

COGNITION

MEMBERS RUN THIS UNION!

April 2014

COGS ELECTIONS

COGS Officer Elections will take place April 14 and 15 by secret ballot at the polling locations below. Please make your voice and your vote count!

Monday, April 14

9-12 COGS office
12-2 Old Capitol Mall
2-5 COGS office

Tuesday, April 15

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President II Cathryn Lucas
Vice President II Harper Lee Haynes
Financial Officer II Matt Hodler
Chief Campus Steward II Kelly Gallagher
Blue Area Steward II Kristen Degree
Red Area Steward II Judah Unmuth-Yockey
Yellow Area Steward II Noah Johnson
Press and Publicity Chair II Andrew Desforges
Social Chair II Allison Wanger
Labor Solidarity Chair II Corinne Teed
Political Action Chair II Shawn Harmsen
Unity Chair II Kate Kedley
International Student Rep II
Chenthuran Jayachandiran
UE Field Organizer II Jennifer Marsh
Office Coordinator II Jillian Moore
COGS Organizer II Brendan Baylor

***Want to fight cuts and corporatization?
Want to strategize about negotiations?***

Come on out for an open discussion about the graduate employee union at the university of iowa.

**Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 pm
COGS General Membership Meeting
COGS office, Old Brick**

NOMINEES

PRESIDENT II Jeannette Gabriel

Hi, I'm Jeannette Gabriel, a PhD candidate in Social Studies Education. I have an extensive background training secondary history teachers in American history and teaching race. My area of expertise in American history is the unemployed workers movement in the 1930s. In addition to my academic work, I've spent my life in the labor movement. As a teenager I was involved in the Labor Wars involving Hormel and Staley. Since then I've taught labor history to union workers and immigrant worker centers and organized local, regional, national and international labor conferences at the CUNY Center for Worker Education. Most importantly, I've fought tirelessly for "bread and roses" by organizing workers on their job sites and in their neighborhoods, developing complex policy campaigns and fighting for better contracts at the bargaining table.

V.P OF ORGANIZING II Harper Haynes

CHIEF CAMPUS STEWARD II *No Nominees*

FINANCIAL OFFICER II Lisa Dresback

AREA STEWARD YELLOW II Nicole Filloon

I am Nicole Filloon, and I'm currently finishing my first year as a graduate student in the Sociology PhD program. Broadly speaking, my research interests include gender and race inequalities in education and schooling, Latino migration and family transformations, and political processes and policy effects. I joined COGS in my first semester as a graduate student to support our union and have been involved with Blitz. I look forward to the opportunity to assist department stewards in getting to know many people in various programs and assessing their needs as employed grad students. One issue that is particularly important to me is reducing the rates of GradCare for grad students with families so that benefits are accessible for those living on a stipend wage. If elected, I look forward to serving our union and advocating the needs of all grad students!

In Solidarity,
Nicole Filloon

AREA STEWARD RED II Judah Unmuth Yockey

AREA STEWARD GREEN II *No Nominees*

AREA STEWARD BLUE II Naoki Izumo

My name is Naoki Izumo. I am from the north suburbs of Chicago, IL and I am a first year MFA graduate student in the Intermedia program. I have an interest in social justice and find enjoyment in helping others. I am running for office because I feel that my interest and passion are appropriate for this position. I know that the Intermedia program has had many students in the past that were a part of COGS. So, I hope to carry on the tradition and continually create a sense of tangible consciousness to other grads about our academic landscape.

B & G AT LARGE II Melissa Zimdars

RECORDING OFFICER II Amanda Bernemann

SOCIAL CHAIR II Nicole Oehmen

My name is Nicole Oehmen and I am currently a second-year student in the Sociology department. I would like to serve in the position of social chair so that I can become more involved with COGS during this pivotal time. I would also appreciate the opportunity to get to know other members and increase my own solidarity with our graduate student union. Thank you for your consideration!

PRESS AND PUBLICITY II Heidi Bartlett

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REP II *No Nominees*

POLITICAL ACTION CHAIR II Shawn Harmsen

LABOR SOLIDARITY II *No Nominees*

UNITY CHAIR II Sarah Raine

UNITY CHAIR II Rachel Walerstein

My name is Rachel Walerstein and I'm coming to the end of my first year as a PhD student in the English department here at Iowa. Since arriving I've noticed a significant absence of diversity in the graduate population, which is saying something given the size of many of the programs. After hearing that the graduate college plans to cut the minority student fellowships, coupled with my own lamentations at the lack of queer faculty whose work could potentially entice diversity in scholarship and the student population, working with COGS in the position

of Unity Chair seemed like an opportunity worth pursuing.

TRUSTEES II Matt Hodler, Allison Wanger, Catherine Lucas-Carr

REGIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES II *No Nominees*

CGEU DELEGATES II *No Nominees*

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 pm

COGS General Membership Meeting

COGS office, Old Brick

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

UE Regional Education Workshop

Political Action, Healthcare Bargaining

Coralville Public Library

Monday, April 14 and Tuesday April 15

COGS Elections

COGS Office, Old Brick, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Old Capitol Mall 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

COGS Office, Old Brick 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday, April 18, 7:30 pm

COGSAPALOOZA!!!!

At The Mill

Friday, May 2, 5:00 pm

COGS Happy Hour

Clinton Street Social Club

First beer or soda is on the union.

Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 pm

COGS General Membership Meeting

COGS office, Old Brick

COGSAPALOOZA!!!!

Got a talent you would like to show off? A comedy routine you've been working on? Are you in a band that is looking for a gig? Have you perfected your high-kicks and need a venue to show 'em off? Have you learned every word of Miley Cyrus' "Wrecking Ball" for karaoke? Do you just want to eat some pizza and have a drink? Join us for our annual talent show and COGS birthday celebration, COGSAPALOOZA!!! We will be returning to the Mill this year, April 18th at 7:30 pm. Pizza, salad, and beverages will be provided. Contact social chair Allison Wanger (allison-wanger@uiowa.edu) about scheduling your act.

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