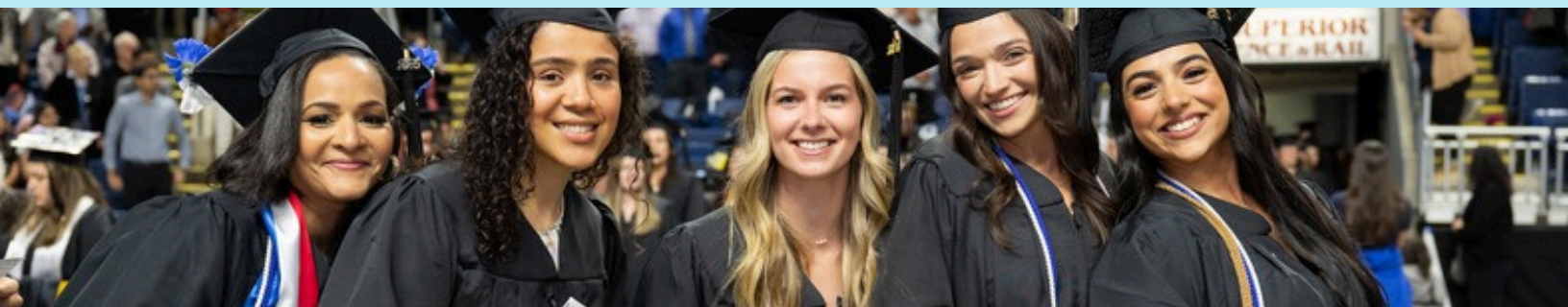


March 2026 Graduate Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to the Graduate School's March Newsletter. Inside, you'll find event highlights, upcoming programs, and resources designed to support your success throughout the semester.

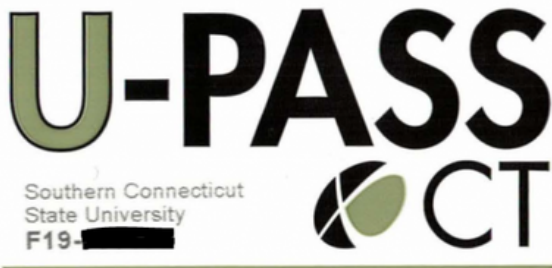
SGPS March Events List

March 2nd	GSA Meeting
March 5th	Phi Kappa Phi Installation Ceremony
March 6th	GSGA First Friday, Connect & Grow
March 9th	Accelerated Pathway Programs @ SCSU
March 9th	Educational Leadership & Policy Studies Information Session
March 10th	Online Academic Writing Workshops - AI Tools for Article Searching and Review
March 25th	Annual Graduate Student and Faculty Excellence Awards Ceremony, 2026
March 31st	Online Academic Writing Workshops - Business Writing for Professionals

Important Information

- Spring Recess No classes on March 16-22
- March 23, 2026 Midterm grades due from faculty

Things to know...



U-Pass Available for Southern Graduate Students Taking On-Campus Courses

Southern Connecticut State University graduate students enrolled in on-campus courses are now eligible to purchase a UPass for a \$40 transportation fee, charged directly to their student account.

The UPass provides free access to trains, buses, and smaller transit services throughout Connecticut. (link to the UPASS website: <https://ctrides.com/u-pass-ct/>).

Graduate students can pick up their UPass at the SCSU Card Office located in Wintergreen Hall, WT 112, where SCSU student IDs are also issued. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM.

Additionally, UPASSES will be available during the SGPS on-campus orientation on August 18 from 3:00–5:00 PM in Engleman Hall.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MARCH 2026

Noralis Rodríguez-Coss

Noralis Rodríguez-Coss is a Puerto Rican feminist scholar, activist, and Associate Professor in the Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Gonzaga University in Washington State. Born and raised in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, she moved to Connecticut to earn her Master's in Women's and Gender Studies at Southern Connecticut State University. She later earned her Ph.D. in Feminist Studies from the University of Washington - Seattle.

