Greetings GWISE community! -- Happy New Year!

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GWISE Newsletter and Upcoming Events - January 2010

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GWise Officer Elections:
GWISE will be electing new officers in May. If you would be interested in being part of the GWISE and learning more, please email:gwise@bu.edu subject: May Elections

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= Pub Social at Cornwall’s

Thursday, February 11
5:30-7:30pm

Join us for another round of food, drinks, and games! This is an opportunity to socialize, and also to learn what GWISE has planned for the next few months. We will supply some appetizers.

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= Professional Book Club

Friday, January 29th (first meeting)
12:00 - 1:30 pm
Office of Development 7th Floor Boardroom (One Silber Way)

GWISE is starting a nonfiction book club focused on world and professional issues, led by Dr. Beverly Brown. Our first book selection is The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan. A "brilliant, eye-opening account of how we produce, market, and agonize over what we eat," this book is changing the way that Americans think about the politics, perils, and pleasures of eating!

An RSVP is required. CLICK HERE TO RSVP

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= Workout Class

Workout with GWISE at FitRec, Wed 5-6pm and Thurs 7-8pm. Contact amseliga@bu.edu for more information.

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= Dissertation Writers' Support Group
Discuss the issues of thesis writing, concentrating on the process, with other graduate students in the same situation.

First meeting Thurs, Jan 28th at Noodle St. Contact efarring@bu.edu for more information.

February: Grant Writing Workshop

Friday Feb 26th at 2:30 LSEB 103

Dr. Cynthia Bradham will present a seminar on the basics of NSF and NIH grant writing.

March: Career Options Panel

Wednesday, March 17
4:30pm

Mark your calendars, more details next month.

April: Negotiations Skills Seminar

Watch for more information!

Lunch with Dr. Susie Wee

Wednesday, Feb. 24
12pm
Location TBD
Dr. Susie Wee, Chief Technical Officer for Client Cloud Services at Hewlett-Packard, will be visiting BU on Feb, 24th to give a talk as part of the ECE Distinguished Lecture Series and WIN/WISE will be hosting a lunch for GWISE students at noon on that day.

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Naturally Obsessed: Making of a Scientist

Thursday, Jan. 28
6-8pm
LSEB Auditorium (B-1)

A one-hour documentary film detailing the true story of the struggle to become a scientist and the triumph of making a discovery. Mixing humor with heartbreak, the film details a real story about life in a molecular biology lab.

Following the screening, a panel of BU faculty and graduate students will answer questions and discuss their experiences working in academia. Snacks will be served.

Event is hosted by the Biology Graduate Student Association (BGSA)

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Self-Defense Course

The Boston University Police Department offers the "Rape Aggression Defense" program (RAD) specifically for women who wish to physically protect themselves against rape and other forms of violence. The 16-hour course is taught by certified BUPD instructors. Available for BU and non-BU affiliated personnel.

The goal of the BUPD RAD program is to provide an easily accessible program of education and awareness for the women of Boston University. The program trains women in basic self-defense and offers them viable options when confronted with various threats of violence.

See http://www.bu.edu/police/services/RAD/ for more information and registration.

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European Career Fair at MIT
Jan. 29th - Feb. 01, 9am-5pm
Johnson Athletic Center, MIT campus
Vassar St, Building W34
Cambridge, MA

Interested in the European job market? Thinking of studying in Europe, or pursuing a career on the other side of the ocean?

You are cordially invited to join us at the largest career fair of its kind. Meet over 100 employers from top companies and organizations.

See https://www.euro-career.com/ for more information and program of events.

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MA AWIS: Negotiation Workshop Book Club

February 1, 2010

There will be a group discussion based on the book "Ask For It: How Women Can Use the Power of Negotiation to Get What They Really Want" by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever. The discussion will center on what each participant has learned, how it might relate to their personal experiences and how each can apply these lessons in their daily lives.

$10 AWIS Members & students, $20 Non-members
Register at http://www.acteva.com/ttghits.cfm?EVA_ID=23807

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Grad Night at the Frog Pond Ice-skating Rink

Wednesday, Feb. 10
6-9pm

The Boston Graduate Leadership Organization (BGLO) is hosting the First Annual Grad Night at the Frog Pond Skating Rink (located in the Boston Common).

BGLO will pay the admission for the first 350 students (one guest will also be covered and please bring your student ID). Skate rentals are priced at $8 (or you can bring your own if you have them). We'll be awarding prizes throughout the night, and the snack bar will be open. See the Facebook page for more info:

This event is sponsored by Bentley, BU, BC, Suffolk, MIT, & Tufts. BGLO is a
collaborative effort among the graduate students at Bentley, BU, BC, Suffolk, MIT, Tufts, Babson, Brandeis, Emerson, Harvard, & Northeastern Universities.

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= Legacy of Light
Feb 12 - Mar 13, 2010

New England Premiere - During the Age of Enlightenment, as Sir Isaac Newton was watching apples fall, another brilliant physicist, Emilie du Châtelet finds herself with child. At 42, fearing she will die in childbirth, she races to complete her research and leave her legacy. Meanwhile, present day scientist Olivia, unable to conceive and wondering what she will sacrifice for motherhood, arranges for a surrogate, who pulls together past and present in a stellar collision. This “entertaining new comedy” (Variety) shares unexpected twists of self discovery and two women’s quests for knowledge and love.

For tickets and more information see https://lyricstage.com/main_stage/legacy_of_light/

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Science Club for Girls at Morse School

We are still looking for a few volunteers for the Science Club for Girls at Morse School just over the BU Bridge. The club will meet on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00. Volunteers should be able to commit to 3 consecutive weeks and be able to attend a training session on Saturday, January 30 from 10:00-2:00. Anyone who is interested should send email to Cynthia Brossman (cab@bu.edu).

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= National Lab Day 2010 - Call for Volunteers

May 2010

National Lab Day is a nationwide initiative to build local communities of support ("hubs") that will foster ongoing collaborations among volunteers, students and educators. Volunteers--university students, scientists, engineers, other STEM professionals and, more broadly, members of the community--will work together with teachers and students to improve labs and discovery-based science experiences for students in grades 6-12. National Lab Day activities across the country will take place in the first week of May 2010. Volunteers are asked to work with their local middle and high schools to help them do more project-based learning with their students. Volunteers might install software or identify useful web resources, fix and find equipment,
implement hands-on projects, etc.

For more info, to submit ideas, or volunteer to be matched with projects needing help see http://www.nationallabday.org