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A Newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences

RAFT DEBATE SEPTEMBER 30: A Delicate Balance between Comedy and Lecture

The Raft Debate, a much beloved William and Mary tradition, will be held at the Commonwealth Auditorium, Sadler Center, on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Watch as a scientist, a social scientist, and a humanist, sole survivors of an imaginary shipwreck, debate the values of their respective discipline for the rest of humanity. A fourth debater, a Devil's Advocate, joins the survivors and argues against all three of their disciplines. Only one of these faculty members can be saved. The winner of the debate is chosen by a judge based on audience reaction. Come join the excitement as the arguments heat up and the tensions rise until the final, lone survivor, is decided. This year's survivors representing their disciplines and the fate of humanity are: **Natural and Computational Sciences**: Professor David Armstrong [Physics]; **Social Sciences:** Professor David Feldman [Economics]; **Humanities**: Associate Professor Giulia Pacini [Modern Languages and Literatures]. This year's **Devil's Advocate** is played by Assistant Professor Jeremy Stoddard [Education] and Laurie Sanderson, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Arts & Sciences will be the **Judge**. Be sure to attend---your applause and cheers will determine the direction of humanity! A reception with cake and hors d'oeuvres will be held following the event in Tidewater A, which is free and open to the public.

FROM THE A&S GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA)

GSA FALL MEETINGS

Fall meetings will be held on Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2. All meetings will be held in room 221 of Blair Hall at 6:00pm. 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.

W&M GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE: The Graduate Research Symposium (GRS) is the only research conference focused on W&M graduate students that is designed to bring together graduate students from diverse areas of study and from all stages of the degree process. The Symposium Committee is composed of an inspired group of graduate students dedicated to developing strategies for organizing a professional interdisciplinary conference. This is an excellent opportunity to gain expertise as a valuable addition to your resumé or future letters of recommendation. Please contact symposium co-chairs Jonathan Skuza jrskuza@wm.edu or Alix Jerome aejerome@wm.edu if you are interested. **The next committee meeting will be held Thursday September 10, at 6:00pm in the Stetson House. Pizza will be served.** Please plan on attending the meeting and bringing your ideas and suggestions.

GRAD STUDENT T-SHIRTS FOR SALE – ONLY $10. The GSA is selling "GRAD STUDENT" t-shirts for only $10 each. Shirts are available in gray and white, sizes S-XL with hunter green lettering. Quantities are limited so get your shirt today before they are all gone. If you are interested in buying a shirt, please contact GSA Social Chair Zach Brown (zsbrown@wm.edu). Please make check payable to "Office of Graduate Studies and Research".

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 not previously received such a grant 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 Fall 2009 must be received in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research by 4:00 p.m. on **October 9, 2009,** and will cover expenses incurred September 1 through December 31, 2009. 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://www.wm.edu/so/gsa/instructions.php.

FLU SHOT RECOMMENDED. Flu Shots for the annual flu are NOW available for full-time, part-time, and continuous enrollment students at the Student Health Center for $20 (please bring student ID). Everyone is encouraged to get this flu vaccine now, and then the additional H1N1 flu ("swine flu") vaccine when it becomes available in approximately October. Flu shots will be given Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm. For additional information please call 221-4386.

NEWS & INFORMATION

CONVERSATION PARTNER PROGRAM. The Conversation Partner Program (CPP) at William & Mary is an opportunity for native and nonnative English speakers to meet informally and discuss topics of mutual interest. The purpose of the program is twofold. For nonnative English speakers, CPP is an opportunity to meet Americans, learn more about American culture, and practice everyday, spoken English. For native English speakers, CPP provides an opportunity to meet people from different countries, and to learn more about different cultures. For more information, please contact Cortney Cain, ESL Program Manager at cecain@wm.edu or 757-221-1876. http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/graduatecenter/conversation/index.php

LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT. President Reveley will host lunches and office hours for students this semester. The lunches will be on September 22, October 6, November 6, November 16 and December 8. Office hours will be held on September 21, October 2, October 20 and November 12. For more information and to sign up, please contact Carla Costello at cacostello@wm.edu.