Her interdisciplinary research explores gender-based violence, social constructions of gender on islands, feminist activism and public protests, and global perspectives on gender and transnational feminism.

Noralis is a co-founder of the academic field of island feminisms and has collaborated on the Island Feminisms Project since 2016. This feminist approach examines the political and social factors that shape inequalities and injustices, highlighting the ways these issues affect island communities.

"While at SCSU, I worked as a graduate assistant in the Department of Women's & Gender Studies and later at the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame. Both roles were deeply enriching, allowing me to work alongside generous mentors and colleagues who were genuinely invested in my professional growth and future career."

"My Women's & Gender Studies professors at SCSU guided me every step of the way, from my first day to graduation, and I will always be grateful for their unwavering support."

"At SCSU, I began the incredible journey of graduate studies. Some of my happiest memories come from the wealth of ideas and knowledge that the Women's and Gender Studies courses opened to me—experiences that have shaped the path I'm on today."



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

MARCH 2026

Yi-Chun Tricia Lin

Yi-Chun Tricia Lin (林怡君) is a 17th-generation daughter of Taiwan who has dedicated her life to justice, peace, and the decolonization of the mind. She is Professor and long-time Chair of the Women's & Gender Studies Department at Southern Connecticut State University, where she has led with vision and commitment for more than twenty years.

She is;

- Past President, National Women's Studies Association
- Former President, Women's Caucus for Modern Languages
- Board member: CT Humanities Council; Peace Development Fund
- Co-founder: Coalition of Women's & Gender Studies in Connecticut and Rhode Island
- Active partner with community organizations including the African American Women's Summit, Connecticut Health Equity Leadership Council, New Haven League of Women Voters, and West Haven Black Coalition

Her international works;

- Senior Fulbright Scholar (2018), National University, Taiwan
- Ongoing research on Taiwan Indigenous w cultural production as resistance and resu

Dr. Lin is a dedicated scholar, mentor, and co leader whose work brings pride and distinction university.

Dr. Lin is an accomplished scholar and a deeply valued member of our university community. She is known for her tireless advocacy, generous mentorship, and unwavering commitment to justice.

Her dedication, integrity, and pride in representing our university elevate everyone around her. We are honored to have her on our faculty and grateful for the passion and vision she brings to our campus.



Southern Hosts Its Inaugural Three Minute Thesis (3MT)[®] Competition

School of Graduate and Professional Studies proudly launched its first Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition on February 19 at the School of Business, marking an exciting new tradition in celebrating graduate research. The event was very well attended and filled with enthusiasm from students, faculty, staff, and administrators.



We were honored to have President Bulmer, Provost Irwin, Members of the Leadership Team, and many faculty members join us, along with seven dedicated faculty judges whose presence helped create a supportive and engaging atmosphere for our presenters.



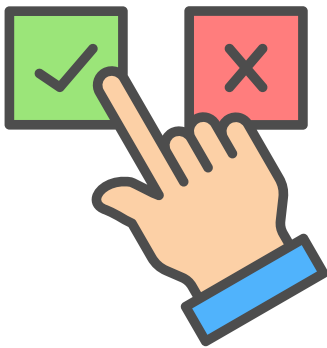
Three Minute Thesis (3MT)[®] Competition

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Seven finalists delivered compelling three-minute presentations showcasing the depth and creativity of graduate scholarship at Southern. Their clarity, passion, and professionalism energized the room and made the event a memorable success.

We are thrilled to announce that Keith Smith has been selected to be the finalist and will represent Southern at the regional 3MT competition in April.



The audience also had the opportunity to vote for their favorite presentation, and the People's Choice Award went to Jasmine Brianna Ellison, whose work resonated strongly with attendees.



