

The EGSA Digest

Frequenter Plerumque Verum

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Inside this issue: There's only one way to find out.

I hope that your respective celebrations of Easter were [most excellent](#)! It's time now for the final plunge into our various [scholastic endeavors](#), which may at the moment look like a plunge into [destruction](#), but will, I suspect, ultimately culminate in our [survival](#) followed by [sweet, sweet freedom](#). So hang in there, [comrades](#)! Our [victory is nigh](#).

Sort of sincerely,

Clayton McReynolds

EGSA Secretary (a.k.a. Mister Secretary Sir, a.k.a. Minister of Misinformation)

Event Schedule

For a more conveniently condensed recounting of the events below, visit the [EGSA Website!](#) In addition to providing a clear calendar of upcoming events and important dates, the website works as a great guide for navigating your graduate school career with resources including the EGSA Handbook and the kinds of vital forms that the Department likes to cunningly conceal.

◆ **Summer Apartment Sitting/Cat Snuggling Gig!**

Laine Scales is seeking someone to stay rent-free in her apartment and care for her cats this summer! See her explanation below:

“Live a good life for the summer with two beautiful and affectionate cats in exchange for free rent and utilities in a professor’s home while she teaches in a study abroad program. These two beauties really want to be with you: on your lap as you read and at the foot of your bed when you sleep. So this responsibility is not just putting down food and cleaning the box. You must be willing to be social with them and let the cats be with you (and on you). Singles and couples welcome to apply.

- ◇ **Requirements:** If you truly love being with cats, this will be a good fit for you. (If not, please don’t apply just for the free living space).

Other requirements:

- 1) Please don’t bring children or pets of your own.
- 2) In person or skype interview required.
- 3) References required after interview (these do not need to be cat-specific).

- ◇ **The space :** I live in Browning Square apartments on 9th and Bagby near Baylor. Two bedroom apartment, to which you will have access to one bedroom and bathroom, generous living room, good kitchen, and a large television with Apple TV. Swimming Pool. A short walk to Baylor campus or downtown, and you are welcome to use my bike.
- ◇ **Dates:** May 18 to August 18 (or thereabouts). With the exception of June 26, 27, 28, where you will need to stay elsewhere for three days while I visit Waco.”

If you have further questions such as “What if we bring pets or children that belong to someone else?” feel free to contact Laine_Scales@baylor.edu.

◆ **Sunday, April 28. Dance Fellowship. Good Neighbor Settlement House (2301 Colcord Avenue). 6:00-10:00.**

Come on out for a variety of low-pressure dancing! “No dance experience necessary; no partner necessary. There will be line and folk dances, contra, and a little bit of ballroom, all with instruction.

Please contact Sorina with questions or to RSVP.” We’ll all have plenty of stress to dance away by the 28th, so plan accordingly!

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◆ **Friday, May 3. End-of-Semester Tea. CS Fourth Floor Lounge. 2:00.**

Dr. Russell invites us all to the traditional departmental tea with the following words from Dr. Russell: “You are warmly invited to an end-of-semester tea on Friday, May 3, at 2:00 P.M., upstairs in the fourth-floor lounge. Refreshments will be served and the Christine Fall Outstanding Teaching Award, Charles G. Smith Outstanding Graduate Student Award, and the James E. Barcus Dissertation Fellowship winner for 2019-20 will all be announced!” Come drink some tea (and by “tea” I mean “coffee,” although I do hope we actually have tea this time as well), eat some snacks (by “snacks” I mean “snacks”), and visit with your peers and professors alike (by “visit” I mean lean in and yell politely at one another while trying not to spill your beverage). But seriously, this is a great chance for the whole department to get together for just a little while, after making it almost all the way through the semester together, and celebrate what all of us have done in general and what some of us have done in particular.

