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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

A Newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences

Best Wishes for a Joyous and Peaceful Holiday Season

This is the last edition of DID YOU KNOW THAT? for 2009.
We will resume publication on January 18, 2010.

Graduate Research Symposium
Abstract Submission Deadline: December 4, 2009

The Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Association of The College of William and Mary invites all graduate students in the fields of Arts & Sciences to submit abstracts for the 9th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, to be held **March 26 & 27, 2010**. The broadly themed conference is designed to bring together graduate students from differing areas of study and from all stages of the degree process. The congenial setting and professionally-oriented environment provides an opportunity for students to explain and discuss their research, while fostering community relationships across discipline boundaries. Abstracts of *1700 characters (approximately 250 words)* are requested for the following categories of submission:

- **ORAL PRESENTATIONS:** Disciplines in the Natural and Computational Sciences will have 12 minutes to present with 3 minutes for questions and disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences will have 16 minutes to present with 4 minutes for questions.

- **POSTER PRESENTATIONS:** Presenters are asked to be available for about one hour to discuss their work with symposium attendees. Size of posters must be limited to dimensions of no larger than 48" x 48".

To submit an abstract, please visit **http://web.wm.edu/grs/** and follow the instructions on the form. All accepted abstracts will be printed in the symposium program available at the event. Please be aware that abstracts are reviewed on a competitive basis. All accepted presenters will be notified by the Graduate Research Symposium Committee in January 2010. Following abstract acceptance, presenters invited from other colleges and universities will be required to pay a conference registration fee of $60.00. **Approximately $4,600 in anticipated awards will be made to presenters in several categories.**

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC)
2010-2011 Scholarship and Fellowship Program

W&M graduate students are very competitive for the following fellowships from the Virginia Space Grant Consortium. During the past two years, seven W&M A&S graduate students have received new $5,000 research fellowships and six W&M A&S grad students have received $5,000 renewals. The term "aerospace" is interpreted very broadly, although the application should explain the aerospace relevance of the research. If you have questions about these fellowships, please feel free to e-mail Dean Laurie Sanderson (slsand@wm.edu).

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Scholarship and Fellowship Program. Each academic year, the VSGC awards approximately $300,000 in scholarships and fellowships to students attending the five VSGC member institutions, including W&M. Graduate Research Fellowships are $5,000 awards (renewable for one year) of add-on graduate support for students enrolled at a Virginia Space Grant university pursuing any field of graduate study in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) with aerospace relevance (Masters or Doctoral level). More information about the VSGC Scholarship and Fellowship Program, including a link to the application, can be found at http://vsgc.odu.edu/. Applications are due February 8, 2010.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Priority Registration for continuing students began on November 2, 2009. Students are asked to pre-register prior to December 1 so that their student accounts will be as accurate as possible before E-bills are processed in mid-December.

Add/Drop Period: Students can add and drop courses online beginning January 20 through January 29.

Withdrawal Period: After January 29 registration changes must be submitted on an Add/Drop/Withdrawal form for the Dean's approval and processing. [Please contact the Registrar and Administrator of Graduate Student Services.]

Last day to submit theses and dissertations for January conferral of degrees is December 11, 2009! It is recommended that students submit a complete draft for review of format by November 20, 2009.

Graduation Fees

Master's and Doctoral Degree Students

Binding Fees (3 copies, $7.00 each).

Doctoral Degree Students only

- Dissertation Filing Fee ($65) – formerly Microfilming fee
- Copyright Fee (optional $65)
- Dissertation Publishing Fee (Open Access, optional $95). Please note that if you select one of the Open Access publishing options, you must also pay this fee at the Cashier's office.

ProQuest/UMI Dissertation Agreement Form

Doctoral degree students should refer to the following website to obtain the "2009 Dissertation Publishing Agreement" form(s) and to review additional publishing options that are available. See web site at http://www.il.proquest.com/dissertationagree/. When accessing this site use "dissertations" as the login and "publish" as the password.

Physical Standards for Theses and Dissertations. Please note that the Physical Standards for Theses and Dissertations have been updated to the new guidelines which have minor revisions dated 11/09/09. The updated standards can be found on the following site. http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/studentresources/physicalstandards/index.php ****Please note that a Compliance Committee Form is REQUIRED for all theses and dissertations.**

Survey of Earned Doctorates Form

This form must be submitted by graduating doctoral degree students and can be obtained at http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/forms/SurveyOfEarnedDoctorates.pdf.

