COGS Elects their 2012-2013 Executive Board

President: Stefan Fletcher
Stefan Fletcher will serve as the President of COGS for a third term and is a PHD student in the Higher Adult and Lifelong Education program at MSU. Stefan was born and raised in Watford, England. He moved to Wisconsin when he was 18 to attend the University of Wisconsin-Superior where he obtained his BS degree in Communication Arts and Sociology. Stefan moved to East Lansing in the Fall of 2008 to attend the MSU College of Law where he received his Juris Doctorate in 2011.

VP for Internal Affairs: Patrick True
Patrick grew up in the Seattle suburb of Lynnwood, Washington. He attended the University of Washington as an undergraduate earning bachelors degrees in physics and mathematics in 2008. He has since attended MSU as a PhD student in the Department of Physics and Astronomy specializing in experimental high energy particle physics. Patrick lives with his wife Amber True, a PhD student in MSU’s Department of English, and their cat Arthur.

Treasurer: Chris Harvey
Chris Harvey is currently a third year student in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology PhD program. Although a native of Grand Ledge, Michigan; Chris went across the pond for his undergraduate education, receiving his BS in Biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in 2009. His research in Dr. Thomas Sharkey’s laboratory is focused on elucidating the function of isoprene emission from plant leaves through a mix of molecular, photosynthetic, and biochemical methods. He brings with him substantial data analysis and statistical programming experience. After obtaining his PhD, Chris hopes to work on the improvement of crop photosynthesis either in an industrial or academic setting.

VP for External Affairs: Suzanne Borkowski
Suzanne has been a member of COGS for three years, in which she has acted as the Executive Medical Liaison. She was selected for this position through her role on the Council of Medical Students, an organization which manages the student interests of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the College of Human Medicine, and the College of Veterinary Medicine. As a student in the allopathic medical program, she is pursuing her Medical Degree with an expected graduation of May 2015. During her professional degree pursuits, she has also been part of the Women’s Health Interest Group, Medical Students for Choice, and Medical Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and volunteered with the Girl Scouts. She is proud to have attended MSU during her undergraduate program where she completed a BS in History, Philosophy, and Sociology with specializations in Gender & Sexuality and Connected Learning.

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Wray
Jenn is currently pursuing her doctorate in sociology as well as working on specializations in Global Urban Studies (GUSP) and International Development. She has served as her departments COGS representative for two years and was most recently chair of the events committee. Her focus has been on developing a graduate and professional student community at MSU, through coordinating interactional events that appeal to any graduate or professional student. She has also incorporated many local businesses into events in an attempt to introduce graduate and professional students to the surrounding community and its less advertised offerings.

Next COGS Full Council Meeting:
Wednesday April 11, 2012
OUTDOOR BBQ
Side lawn of Chittenden Hall

Find us on:

COGS 2012-2013 Parliamentary & Events Chairperson Needed
We are now accepting applications for a Parliamentary and a Chairperson of the COGS Event Committee. If you are interested, please look over and fill out the application by April 3, 2012. Information on the responsibilities as well as qualifications of the positions are detailed in the application. Also, if you know someone who may be interested in serving as parliamentary or chairperson of the committee, please pass this application along to them. We are looking to vote on someone to fill these positions at the next Full Council meeting on April 11th. If you have any questions regarding the positions, don’t hesitate to ask.

Please note: the deadline for application submission is 5:00pm Tuesday, April 3, 2012.
Appreciation Week Activities

- **Trivia Night**
  - Free Appetizers
  - And Prizes!!!
  - When: Tuesday 4/3/12
  - Time: 6:00pm—9:00pm
  - Where: Dublin Square Irish Pub
  - Visit [Facebook Event Page](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

- **Late Night Breakfast**
  - Registration Required
  - When: Wednesday 4/4/12
  - Time: 9:00am—9:00pm
  - Where: All Sparty’s Locations
  - Visit [Facebook Event Page](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

- **Burger & Fries**
  - Basket + 1 Beverage for only $5.00!
  - When: Thursday 4/5/12
  - Time: 4:00pm—7:00pm
  - Where: Harrison Road House
  - Visit [Facebook Event Page](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

- **Crosstown Showdown**
  - Discounted tickets sold out, but tickets are still available for $10 thru the Lansing Lugnuts
  - When: Thursday 4/5/12
  - Time: 7:00pm
  - Where: Cooley Law School Stadium
  - Visit [Facebook Event Page](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

- **Ice Skating**
  - @ Munn Ice Arena
  - $2.00 Admission
  - $2.00 Skate Rental
  - When: Saturday 4/7/12
  - Time: 12:00pm—1:30pm
  - Where: Munn Ice Arena
  - Visit [Facebook Event Page](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

More information on Graduate Student Appreciation Week can be found here: [http://www.nagps.org/events/graduate-student-appreciation-week](http://www.nagps.org/events/graduate-student-appreciation-week) or a full list of COGS activities here: [https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

Upcoming COGS Co-Sponsored Events

- **BGSA “Black Academics Rock” Annual Spring Ball**
  - When: Friday 3/23/12
  - Time: 7:00pm—10:00pm
  - Where: Hannah Community Center
  - Visit [BGSA Facebook Event](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

- **Plant Sciences Graduate Student Research Symposium presented by The Horticulture Organization of Graduate Students**
  - When: Saturday 4/3/12
  - Time: 10:00am—5:00pm
  - Where: MSU Conservatory, Plant & Soil Sciences Bldg.
  - Visit [HOGS Facebook Event](https://www.facebook.com/events/270278533055363/)

- **International Health Project Peru Bowl-A-Thon Potluck & Silent Auction**
  - When: Sunday 4/15/12
  - Time: 2:00pm—6:00pm
  - Where: Marvel Lanes
  - Visit [www.com.msu.edu](http://www.com.msu.edu)

COGS Funding Deadlines

The deadline for COGS Conference Grants and Event Funding for Summer Semester is approaching quickly. Be sure to have all required materials turned in by **5:00pm, March 28th, 2012**.

The applications can be found on the COGS website here: [cogs.msu.edu/funding.php](http://cogs.msu.edu/funding.php)

Summer Discounted City of East Lansing Parking Permits

COGS is now selling Summer Semester Parking Permits to the Downtown East Lansing Division Street ramp (Lot 10—Colorful Parking Garage at Division & Albert Streets). Permit holders can park in the designated permit area in the upper levels using an access card purchased at the COGS Office in 316 Student Services.

**How to purchase:**

Bring with you:

1. Your Vehicle Registration (with your license plate number) 
2. Your Student ID 
3. Proof that you have paid the COGS tax for the semester you are purchasing the permit for. (A printout of your bill with the COGS tax highlighted is sufficient) 
4. A check or money order for $150 made out to COGS

**GSO Seed Funding**

Each Department may apply for GSO Support Funding once per fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th). Funding will only be granted for an eligible meeting and eligible expenses. Eligible expenses include: publicity materials, meeting room fees, refreshments during meeting, and materials needed during an eligible meeting. Eligible expenses do not include the purchase of alcoholic beverages, travel expenses, lodging costs, and non-meeting related goods and services. COGS, at its sole discretion, will make all decisions regarding eligibility of items. Applicants must submit an estimated budget for the eligible meeting (the budget can exceed $50, however $50 is the maximum reimbursement). [GSO Support Funding Application](http://www.cogs.msu.edu/index.php?gso_seed_funding)

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