As we begin our third year of existence, I am excited about the direction of this association! The graduate student body is full of students who are excelling in their fields and representing our university well!

As President this year, my plan is to continue the trend of success of the GSA by making us a primary resource for our graduate students. The GSA plans to be used as a professional, social, and supportive resource through various programs and special events.

This year we will continue strengthening the connection between graduate students and faculty, and the connection between students in the Masters and Doctoral programs. It is our belief that no matter what program you’re in, we are all graduate students.

I look forward to meeting and working with my peers, faculty, and staff to make this a great 2013-2014 school year!

Your Resource & Your Voice

Over the past few years, the GSA has produced many workshops and seminars to help graduate students improve themselves as practitioners and academicians. This year, the GSA has set a few goals to better serve graduate students in the program by becoming a primary resource, and voice, for the graduate students.

Graduate students, and faculty, can expect to see a larger presence from the GSA as the organization makes itself known. In addition to this newsletter, the GSA will add more of its workshops and seminars into the already scheduled courses (like CCI 620).

Although we will continue to keep our social traditions of having “Happy Hour” socials, we are planning to balance the social with more opportunities for students to improve professionally. Over this next year, the GSA will host opportunities for students to master things such as interviewing, presenting at conferences, and research collaboration.

Finally, recognition is something the GSA will increase this year. Through this newsletter, and our social media outlets, graduate students will be able to share their accomplishments with both faculty and their peers. Many students have received awards and recognition for their outstanding work and the GSA would like to spread the word!

Pledge Week is coming! Get Ready!

Forget all the Greek stuff, we’re talking about fundraising! Many of you have asked about giving, and now is your chance!

We are looking for donations, from faculty and students, to help us provide the best events and programs we can. This special week will be held August 26 – 30, 2013. Thank you in advance for your support of the GSA!

Be sure to keep up with us on your mobile device or computer!

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The GSA would like to congratulate Nate Evans, PhD on his successful dissertation defense. Nate has also accepted a position as Assistant Professor at University of Georgia’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, where he will start this Fall semester.

During his time at UT, Nate was an active member of the GSA and we would like to wish him well as he moves on to his next chapter. Congratulations!

Over the summer, many graduate students traveled to various conferences and meetings to present their research. We are proud of our students who have represented us well! Keep up the good work! (See Below)

Stephen Spates-CMST, Scott Eldredge-CMST, Michelle Garland-CMST, Katie Reno-CMST, Martijn Van Kelegom-CMST

Jackie Cameron-JEM, Ioana Coman-JEM, Denae D’Arcy-JEM, Ivanka Pjesivac-JEM, Margaret Cate-JEM, Iveta Imre-JEM, Dzmitry Yuran-JEM

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