FROM THE A&S GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA)

GSA FALL MEETINGS
The final Fall 2009 meeting will be December 2 and will be held in the Sadler Center York Room at 6:30 pm. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Please be mindful that representation at these meetings ensures that your program remains eligible under the "Good Standing Provision for GSA Conference Funding". Department representatives are encouraged to contact Kevin Smith at kjsmi2@wm.edu for more information.

GSA SUPPLEMENTAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUNDING. Through a collaborative effort between the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) and the GSA, a limited number of **$200** awards are available to assist selected Arts & Sciences graduate students who are attending or presenting at a research conference. The OGSR/GSA Conference Funding competitively awards **Arts & Sciences** graduate students who wish to attend or present at research conferences in their field of study. Conference Funding is financed through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research; however, it is solely administered by the GSA. The goal of Conference Funding is to supplement other funding sources and to help offset the expenses that graduate students accrue advancing their scholarship and knowledge. Since conference experience and attendance are critical for the job market, Conference Funding is designed to encourage graduate student presence at conferences by addressing some of the limitations of other funding sources. The application deadline for conference travel taken during the period January 1 – April 15, 2010 is **February 5, 2010**. For more information and the application, please see http://www.wm.edu/so/gsa/instructions.php.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONFERENCE FUNDING
Applications must be received in the office of the Student Activities Accountant **no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 10** for travel between Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2010. For applications or additional information contact Anita Hamlin 221-3271 or email: ayhaml@wm.edu. Applications can be can be picked up in Campus Center or printed online at http://www.wm.edu/offices/studentactivities/funding/conferences/apply/index.php.

RESEARCH & TRAVEL FUNDING

A&S GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS. A&S Graduate students are encouraged to apply for support [maximum of $300] from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research that will allow them to collect data at museums or archives, conduct research, and travel to field work sites. The purpose of the support is to enhance the graduate students' professional preparation. Not all applicants will receive funding or full funding; therefore, students are encouraged to apply for additional aid or matching funds from other sources and to indicate this information on their applications. Such information will be viewed favorably in the evaluation process. Funding will be limited to direct research related activities. **Eligibility:** Any graduate student actively enrolled in a graduate program of Arts & Sciences, and who is in good academic standing may apply. Students who have previously received a Graduate Student Research Grant from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research are eligible to apply, but applications from students who have received fewer OGSR Graduate Student Research Grants recently will be given higher funding priority. International travel is not supported. **Application Procedure:** There will be three opportunities to apply in 2009-2010 (one in October, one in February and one in April). Applications for Spring 2010 must be received in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research by 4:00 p.m. on **February 15, 2010,** and will cover expenses incurred January 1 through April 15, 2010. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications must be signed by the student's faculty advisor, and must also include a signed Institutional Compliance Form. Guidelines and an application form can be found at: http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/studentresources/researchgrants/index.php. Students seeking funding for conference travel should not apply to this program, but should see application guidelines for the Graduate Student Association Supplemental Conference Travel funds at http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/gsa/home.

Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring

In the spring of 2009, the A&S Graduate Studies Advisory Board and the A&S Committee on Graduate Studies voted unanimously in support of the Board's concept for initiating and funding annual awards to A&S graduate students in recognition of outstanding undergraduate mentoring in scholarship and research outside of classroom teaching.

Unlike the Teaching Assistant awards that are currently offered within some departments/programs, this award will recognize mentoring in the context of undergraduate scholarship and research outside of classroom teaching. Such mentoring might include, among other examples, graduate students who mentor undergraduates in the context of the undergraduate students' senior theses, honors theses, writing projects, term papers, or research in a laboratory, field site, museum, or archive.

Guidelines and a nomination form (http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/documents/UndergradMentor.pdf) are available for undergraduate students and faculty, who are invited to nominate current graduate students. The first awards will be presented at the 2010 Graduate Research Symposium's awards luncheon on March 27, 2010, drawing more undergraduate students and faculty to the symposium and luncheon and increasing visibility for the important contributions of graduate students in mentoring undergraduate students in scholarship and research.

Up to two awards of $250 will be provided annually in each of the two existing graduate student award categories in A&S, (a) Humanities and Social Sciences and (b) Natural and Computational Sciences. The awards will be designated as the Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring, to complement the current Awards for Excellence in Scholarship that are presented at the symposium. A larger number of awards may be offered in each category as additional funds become available.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS TODAY, TO ENSURE PROPER DELIVERY OF YOUR W-2 NEXT YEAR.

