



Dear All,

I know this is a very challenging time as the University moves to online teaching and learning for all classes. Whether you remain on campus or at another location, we hope updates about these resources will help you continue your studies as well as possible while COVID-19 response measures are in place:

- **Graduate Teaching unit of the Poorvu Center**
- **Graduate Writing Laboratory**
- **Office of Career Strategy**
- **Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity**
- **McDougal Graduate Student Life Office**

The **Graduate Teaching unit of the Poorvu Center** will move everything online using Zoom.

1. [One-to-one consultations on teaching](#): Graduate students can continue to use the link on their website to request consultations which will be conducted virtually using Zoom.
2. [Teaching workshops](#): Most, but not all, remaining workshops will move online. If you pre-registered for workshops, you will receive e-mails about the status of each one. The Poorvu Center newsletter will also list workshops to be cancelled. As these determinations will be made on a rolling basis over the next week or so, please check the [OrgSync site](#), and the Poorvu Center e-mail newsletter to be sure you have the latest information.
2. Classroom teaching observations: There will be no observation service while the campus is teaching online, except in special circumstances where a graduate student needs the observation to complete the Certificate of College Teaching Preparation (CCTP) this spring.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to suzanne.young@yale.edu or gina.hurley@yale.edu.

The **Graduate Writing Lab (GWL)** has switched to online formats wherever possible.

1. [Individual Writing consultations](#) will continue as videoconferences using Zoom, Skype, Google Hangout and WC Online.

2. [Writing workshops](#) will be offered as webinars via Zoom.
3. Writing Peer-Review Groups will continue by Zoom.
4. Writing retreats will be cancelled for March and April until further notice.
5. The PitchVantage Public Speaking studio will stay open, as well as other Sterling Memorial Library and Poorvu Center offices until further notice.

The GWL will continue sending a weekly newsletter with an update about upcoming GWL programs. If you have questions or concerns, please email [Elena Kallestinova](#) or [Julia Istomina](#).

The **Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity** (OGSDD) will continue to provide seminars and workshops online. OGSDD will notify you via email about any cancellations. Peer advising sessions will occur by phone or Zoom. Please refer to the OGSDD [website](#) for peer advising or to schedule an appointment with one of the deans.

Please direct all OGSDD questions, including Title IX and discrimination concerns to michelle.nearon@yale.edu or denzil.streete@yale.edu.

The [Office of Career Strategy](#) will conduct all one-on-one advising appointments via phone or Zoom. Students should request appointments as usual through the [Yale Career Link](#) and select one of the remote location options.

Events and workshops will be moved to an online format when possible. Registrants will be notified about cancellations via e-mail. Please be sure to check the [Yale Career Link](#) and the OCS weekly newsletter for the latest updates to OCS programming.

Any OCS questions should be directed to hyunja.shin@yale.edu or brian.frenette@yale.edu.

The **McDougal Graduate Student Center** will be closed until further notice as a precaution. In addition, the McDougal Center Courtyard behind 135 Prospect has been closed through mid-April.

All McDougal Graduate Student Life (GSL) events, either at the Center, on the Yale campus or in New Haven, have been cancelled or postponed.

1. April First Friday at Five (FFF) will NOT occur in person. The McDougal GSL Fellows and staff may be experimenting with virtual events in the coming weeks. For updates, see [Yale Connect Orgsync](#), read weekly

GSL e-mails, and follow McDougal social media.

2. All **Graduate Student organizations** registered with and advised by McDougal GSL-GSAS should modify, cancel, or postpone their events on and off-campus, using [University COVID-19 guidelines](#), until mid-April at the earliest. Virtual or streamed events and meetings may be a good substitute.

Please direct all **McDougal Graduate Student Life Office** questions to lisa.brandes@yale.edu or jennifer.mendelsohn@yale.edu.

We are carefully monitoring the effects of the COVID-19 response plan on students. Please follow guidelines from Yale Health to protect your health and those around you. Our collective strength and concern for each other will get us through this time.

Sincerely,

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