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Dear GSAS community,

We find ourselves at a moment of significant change at Brandeis and in GSAS, with some challenges to face in coming years, but also many opportunities and much to celebrate.

First, I want to congratulate Dean Wendy Cadge, who will begin on July 1 as the 10th president of Bryn Mawr College. We will deeply miss Wendy at Brandeis, where she has long been a leader in the classroom, as a scholar, and in her administrative roles. Personally, I owe her a debt of gratitude for all I have learned as I followed in her footsteps as Division Head of Social Sciences and now in GSAS. While we are sad to see her head south for Pennsylvania, I hope you all share my joy for Dean Cadge and celebrate her achievement as she takes on this exciting new opportunity. I am honored to have been asked to continue in my role as Dean of GSAS for the next three years, and while I cannot replace Wendy I hope to carry forward her initiatives in support of our graduate community, and to work with you all to strengthen GSAS in new ways in the coming years.

Speaking of celebrating change, we are also looking forward to the major event in honor of all that the members of our graduate community have achieved in your years at Brandeis: Commencement! It can be easy to skip over the details in the newsletters that come through your inbox, but please read through the message below for all the upcoming dates and deadlines for commencement. Note that we'll also be enjoying a less formal, but no less important, social event in honor of graduation at the Charles River Museum, and I hope that you will join us.

I also want to acknowledge the messages you have received in recent weeks from President Liebowitz concerning the budget challenges that Brandeis, like so many universities, is

facing. Some of the changes that are underway to address these concerns are described in the most recent message reporting on the April meeting of the Board of Trustees, and are intended to put us on a more solid footing for years to come. Know that everyone in GSAS is working with the administration to ensure that our graduate community is sustained and strengthened throughout these changes. And as always, if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact any of us in GSAS - that's exactly what we're here for.

Finally, I hope that as many of you get a breather from classes during the upcoming April break you also have the opportunity to enjoy the warmer weather, flowers, and renewal of Spring.

All best,

Charles Golden

1. Academic Announcements

Early Dissertation or Master's Thesis/Paper/Capstone Project Completion Tuition Waiver Policy

As we approach the end of the spring semester, GSAS would like to remind students who plan to complete an August degree of the early dissertation or master's thesis/paper/capstone project completion tuition waiver policy.

All students must register for the term in which they plan to complete their degree. PhD students should register for CONT 500 (in fall or spring) or CONT 250 (in summer), and master's students should register for CONT 200 (or the department equivalent). If a student completes their dissertation or master's thesis/paper/capstone project within ten (10) business days of the [first day of classes for that term](#), or, in the summer, within ten (10) business days of Commencement, they will receive a full tuition waiver. Completion is defined as follows:

For a PhD dissertation or a master's thesis: Deposit of the dissertation or thesis to ProQuest ETD. For more information about this process, visit our [Thesis and Dissertation Guide](#).

For a master's paper or capstone project: Acceptance of the paper or project by the program. Students should immediately [notify Abigail Arnold](#) once the paper or project is accepted.

Students should complete the [application to graduate](#) as soon as it is available for the semester.

Viewing Your TA Evaluations in Workday

To view your TA evaluations from supervising faculty members in Workday, type "Maintain My Student Documents" in the top search bar. This will take you to a screen where you can see all documents attached to your record. This [job aid](#) gives additional details for the process.

Article Publication Proseminar

Fall 2024 & Spring 2025
Full year course

**Article Publication
Proseminar
(GSAS 360c)**

OPEN TO
ABDs, PhDs, MAs

- Humanities,
- Arts, &
- Humanistic Social Sciences

Interested in getting an article published in a peer-reviewed journal in your field? This proseminar will offer the nuts and bolts of article publishing, as well as workshopping opportunities to get your article in the best shape possible. Students will bring an article idea at the beginning of the year with the intention of sending it out for publication by the end of the year.