CAMPUS-WIDE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM During emergency situations or closings due to inclement weather, the College uses several methods to alert the campus. An emergency notification system, Blackboard Connect, is used to notify students, faculty and staff via voice, email and text messages sent over land lines and cell phones. In addition, an audible alert or siren will sound if an event poses imminent danger, and the College's homepage provides alerts and continuing information as the emergency develops. This emergency notification system is tested at the beginning of each semester to ensure proper functioning.

For this system to work, it is essential that the College have a way to contact you. Students are required to register at least one phone number, which should be your own, in the emergency notification system. Additionally, students can register a total of six phone numbers of people to be notified in the event of a campus-wide emergency. We encourage you to discuss with your family who you should register into the system. The data you provide will only be used in the event of an emergency. It will not be made available for any other purpose. So, when you receive the request to

input your contact information, please do so promptly. You will not be able to validate your registration for the fall until you have done so. NOTE: *This is not to be confused with the Emergency Contact, which are the name(s) and phone number(s) of those who would be contacted should you have a personal emergency.*

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY. The local P.E.O. chapter plans to nominate a female W&M doctoral student for a scholarship of approximately $15,000 (see eligibility requirements below). Materials should be received by the local chapter before October 15, 2009. The eligibility requirements are as follows: A woman is eligible for nomination by a local chapter if she:

a.) is a citizen of the United States or Canada at the time of nomination;

b.) at the time the award payment is made (August 1), is within two years of her graduation date and has at least one full academic year of work remaining to complete her doctoral level degree or postdoctoral research program;

c.) is full time in her program at an accredited college, university or institution;

d.) demonstrates academic excellence, maturity and seriousness of purpose; and

e.) has clearly defined career objectives.

The applications of individuals who satisfy these eligibility criteria will be evaluated on a nondiscriminatory basis without consideration of race, national origin, religious affiliation or disability. A student interested in being nominated should e-mail to Sandra Rogers (local P.E.O. representative, srogers77@cox.net) a C.V. and a one- or two-paragraph statement about why the student thinks that she is qualified for this scholarship. Students who submitted nomination materials last year are encouraged to submit materials again this year if they meet the eligibility requirements above. Candidates will be interviewed by the local Scholar Committee concerning their academic work and goals. The student who is selected as the chapter's nominee will need to complete an application package after mid-November. For more information, please see http://www.peointernational.org/about/ and scroll down to the section on P.E.O. Scholar Awards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALKS Saturday, September 12, 2009, 8:30 am, Mount Trashmore, Virginia Beach, VA, sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Join hundreds in Hampton Roads for our 4th Out of the Darkness Community Walk. We all can raise awareness of depression, so that we can prevent suicides and for some, it's also an opportunity to remember loved ones lost. Together we all will be taking steps to save lives. For more information visit: www.sos-walk.org or email Patrick S. Hudgins (pshudg@wm.edu). Become a Fan of the Facebook page at: Out of the Darkness Community Walks – Hampton Roads Area Supporters!

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR. The Office of Student Volunteer Services will sponsor the annual Volunteer Fair on **Wednesday, September 9** from 4:00-6:00p.m. in the Sadler Center Lobby. Contact mcporter@wm.edu or 221-7639 for more information.

Visit the **FALL 2009 CAREER FAIR** on the third floor of the Sadler Center on **Friday, September 18** at 12:00pm to gather information and talk with representatives from a variety of businesses, nonprofit organizations and government agencies. The Fair is open to all majors, all class years. Candidates from other colleges and universities are also welcome. There are no requirements to attend and participate! Please bring copies of your resume and be prepared to talk with representatives from a variety of businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies. http://www.wm.edu/offices/career/index.php