You can update your address via Self-Service, by logging in to myWM. Address changes must be updated by December 18, 2009 to ensure timely receipt of W-2. Remember to click on Personal Information and Update your Address(s) and Phone(s). You can also fill out a change of address form (http://www.wm.edu/offices/hr/forms/index.php) and return it via interoffice mail to Payroll, PO Box 8795. If you have any questions, please call 221-2848.

GRADUATE CENTER PROGRAMS

The Graduate Center, located in the Stetson House at 232 Jamestown Road, offers courses and workshops intended to complement your academic curriculum. Meeting times are chosen to avoid conflicts with your primary academic commitments.

COLL 503: Listening, Speaking & Pronunciation Skills - 25763; Begins February 2
(0 credit, P/F) Instructor – Lee Alexander
Tuesdays, Washington Hall 308, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Listening and speaking are inextricably linked. Active listening is a key component to correcting pronunciation errors, and is essential for academic, professional, and personal success. This course is designed for nonnative English speakers who wish to develop their English proficiency. A variety of resources including film, CDs, and the Internet, expose students to different American accents and speech patterns. Recorded assignments provide opportunities for self-assessment and instructor feedback.

COLL 520 (Section 1): Academic Writing - 23650; Begins February 4
(0 credit, P/F) Instructor – Cortney Cain
Thursdays, Morton Hall 302, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

COLL 520 (Section 2): Academic Writing - 26603; Begins February 2
(0 credit, P/F) Instructor – Cortney Cain
Tuesdays, Morton Hall 238, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
A course for domestic and international students to improve writing skills and gain confidence in their ability to write formal, academic English. The writing process will be emphasized, with special attention given to improving the students' organizing, proof-reading and revising skills. Students will learn how to identify their audience, define their purpose, and add cohesion and clarity to their writing. In addition, writing conventions concerning plagiarism and other writing norms will be examined.

COLL 530: Thesis/Dissertation Writing - 24329; Begins February 2
(0 credit, P/F) Instructor – Cortney Cain
Times and Location TBA
A course for domestic and international students beginning their theses/dissertations. Thesis/dissertation guidelines will be discussed and sample chapters from specific fields will be analyzed. In collaboration with their academic advisor and in consultation with the instructor, students will organize and write individual chapters, simultaneously reviewing and revising their writing.

BILLING FOR TUITION & FEES, ROOM AND BOARD. Bills are only available online and are viewable through self service at myWM. Bills for spring semester 2010 will be available for viewing approximately December 15. You will receive information from the Bursar's Office (Student Accounts) vie email confirming that your bill for the spring semester is ready for viewing and providing instructions on how to open and view your bill. Additional information concerning your bill, payment options, due date, etc. can be accessed on line at http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/index.php.

CAMPUS CONVERSATION 2 "Does Research Bring Us Together? The Blend of Teaching and Research in W&M in the 21st Century". December 2, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Sadler Center, Tidewater Room A. One thread that connects the many elements of W&M as a liberal arts college is research (a word meant to convey the full range of creative production across all our programs, departments and schools). This next public event in our conversation on W&M as a liberal arts university in the 21st century focuses on the role of research. Three faculty panelists will lead off the discussion, and Provost Michael Halleran will serve as moderator.

NORTHEAST CONSORTIUM FOR FACULTY DIVERSITY VISITING DISSERTATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM. To support graduate students as they write their dissertations, several campuses in the Northeast host Visiting Scholars-in-Residence. The campuses include: U. Rochester, Colgate U., Allegheny College, Northeastern U., and Monmouth U. For more info, go to www.diversityoncampus.com. Deadline for applications is January 1, 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRGINIA CONSERVATION NETWORK (VCN) LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP: ADVANCING OUR COMMON AGENDA. Saturday, December 5, 2009 9:00 am -1:00 pm, Capitol Building, Richmond, VA. Hear from experts with Sierra Club, CBF, SELC, PEC and other leading environmental groups about the challenges and opportunities for conservation in 2010 and receive the 2010 Conservation Briefing Book. VCN is the statewide organization that focuses on the environment of the Commonwealth in a comprehensive and inclusive manner. Cost: $12 in advance, ($15 after Dec. 1) For additional details please visit: http://www.vcnva.org/.

