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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

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.

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 WEBMASTER 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 **Web Master** will create and maintain the Graduate Research Symposium web site, including the development of web-based forms and the maintenance of a web database. 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 17, at 6:00pm in the Stetson House.** Please plan on attending the meeting and bringing your ideas and suggestions.

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://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.

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

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

LECTURE BY SPAIN'S AMBASSADOR TO U.S.: HIS EXCELLENCY JORGE DEZCALLAR DE MAZARREDO September 15, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM. Spain's Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Jorge Dezcallar de Mazarredo, will present a lecture titled "Spain and the United States in the 21st Century", in Room 120, at William & Mary Law School. The lecture is free and the public is welcome. Reception to follow. http://law.wm.edu/news/events/2009/lecture-by-spains-ambassador-to-u.s.-his-excellency-jorge-dezcallar-de-mazarredo.php

TECHNOLOGY: GPS, BUOYS, ROBOTS AND MORE! CBNERR Discovery Lab at VIMS, Tuesday, Sep. 15th, 6-8pm. Bring your family and learn how technologies used to study Chesapeake Bay work. We'll have a buoy building competition, build underwater robots, and more. Remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) will be the topic of a brief presentation at 6:30pm. This Discovery Lab will be held at VIMS Gloucester Point Campus (just north of the Coleman Bridge). There is no charge, however registration is required. Register on-line at www.tiny.cc/VIMS0909 or call 804-684-7878.

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.

CWA/TOWN & GOWN LUNCHEON AND LECTURE SERIES. September 17, 2009 at 12:00-1:30 PM, Sadler Center, Chesapeake Ballroom. Joe Jones, Director of the Archaeological Research Center at William & Mary will present “Colonial Archaeology: Unique Finds and Local Treasures”. Town & Gown is a brown bag luncheon and lecture series. For more information visit http://web.wm.edu/cwa or Call 221-1506.

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

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

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

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.