◆ **SAMLA CFP. Abstracts due May 31.**

Jordan Carson is chairing the affiliated CCL panel at SAMLA this year, and the theme, “Speaking of God,” may work well for the kind of work that many of us might have lying around ready for a conference! In addition, Jordan has promised to be a friendly and charitable panel chair, so this is a great opportunity if you have relatively little conference experience or are headed to your first conference. Furthermore, he points out: “Even remotely relevant proposals will be considered. SAMLA is generally a friendly conference, and flights to Birmingham are cheap.” This is a good opportunity to consider, so check out the CFP attached to this e-mail!

◆ **Job Opening at Missouri Baptist University!**

Spiffy Spoffy has passed the following opportunity along from Julie Ooms:

“My university, Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, MO, has a job opening (see linked job ad) for Fall 2019. The ad says it's a visiting position, but we really want to hire someone who would be a good fit for far longer, so it's not unreasonable to expect contract renewal. If there are any Baylor PhD or MA students who are still looking for jobs right now, please send them my way. They can apply for the job straight out, but I'd also be happy to take anyone's questions (and to coach them through what might help them through the process).”

For more information, you can contact Julie at Julie.Ooms@mobap.edu. And the aforementioned link is [here!](#)

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◆ **Tutoring Gig!**

LaQuesia Gorins asked Lois to let us all know about this opportunity:

“My name is LaQuesia Gorins and I’m the local community recruiting manager for FrogTutoring Waco. In the past, you may have assisted me with hiring English tutors from the English department. These tutors were super helpful in assisting local students in our community who struggles with English attain positive results and we appreciate you for that. Because of the excellent work they did, word has spread in the community and we’re experiencing a huge demand for more local English tutors from parents in the community with kids who struggle with English. The tutors we currently have are not sufficient to meet the demand and we need to recruit more part time local English tutors.”

Here’s some of the details! Why Tutor With FrogTutoring - Waco?

- Compensation starts from \$30.00 or \$35.5 per session
- Make your work schedule
- Get compensated for driving over certain mileage
- Tutor both online and in person
- Get periodic bonuses based on performance
- Tutor of the month recognition
- Generous referral bonuses
- Be an academic coach and a mentor to local students

And here’s a link that Ms. Gorins provided for applying for the tutoring position, although this seems to be specifically for tutoring jobs in Tampa? So do with this what you will: <https://frogtutoring.com/jobs/Tampa>

The EGSA Inquirer

Strange things are afoot amongst us, EGSA citizens.

First off, tensions between President Spiffy Spoffy and VP Ben have been intensifying exponentially. For instance, a couple weeks ago at the Bad Wine/Bad Poetry party, Ben made an overt attempt to assert his will to power over the party proceedings. Without recourse to any other authority, Ben declared that all persons could read more than one poem but could only submit one for consideration in the competition.

Ben turned his stone-hard eyes to meet Spiffy Spoffy's gaze, and the two were locked in a staring-contest standoff.

Ben's eyes flashed fierce fire.

Spiffy Spoffy stared back with stern steel.

An icy inferno burned beneath Ben's brows.

A courageous conflagration kindled in Spiffy's Spoffy's eyes.

Unflinching, Ben fanned the flames of his face into a force more furious than the hottest fires of hell.

Spiffy's Spoffy's stare stayed steely, stabbing straight forward with the strength of ten thousand stars.

Overwhelmed by the incredible tension, Stewart burst into tears.

Surely, this must all come to a head soon! And speaking of that, I have received communications from someone who seems to be within the Thetanist ranks, but these messages seem to be not so much threats as warnings. On the surface that seems to suggest again that we could have an inside agent within the conspirators! However, I suspect that what we really have on our hands here is just some sort of copy-cat phenomenon. I doubt that any Thetanist would turn on their order, so really those messages probably aren't very important to attend to. Something about "Xenu," "return," "May 2," and me.

We at the EGSA Inquirer will stay sharp as ever, and we exhort you to do the same, but even so we suspect that such babblings are merely red herrings intended to distract us from the real plot! Remain vigilant, EGSA!