THE NUTCRACKER Saturday December 19 2:00pm and 7:30pm and Sunday December 20, 2:00pm, Phi Beta Kappa Hall. Virginia Regional Ballet's 2009 production of *The Nutcracker* marks Ms. Heidi Robitshek's 32st production of this beloved Christmas classic. VRB Academy's most promising students, local and out of state professional dancers are delighted to bring you the beloved tale of Klara and her Nutcracker Prince, the Mouse King, dancing snowflakes, the Sugar Plum Fairy, and all the wonders of the Land of Sweets! Come see this spectacular production sparkle with excellence from each dancer, delightful costumes, and beautiful sets. Tickets $20-$30. For tickets and additional information: http://www.dancevrb.com/upcomingperformance.html

DID YOU KNOW THAT? The newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences is published each week during the fall and spring semesters. We welcome your submissions. Copy may be edited for length. Submission should be sent to cyroberts@wm.edu.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

See more Funding Opportunities at
http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/studentresources/fundingsources/index.php

MAURICE AND MARILYN COHEN FUND FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN JEWISH STUDIES. The Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Fund for Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships in Jewish Studies encourages scholarly research, publication and teaching in the various disciplines of Jewish studies. Established in 1960, we have awarded fellowships to nearly 600 scholars, including many leaders in the field. The Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships in Jewish Studies are made for one academic year and are given for the final stages of completing a dissertation, typically in the fifth year of study. Applicants should be completed all doctoral requirements, except for the completion of their thesis, and must show evidence of being able to complete their thesis within the fellowship year. The Foundation currently awards five Fellowships at $16,000 per grant.
For more information about the program please contact grants@jewishculture.org or visit www.jewishculture.org. All application materials are due on or before 4 PM on **Friday, January 6, 2010**.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE STUDIES (IHS) FELLOWSHIPS. Humane Studies Fellowships are awarded to students interested in exploring the principles, practices, and institutions necessary for a free society through their academic work. IHS began the program in 1983 as the Claude R. Lambe Fellowships and in 2009 awarded more than 165 fellowships ranging from $2,000 to $12,000. IHS considers applications from those who will be full-time graduate students, including law and journalism students, or undergraduate juniors or seniors during the 2010-11 academic year and who have a clearly demonstrated research interest in the intellectual and institutional foundations of a free society. Previous award winners have come from a range of fields such as economics, philosophy, law, political science, anthropology and literature. **Application deadline December 31, 2009**. If you have any questions, please visit the frequently asked questions page and read about the application process. If you need assistance after reading the FAQs, please submit a question via our contact form.

SIGMA DELTA EPSILON/GRADUATE WOMEN IN SCIENCE, INC. (SDE/GWIS) NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM. SDE/GWIS offers fellowships for two purposes: (1) to increase knowledge in the fundamental sciences and (2) to encourage research careers in the sciences by women. Fellowship awards are for research in all the natural sciences, including: physical, environmental, mathematical, computer, life sciences, anthropology, psychology and statistics. To be eligible, the applicant must be enrolled as a graduate student, or engaged in post-doctoral or early-stage junior faculty academic research, and demonstrate financial need for continuation or completion of their research. Membership in SDE/GWIS is not required for application for the GWIS Fellowships. **Application deadline January 15, 2010.** An application processing fee of $25 is required at the time of application. Additional information and applications can be found on the web at http://gwis.org/programs.html.

DOLE INSTITUTE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP. The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas is announcing a Research Fellowship for the 2009-2010 academic year. Graduate students and post-doctoral scholars are eligible to apply for this one-time $2,500 award which will support substantial contributions to the study of Congress, politics or policy issues. The successful fellow will be required to conduct research at the Dole Archive for a period of 1-3 weeks. In addition, the Fellow will be required to submit a final copy of any thesis, dissertation, article or book produced through the Fellowship as well as submitting to the Dole Institute a 500-1000 word statement describing the research conducted here that will be used by the Dole Institute for print and electronic dissemination. Applications for the 2009-2010 Dole Institute Research Fellowship are due on or before **December 15, 2009.** http://www.doleinstitute.org/archives/grants.shtml Please direct all questions regarding the Dole Institute Research Fellowship to Morgan R. Davis, Senior Archivist, 785-864-1405 or mrd@ku.edu.