

## NEWSLETTER

The College of Natural Sciences Newsletter is designed to serve CNS students. It is delivered online every Sunday.

Dean Kopp's weekly email includes a link to access the newsletter, as well.

Items in **BLUE** are new;  
Items in **RED** are last chance.

If you would like to submit news to CNS Newsletter, send the information to [cnsnewsletter@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cnsnewsletter@austin.utexas.edu). Include a contact person phone number and email, date or deadline, write in complete sentences, text must be fewer than 150 words. Submit by 11:59pm Friday to be included in that week's newsletter.

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## Academic Announcements

### 1. 2013 Texas Conference on Civic Life

Saturday, November 9, 2013 - 9am-5pm

The Annette Strauss Institute is hosting the first-ever Texas Conference on Civic Life to bring together citizens from across the state and partisan aisles to discuss the future of civic engagement and how Texans can work together towards improved civic health. The conference will include a pop-up civic space on the plaza and a political pub quiz in the evening. Parking, breakfast, lunch, and coffee included in registration.

Student Registration \$15 (includes Breakfast & Lunch) - space is limited, advanced registration required

For more information and to register

visit: <http://communication.utexas.edu/strauss/2013-texas-conference-civic-life>

### 2. Physics Department Open House

November 4<sup>th</sup>; 2-5pm

Description: The Physics Department Open House is an opportunity for anyone, from members of the community to prospective students, to explore the physics department here at UT. Planned events include talks by faculty, lab tours, an undergraduate research poster contest, and dropping a watermelon from the roof of RLM. Come see what it is like to be doing physics at UT Austin.

### 3. History and Philosophy of Science Lecture

Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>; 12-1pm; WAG 316

Come to History and Philosophy of Science lecture on "Darwin versus Democracy" led by Professor David Prindle, the

author of several books including *Jay Gould and the Politics of Evolution* (2009)

### 4. Science Study Break "forensic Imaging"

Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>; 6-7pm; SAC 1.402

Dr. Wilson Geisler of the Center for Perceptual Systems discusses compares his lab's real-life image processing tool to the simulated image enhancements portrayed in *The Good Wife*, *Castle*, *Luther*, and other modern detective dramas.

### 5. Nominate an advisor for the Vick advising awards

Due Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 Texas Exes James W. Vick Awards for Academic Advising. These \$500 awards are provided annually for five undergraduate academic advisors from across the campus to promote quality advising at The University of Texas by publicly recognizing advisors who have had an effective, positive influence on the educational experience of university students. Recipients are selected by students (only undergraduate students may nominate) and coordinated through the Texas Exes.

Nominate an advisor here: <https://www.texasexes.org/form/vick.asp>

### 6. 2014 Spring University Extension Courses

There is no need to wait to register for an evening classroom or online cohort course with University Extension (UEX). UEX's [Spring 2014](#) courses are posted and open for registration, now.

UEX grades are provided on an official university transcript and included in one's cumulative UT GPA. Learn more and register

at <http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/spring2014>.

### 7. Spring 2014 Pre-Graduate Internship

Are you thinking about whether graduate school is in your future? Are you uncertain about what it would be like to be a graduate student and what academic program may be suited best to your interests and career goals?

If your answer to these questions is yes, you may wish to consider undertaking the Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) "Pre-Graduate School

Internship." This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.

In addition, you may read more about this program (including FAQ's, examples of internship activities and an easy to complete internship contract) on the web:

<http://communication.utexas.edu/ie>

### 8. Business Foundations "The Business of Healthcare"

Next summer (2014), the business school will offer their Business Foundations Summer Institute as "The Business of Healthcare". The core business courses: Accounting, Finance, Business Law, Management, and Entrepreneurship will feature examples/cases from the context of healthcare and the faculty leading these courses have job experience/special knowledge about healthcare. To apply and find more information, <http://www.mcombs.utexas.edu/Business-Foundations/Summer-Institute.aspx>

## Scholarships

### 1. Senate Study Abroad Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, November 8 11:59 p.m.

Senate of College Councils has released the application for its Study Abroad Scholarship. Open to all majors and any undergraduate studying abroad in Spring or Summer 2014, the scholarship will provide \$1,000 to a student to fund his or her trip anywhere in the world. For more details on eligibility and the application, please visit the Global Assist website: <http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/globalassist.WBX>.

### 2. Sign up for the CNS scholarship list serv

CNS undergraduates interested in receiving scholarship information from the CNS Scholarship Coordinator can sign up for the following list serv: [cns-scholarships@utlists.utexas.edu](mailto:cns-scholarships@utlists.utexas.edu). This list serv is used to make announcements regarding undergraduate scholarship opportunities both within and outside of UT, upcoming deadlines, financial aid information, etc.

## Internships and Employment

### 1. Drop in Career Coaching

Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>; 10-1pm; Welch Hallway

Drop-in to visit a Career Coach for a quick check with career related questions you might have. Our Career Coaches will be rotating to different locations each Friday, so make sure to check the calendar for accurate locations and updates.

### 2. CNS Etiquette Dinner

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-9pm; Santa Rita Suite; Texas Union

The Career Design Center would like to invite you to the Fall 2013, Etiquette Dinner. Etiquette goes far beyond knowing which forks to use at an interview dinner with a potential employer. It is about projecting an image of professionalism! Join fellow students and select employers in a full-course meal to learn about proper dining etiquette, networking, and professionalism.

