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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. Over $4,600 in anticipated awards will be made to presenters in several categories.

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.

NEW GSA WEBSITE

The GSA is launching their new website http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/gsa/home this week. You will find valuable information concerning the GSA, including information on Graduate Student Association Supplemental Conference Travel funds.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED FROM A&S GRAD STUDENTS. The A&S Graduate Student Association and the Office of Graduate Studies and Research are proud to announce the launch of a new website designed specifically to showcase the honors and accomplishments of W&M A&S graduate students. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION BY OCTOBER 13 FOR POSTING TO THE WEB SITE** (see guidelines below).

This "Graduate Portfolio" website will make accessible to the public the awards, publications, and other noteworthy activities of current and recently graduated students. The Portfolio will allow undergraduate students, faculty, staff, alumni and prospective students to note what W&M A&S graduate students are doing in their programs and with their degrees. The Portfolio will also increase awareness of the successes of W&M A&S graduate students, and encourage further opportunities for both enrolled and graduated W&M students.

This first call for information will cover accomplishments dated from January 1, 2009 through the present. Subsequently, information will be updated three times per year and will be archived as a valuable resource on the web site by year. The site will list accomplishments under the following categories: Awards/Honors, Community Service/Outreach, Fellowships, Internships, Conference Presentations, Publications, Research Grants, and Recent Alumni Employment/Positions. Graduate Student Association (GSA) representatives will collect the information from students in their respective departments/programs. We ask that you send only accomplishments received outside of William & Mary, the exception being nationally competitive awards affiliated with William & Mary (e.g., publication in the William & Mary Quarterly) or prestigious College-wide awards (e.g., Thatcher Prize for Excellence).

Awards/activities must be listed in the following format for inclusion in the Graduate Portfolio:
Category of Award/Activity, Title of Award/Activity, Date of Award/Activity, Student First and Last Name, Degree, Program.

Fellowship Example: NSF Fellow, 2009-2010, John Smith, PhD, Physics. You may use any format accepted in your discipline for the Publications and Conference Presentations, with the student name, degree, and program added at the end of the citation. Provide complete citations, including co-authors, for Publications and Conference Presentations.

Publication Example: George Smith and Karen Jones. "Lost without Lost." The Journal of Popular Film and Television. 12.3 (Spring 2008): 50-60., Karen Jones, PhD, American Studies.

Please prepare your information in the above format now, and an email message will be sent to you later this week with your GSA representative's email address for submitting your information.

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 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://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/gsa/home.

FREE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION REFRESHER WORKSHOPS for grad students preparing to take the language exam and other interested graduate students. The Spanish workshop will begin Thursday, October 8 from 4:30-6:30pm in the Stetson House with tutor Alicia Fernandez. The Office of Graduate Studies and Research and the Graduate Center are sponsoring the language translation refresher workshops in Spanish, French, and German. The Directors of Graduate Studies in

American Studies, History, and Anthropology recommend these for students who are preparing to take the language exam in these disciplines and need a refresher. Each workshop will consist of a two-hour session per week for five weeks. If you're interested and have not already provided your name to Mikal Gaines, please contact him as soon as possible at mjgain@wm.edu.

NEWS & INFORMATION

ENHANCE YOUR SPEAKING SKILLS. To help W&M graduate students prepare for job talks, interviews, and conference presentations (including the Graduate Research Symposium), **Robin Cantor-Cooke** will lead the popular Graduate Center workshop ***Presenting Yourself With Confidence and Control*** on the evenings of Thursday, October 22nd and the four following Wednesdays (October 28th, November 4th, November 11th, and November 18th) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The workshop will include sessions on improving stance, voice, and gestures; enhancing eye contact and connection with the audience; combating nervousness; and banishing the sense of doom that often accompanies such occasions. Ms. Cantor-Cooke began as a stage actor and has worked with some of the biggest stars in show business, including George Burns, Sid Caesar, Milton Berle, Helen Hayes, Charlton Heston, Keith Carradine, and Marlo Thomas. For more than twenty years, she has worked as writer, editor, audio scriptwriter, and producer of more than forty books and tape programs. She holds a master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism and is coauthor of four nonfiction books, including *One Less Thing to Worry About: Uncommon Wisdom for Coping with Common Anxieties* (Ballantine, April 2009). Don't miss an opportunity to receive professional coaching from a pro, free of charge. Contact Chasity Roberts at cyroberts@wm.edu to sign up ASAP, as space is limited. Students are encouraged to attend all sessions.

LUNCHES AND OFFICE HOURS WITH THE PRESIDENT. President Reveley will be hosting office hours and lunches for students this semester. Please contact Carla Costello for more information and to sign up. Contact: cacostello@wm.edu.

