Hello Fellow Graduate Students!

This newsletter is dedicated to keep graduate students aware of events, funding, and opportunities in our community. Moreover, we want to hear your voice and concerns about what is happening around campus. To stay informed, please, check our monthly newsletter and attend GSA general body meetings. Our primary mission is to support you and your journey as a graduate student.

Go Broncos!!!

You may now propose a graduate student, WMU staff and graduate student organization to receive the GSA Make a Difference Award.

For students and Staff Nomination: https://wmich.edu/gsa/make-difference-award
For RSO nomination: https://wmich.edu/gsa/rso-make-difference-award

The Make a Difference Award 2017 will be held at Radisson Hotel in Downtown Kalamazoo. Please, keep yourself updated about this event visiting our webpage or Facebook page. More information about this event will be posted soon.

Make a Difference Award – 2017 is coming up!!!

Like our page on Facebook - Graduate Students Association at WMU - and keep yourself updated about our events, pictures, videos, etc.

Don't forget to check our videos on YouTube: GSA WMU

We’re on the Web! Visit: www.wmich.edu/gsa
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Lluberes is the Fall-2016 GSA Grad Talks Winner!

George Lluberes is a Ph.D. student in the department of political science at Western Michigan University. His fields of study are American and comparative politics, specializing in political economy of development and democratization. Lluberes current research focuses on analyzing the causes of political corruption among high-level government officials in Latin America, as well as identifying the policies needed to fight it. He has worked as a co-founding member of the Dominican Student Organization and President of the Political Science Graduate Student Association here at Western. Lluberes believes that this experience, as well being born in the United States and raised in the Dominican Republic, allows him to better understand and serve the interests of our diverse graduate student body with regards to current and future legislation. In addition, Lluberes served the Graduate Student Association as the Director of Legislative Affairs in the 2015-16 academic year and is now back another term to serve his fellow graduate students as the Parliamentarian.

De’Lon is the Spring-2017 GSA Grad Talks Winner!

De’Lon is currently working on his M.A. in Industrial Organizational Psychology here at Western Michigan University. He has worked on various studies ranging from behavior based safety in the work place to traffic and pedestrian safety with MDOT. His current project focuses on the effects of the full gateway on drivers speeding behaviors. De’Lon is a safety and performance analyst for Western Michigan’s Facilities Management Department. He has also interned at GTB advertising agency working the learning and development department. His research interest includes performance improvement, human factors, behavior based safety, feedback, and incentive programs. De’Lon enjoys basketball, art, hip-hop, traveling, celebrating and quality time friends and family. He does it for the culture. On December 8, 2016, GSA had the End of Year Social Event. Graduate students and their companions dressed their ugliest sweater and showed up at the Airway Fun Center in Portage. Students had a lot of fun playing bowling and competing for the ugliest sweater of the night!