



## DEI Events Calendar Academic Year 2024–2025

Please note that the following are subject to change.

### **One Book, One GSE Kick-Off with Lara Schwartz**

September 4, 2024

12:15 – 1:30 PM

GSE 355-357

Join us for the kick-off event of our One Book, One GSE year-long programming featuring Lara Schwartz, author of *Try to Love the Questions: From Debate to Dialogue in Classrooms and Life*.

### **Community Circle: Cultural Competence in the Classroom and Beyond**

September 11, 2024

12 – 1:30 PM

GSE 201

GSE's first Community Circle of the 2024–2025 academic year will offer a space for students, staff, and faculty to expand understandings of identity and how we show up in the world. The conversation will be facilitated by Raquel Arredondo, Assistant Dean of DEI, Tolulope Olasewere, GA for the Office of DEI, and Lauren Scicluna, Program Manager for International Educational Development.

### **Community Circle: Political Expression Across Differences**

October 9, 2024

12 – 1:30 PM

(GSE, Room TBD)

This Community Circle will offer a space for students, staff, and faculty to share and learn what political expression means and how expression shows up based on our various identities. The conversation will be facilitated by Raquel Arredondo, Lauren Scicluna, and Tolulope Olasewere.

**Visiting Scholars Speaker Series: Dr. Jane Lo, Michigan State University**

October 16, 2024

12 – 1:30 PM

GSE 355

The Learning, Teaching, and Literacies division hosts Dr. Jane Lo, who will share her research focus, “The Need for Grace and Forgiveness in Deliberation,” as it relates to the themes of this year’s One Book, One GSE program. Dr. Lo studies social studies education broadly, with a specific focus on the inequitable experiences of students in civic education. Learn more about this year’s Visiting Scholars Speaker Series [on the Penn GSE website](#).

**One Book, One GSE: Inquiry and Responsible Communication**

October 30, 2024

(Time TBD)

(GSE Room TBD)

Olivia González of the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism will share her research as it relates to the themes of this year’s One Book, *Try to Love the Questions*, and facilitate a conversation with our community.

**Community Circle: The Role of Academia in Bridging Political Divides**

November 6, 2024

12 – 1:30 PM

(GSE Room TBD)

This Community Circle will offer a space for students, staff, and faculty to process anticipated outcomes of discourse and harm following the 2024 U.S. elections. The conversation will be facilitated by Raquel Arredondo, Lauren Scicluna, and Tolulope Olasewere.

**Visiting Scholars Speaker Series: Dr. Ashley Cureton, University of Michigan**

November 13, 2024

12 – 1:30 PM

GSE 355

The Human Development & Quantitative Methods hosts Dr. Ashley Cureton, who will share her research as it relates to the themes of this year’s One Book, One GSE program. Dr. Cureton identifies as a refugee and forced migration scholar who seeks to identify culturally specific interventions, programs, and policies to improve the educational, socio-emotional, and environmental outcomes of refugee youth and their families in the U.S and abroad. Learn more about this year’s Visiting Scholars Speaker series [on the Penn GSE website](#).

### **One Book, One GSE: Understanding the Rules and Norms of College Discourse**

November 2024

(Time TBD)

(GSE Room TBD)

Raquel Arredondo will facilitate a community conversation around the topic of college discourse, bringing in perspectives from GSE faculty including Sigal Ben-Porath, Abby Reisman, Jon Zimmerman, and Sarah Kavanagh.

### **Community Circle**

February 2025

(Time TBD)

(GSE Room TBD)

Students, staff, and faculty are invited to join the February Community Circle conversation, facilitated by Raquel Arredondo, Lauren Scicluna, and Tolulope Olasewere.

### **Visiting Scholars Speaker Series: Dr. Tolani Britton, Berkeley School of Education**

February 19, 2025

12 – 1:30 PM

GSE 355

The Policy, Organizations, Leadership, and Systems division hosts Dr. Tolani Britton, who will share her research and focus as it relates to the themes of this year's One Book, One GSE program. Dr. Britton uses quasi-experimental methods to explore the impact of policies on students' transition from secondary school to higher education, as well as access and retention in higher education. Learn more about this year's Visiting Scholars Speaker series [on the Penn GSE website](#).

### **One Book, One GSE: Listen & Read with a Mindset of Informed Generosity & Grace**

February 2025

(Time TBD)

(GSE Room TBD)

Join us for a facilitated conversation with political scientist and SNF Paideia faculty member, Lia Howard, as part of our continued programming surrounding our One Book for this year, *Try to Love the Questions*.

### **Community Circle**

March 2025

(Time TBD)

(GSE Room TBD)

Students, staff, and faculty are invited to join the March Community Circle conversation, facilitated by Raquel Arredondo, Lauren Scicluna, and Tolulope Olasewere.

### **One Book, One GSE: Communicate to Be Understood**

March 2025

(Time TBD)

(GSE Room TBD)

Join us for a facilitated conversation with political theorist and UPenn Department of Political Science faculty member, Ian MacMullen, as part of our continued programming surrounding our One Book for this year, *Try to Love the Questions*.

### **Community Circle**

April 2025

(Time TBD)

(GSE Room TBD)

Students, staff, and faculty are invited to join the April Community Circle conversation, facilitated by Raquel Arredondo, Lauren Scicluna, and Tolulope Olasewere.

### **Visiting Scholar Speaker Series: Dr. Ashley Moore, Boston University**

April 30, 2025

12 – 1:30 PM

GSE 355

The Educational Linguistics division hosts Dr. Ashley Moore, who will share his research and focus as it relates to the themes of this year's One Book, One GSE program. Dr. Moore's research and public engagement pursues the realization of queer- and trans-inclusive language education. Learn more about this year's Visiting Scholar Speaker series [on the Penn GSE website](#).