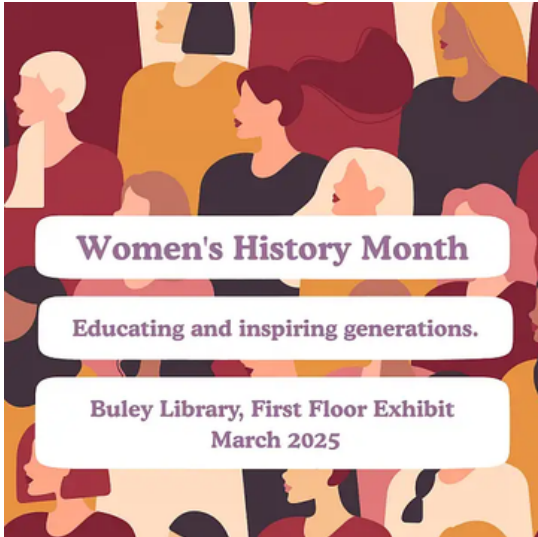
This inaugural event marks the beginning of a new academic tradition on our campus. As we look ahead to next year, we welcome feedback to help us continue strengthening and growing this celebration of graduate research.

Thank you to everyone whose time, support, and spirit made this launch such a success.



Women's History Month Events at Southern

WGS Conference :(Re)making the World: A “How-To” Conference on Feminist, Crip, and Decolonial Worldmaking



On March 27th in Buley Library
Women's History Month Exhibit:
“Educating and Inspiring
Generations”



25th Women's & Gender Studies Conference
April 17–18, 2026

The 2026 SCSU Women's & Gender Studies Conference invites communities to gather for a feminist, crip, and decolonial practice of refusal, survival, and worldmaking.



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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

YES, YOU BELONG:

Women Navigating Academia

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Moderated by Dr. Jess Gregory

From Educational Leadership & Policy Studies

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

School of Business

Room 122



Dr. Sandra Bulmer

Interim President

Dr. Isabel Logan

Associate Professor of Social Work

Dr. Rabia Hos

Graduate Dean

Dr. Siobhan Carter-David

Assoc. Prof. of History & Women's & Gender Studies

Ms. Javon Noblin

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Dr. Julia Irwin

Interim Provost

Imposter Syndrome

- Feeling inadequate
- Feeling self-doubt
- Questioning if you belong
- Questioning the space you fill



In honor of Women's History Month, join us for a panel event exploring imposter syndrome and the self-doubt many women experience in higher education.

Featuring perspectives from administration, faculty, and students, this conversation will unmute the thoughts that often go unspoken — whether starting a degree, pursuing tenure, stepping into leadership, returning to school, or taking on new responsibilities.

Join us as we normalize the experience, challenge the doubt, and affirm that you belong here.

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SGPS Upcoming Events

GSA Meeting

Monday, March 2nd 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Virtual - Teams



The GSA represents and supports graduate students across all programs by creating opportunities for community building, leadership development, advocacy, and connection to campus resources. The primary goal of the

GSA is to ensure your voices as graduate students are heard and your rights are protected. GSA's advocacy efforts in partnership with SGPS leadership have resulted in the expansion of childcare support for graduate student parents and inclusion of graduate students in the U-PASS program, providing free or reduced-cost public transportation.

First Fridays - Connect & Grow Session

Friday, March 6th

10:00am - 11:00am

Hybrid: Teams or Scholars' Space (BU438)



This meeting, featuring a special "Personal Branding Workshop" led by Dr. Swapna Bhargavi Gantasala, Student Success Coach, Director of Career Springboard, and Assistant Professor in the School of Business.

Faculty are always welcome and encouraged to attend.



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SGPS Upcoming Events

Graduate Commencement 2026

For more information and updates: Visit the [SGPS Commencement](#) website.
Check your SouthernCT email regularly in the upcoming weeks for more information on how to claim your tickets.

