



Social Events

A month of grad-itude - November is a special time of thankfulness for the friends and mentors around us, in the Duke community, and beyond. To celebrate "grad"-itude, come and write to your advisor, mentors, older graduate students, friends, or professors....whomever! The kick-off writing party will be **Wed, Nov 7 from 1 - 2 PM in Room 298** (snacks provided). Also, there will be *blank Thank You cards in the front office all month long* - pick one up today!

Four-Square League - The games continue! Contact Adryanna Smith (adryanna.smith@duke.edu) to learn more about this recently inaugurated playground competition and to join the Physics Four Square GroupMe for pick-up games before it gets too cold out.

T-Shirt Design Contest - Have a clever physics pun you want everyone to see and wear? Want to take a break from research to exercise the right half of your brain? Then consider submitting a t-shirt design for the physics department shirt. All graduates and undergraduates are welcome and encouraged to *submit original designs by January 11* to <https://tinyurl.com/dukephysicstshirt2018>. The department will then vote on submitted designs to decide the fate of the 2018-19 Duke Physics t-shirt!

Reading Week Pizza - Be on the lookout for a pizza lunch catered specifically for our newest grads as they prepare for their first round of finals. Mentors in the Mentor/Mentee program are especially encouraged to attend, though all grad students are welcome. A sign-up email will be sent out in Dec.

Cookie Time!! - Fridays at 3 PM in the Graduate Student Lounge.

Last Department Reception of the Semester - Wed, Dec 19, 3:30 PM, Physics 298.

Eat, Drink, & Be Merry Holiday Dinner - Wed, Dec 19, 7:00 PM, The Doris Duke Center; if attending, *RSVP with Cristin Paul* (cmryman@duke.edu) *by Dec 7*; families and dates welcome!

Seminars

GSS Talks: Noon in Room 298, free lunch
Fri, Nov 30 - Jon Yuly: "Physical Aspects of Electron Bifurcation"
Fri, Dec 7 - Ryan Kozlowski: "Intruder Dynamics in a Granular Medium with and without Basal Friction"

Colloquia

Wed, Nov 14, 3:30 PM, Room 130 - Edwin Lyman (Union of Concerned Scientists): "Learning from the Hard Cases: Iran, North Korea, Japan, and the Future of Nuclear Nonproliferation."
Wed, Nov 28, 3:30 PM, Room 130 - Art Ramirez (UCSC). *Title and abstract to be declared.*

Friendly Reminder...

Nov 21 - Nov 25:
Thanksgiving recess
Nov 30: Graduate classes end
Dec 1 - Dec 11: Graduate reading period
Dec 12 at 9 AM - Dec 17 at 10 PM: Final exams

No outreach events or GPSC updates for these two months!

