



Popular Culture Scholars' Association October Newsletter

Who We Are and What We Do

As we settle into a new academic year, we would like to introduce this year's PCSA officers, John King, Haley Shipley, and William Walton. With this school year being the 50th anniversary of the Department of Popular Culture, we aim to revisit the work of Ray Browne and his contemporaries and bring their spirit into the next 50 years of cultural studies. One way we have achieved this was the first every Class Con this past year. Drawing attention to the intersections between class consciousness and culture (both Pop and American), we hope to make PCSA a graduate organization that is not only inclusive of everyone, but keeps the spirit of Ray Browne alive in our approach to academia.

Class Con 2024!

After the successful and collaborative Class Con 2023, we are now planning Class Con 2024! The conference, *Approaching Academia: A Conference on Class Consciousness and Culture*, will be held on March 15th and 16th, in the Pallister Room of Jerome Library. Like last year, we will have panels on Class Representations in Popular Culture, Social Outreach and Activism, as well as Class Issues in Academia and Labor Unions in Contemporary Culture. For more information on the conference, please visit the [PCSA webpage](#). The deadline to submit is December 1st. There is no cost to submit or attend.

Monthly Meetings and You

Please join us the first Thursday of each month for the PCSA open meeting in East Hall room 101 from 5:30-7:30. Our first monthly meeting will be Thursday October 5th. 5:30-6:30 will be a social hour to meet your fellow students and discuss your thoughts, feelings, and concerns of being a graduate student. Plus you can come and enjoy tomato basil soup and other light refreshments.

Anyone interested in how to plan a conference please stick around between 6:30-7:30pm. Grape Juice provided and encouraged.

Notes of Interest

For networking and skill building opportunities outside of BGSU, The University of New Mexico 16th Annual Mentoring Conference on The Impact of Developmental Relationships on the Future of Work will be Monday, October 23rd - Friday, October 27th, 2023. More information can be found [here](#).

Please reach out with any questions or comments and we hope to see you for our first Thursday meetings in East Hall 101 at 5:30.

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