- Monday, May 18 | 2:00–4:00 p.m. College of Arts & Sciences | School of Business
- Monday, May 18 | 7:00–9:00 p.m. College of Health & Human Services
- Tuesday, May 19 | 7:00–9:00 p.m. College of Education



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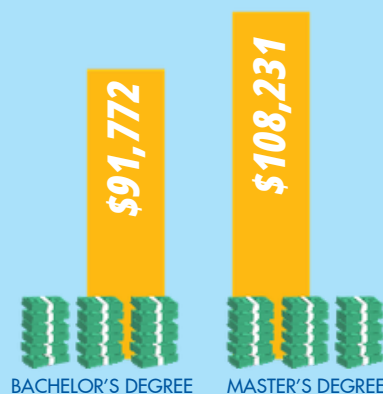
March 9, 2026, 1:00–2:00PM • "SCHOLAR'S SPACE" BU 438

GUESTS

Meredith Sinclair, Faculty Director of Academic Advising
Sarah Roe, Director for the Honors College

TOPICS

- What is an accelerated pathway?
- Who should consider an accelerated pathway program?
- What are the benefits?
- What is the process?



Median earnings before taxes of full-time workers aged 25 and older by education level. (Latest figures available.)

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QUESTIONS?

Email acceleratedpathways@SouthernCT.edu



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Graduate Student & Faculty
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Wednesday,
March, 2026

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3:00 PM -
5:30 PM

Visit the Awards webpage for
[more information](#)

Graduate Academic and Professional Writing & Research Workshops

AI Tools for Article Searching and Review

Facilitator: Rebecca Hedreen M.L.I.S.,
Library Services

March 10, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Link : [Zoom](#)



Business Writing for Professionals

Facilitator: Attorney Rob Smith, Jr. Chairperson of the
Management and International Business Department

March 31, 2026

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Link : [Teams](#)

Workshop
Webpage



bit.ly/3HUKGDS

Upcoming Events

Phi Kappa Phi Installation Ceremony March 5, 2026 10:00 am -11:00 am @Business School, Room 102

More information is coming soon.



Educational Leadership & Policy Studies Information Session March 9 @ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Organizer : Educational Leadership & Policy Studies

This information session will present basic information about the SCSU EDL 092 program. Fall 2026 hybrid cohorts will be starting on campus (Wednesday evenings) and at the ACES campus at 88 Bassett Road in North Haven (Monday evenings). After a brief overview, there will be ample time for questions about the program design and delivery.

This session will be recorded and everyone who registers will receive access to that recording.

[Register here](#)

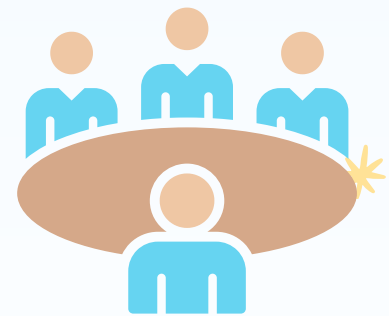


What I Wish I Knew When I Started as a School Leader March 26 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Organizer : Educational Leadership & Policy Studies

Join us for one casual, two-hour pit stop: 5-7 PM, light refreshments, no prep work. Share for twenty minutes on the panel with other school leaders—just one question, “What do you wish you knew when you started as a school leader?” Then pull up a chair at a round table and let the questions come to you. Leave knowing you shortened someone’s learning curve—and maybe met the AP you’ll want to hire next year.

One evening, straight talk, big ripple effect.

