Webinars are hosted via Zoom on Wednesdays at 3:00 pm.

Join Emotional Wisdom Webinars Zoom Meeting (Meeting ID: 963 4999 4345)
Every Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.
- September 30—Everyday Mindfulness
- October 14—Frame of Mind
- October 28—Living with Purpose
- November 11—Resiliency Skills: Channeling your Inner Strength

**ThePhone**
ThePhone is a 24-hour crisis counseling and support line serving the students of LSU. Callers to the LSU line are connected to volunteer paraprofessional counselors trained in crisis intervention and suicide prevention. Common reasons students call or text ThePhone:
- You want help with an immediate personal crisis.
- You are thinking about suicide.
- You are feeling distressed.
- You are in therapy or waiting to see a therapist, but need to talk with someone now.

Call or text 225-924-5781

**Case Management**
The case manager located in the Office of Wellness & Health Promotion collaborates with partners in all units of the SHC, as well as those on campus and the surrounding community to connect LSU students to health and wellness resources. They can assist with Short-term Crisis Intervention during periods of crisis for students. They can assist with locating providers who offer low cost services for students who may be uninsured, underinsured or have financial need.

For more information about case management services, please contact the Office of Wellness & Health Promotion at 225-578-5718.
Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program

PMF Applicant Handbook
The Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program has published the PMF Applicant Handbook, a brand new resource designed to provide a general overview of the annual application process and support applicants for the upcoming application cycle.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the PMF website to review the Handbook in conjunction with the 2021 PMF Assessment Preparation Guide and additional resources & information under “Become a PMF.”

The Handbook can be found under the “Become a PMF\Resources” and the “Academia\Resources” sections on the PMF website.

The PMF Class of 2021 Application is scheduled to open on Wednesday, September 30 at Noon (EST) and close on Wednesday, October 14 at Noon (EST).

PMF Class of 2021 Application: Preparing for Launch on 9/30/2020
In advance of this year’s application period, here are some key resources available for prospective applicants, and to highlight what’s new for the 2021 application cycle.

Informational Webinars for Prospective Applicants: During the month of September, informational webinars for prospective applicants are taking place every Tuesday. These webinars give a general overview of the PMF Program, details on the 2021 application cycle, and allow for participants to ask questions (if time permits).

Visit the Become a PMF section of the website.

PMF Program Required Application Documents & Alternative Letter: This document outlines details on the required documents. You can also find this document on Resources page.

Visit the Become a PMF section of the website.
Become A Genesis Mentor

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of first-year and transfer students? The Genesis Mentoring program has matched over 140 mentees, but we do not want to leave any Genesis applicants unmatched. We have approximately 30 students who remain unmatched. If you have a heart for service and support, please consider applying to be a Genesis mentor. Weekly check-ins with mentees may be held in-person or virtually.

For more information or to apply, visit the [Genesis Mentoring website](#).

Student Senate Vacancies

The Student Senate is now accepting applications to fill two vacancies in the Graduate School delegation for the remainder of the Fall Semester.

For more information, please visit the [LSU Student Government website](#) or email Speaker of the Senate Justin Martin lsusenate@lsu.edu.

Hurricane Laura Assistance Available

**LSU Student Emergency Support Fund**

This fund benefits students who have been impacted by emergency situations like storms, hurricanes, fires, and other disasters. Visit the [Student Support Fund website](#) to learn more or apply for assistance.

**Food**

The [LSU Food Pantry](#), located in the Student Union, is a free resource designed to help students in need of food. Hours of operation vary daily.
Weekly Announcements

Available GA Positions

Click the job title to a description and contact information.

Marketing & Communications GA

African-American Student Affairs GA