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

National Physical Science Consortium (NPSC) Graduate Fellowships/Dissertation Support. In the traditional fellowship, initial support may be for two or three years, or for a full six years, depending on the employer-sponsor. If the initial support is for the shorter period, it may be extended up to six years at the discretion of the employer. The Dissertation Support Program covers the period of dissertation research and defense, up to a maximum of four years. Though the fields supported can vary annually depending on employer needs, in general NPSC covers the following: Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Materials Science, Mathematical Sciences, Physics, and their subdisciplines, and related engineering fields: Chemical, Computer, Electrical, Environmental, Mechanical. **Deadline: November 5, 2009.** For application and additional information visit http://www.npsc.org/students/info.html

American Museum of Natural History Division of Anthropology Internship. The Anthropology Internship Program offers internships for undergraduate and graduate students interested in careers in anthropology, museums or related fields. Anthropology interns work on projects relating to the collections or to the ongoing research interests of the curatorial staff in the museum or in the field. The department's collections and research are focused on North American, Mexican/Central American, and South American archaeology and ethnology; Asian, African, and Pacific ethnology; and Biological Anthropology. In addition, internships are awarded in collections management, archives, and conservation. Applicants should be enrolled in or have recently graduated from an academic institution. Grants provide monthly stipends for periods of two months to one year. The minimum work requirement for a paid internship is two days per week. Acceptance to the internship program is competitive. The number of interns accepted in any given session varies and is based on staff projects. Internship application deadlines:

- December 1, 2009 - for spring session (February-May)
- April 1, 2010 - for summer session (June to September)
- August 27, 2010 - for fall session (September to December)

For questions regarding the Internship Program, please contact Anita Caltabiano at anita@amnh.org.
http://anthro.amnh.org/anthropology/collections/InternshipGuide.shtml

2010 Organization of American Historians Louis Pelzer Memorial Award. The Louis Pelzer Memorial Award Committee of the Organization of American Historians invites candidates for graduate degrees to submit essays for the Louis Pelzer Memorial Award competition. Essays may deal with any period or topic in the history of the United States. The winning essay will be published in *The Journal of American History*, and the winner will receive $500. Essays should not exceed 7,000 words (including endnotes). The electronic version of the essay should be sent to <jahms@indiana.edu> with "2010 Louis Pelzer Memorial Award Entry" noted in the subject line, and one hard copy should be submitted to the address below. The endnotes should be triple-spaced. Because manuscripts are judged anonymously, the author's name and graduate program should appear only on a separate cover page. Significance of the subject matter, literary craftsmanship and competence in the handling of evidence are some of the factors that will be considered in judging the essays. The deadline for submitting an essay for consideration is **November 30, 2009**. Manuscripts should be clearly labeled "2010 Louis Pelzer Memorial Award Entry" and addressed to: Edward T. Linenthal, Editor, *The Journal of American History* (Committee Chair), Louis Pelzer Memorial Award Committee, 1215 East Atwater Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401.
http://www.oah.org/activities/awards/pelzer/index.html

Columbia University Society of Fellows in the Humanities - Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Columbia Society of Fellows in the Humanities, with grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the William R. Kenan Trust, will appoint a number of post-doctoral fellows in the humanities for the academic year 2010-2011. ELIGIBILITY: Applications are invited from qualified candidates who have received the Ph.D. between 1 January 2006 and 1 July 2010. Fellows are appointed as Lecturers in appropriate departments at Columbia University and as postdoctoral research fellows. The fellowship is renewable for a second and third year. In the first year, Fellows teach one course per semester: at least one of these courses will be in the undergraduate general education program of the University. In years two and three, Fellows teach one course per year. In addition to teaching and research, the duties of Fellows include attendance at the Society's lectures and events as well as active participation in the intellectual life of the Society and of the department with which the Fellow is affiliated. The annual stipend will be $55,000. Each Fellow will also receive a research allowance of $5,000 per annum. **Deadline: OCT 5, 2009.** http://www.columbia.edu/cu/societyoffellows/fellowship.html

HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY INSTITUTE RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM. The Harry S. Truman Library Institute for National and International Affairs is the private, non-profit partner of the Harry S. Truman Library. The Institute's purpose is to foster the Truman Library as a center for research and as a provider of educational and public programs. Applications for funding will be considered by the Institute's Committee on Research, Scholarship and Academic Relations. Grants of up to $2,500 are awarded biannually and are intended to enable graduate students, post-doctoral scholars and other researchers to come to the Harry S. Truman Library for one to three weeks to use its collections. Awards are to offset expenses incurred for this purpose only. Graduate students and post-doctoral scholars are particularly encouraged to apply, but applications from others engaged in advanced research will also be considered. Preference will be given to projects that have application to enduring public policy and foreign policy issues and that have a high probability of being published or publicly disseminated in some other way. The potential contribution of a project to an applicant's development as a scholar will also be considered. An individual may receive no more than two Research Grants in a five year period. **Deadlines: April 1 and October 1.** For application and additional information visit **http://www.trumanlibrary.org/grants/#ress**

American Geological Institute's (AGI) Government Affairs Program Spring Semester Internships in Geoscience Public Policy. Representing the geoscience community in Washington DC, the program actively works with Congress and federal agencies to foster sound public policy in areas that affect geoscientists, including water, energy, and mineral resources; geologic hazards; environmental protection; and federal funding for geoscience research and education. AGI seeks outstanding geoscience students (undergraduates and Masters levels) with a strong interest in federal science policy for a semester-long internship in geoscience and public policy. Interns will gain a first-hand understanding of the legislative process and the operation of executive branch agencies. They will also hone both their writing and Web publishing skills. Specific activities for the interns include:

- Monitoring and analyzing geoscience-related legislation in Congress.
- Updating legislative and policy information on AGI's Web site.
- Attending House and Senate hearings and preparing summaries.
- Responding to information requests from AGI's member societies.
- Attending meetings with policy-level staff members in Congress, federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations such as the National Academy of Sciences.

AGI is planning to accept an intern during the spring semester (January through June timeframe) at a fixed stipend of $5,000. Stipends for the interns are funded jointly by AGI and a generous grant from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) Foundation. The internship lasts fourteen weeks, and the starting date will be based on the schedule of the successful candidate. Geoscience students with an interest in energy and resource issues are particularly encouraged to apply. **Deadline October 15, 2009**. For application and information visit **http://www.agiweb.org/gap/interns/internse.html**

2009-2010 Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program. The Technical Minority Scholarship Program was developed to demonstrate Xerox's commitment to the academic success of minority students and to the cultivation and recruitment of qualified minority employees in technical fields. Scholarships are made available to minorities enrolled in a technical degree program at the bachelor level or above. Applicants must be academic high-achievers (3.0 or better GPA). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or visa-holding Permanent Residents of African American, Asian, Pacific Island, Native American, Native Alaskan, or Hispanic descent. They must be enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student in any of the following technical fields: Chemistry, Information management, Computing and software systems, Material science, Printing management science, Laser optics, Physics, Material science, and Engineering (chemical, computer, electrical, imaging, manufacturing, mechanical, optical, or software). **Deadline September 30, 2009.** For application and information visit **http://www.xerox.com/go/xrx/template/009.jsp?view=Feature&Xcntry=USA&Xlang=en_US&ed_name=Careers_Technical_Scholarship**

The National Science Foundation (NSF), **Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).** The GRFP provides three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees and is intended for students who are at the early stages of their graduate study. The GRFP invests in graduate education for a cadre of diverse individuals who demonstrate their potential to successfully complete graduate degree programs in disciplines relevant to the mission of the NSF. Eligibility: applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the U.S.; must meet certain degree requirements (see solicitation); must meet certain fields of study criterion (see solicitation). Estimated number of awards: 1,600. Anticipated funding amount: $40,500, per institution, per award, per year.

Deadlines:

- 11/2/09 - Interdisciplinary Fields of Study
- 11/4/09 - Mathematical Sciences and Computer & Information Sciences and Engineering
- 11/5/09 - Social Sciences, Psychology, and Geosciences
- 11/6/09 - Life Sciences
- 11/10/09 - Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy
- 11/12/09 - Engineering

Please visit: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201 for additional information.