Payment must be made in cash at PAI 5.03 (Career Design Center) by Wed, Nov. 6th  
RSVPhere: <http://tiny.cc/etiquettedinner>

### 3. Archer Fellowship Program

Interested in public policy and public service? Want to spend a semester living, interning, and taking in-residence classes in Washington, D.C.?

If the answer is yes, the Archer Fellowship Program may be for you! Students of all majors, political beliefs, and policy interests are welcome to apply. Come learn about this exciting program at an information session; view the schedule at <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/archer/info-sessions>.

Applications for the 2014-2015 academic year are due February 17, though students who will be abroad this spring should apply by November 1

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## Research and Volunteering

### 1. Waller Creek Cleanup volunteers

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Environmental Health and Safety and the Texas Natural Science Center host the biannual Waller

Creek Cleanup to restore the urban watershed that runs from north Austin through the university campus into Lady Bird Lake. Register and download waiver at link below and bring it to event, which meets at Mustang statue See:

<http://www.wallercreekut.org>

### 2. Science Undergrad Lab Internship

Applications are due January 10, 2014

The Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship (SULI) program encourages undergraduate students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers by providing research experiences at the Department of Energy (DOE) laboratories. Selected students participate as interns appointed at one of 15 participating DOE laboratories. They perform research, under the guidance of laboratory staff scientists or engineers, on projects supporting the DOE mission.

Must be currently enrolled as a <http://science.energy.gov/wdts/suli/>

## Pre-Professional Announcements

### 1. Health professions Personal Statement Workshop

Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> BUR 108; 1-2pm

Come and learn tips to work on your personal statement for medical school. RSVP here: [https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_6GpxSfnUn2GgkKhUT](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6GpxSfnUn2GgkKhUT)

### 2. Dental School Speaker

November 6<sup>th</sup>; 7pm; WEL 2.312

Come here Dr. Segura from UTHSCSA speak about their dental school.

### 3. UTMB Medical School Speaker Series

November 12<sup>th</sup>; 1-2pm; CPE 2.208

RSVP at

[https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_ea4J6WZ95J0sLK5](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ea4J6WZ95J0sLK5)

### Organization Announcements

#### 1. Senate Academic Enrichment Week

Join Senate of College Councils' first ever Academic Enrichment Week. We will be holding workshops to study abroad and to find and succeed in internships, and topping it all off with a service learning weekend!

##### 1) Internship Workshop

Monday, November 4 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | CLA 1.104

FREE COOKIES

- info session from Dr. Landolt on UT's various career services & online internship resources
- interactive presentation from Dr. Winslow of McCombs School of Business on resume building and interview skills
- Q&A session with student panelists who had internships ranging from large corporations to health-related practices

##### 2) Study Abroad Workshop

Thursday, November 7 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | SAC 1.106

FREE PLUCKERS WINGS

- info session with Margaret McCullers from the Study Abroad Programs Office on how to fit study abroad into any students' major & wallet
- Q&A session with student panelists of various majors who had study abroad experiences

##### 3) Academic Service Learning Weekend

Friday, November 8 | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | SAC 2.302

### FREE JIMMY JOHN'S SANDWICHES

- a special presentation from Dr. Moore from the College of Architecture and Elizabeth Walsh from the Center for sustainable design about urban planning and the current state of urban planning and housing in Austin.

4) Saturday, November 9 | 9:00 am-1:00 pm | Holly

Neighborhood, East Austin

FREE QDOBA BREAKFAST

TACOS

- university-wide service learning project at the Holly neighborhood

- you can sign up

- here! [https://docs.google.com/a/utexas.edu/forms/d/1U-R19xr2q5NHBIHw7NQNHs4fZh7\\_jv6HiggdBUrpSBA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/utexas.edu/forms/d/1U-R19xr2q5NHBIHw7NQNHs4fZh7_jv6HiggdBUrpSBA/viewform)

#### 2. Health Careers Mentorship Program

Application due: Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

The Health Careers Mentorship Program is a partnership between Austin Medical Education Programs, the Texas Department of State Health Services, members of the SETON Healthcare Network, and Travis County Medical Society. The program is established to teach mature students about the clinical and non-clinical aspects of the health care system.

Find their application online:

<http://blogs.utexas.edu/uthcmp/>

#### 3. Pre-Health Networking Reception

November 6<sup>th</sup>; 5:30-7:30pm;

Texas Union Ballroom

This event is aimed to create an opportunity for current UT pre-health professional students and local Austin health professionals to

connect and learn from one another. Around 40 health professionals, mostly doctors, will be in attendance and around 200 students will be invited. There will be a two-hour period to mix with health professionals, which will be intermediated by a panel of experienced professionals answering questions

This is a great opportunity for pre-health students to learn how to interact with professionals in a comfortable setting, and will feature Dr. Baptiste, Dr. Kopp, and Dr. Simmons.

#### 4. Apply for SHAC

Applications due Wednesday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

The Student Health Advisory Committee, or SHAC, strives to better campus health by relaying student concerns to UHS. For more information, and to apply, visit the link below.

Apply at:

<http://www.healthyhorns.utexas.edu/shac.html>