Fall 2024
Alternating Tuesdays 11:10-12:30

Spring 2025
TBD

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English Department
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Library Announcements

Library Research Excellence Prizes

Consider submitting your work for the [Library's Research Excellence Prize](#) by May 14! The library has a specific prize for research completed by a graduate student; other prize categories that are open to graduate students include community-engaged research, research related to racism and anti-racism, climate change-related research, research that uses materials in the Brandeis Archives & Special Collections, and digital research projects.

Research Support

Whether you're on campus or remote, the Library is here to [support you with your research](#) as we head into finals period and approach due dates for semester projects!

- Stop by the Research Help Desk on Goldfarb 1 for in-person help.
- Schedule an in-person or Zoom [consultation with a subject librarian or specialist](#).
- [Email the research help team](#).
- Chat with a librarian online, using the "Chat with a Librarian" button on the library site.
- Call 781-736-4627.

2. Student Life Announcements

Commencement Deadlines at a Glance

- **April 19** - **Deadline for students to register in Marching Order at 11:59 p.m. EDT.** (Note: students must register with the individual link sent to them directly by email.)
- **April 26** - GSAS will send an email to graduating students with an invitation to join the commencement cocktail reception.
- **May 1** - Waitlist for tickets opens in Marching Order.
- **May 6** - Regalia pickup begins in Brandeis Bookstore and runs through Commencement Day.
- **May 10** - Deadline to RSVP to cocktail reception.
- **May 14** - GSAS Commencement Reception, 6-9 PM, [Charles River Museum](#), Waltham
- **May 19** - Graduate Commencement Ceremony, 2:45 PM. (Students must arrive at 1:45 PM for line up at the exterior tunnel entrance (near the baseball field) of the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center.)

Note: If you missed the April 1 deadline to order regalia, you can visit the Bookstore, starting May 6, to select a kit from their overstock inventory.

For more commencement information, please visit the [Commencement 2024 Website](#).

Email Access for Graduating Students

Graduating students will retain their [brandeis.edu](#) accounts during a seven-month grace period following commencement. Once this grace period has ended, your Brandeis Google account, including your email, will be deleted and messages will bounce back to senders as undeliverable.

In June, you will receive additional information to support your transition away from your [brandeis.edu](#) account along with an invitation to register for the My Brandeis Gateway alumni portal. We will provide guidance on how to move your personal data, update contact information, and create new credentials to access alumni online resources.

First and foremost, please take the following steps to update your non-Brandeis contact information:

[Confirm your home \(non-Brandeis\) address and contact information](#) in Workday

[Add yourself as an authorized party in Nelnet](#) using non-Brandeis credentials

If you have any questions about your [brandeis.edu](#) account, or need any assistance updating your contact information, please contact help@brandeis.edu.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Brandeis 3MT Competition!

We have been so impressed with the hard work and creativity that all of the 3MT participants have put into their presentations. A huge congrats to all of our student participants and to our four winners!

Sciences

First Place: Will Dahl, Molecular and Cell Biology

Stressed Cells' Secret Weapon for Survival

Second Place and People's Choice: Pranav Ojha, Molecular and Cell Biology

What Makes our Clock Tick: A Look at Where It All Starts

Social Sciences/Humanities/Arts

First Place: Manning Zhang, Sociology and Health Policy

'Move It Or Lose It'

Second Place: Victoria Khaghani, Anthropology

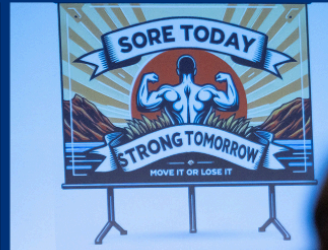
The Devil's in the Details: Neglected Patterns of Honduras

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3MT Finals

April 5, 2024





Housing Resources and Announcements

Summer Subletting

It's time to plan. If you are going away for summer, and want to know how to sublet your room safely and legally, there are **two things to know:** 1) Subletting is common among students in the metro Boston area, and 2) Subletting requires written permission from your landlord. **Steps to sublet:**

1. Check your lease for subletting restrictions.
2. Contact your landlord or property manager to ask how to sublet your room and what they require.
3. Inform your roommates that you would be searching for a sublet to ensure that everyone is on board.
4. Obtain your landlord's approval in writing for your record.
5. List your sublet on the [Brandeis Off-campus Housing Database](#).