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

Don't forget **FALL BREAK**
October 10, 2009 - October 13, 2009

THE PATRICK HAYES WRITERS SERIES October 7, 2009 at 7:00 PM, Ewell Recital Hall. The Patrick Hayes Writers Series presents biographers Scott Donaldson, Blake Bailey and Carol Sklenicka. Scott is a retired W&M English professor who has written distinguished biographies of Hemingway, Fitzgerald, E.A. Robinson, John Cheever, Archibald MacLeish and other 20th-century writers. Blake is our Writer-in-Residence this year and has recently published highly acclaimed biographies of Richard Yates and John Cheever. Carol Sklenicka is about to publish a biography of Raymond Carver. There will be a reception and book-signing after the program. The event is free and is sponsored by the Patrick Hayes Endowment and English Department.

CENTER FOR ECOLOGICAL LIVING AND LEARNING (CELL). Interested in a study abroad program that focuses on sustainability through community? CELL is currently partnering with John Swaddle of the W&M Biology department, and offers interdisciplinary study abroad programs in Central America, the Middle East, and Iceland that work with internationally respected organizations like Heifer International, Solheimar (Iceland eco-village), and Sustainable Harvest International. Visit www.cellonline.org for more information.

DISCOVERY LAB: LURKING IN THE SHADOWS October 22, 2009 at 6:00 PM, Catlett-Burress Teaching Lab (VIMS Campus). Join us for the 3rd Annual Mad Lab to learn about the animals that lurk in the shadows of Chesapeake Bay. Visit this "spooky" lab and study animals that lurk in the shadows of Chesapeake Bay. Learn about gar, snapping turtles, oyster toadfish, and bowfins. There will be lots of spooky, hands-on, children's activities and a short "Bay Animals" talk by PhD student Pat McGrath. The lab will be in full Halloween décor. Children and adults are encouraged to enter the Mad Lab Costume Contest! These family-friendly labs are provided by the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve at VIMS. There is no charge, however registration is required due to limited space. Register online here or call 804-684-7878.

VIMS AFTER HOURS LECTURE: IS THERE OIL ON OUR HORIZON? October 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM, Watermen's Hall, McHugh Auditorium. Join VIMS Professor Woody Hobbs as he describes the geologic likelihood of petroleum discovery on Virginia's continental shelf and potential environmental issues related to oil extraction and refining. Recent legislative and executive actions have opened the possibility of gas and oil drilling in Virginia's offshore waters. Join VIMS Professor Woody Hobbs as he describes the geologic likelihood of petroleum discovery on Virginia's continental shelf and potential environmental issues related to oil extraction and refining. Register here (required).

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES BY PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR YAKOV SINAI. Professor Sinai is among the most outstanding and influential mathematicians of our times.

LECTURE 1: **The decay of Fourier modes in solutions of the two-dimensional Navier-Stokes system.** Friday, November 13, 2009, 2:00–3:00 pm, Jones 307 (tentatively). There will be a RECEPTION before this lecture, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, in Jones 131 (tentatively).

LECTURE 2: **The construction of blow ups of complex valued solutions of equations of fluid dynamics.** Monday, November 16, 2009, 2:00–3:00 pm, Jones 307 (tentatively). There will be a DINNER at a local restaurant after this lecture, at 6:00 pm, place TBA.

For further information contact Nahum Zobin, Department of Mathematics, nxzobi@wm.edu, (757) 221-2024.

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

GETTY GRADUATE INTERNSHIPS are offered in the four programs of the J. Paul Getty Trust—the Getty Museum, Getty Research Institute, Getty Conservation Institute, and Getty Foundation—for students of all nationalities who intend to pursue careers in fields related to the visual arts. Training and work experience are available in areas such as curatorial, education, conservation, research, information management, public programs, and grantmaking. Please see the **list** of internship areas and host departments participating in 2010-2011. Approximately 20 graduate internship positions are funded each year. Internships are located at the Getty Center in Los Angeles or the Getty Villa in Malibu. All positions are full-time beginning September 13, 2010. Most internships are for eight months, ending May 20, 2011. Conservation internships are twelve months, ending September 19, 2011. Grant amounts are $17,400 for eight months and $26,000 for twelve months. The grant includes health benefits, but housing and relocation funds are not provided. **Deadline: DECEMBER 15, 2009**. Materials received after this date will result in an incomplete application. Applications materials can be found at http://www.getty.edu/foundation/funding/leaders/current/grad_internships.html.

