

# PGSC BUZZ

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## Share with Chair Updates

Read a few updates from September's Share-With-Chair meeting!

## Quick Look

New faculties joining us in the coming semesters.

Learn about upcoming events, including the Better Together conference, hosted by our department!

Check out our departmental social media handles for [instagram](#) and twitter (@GTPsychology)!



*Keep our  
community  
informed!*

Send us your news, events,  
and accomplishments to be  
included in the newsletter!

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# Upcoming Events

## Convos and Joe

**Graduate Student Lounge**

**Oct. 4th, starting at 9:15 a.m.**

Start your day with **coffee, donut, and great conversation!**

Join us at our first Convos and Joe social events this year. Hang out with your fellow grad students while enjoying fresh coffee and donuts.



## Share With Chair

**Coon, 148**

**Date and time to be announced**

Join us to chat with Tansu and learn about updates in the department, workshops, and learn about other resources!



## Last Friday Socials

**Coon, 2nd Floor Atrium**

**Oct. 27th, 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

The School of Psychology invites you to join us on the last Friday of every month for our new departmental socials where we will share light refreshments and great conversations!





# Upcoming Events

## Love Your Body Week

Check out the coming “Love Your Body” week, and learn about gender equity and building a positive culture within our community!



S.H.E. FOR WOMEN PRESENTS

## LOVE YOUR BODY WEEK

**GENDER EQUITY TALK WITH  
DR. TIFFINY HUGHES-TROUTMAN,  
SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**HEAR HOW TO  
FOSTER GENDER  
EQUITY AND  
CREATE A POSITIVE  
CULTURE WITHIN  
OUR COMMUNITY!**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

**5PM-6PM, MOSE 1224**



Student Engagement  
and Well-Being

# Upcoming Events

## Better Together Conference

Check out information about this year's **Better Together conference**, and some photos from last year's conference!



## BETTER TOGETHER

**METRO ATLANTA  
PSYCHOLOGY  
CONFERENCE**

**NOVEMBER 4  
10AM - 5:30PM  
GA TECH CAMPUS**

**ALL CAREER STAGES WELCOME  
FREE TO ATTEND | LUNCH PROVIDED**

**TALK ABSTRACTS DUE OCTOBER 1  
POSTER & LAB TABLES ACCEPTED UNTIL FULL**

The second annual Better Together conference is a collaboration between psychology departments across the Atlanta metro. Our goal is to foster collaboration, connection, equity, and the sharing of diverse perspectives within the psychological sciences. Join us for lightning talks, posters, workshops, and a lab fair!

Visit the website below or scan the QR code for more info and to register.

**WEBSITE:** <https://bit.ly/3HX0MbH>



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# Shoutouts



## Publications

**Celebrate your Accomplishments!**

Are we missing your recent publication, milestone progress, or other shoutouts?

KEEP US INFORMED by submitting to the newsletter!

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## Milestones

### **Master's Thesis Defense Meetings**

- Emily Gleaton

### **Dissertation Defense Meetings**

- Jordan Sparks
- Grace Mirabito

# Community Updates

## New Faculties in the coming semesters

More faculties will be joining our departments from last years hiring cycle!

In Jan. 2024, we'll welcome 3 new faculties:

- Anna Ivanova
- Mark Himmelstein
- Ratan Murty

And in Aug. 2024, we'll welcome two new faculties:

- Woon Ju Park
- Robert Wilson

In addition, the department will continue to hire new faculties this year, focusing on applied psychology fields. Stay tuned for news on talks and chances to meet new faculty candidates!

## Travel and Expenses Q&A

Check out this [recording](#) to learn about answers to student questions regarding travel expenses! Topics covered includes:

- Itemizing expense items
- Reporting shared expenses (e.g., shared rooms)
- Direct billing to cover flight and travel costs upfront

## Departmental EdStem Forum

Check out this [EdStem](#) page, a forum-style platform where you can use and share “departmental knowledge” resource with graduate students and faculties of the school of psychology!



# Mental Health Minor

Learn more about the department's new mental health minor, now open to undergraduates of all majors!



## New Minor in the Science of Mental Health and Well-Being!!!



**THE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY HAS LAUNCHED A NEW 15-HOUR MINOR IN THE SCIENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, OPEN TO UNDERGRADUATES OF ALL MAJORS ACROSS THE INSTITUTE.**

**THE COURSES ARE ROOTED IN NEUROSCIENCE AND SPAN THE TOPICS OF POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY, EMOTIONAL WELLNESS, AND MENTAL ILLNESS. BY TAKING THIS MINOR, YOU WILL STUDY THE SCIENCE OF MENTAL WELL-BEING AND LEARN PRACTICES THAT WILL FOSTER YOUR OWN WELLNESS.**

**PLEASE CONTACT DR. TIFFINY HUGHES-TROUTMAN AT TIFFINY.HUGHES-TROUTMAN@PSYCH.GATECH.EDU WITH QUESTIONS OR FOLLOW THE PROCESS TO DECLARE THE MINOR HERE:**

**[HTTPS://PSYCHOLOGY.GATECH.EDU/MINOR-SCIENCE-MENTAL-HEALTH-AND-WELL-BEING](https://psychology.gatech.edu/minor-science-mental-health-and-well-being)**



# Community Happenings

## SoP Fall Welcome Back

Check out the fall 2023 welcome back gathering! A great way to start of the semester!



## Growing Up in Science Talk

In our first Growing Up in Science series of the semester, Dr. Mengyao Li shared the personal stories behind her CV.





# ATL Happenings

## October

### Atlanta Sci-Fi Film Festival, October 6-8 2023

Free festival of science fiction film-making at Peachtree Corners Town Center.

[More details](#)

### Oakhurst Porchfest, October 14 2023

Annual music festival in the Oakhurst neighborhood featuring a wide variety of performances on residents' porches.

[More details](#)

### Taste Urban, October 18 2023

Black-owned business event at The Foundry at Puritan Mill featuring food from local Black-owned restaurants and producers, plus art, music and history.

[More details](#)

### The Ghastly Dreadfuls, October 11-28 2023

Annual evening Halloween tours of Oakland Cemetery, with music, craft beer and cocktails.

[More details](#)

# Monthly Riddles

Abigail Newman was the first to the answer!  
Congrats!

September's Riddle:

What has roots as nobody sees,  
Is taller than trees,  
Up, up it goes,  
And yet never grows?

Answer:

Mountains (riddle from  
the Hobbits)!



Get bragging right by being the FIRST to answer  
this brain teaser! Submit your answer here:

What is created in a second but lasts a lifetime:  
What can make you cry, laugh, or feel young;  
And what can bring the dead back to life?

Winner will be announced in the next PGSC buzz!