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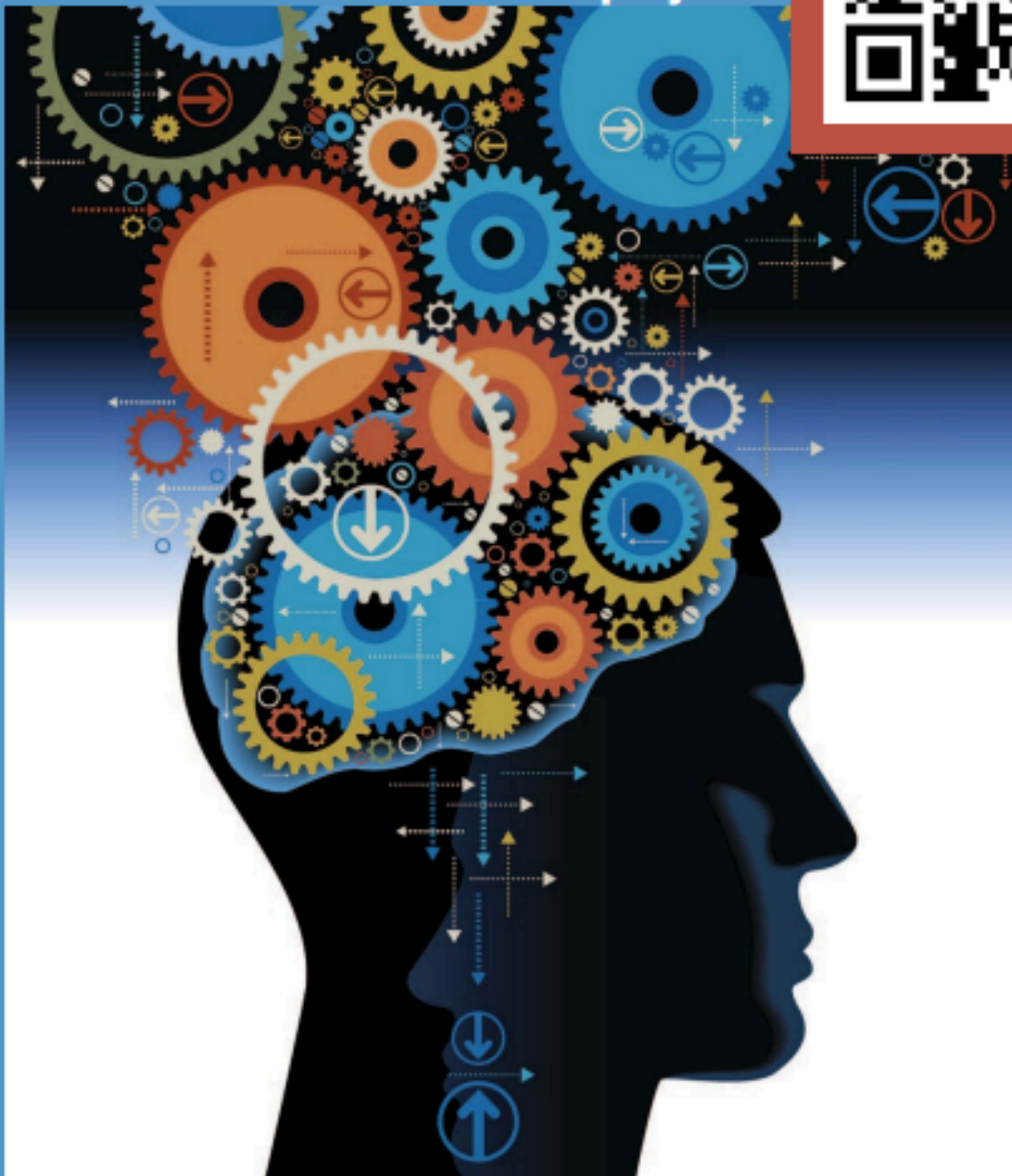
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INFORMATION REGARDING CAP AND GOWNS



Online ordering is officially live. Students who need their regalia shipped to their homes can place orders at:

<https://oakhallcg.com/pages/southernct>

The online store will remain open until March 25.

Beginning April 1, regalia will be available in-store for students who prefer to shop in person.

Please note that we are not able to take shipping orders over the phone. Any student who needs their items shipped must complete their online order before March 25.

Doctoral Students:

Those purchasing Fine Quality regalia will place their orders directly with Oak Hall. This ensures a direct line of communication for any questions or concerns.



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Resource Spotlight: Buley Library

Are you looking for a quiet place to study for finals?
Do you have research questions that need answering?
Would you like an extra set of eyes on your paper?

Buley has it all!

Hilton C. Buley Library
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View the Buley Library Webpage for
resources and more information
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