DUMBARTON OAKS 2010 SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS. Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection (Washington, DC) offers fellowships in three areas of study: Byzantine Studies (including related aspects of late Roman, early Christian, Western medieval, Slavic, and Near Eastern studies), Pre-Columbian Studies (of Mexico, Central America, and Andean South America), and Garden and Landscape Studies. Summer Fellowships are awarded for periods of seven to nine weeks beginning in June 2010. Applications for all awards must be submitted by **November 1, 2009**. Late applications will not be accepted. Fellowship applications procedures can be found at http://www.doaks.org/research/info_fellowships.html.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History invites applications for short-term fellowships in several categories: Research Fellowships for post-doctoral scholars at every faculty rank, Dissertation Fellowships for doctoral candidates who have completed exams and begun dissertation reading and writing, and Research Fellowships for journalists and independent scholars. The Gilder Lehrman Fellowships support work in one of five archives: The Gilder Lehrman Collection, on deposit at the New-York Historical Society; The Library of the New-York Historical Society; The Columbia University Rare Book and Manuscript Library; The New York Public Library Humanities and Social Sciences Library; and The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (NYPL). Fellowships range in duration from a week to two months. Fellowship stipends range from $1,500 to $4,000. Post-doctoral scholars and students working on dissertations are eligible to apply. Research must be completed within a year of notification of the award. **Application deadlines: December 1st and May 1st**. http://www.gilderlehrman.org/historians/fellowship1.html

American Educational Research Association (AERA) Dissertation Grants. With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the AERA Grants Program announces its Dissertation Grants competition. The program seeks to stimulate research on U.S. education issues using data from the large-scale, national and international data sets supported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), NSF, and other federal agencies, and to increase the number of education researchers using these data sets. The program supports research projects that are quantitative in nature, include the analysis of existing data from NCES, NSF or other federal agencies, and have U.S. education policy relevance. AERA invites education-related dissertation proposals using NCES, NSF, and other federal data bases. Dissertation Grants are available for advanced doctoral students and are intended to support the student while writing the doctoral dissertation. Applications are encouraged from a variety of disciplines, such as but not limited to, education, sociology, economics, psychology, demography, statistics, and psychometrics. Applicants for Dissertation Grants may be U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, or non-U.S. citizens. Applicants should be advanced doctoral students at the dissertation writing stage. Underrepresented minority researchers are strongly encouraged to apply. Awards for Dissertation Grants are up to $20,000 for 1-year projects **Deadline: Wednesday, January 6, 2010**. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals in advance of the deadline. For further information and application please visit http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/res_training/diss_grants/DGFly.html

2010 MARSHALL SHERFIELD FELLOWSHIPS. The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission will be offering up to two post-doctoral Marshall Sherfield Fellowships in 2010. The first such Fellowships were awarded in 1998 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan. The Fellowships, which are funded by the Marshall Sherfield Fellowship Foundation, and administered by the Marshall Commission, enable American scientists or engineers to undertake post-doctoral research for a period of one to two academic years at a British university or research institute. The aim of the Marshall Sherfield Fellowships is to introduce American scientists and engineers to the cutting edge of UK science and engineering. It is intended that this in turn will build longer-term contacts and international links between the United Kingdom and the United States in key scientific areas. To qualify, candidates should be citizens of the United States of America normally resident in the USA and hold a doctorate in a science or engineering subject by the time they take up their Fellowship. These awards are not available for study for a higher degree. Applications must be submitted in complete form and be received at the Marshall Commission, London postmarked no later than **9 October 2009**. http://www.marshallscholarship.org/fellowships/

Institute for Advanced Study Visiting Member Awards. The School of Natural Sciences (http://www.sns.ias.edu/) will have several openings for members in theoretical physics and astrophysics for the academic year 2010-2011. The positions are at a postdoctoral or higher level and applicants will be selected on the basis of their ability to do research in the areas of astrophysics, theoretical biology, mathematical physics, quantum field theory, particle phenomenology, string theory and quantum gravity. Postdoctoral members frequently collaborate with each other, with faculty members at the Institute or Princeton University, and with researchers at other institutions. Postdoctoral appointments are for three years with full salary support. We also have openings for a few long-term (5 year) members and Bahcall Fellows beginning September 2010. Salary is above post-doctoral level and is commensurate with qualifications. In addition to exceptional qualifications for pursuing his or her individual research, the successful candidate for a long term membership should be interested in talking to, and possibly collaborating with, other post-doctoral members. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. For more information write to *michelle@ias.edu* or Michelle Sage, School Administrative Officer, School of Natural Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study, Bloomberg Hall, 1 Einstein Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Applications should be made online at https://applications.ias.edu/ and received by **November 15, 2009**.

Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation's 2010 Dissertation Fellowships.

- **The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships** support the final year of dissertation writing for Ph.D. or Th.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences whose research addresses ethical or religious values. The Newcombe Fellows to be named in 2010 will each receive a stipend of $25,000; their institutions are asked to waive or otherwise cover tuition and fees. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by **November 15, 2009**. [http://www.woodrow.org/newcombe]

- **The Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies** offer $3,000 to help defray expenses of doctoral candidates doing original and significant research about women that crosses disciplinary, regional or cultural boundaries. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by **October 11, 2009**. [http://www.woodrow.org/womens-studies]

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

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.