

GPSA  
Office of Professional Development  
Report to the Assembly  
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**1 THANK YOU**

How bittersweet is it to submit this, my final, report to the Assembly. It has been such a tremendous honor to serve with all of you over the past five years. I am so proud of what we have accomplished together, and so thankful to have come to know so many bright, talented, deliberate, and hardworking scholars and professionals. It is inspiring and reassuring to know that there are people like yourselves doing good in the world.

Although there are more people to thank than would ever be possible in the space here, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to several individuals whom I would like to acknowledge briefly. First, I would like to thank the PD committee, and indeed all travel reviewers, for their commitment to the monthly travel grant program. I want to acknowledge Emily Reynolds and Mohsin Bashir, for their contributions above and beyond those of the “regular” committee member. I am grateful to Jen Marmo, Director of Events and Professional Development Programming for her discipline, innovation, organization, and patience in executing PD initiatives. I would like to thank Tyler Barratt, Vice President of Internal Affairs, for being such a wonderful co-administrator, mentor, and friend during my tenure with GPSA. I am grateful to Dan Ashlock, who typically operates behind the scenes in terms of the PD office, but when called upon always facilitates our initiatives fully and efficiently. Thanks for having our backs, Dan. Finally, I know I’m not alone when I say that I would be lost with Annette Jecker. Annette is the absolute backbone of GPSA, but more than that, she is the best leader I have known in this organization or any other. There is not a single feat GPSA has accomplished that was not *dreamed up*, *lifted up*, *propped up*, and/or *fixed up* by Annette. Annette, it has been a supreme pleasure to work alongside you, be mentored by you, and bask in the glow of your victories. Thank you for everything.

Every good wish to you all.

Sincerely,  
Kendra

## 2 WELCOME TO MEGAN FISK

I am pleased to welcome Megan Fisk to helm of the Professional Development office. Megan was elected 2012-2013 Vice President of Professional Development. Megan served in 2011-2012 as the GPSA Executive Director of Communication and Campus Relations. I am confident that Megan will be successful in this role, and I look forward to working with her during the transition.

## 3 TECHNOLOGY SURVEY LAUNCH

The GPSA technology infrastructure usage survey is in progress. We currently have 513 participants and we are still holding one more iPod drawing. Data will be analyzed in June. A report will be made available to the Assembly for the August meeting.

## 4 OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD PROGRAM LAUNCH

The following individuals were selected to receive the 2011-2012 Outstanding Mentor Award:

Kathleen Arcovio, *School of Theatre & Film*  
Mohsin Bashir, *Public Administration*  
Christopher Edwards, *Geological Sciences*  
Flora Farago, *School of Social & Family Dynamics*  
Juliana Novic, *School of Human Evolution & Social Change*  
Michael Tat, *Speech & Hearing Science*  
Thera Wolven, *Social Work & Public Administration*

Recipients were acknowledged at a luncheon last Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the University Club. Recipients will receive a \$500 monetary award.

## 5 TRAVEL

### 5.1 April 2012 Travel Funding

| <i>Applications Received</i>             |                 | <i>% Total Apps Received</i> |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Conference Travel Applications Received: | 67              | 67%                          |
| Prof. Development Applications Received: | 32              | 33%                          |
| <b>Total Apps Received:</b>              | <b>99</b>       |                              |
| <b>Total Funds Requested:</b>            | <b>\$83,676</b> |                              |

| <i>Applications Funded</i>            |                 | <i>% Total Apps Funded</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Conference Travel Applications Funded | 12              | 67%                        |
| Prof. Development Applications Funded | 6               | 33%                        |
| <b>Total Funded:</b>                  | <b>18</b>       |                            |
| <b>Total Funds Awarded:</b>           | <b>\$13,807</b> |                            |

## 6 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENT CALENDAR

Grad College Events: <http://graduate.asu.edu/sfs>.