Summer Apartment Search Resources

- Use the [Brandeis Off-campus housing database](#) for apartment and sublet listings!
- **Housing:** Filter the housing listings, use map view, and check transit routes easily. Filter the housing lists by "closest to campus", "Sublet" or "Short Term" for more flexible options.
- **Roommates:** Create your profile and browse profiles! Use filters to find someone that fits what you need. Message them directly!
- **Note:** You can find students from nearby colleges here too.
- **Resources:** Find a [list of agents and property managers](#), and get connected to more detailed information such as [leases](#) and [neighborhood rental costs](#).

Review Your Off-Campus Housing and Landlords

Please help the Office of Graduate Affairs better understand the housing market for students! We're asking you to fill out [this housing survey](#) to review your landlords and/or property managers. Your input is important and will help us provide insight to incoming students searching for housing. Data gathered will be aggregated (we will not share your personal information with anyone) and only shared with the Brandeis community.

3. Funding Opportunities

Immigrants Rising Scholarship and Fellowship Database

Founded in 2006, Immigrants Rising is a San Francisco-based organization that transforms individuals and fuels broader changes around the country. They believe that with the right resources and support, undocumented people are able to get an education, pursue careers, and build a brighter future for themselves and their communities. They have curated a [list of scholarships and fellowships](#) that don't require proof of U.S. citizenship. The database can be filtered by general application eligibility requirements, including education level, region/state, and immigration status (e.g. DACA, TPS, in-state tuition eligibility). [Academic Fellowships](#) encourages you to meet with them if you have questions about how to navigate the database, want to clarify other eligibility criteria, or just want to chat about an opportunity that interests you.

Fellowship Support for Graduate Students

Academic Fellowships at Brandeis is here to support Brandeis graduate students applying for a wide range of fellowship opportunities, including [Boren Fellowships](#), the [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#), the [Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans](#), and the [Critical Language Scholarship](#). The Academic Fellowships advising team can help you determine your eligibility and understand the application process and timeline, and they can also answer questions and provide feedback on application essays and other components.

Graduate Fellowships Newsletter

One way to learn more about fellowship opportunities available to Brandeis graduate students is to email the [Academic Fellowships team](#) to opt in to their bi-weekly **Graduate Fellowships Newsletter**. These emails will include information about a wide range of scholarships.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

The [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#) offers US citizens an opportunity to spend an academic year abroad conducting research, teaching English, or pursuing a one-year graduate degree. Many Brandeis graduate students have applied for and been awarded crucial funding that supported their research goals abroad. Academic Fellowships at Brandeis is here to support graduate students applying for Fulbright grants and will be sending out weekly Fulbright Updates to anyone interested in applying or just learning more about the program. If you'd like to receive these Updates, please [email the Fellowships team](#) to opt in or to set up an individual advising appointment.

4. Professional Development Events

Applying for PhD Programs Info Session

This info session will take place on **May 1, 2024 at 12 PM** and is for current Brandeis Master's students who are interested in applying for PhD programs. Jonathan Anjaria, Director of Professional Development and Associate Professor, Anthropology will explain the PhD admissions process and provide guidance on how to put together a strong application. Topics will include choosing PhD programs, how to draft an effective statement of purpose, writing an effective CV, and choosing an appropriate writing sample. [Register for the info session](#) to receive the Zoom link.

