

CRDM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



SPRING BOOK DRIVE

The Spring Book Drive is on! Like last semester, this will be Thursday & Friday (April 21 & 22) from 9am to 5pm in the Court of North Carolina.

Do you wanna socialize with your fellow CRDMers? Want a service CV line? Wanna help raise money for travel, tech, etc.? Then what are you waiting for? Volunteer today! Seriously, just use [this link](#) or the one on the flyer below (page 4).

But wait, there's more! CRDMSA is still accepting donations for the book drive, and we're stepping up our game this semester by including other forms of media. So, if you have some books, DVDs, or CDs that you want to send off to a new, loving home, bring your donations into the Annex or contact our Master of Coin Jeff Bruinsma (jbruins@ncsu.edu).

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE NEWS

The Social Media Committee (SMC) is still looking for volunteers for the 2022-2023 academic year! The committee is led by the SA's VP (new face coming soon) and needs at least one other member.

If you're interested in joining the SMC or wanna learn more, please email Beth Greene (megreen5@ncsu.edu).

GSA UPDATES

Here's the latest update from the wonderful Margaret:

- Graduate Student Research Symposium: April 6th, 2022. Info can be found [here](#)! Everyone is welcome to participate in the event. We have multiple CRDMers participating some come out and support our colleagues!
- Spring formal will take place on April 22 in Talley! The event is 100% free, and includes an all you can eat buffet, a plus one for each grad student, and 2 free alcoholic drinks per students! More details to come.
- The Mental Health and Wellness Town Hall is scheduled for this Thursday, March 31st from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. See the flyer below (page 3) and RSVP [here](#). Panelists for the event will include, Dr. Peter Harries, Mala Chintalapudi and Kelsey McCorkle!

CONGRATS TO OUR CRDM FRIENDS!

CRDMSA sends a big CONGRATULATIONS to our friends on their recent accomplishments!

- Dr. Alice Cheng, CHASS Outstanding Junior Faculty Award for Social Sciences
- Dr. Beth Greene (successful diss defense)
- Dr. Megan Alyssa Fletcher (successful diss defense)



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Updates:

- **Proposing constitutional changes to remove the COM and ENG designations for Program Reps:** Honestly, it doesn't matter if a student is from "COM" or "ENG" because we're interdisciplinary anyway. Also, I believe this designation prevented good folks from running for this office last year and I don't think it should be a deterrent.
- **Proposing constitutional changes so International Student Rep and Cohort Reps are added to elected officials:** This is mostly just to update the constitution with what we do in practice.
- **The Merch Guy ghosted us completely:** Jeff is at least looking to get dues squared away and trying to find another vendor for next year.
- **We're chatting about ideas for creating SA-sponsored travel awards:** We're waiting to see if we can get some data from the Program Committee on how much of the current allotment is being spent so we know where best to supplement and with how much. It's still a work in progress, but I wanted to let ya'll know we're not sitting on (what feels like) this dragon's horde of cash and doing nothing with it.

Things to Look Out For:

- **SA Call for Nominations:** Will be emailed out April 1st :) You can self nominate yourself, that's totally fine.
- **Join the Social Media Committee!** Respond to Beth's call for committee members so you get to send out this cool and informative newsletter! (This is also great alt-ac oriented experience in PR/Marketing if you're interested in that!)

Shout Outs and Thanks:

- **Everyone who helped coordinate and participated in Recruitment and Symposium!** These events are no small feat to get going and both were incredibly successful! It was great to interact with prospective students and see some of the incredible work CRDMers are doing. Y'all are great! :)
- **Aaron Dial and Margaret Baker!** They put together an awesome event, AI.Go.Rhythms: Technology, Race, & Culture in the Mix, in collaboration with the library. Y'all certainly are evil geniuses.

Mental Health and Wellness Town Hall

Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:30 PM

<https://go.ncsu.edu/gsa-townhall>

The past few years have proven especially challenging for many graduate students when it comes to mental health and wellness. The Graduate Student Association is interested in hearing from you about the challenges you have faced, the lessons you have learned, and any changes you would like to see in how NC State University approaches providing services for mental health and wellness.

Share your voice, help contribute topics, and RSVP using the QR code below!



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[Sign up now](#)

