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When she was majoring in international relations and economics at New York University, Christina Hultholm knew she wanted to go to the best graduate program in international politics, and that was at Princeton. "It was an easy decision," she said.

After receiving her M.A. in Politics in 2006, Christina stayed at Princeton to do further study and research in international political economy — and to begin her engagement with the broader Princeton community. She became President of the Graduate Student Government in 2008, giving her the opportunity to meet students from across the community and to think about topics beyond her narrow field of research.

The position also placed her on the Alumni Council’s Executive Committee, and that introduced her to an entirely new Princeton experience. "My volunteer activities at Princeton completely changed my experience in grad school and my future engagement with the University. From that time on, I was constantly thinking about how I could help other graduate students forge the same kind of positive, enriching connection to Princeton that had come to mean so much to me."

By 2013, Christina had left the Politics department, but she remained fully engaged in the Princeton community. From 2013 to 2017, she served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee. Around the same time, she also made her first foray into politics. She was elected to her local Democratic County Committee ("As a political scientist, I found it really cool that I got to vote for myself.") and was later appointed to the Lawrence Township Zoning Board of Adjustment, of which she is currently Vice Chair.

"I think it’s important to engage with your community, in big ways or in small. Like so many other Princetonians, when I think I can help, I raise my hand."

This year, she is volunteering in a new role: APGA Reunions Chair. When asked about her new responsibilities, she smiles broadly: "Reunions! You don’t understand it until you go. Three days of celebrating with thousands of the most interesting, smartest, and friendliest people in the world. I hope everyone comes back to experience it!"

Graduate Alumni News

Reunions (Beer) Jackets

For the first time, graduate school alumni will participate in a time-honored Princeton tradition by wearing their own Reunions jackets during the P-Rade this year. According to the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni President John Cunniff ’86, this is a welcome change.

“We’re delighted to have our own beer jackets for Reunions,” Cunniff says. “We want our graduate alumni to always feel a part of campus. Having jackets, like the undergraduate classes, is a great way to participate in this wonderful Princeton tradition.”

In November, the APGA invited recent graduate alumni who have attended Reunions, as well as all graduate students, to submit design ideas for the jacket. They were later voted on by students and alumni who graduated within the last 25 years. The winning design can be purchased online this spring by alumni (1993-2018) and by graduating students and available for pick up at Reunions. Special pins, to be worn on the jackets, will be available at Reunions to distinguish graduating year. The APGA Reunions blazer, which was introduced in 2003, will also be on hand for purchase.

Reunions 2018: Pirates of the Graduate College – "Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a Preceptor’s Life for Me"

Plans are already underway for Reunions, led by graduate alumni chair Christina Hultholm ’06 (Politics). This year’s academic area of interest is the social sciences. In addition to the many activities planned around this discipline, social planning for Reunions is in high gear. This year’s theme is “Pirates of the Graduate College.” Like last year, graduating graduate students will also join the festivities with wristbands subsidized by the APGA.

“Ever since the APGA was given a full Reunions site at Cuyler Courtyard in 2014, the Reunions experience has been better than ever,” adds Michael Olin, senior associate director for Graduate Alumni Relations. “The APGA tent draws many people and now has a full weekend of programming and some of the best entertainment, and is a genuine part of Princeton Reunions.”

Learn more about Reunions activities by visiting alumni.princeton.edu or on the APGA Facebook page: facebook.com/PrincetonGraduateAlumni.

Daniel Mendelsohn ’94 to be Awarded the James Madison Medal at Alumni Day 2018

If you haven’t traveled to campus recently while class is in session, plan to visit on February 24 for Alumni Day. In addition to the many scheduled activities, talks and workshops offered throughout the day, Princeton will honor graduate alumnus Daniel Mendelsohn ’94 as the Madison Medalist. Mendelsohn studied classics while at Princeton and is an internationally bestselling author, critic and translator. Named for James Madison, Princeton’s first graduate alumnus, the Madison Medal is awarded to a graduate alumnus or alumnina who has had a distinguished career, advanced the cause of graduate education, or achieved a record of outstanding public service.

APGA Regional Award Grants

Interested in planning an event in your region? The APGA offers co-funding grants to regions for events that attract graduate alumni. In the past year, grants have been awarded for events in Washington, D.C., Houston, Texas and Taipei, Taiwan. Email APGA@princeton.edu to inquire about funding.

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