5. Student, Faculty, and Alum News

Sociology and Chemistry Faculty Members Win GSAS Mentoring Award

[Sarah Mayorga of Sociology and Bing Xu of Chemistry](#) are the 2024 co-recipients of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Mentoring Award. In their nominations, Mayorga and Xu both received high praise from their students.

Geeking Out With...Brynna Kilcline

In this installment of Geeking Out With..., a series in which we talk to GSAS students about their passions, Computational Linguistics master's student [Brynna Kilcline](#) talks about her love of reading and how it helps her de-stress.



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Geeking Out

with... **BRYNNA KILCLINE**

“I actually find that I tend to read more when I’m super stressed because I need a break. For example, at the end of the semester, I will be super overwhelmed. I’ll set a timer on my phone to read for fifteen minutes and then go back to work. It’s a good de-stresser, and I think taking the breaks makes me work better when I do get back to work.”



Second-year master’s student in Computational Linguistics



[Read the interview here](#)

Jinmin Lee, PhD '14, Shares Philosophy Tales With Children

[Jinmin Lee](#) earned her PhD in Politics from Brandeis in 2014. Since then, she has written several successful Korean books. Her most recent book, *Philo and Sophie Leave the Cave*, came out in 2023. The book is aimed at teaching children about famous philosophers and their ideas.

GSAS Students Win Mandel Awards

For the 2024-2025 academic year, six GSAS students received research awards and four received dissertation innovation awards from the Mandel Center for the Humanities. The winners are:

Graduate Student Research Award Winners

Tamar Aizenberg, Holocaust Remembrance through the Eyes of Grandchildren: The Descendants of Survivors and Perpetrators in Vienna

Anik Chartrand, Animating Belonging: The Role of Animate Objects in Native American and First Nations Novels

Sungkyung Cho, Poetry and Self-Love: Thomas Love Peacock and the Poet's Amour-Propre

Lianne Gallant, Tracing the History of Chinese Adoption in the American Social Welfare Archives

Sargam Sharma, The Remaking of Life and Death: Mortuary Practices and the Promise of "Development"

Alexandra Szabo, A Prolonged Genocide: The Sterilization and Castration of the Hungarian Roma and Jews in National Socialist Camps

Graduate Student Dissertation Innovation Awards

Sreemoyee Bhattacharya, Elegiac Forms in Play: Documenting Grief from the Perspective of a Child

Savita Maharaj, Reclaiming Women's Voices: Afro-Caribbean and Indo-Caribbean Women's Resistance in 18th and 19th Century Post-Colonial Literature

Sahid Mondal, Photographing Secularism: A Visual Ethnography of the India-Bangladeshi Border

Gowthaman Ranganathan, 'Choreographing Possibilities: Tamil Transfeminine Performance in Post-War Sri Lanka'.

History PhD Student Organizes Conference

Alexandra Szabo, PhD student in History, co-organized the conference Romani Roots, Shared Stories, which took place at Yale University on April 4. She also presented her own research in a talk entitled "The Genocide of the Lovara."

History PhD Alum Earns Faculty Role at University of Alabama

Hannah Jung, PhD '23 in History, will be joining the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Alabama in the fall.

6. Upcoming Events

GSAS Events

- Commencement Cocktail Reception, Tuesday, May 14, 6-9 PM, Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation. Invitations will be emailed to graduating students.
- Tips for Creating a Successful PhD Application Workshop, Wednesday, May 1, 12-1 PM, Zoom. [Register for the workshop here.](#)



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WORKSHOP ALERT

TIPS FOR CREATING A SUCCESSFUL PHD APPLICATION

Jaclyn Farina
Assistant Dean of Admission

Dr. Jon Anjaria
Faculty Director of Professional Development




**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 1, 12-1 PM,
ZOOM**

Join the GSAS for a virtual workshop chock full of tips on how to prepare a successful doctoral application

Topics will include choosing Ph.D. programs, how to draft an effective statement of purpose, writing an effective CV, and choosing an appropriate writing sample. Scan to register!



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