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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

A Newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences

Welcome to new and returning students!

We're delighted to welcome new and returning students to our community. This email is the first of an informal weekly newsletter from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research called ***DID YOU KNOW THAT?*** [***DYKT?***]. You will receive it every Monday morning throughout the academic year. As our continuing students know, ***DYKT?*** is a valuable source for timely information of interest to Arts & Sciences graduate students, such as application information for grants and awards, news & events, and academic deadlines and changes. We try to keep the messages brief and we hope that you will get into the habit of reading them regularly as you plan your week. We are very interested in hearing from you. If you have questions that you think other graduate students share – please ask us. If you know of events that you think will interest your colleagues throughout the university – please tell us. We cannot promise to list all of them, but we will try.

We also publish funding opportunities for students in the various disciplines. You can find a more comprehensive listing of funding opportunities on the Graduate Studies and Research website at http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/studentresources/fundingsources/index.php. Also check out the Office of Graduate Studies and Research website at http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/index.php for other student resource information such as important forms, information about COLL courses, the Graduate Center, and the A&S Graduate Ombuds Office.

Again, welcome!

FROM THE GSA

The Graduate Student Association welcomes its 2009-2010 Officers:
President: Kevin Smith *(Physics)*
Vice President: Julia Kaziewicz *(American Studies)*
Secretary: Diana Soteropoulos *(Biology)*
Treasurer: Christian Wilbers *(American Studies)*
Social Chair: Zachary Brown *(Physics)*

The GSA is comprised of all graduate students in the Arts & Sciences at W&M. It offers a number of fun and exciting professional and social events each year. Keep on eye on this column for further details or go to the GSA webpage at http://www.wm.edu/so/gsa/

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 (OGSR) are eligible to apply, but applications from students who have received fewer OGSR Graduate Student Research Grants recently will be given higher funding priority. In 2008-09, 41 students received A&S Graduate Student Research Grants with an average award of $288. **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.

Important information on W&M health care and insurance eligibility for 2009-10

Students who want to be eligible for the College's Student Insurance Plan and for use of the Student Health Center in 2009-10 should be sure to understand the following information.

(1) Students who were admitted to the College for Fall 2006 or later and who register full-time or with Research Graduate status will be enrolled in and billed for the College's Student Insurance Plan unless proof of other adequate health insurance coverage was provided by submitting a waiver request that was subsequently approved prior to the July 1, 2009 deadline (extended to September 4, 2009). Students who didn't request a waiver because they want to enroll in the Student Insurance Plan should already see a charge for "Student Health Insurance" on their Student Account; contact Trista Sikes (trsike@wm.edu) immediately if this charge has not appeared. The waiver request is available on the Insurance page of the Student Health Center website at http://www.wm.edu/offices/healthcenter/studentinsurance/waiverinfo/index.php. This requirement includes students who receive a W&M Master's degree and are then admitted to a W&M PhD program. All F-1 & J-1 International students are automatically enrolled in the Student Insurance Plan.

(2) Students in the above categories who did not complete the waiver by July 1, 2009 (extended to September 4, 2009), will have the Student Insurance coverage billed to their student account in two installments ("Annual in Installments"). Students should read the points below carefully to determine whether their circumstances require "Annual" coverage rather than "Annual in Installments" coverage. Students needing "Annual" coverage should actively enroll by completing the College Enrollment Request form at http://www.wm.edu/offices/healthcenter/studentinsurance/enrollmentinfo/index.php and selecting "Annual" rather than "Annual in Installments".

(3) Students who register full-time or with Research Graduate status in the Fall 2009 semester and who check the box for "Annual" coverage (NOT "Annual in Installments") on the College Enrollment Request form at http://www.wm.edu/offices/healthcenter/studentinsurance/enrollmentinfo/index.php will continue to be eligible for the College's Student Insurance even if they become part-time or continuous enrollment students in the Spring 2010 semester. Note that insured part-time or continuous enrollment students are eligible for pharmacy services but not medical services at the W&M Student Health Center, whereas insured full-time or Research Graduate students are eligible for both pharmacy services and medical services at the W&M Student Health Center with payment of the Student Health Center fee.

