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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

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. http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/graduatecenter/RaftDebate/index.php

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.

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/re

searchgrants/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.

NEWS & INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE OCTOBER 2 IS THE LAST DAY TO FILE NOTICE OF CANDIDACY WITH THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR FOR MAY OR AUGUST 2010 GRADUATION. The Notice of Candidacy form can be obtained from the Registrar's website. http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/forms/index.php. If you're not certain whether you'll complete the degree requirements in time for these graduation dates, you should still file for candidacy now and then file again for a later date if you won't graduate in May or August 2010. Please contact Wendy Urbano wdurba@wm.edu with questions.

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.

Announcement for **2010-2011 VISITING SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCY PROGRAM**. The program supports 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., Monmouth U., and Middlebury College. For more info, go to www.diversityoncampus.com. Application deadline January 1, 2010.

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.

ADDRESS & EMERGENCY CONTACT VERIFICATION. The College requires that all students registered for courses annually verify that their address and emergency contact information is accurate, this includes continuous enrollment students. The office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research has been informed by the Registrar's office that many of you have not done this and must do so as soon as possible. Please log in to Banner Self-Service and click on the "Student" tab. You will be prompted through the verification process. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. This requirement is part of the code of student conduct, and failure to keep your information current can be considered a violation of the code. For a complete list of address types, their definition and who to contact to update please visit: http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/studentrecords/addressinformation/index.php

UPCOMING EVENTS

"FAITH, PEACE AND RECONCILIATION", September 24, 2009 at 8:00 PM, Andrews 101. Peace Advocate Israeli-Palestinian Christian Archbishop Elias Chacour addresses how faith can encourage or impede the quest for peace in the Middle East and elsewhere. For additional information visit http://www.wmwesley.org/node/186 or contact David Hindman, (757) 229-6832.

VIMS AFTER HOURS LECTURE: IS OUR ENERGY FUTURE BLOWING IN THE WIND. Thursday, September 24th, 7pm, VIMS Campus. Join VIMS alumnus Charles Natale as he explores the environmental opportunities and regulatory challenges associated with development of offshore renewable wind energy projects along the US East Coast and in Virginia. Natale is President and CEO of ESS Group, Inc., one of the Northeast's largest environmental consulting and engineering companies. Registration required (http://tethys.vims.edu/events/registration.cfm) or call 804-684-7846. The After Hours Lecture Series is provided in part by CBNERR-VA and CCRM.

The **VIRGINIA N. BRINKLEY ANNUAL LECTURE ON CLASSICAL GREECE AND EGYPT** will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 4:30 in 105 Millington. The Department of Classical Studies presents the Virginia N. Brinkley Lecture, "Domestic Religion in Roman Egypt," given by David Frankfurter, professor of religious studies and history at the University of New Hampshire. Christianization was not a culture-wide process in antiquity but took place through individual social spheres. By examining the world of domestic religious life, for example, we can understand why the artifacts and documents of early Egyptian Christianity so often reflect both official Christian tradition and local Egyptian traditions of family and household. The Brinkley Lecture is sponsored by the Department of Classical Studies and is open to the public. For more information, contact Joyce Holmes at jrholm@wm.edu.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY Saturday September 26, 2009 is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2008, 120,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, and planted over 1.6 million trees. Join us for the 16th annual National Public Lands Day. There are over 35 sites in Virginia that need your help. "Find a site near you" by visiting **http://www.publiclandsday.org/.**

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

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**.

The International Centre for Diffraction Data (ICDD) Awards - Ludo Frevel Crystallography Scholarships. The Ludo Frevel Crystallographic Scholarship is an award to support the education and research program of promising graduate students in crystallography-related fields. The applicant should be a graduate student enrolled in a graduate degree program during the 2010 calendar year, with major interest in crystallography e.g. crystal structure analysis, crystal morphology, modulated structures, correlation of atomic structure with physical properties, systematic classification of crystal structures, phase identification and materials characterization. There are no restrictions on country, race, age or sex. The term of the scholarship is one year. The recipient may make application for one renewal at the end of the first year. Because a limited number of scholarships are awarded, renewal applications will be considered on a competitive basis in conjunction with all applications that have been submitted up to the closing date. The year 2009 Scholarship Awards were in the amount of $2,500 each. Applications for the year 2010 awards must be received by ICDD **no later than 30 October 2009.** For application and additional information visit: http://www.icdd.com/resources/awards/frevel.htm.

USable Transatlantic Idea Competition: "Mover wanted! Civic Engagement of Generation 50+" Ideas, projects and initiatives are sought concerning the voluntary civic engagement of generation 50+. It is precisely the "young seniors" of the baby-boomer generation who want to assume responsibility. The Körber Foundation wants to encourage this involvement. A look across to North America can provide inspiration: voluntary civic engagement has a great tradition in the U.S. and Canada. The competition targets initiatives that are oriented towards this philosophy of American public spirit, and perhaps even follow a concrete example from the U.S. or Canada. **Deadline: October 31, 2009.** For application and additional information visit http://www.koerber-stiftung.de/en/civil-society/usable.html or email usable@koerber-stiftung.de.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its **Science to Achieve Results** (STAR) program, is offering **Graduate Fellowships** for master's and doctoral level students in environmental fields of study. Subject to availability of funding, the Agency plans to award approximately 120 new fellowships by June 30, 2010. Master's level students may receive support for a maximum of two years. Doctoral students may be supported for a maximum of three years, usable over a period of four years. The fellowship program provides up to $37,000 per year of support per fellowship. **Close Date: October 22, 2009.** For further information please visit: http://epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009_star_gradfellow.html

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.