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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

A Newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences

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.

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

Microfilming Fee ($65)

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.

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 now 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 next GSA meeting will be held on December 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD OF VISITORS STUDENT LUNCHEON. The BOV is coming back to Williamsburg on November 19, and the Student Assembly is hosting a BOV- Student Luncheon at 12:30pm. If you are interested in attending, please email bovlunch@gmail.com with your name, the BOV member you are most interested in sitting with, and a topic you would like to discuss with your selected Board member. Members of the Board can be found here http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/bov/members/index.php.

COMPUTER SCIENCE COLLOQUIUMS
Wednesday, November 11, 2:00pm, McGlothlin-Street 020. Dr. Barbara Ryder, Head, Dept. of Computer Science, College of Engineering, Virginia Tech, will present "Blended Program Analysis: Combining Static and Dynamic Analyses".

Friday, November 13, 3:00pm, McGlothlin-Street 020. Dr. Mark Grechanik, a researcher from Accenture Technology Labs, will present "Preserving Test Coverage while Achieving Data Anonymity for Database-centric Applications".

A VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION November 11, 2009 at 1:00 PM, Law School entrance hall. The Law School, the William & Mary Veterans Benefits Clinic and the Military and Veterans Law Society invite you to join the Law School community in the Law School entrance hall for a celebration of our nation's veterans and the first anniversary of the Veterans Benefits Clinic. Cake and cider served. Free and all are welcome. Contact Jaime Welch-Donohue with questions.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA, WILLIAMSBURG SOCIETY, PRESENTS "THE CULTURAL MESSAGES OF ROMAN EROTIC SCULPTURE," November 17, 4:30 PM, Millington Hall, room 150. A lecture by Professor Elizabeth Bartman, VP of AIA. Event is free and open to the public. Statues whose subjects are erotic (and even in some cases what we would call pornographic)are found in a variety of respectible, even elite, Roman private contexts. What was their meaning in these Vesuvian villas and urban gardens? The depiction of sex to ensure fertility and material prosperity is long recognized, while recent studies have connected sex with humor and luxurious pleasure. This paper will propose an additional reading: that erotic statues had a moralizing component. By virtue of their three-dimensionality, statues had an obvious analogy with their viewers that erotic scenes in paint or other media lacked; their visual immediacy made them important conveyers of the puritanical ideologies that repeatedly inhabited the Roman state. Sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, Art & Art History, Classical Studies and the Charles Center.

MERCURY: A HAZARD WITHOUT BORDERS, FALL 2009 FILM/LECTURE SERIES, Thursday, November 12, 2009, 5 PM, Andrews Hall Room 101. Robert Davidson is a scientific advisor at the Biodome de Montreal. He has a B.S. in Plant Science and a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences. His thesis topic was Reforestation in Ecuadorian Amazon using a successional plantation model. His research interests include: Tropical Agriculture, Agroforestry and Silviculture; Tropical Plant Ecology; Tropical Ecosystem; Restoration; and Plant-Soil Relationships. All events are free and open to the public. This series is presented in partnership with the Wendy & Emery Reves Center for International Studies and the W&M Mercury Global Inquiry Group. http://mercury.wm.edu/?page_id=159

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS November 13-15, and November 19-22, Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall – Mainstage. Music by Alan Mencken; Book by Howard Ashman; Directed by Christopher Owens; Musical direction by Gary Green It's a tough sell down at Skid Road Florists, even for a botanical nerd like Seymour, until a mysterious plant arrives that changes everything. Suddenly customers (and girls) are breaking down the doors to see this wonderful specimen. There's only one problem - its " diet" is well...blood. Great 60's style music, outlandish comic characters, and creepy special effects combine to keep you on the edge of your seat. For tickets and information please visit http://wm.tix.com/Schedule.asp?OrganizationNumber=1690

SLEEPING HABITS WORKSHOP Sunday, November 15, 7-8 pm, Colony Room, Sadler Center. Learn about the importance of sleep! Leave with handouts to help you improve your sleep and reduce stress! Milk and cookies will be provided! Questions? Contact Allison at agraham@wm.edu or 757-221-3620.

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

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.

AAUW (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN) CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Special consideration is given to women of color, and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Academic excellence, commitment to improving the human condition, and the promise of continued impact are cornerstones of the rigorous criteria. Grants provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Funds are available for distance learning. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States, or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds are not available for PhD-level work. Awards range from $2,000 - $12,000. **Application deadline December 15, 2009.**
http://www.aauw.org/education/fga//fellowships_grants/career_development.cfm

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) OFFICE OF SCIENCE (SC) has established the DOE Office of Science **GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (DOE SCGF)** program to support outstanding students to pursue graduate training in basic research in areas of physics, biology, chemistry, mathematics, engineering, computational sciences, and environmental sciences relevant to the Office of Science and to encourage the development of the next generation scientific and technical talent in the U.S. The Fellowship award provides partial tuition support, an annual stipend for living expenses, and a research stipend for full-time graduate study and thesis/dissertation research at a U.S. academic institution for three years. **Application deadline November 30, 2009.**
http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/SCGF.html

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (DOE CSGF) program provides outstanding benefits and opportunities to students pursuing a PhD in scientific or engineering disciplines with an emphasis in high-performance computing. Areas of interest include (but are not restricted to):
Applied Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Computational fluid dynamics
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Environmental Science and Engineering
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Nuclear Engineering
Physics
Funded by the Department of Energy's Office of Science and National Nuclear Security Administration, the DOE CSGF trains scientists to meet the nation's workforce needs and helps to create a nationwide interdisciplinary community. Students must be planning full-time, uninterrupted study toward a Ph.D. degree at a U.S. university. Students in their first or second year of graduate study in the physical, engineering, computer, mathematical, or life sciences are eligible to apply for the Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (CSGF). Applicants must be either U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens. The fellowship provides support and guidance to some of the nation's best scientific graduate students, and these graduates now work in DOE laboratories, private industry and educational institutions. Over 250 students at more than 50 U.S. universities have trained as Fellows, and the demand is only growing. http://www2.krellinst.org/csgf/index.shtml Deadline for electronic final submission is **January 14, 2010 by 5:00 pm CST.** Please email csgf@krellinst.org with any questions about the DOE CSGF application.

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

Deadlines: 11/10/09 - Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy; 11/12/09 - Engineering