

# GSNP MONTHLY



February 2024

Graduate Students & New Professionals Community of Practice

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



Happy New Year, GSNP!

I hope that these first couple of months have been kind to you and that you are easing into 2024, being kind to yourself. While many focus on resolutions and goals for a new year (and trust me, I'm a BIG goals gal), please remember to be proud of what you're already doing well and the person that you are. Give yourself a big hug every now and then for navigating the complicated web of work, relationships, and personal. \*cue Flowers by Miley Cyrus\*

While it's hard to believe, our Community of Practice is in full swing preparing for the upcoming Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Our Convention Experience team is hosting fantastic programs focusing on networking, professional development, and overall fun. There's lots of deep dish pizza in our future! Review the contents of this newsletter and keep an eye on our social media to remain up to date on ways to be involved with us if you're attending in-person. We'd love to see you at Case Study, Connection Point, our Open Entity Meeting, and more!

We are also winding down this term with this year's group of incredible professionals on our Directorate team. This year has flown by! It is bittersweet but we are excited for what the future has in store.

We have a few spots open for the 2024-2025 term and will be announcing rolling applications soon. It is not too late to be involved and advance your Pro Devo goals!

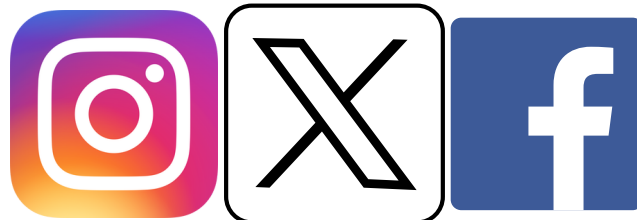
I hope to connect with you in some way in the coming months as we continue to enhance the experience and development of GSNP'ers in our field.

Cheers,

Julie Townley (she/her)

Chair, ACPA Graduate Students and New Professionals Community of Practice

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## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

**02/27** | Involvement Panel

**03/13** | Convention Case Study Sign-Ups Close

**03/18-03/21** | Annual Convention



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# CONVENTION EVENTS

## Endorsed Programs

### **Mentorship Matters: Great Minds are Met on Pathways to Success**

Lixing Li & Mary Bodine Al-Sharif

### **Supporting Graduate Student House Directors with Marginalized Identities**

Natalie Rodgers & Leiana Boldon

### **Over It: Surviving a Doctoral Program When Support is Scarce**

Sean Hembrick

### **US Career Pathways for International Graduate Students: Challenges and Opportunities**

Madine Akhmetova

### **Grads Perspectives from Florida: Navigating Hostile Spaces and Maintaining Wellbeing**

Morgan Danyi, Challen Wellington, Johnnie Allen, Dylan Fields, & Cameron Beatty

### **Incorporating Mentors into Doctoral Education: Promoting Student Success and Completion**

Kathleen Neville

### **Not So Smooth Sailing: From Grad School to New Professional**

J Ravancho & McKenzie Kitzmiller

### **Critical Narratives of Graduate Students with Disabilities**

Amy French & Sarah Schoper

**03/18 | 1:30–2:30 PM CST**

Convention Case Study

**03/18 | 1:30–2:30 PM CST**

Convention Colleagues

**03/18 | 8:00 PM CST**

Off-Site Social TBA

**03/19 | 1:30–3:00 PM**

Open Meeting

## 2024 SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS WINNERS

GSNP is thrilled to announce the 2024 Scholarship and Award Recipients. We were able to award one scholarship to cover the cost of convention registration and two flat-rate scholarships for recipients to use on incidentals during convention. Additionally, we will be able to recognize nine deserving graduate students and new professionals at an award ceremony during our open meeting at ACPA24 in Chicago.

Please join us in congratulating the following credible people:

**Convention Registration Scholarship Recipient:** Colleen McChesney, Eastern Michigan University

**Convention Flat-Rate Scholarship Recipients:** Alexis Hughes, Northern Illinois University and Tharuna Kalaivanan, George Mason University

**Racial Justice and Decolonization Research Excellence Award:** J Ravancho, Miami University

**Outstanding New Professional Award:** Julie Townley, Clemson University

**Outstanding Doctoral Student Award:** Steven Feldman, Indiana University Bloomington

**Outstanding Dedication to Professional Service Award:** Jordan A. Smoot M.S. Ed., The Ohio State University

**Outstanding Mentor to New Professionals Award:** Lauren C Murphy, Syracuse University

**Outstanding Masters Student Award:** Emmanuel Osam Duodu (M.Ed.), University of Maine

**Outstanding Mentor to Graduate Students Award:** Sean Robinson, PhD, Morgan State University

# INVOLVEMENT PANEL



Please join GSNP at our ACPA Involvement Panel -- an opportunity to hear from panelists in a variety of entity groups across ACPA!

Come learn about opportunities for involvement and bring any questions you have on **February 27th at 7 PM EST**. Registration is **free for members and non-members**, so invite anyone interested in ACPA! For questions, please contact [madeline-wilson@uiowa.edu](mailto:madeline-wilson@uiowa.edu).

[Register HERE in our LinkTree!](#)

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Our Community of Practice strives to offer scholarships for opportunities hosted by ACPA to aid in the growth and retention of our new colleagues. By contributing to our Foundation Campaign, you are directly supporting graduate students and new professionals by providing scholarships for attending ACPA's Annual Convention, obtaining an ACPA membership, attending webinars throughout the year, and attending the Emerging Leaders Institute. Your support is greatly appreciated and valued to help our graduate students and new professionals "grow as they go"! Please contribute what you're able, though we would be thrilled with amounts of \$3.50 or \$35.00 in celebration of our 35 years of service to ACPA.

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