



NEW SEMESTER

GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME FROM DEAN YATES

Greetings from the Graduate School, and welcome to Columbus State University!

It's an exciting time to pursue a graduate degree at Columbus State University! You have joined a vibrant community of artists, researchers, and educators who are committed to challenging you and immersing you in a compelling and creative academic environment. You are working alongside remarkable scholars, expanding knowledge, advancing discoveries, and making unique contributions to your discipline.

At Columbus State University, we believe graduate education should encompass more than just specialized knowledge. We believe graduate education should enrich the student holistically by providing opportunities for personal and professional growth. The Graduate School supports professional development initiatives like The Graduate Research and Writing Boot Camp, The Graduate Research Conference, Lunch and Learns, and others that aim to promote transferable skills across disciplines. Our goal is to assist students in gaining the information, skills, and professional presence necessary to succeed in today's competitive job market.

The Graduate School is here to help ensure that your experience is successful. Don't hesitate to reach out to us and let us help you achieve your goals.



Work hard. Have fun.
Continue to CREATE YOU!

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SPRING LUNCH & LEARNS



We held our first Lunch & Learn of the semester in January, featuring CSU's Center for Career Design. Students were able to hear about the opportunities available to them through the Center including the career finding website Handshake, resume writing workshops, interview skills, career closet, and more!

We then held our second Lunch & Learn with StartUp Columbus in March. Students had the opportunity to work with the tools to begin their journey of starting a new business. This event was interactive and collaborative, and we can't wait to host more in the future!



GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

We would like to highlight two hardworking graduate students in this newsletter: Tyrell Millerjohnson and Rae Palmer. The two of them are the graduate assistants for the Graduate School, where they work to improve the graduate program for all students.

Tyrell Millerjohnson



Tyrell is originally from Columbus, Ohio. He found out about Columbus State University through talking to his mentor at Central State University, where he discovered the many great graduate business programs offered at CSU. He visited the campus and fell in love with its layout and got along well with his advisor. Upon being accepted, he looked into graduate assistantships. After finding out their benefits, he settled into an assistantship for the Graduate School and has been doing a great job ever since!

Rae Palmer



Rae Palmer started their undergraduate studies at Columbus State University, where they found an amazing community in the Communication department. In their undergraduate studies, they worked through the department for WCUG, our college radio station, by running social media, creating radio shows, and helping with basketball and baseball broadcasts. The year before Rae graduated, the Communication department started their graduate program, and Rae seized the opportunity to further their education and experience. Now they help the Graduate School as a graduate assistant, where they are responsible for most public emails and social medias.

GRADUATE FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Franklin Mixon



Dr. Franklin Mixon is an Economics professor and the editor for the *Journal of Financial Economic Policy*. He was nominated for the Graduate Faculty Spotlight by one of his students last semester. Dr. Mixon is an experienced professor, having taught at four institutions before starting at Columbus State in 2010.

He prefers a "chalk and talk" style of teaching, where he can walk around and engage his students effectively. He also likes to stay on top of current events and pop culture in order to relate his lessons to his students.

Dr. Mixon has done a lot of research in his career, on a wide range of subjects. He has looked into how past experiences with property confiscation shape the choices made by parents to promote greater education attainment by their children, how the pattern of eponymous skills in women's gymnastics before and after the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s relates to central planning, economic freedom and the transition from the former to the latter, and on common property aspects of surfing – a wave is a resource that can be shared – and how these shape the behavior of surfers. He tries to keep his research applicable to real world problems, and has been cited in academic work and in media. His works have been featured in Vox videos, University of California campus bullying policies, and in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Dr. Mixon offers a great piece of advice to his students, as a reflection on his own college experience: "With the exception of my freshman year in college, I was a very studious college student from my undergraduate days through completion of my PhD. If I could go back in time, I would have been studious as a freshman as well given that I discovered after that year that you can be studious and have enjoyable experiences as a college student. It doesn't have to be one or the other."

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apply for Graduate Student or Faculty Spotlights

We want to feature the stellar people in our programs!

Do you know a graduate school student or faculty member who deserves recognition for their achievements or research? We want to hear about them! We would like to include these highlights in future newsletters, and share their activities with colleagues! Apply to the proper form below to put them on our radar!

Student Candidates

Faculty Candidates

Check Out Our Social Media

Click the icons to visit the pages.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



Alumni Association Scholarship Deadline

CSU's Alumni Association is awarding scholarships to both undergraduate and graduate students this semester! There are four scholarships available, with different requirements for each. Be sure to apply by the deadline through the link below!



Cougar Film Festival Submission Deadline

CSU's The Society Film Club is hosting its 3rd annual Cougar Film Festival this semester, and submissions are open! The festival is open to ALL CSU students, and will have categories like Best Director, Best Documentary, and Best Interactive Media. If you have any questions about the festival, email [Rae Palmer](#) or check out The Society's [Instagram](#).

Submit Here!



Travis Porter Spring Concert

**FREE AND OPEN TO CURRENTLY ENROLLED CSU STUDENTS
MUST HAVE A VALID CSU STUDENT ID FOR ENTRY**



TRAVIS PORTER
SPRING CONCERT FT. MAIYA THE DON

**THURSDAY
APRIL 4TH | LUMPKIN
CENTER**

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM; SHOW STARTS AT 8PM
SCAN FOR FULL DETAILS AND CONCERT INFO!



Korean-U.S. Economic Relations and the Impact on Georgia



TURNER COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY
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presents

KOREAN-U.S. ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND THE IMPACT ON GEORGIA

Thursday, April 4 | 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.*

Cunningham Conference Center, CSU Main Campus

PANELISTS:

**AMBASSADOR
SANGPYO SUH**

*Honorable Consular General,
Republic of Korea in Atlanta*

**MR. STUART
COUNTSS**

President & CEO, Kia Georgia Inc.

**U.S. REP. DREW
FERGUSON**

*Georgia's 3rd Congressional District,
U.S. House of Representatives*

**MR. TROY
STANGARONE**

*Senior Director & Fellow,
Korea Economic Institute*



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to follow*

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Journeys with Mental Health Through the Arts Awards Ceremony

The Counseling Center has held a contest for artists of all mediums to show their interpretation of mental health struggles for several years. This year's award ceremony will be taking place from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM in Frank Brown Hall, room 1309. There will be a lecture from guest speaker Fatmah AlQadfan, who will be conducting an experimental workshop on personal and community wellness.

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