(4) Students who register full-time or with Research Graduate status in the Fall 2009 semester and who have the Student Insurance coverage billed in two installments ("Annual in Installments") or who check the box for Fall only coverage on the College Enrollment Request form will NOT be eligible for the College's Student Insurance in the Spring 2010 semester if they become part-time or continuous enrollment students. Such students should plan ahead and enroll for "Annual" coverage (NOT "Annual in Installments") using the College Enrollment Request form at http://www.wm.edu/offices/healthcenter/studentinsurance/enrollmentinfo/index.php if they wish to remain eligible for the College's Student Insurance in the Spring 2010 semester while they are part-time or continuous enrollment students. Note that insured part-time or continuous enrollment students are eligible for pharmacy services but not medical services at the W&M Student Health Center, whereas insured full-time or Research Graduate students are eligible for both pharmacy services and medical services at the W&M Student Health Center with payment of the Student Health Center fee.

(5) There is an option for up to six months of "Continuation coverage" at $259/month for students who have been insured on the College's Student Insurance Plan for at least 90 days but who no longer meet the eligibility requirements, for example: (a) students who are full-time or Research Graduate students in the Fall 2009 semester, check the box for Fall only coverage or "Annual in Installments" coverage (or have their student account billed in two installments), and then become part-time or continuous enrollment students in the Spring 2010 semester, or (b) students who are full-time or Research Graduate students in the Fall 2009 semester, are enrolled in the Fall only coverage, and graduate in January 2010. The application and premium payment for Continuation coverage must be completed directly with the insurance company using a mail-in enrollment form (no online enrollment available) and cannot be billed to the student account, unlike the premium for the regular student policy.

(6) Full-time or Research Graduate students who have enrolled in the "Annual" coverage, the "Annual in Installments" coverage, or the Spring/Summer coverage remain eligible for the College's Student Insurance Plan during the summer even if they graduate in May and/or are not registered during the summer. Full-time or Research Graduate status in the spring semester qualifies students for use of the Student Health Center in the summer, with payment of the summer Student Health Center fees, unless the student graduates in May. Insured students who graduate in May are eligible for pharmacy services but not medical services at the W&M Student Health Center during the summer.

The above information is subject to change; please see the Student Health Center web page at http://www.wm.edu/offices/healthcenter/index.php for updates. If there are questions about the above, please contact the Student Insurance Coordinator, Trista Sikes, at trsike@wm.edu, with a cc to Dean Laurie Sanderson at slsand@wm.edu.

The 2009-2010 Student Health Insurance Rates are as follows:

Basic Coverage
Student -- Annual=$1370, Fall=$631, Spring/Summer=$739
Coverage dates are as follows:
Annual=08/01/2009 - 7/31/2010
Fall=08/01/2009 - 1/15/2010
Spring/Summer=1/16/2010 - 7/31/2010

Continuation Coverage (6 months maximum - available when a student's status changes with the College such as when the student graduates, leaves the College or falls below full-time credits): $259/month

NEWS & INFORMATION

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS. If you have not updated your mailing address and phone number (and also provided a local address and phone number if you do not live in campus housing for the 2009-2010 academic year) please do so immediately. Please login to "myWM" select the "Banner Self Service" Tab and update your "Personal Information". 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

2008-09 A&S DISTINGUISHED THESIS AND DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARDEES. Five 2008-09 W&M graduates received A&S Graduate Studies Advisory Board Distinguished Master's Thesis and Distinguished Dissertation Awardshttp://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/gradadvisoryboard/thesisaward/index.php, which recognize exemplary achievement in A&S graduate student research: **Gillian Palm Freeman** (Psychology), **Amy Catherine Green** (History), **Carolee Klimchock** (American Studies), **Karl Wayne Kuschner** (Physics), and **Jennifer Bridges Oast** (History). The Graduate Studies Advisory Board, formed in 2004, (http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/gradadvisoryboard/index.php) is a select group of educational, business, and community leaders whose mission is to enhance the quality of graduate education in Arts & Sciences at W&M.

GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED FROM VA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM. Congratulations to **Malcom Gethers** (Computational Operations Research), **Ruth Lamprecht** (Computer Science), **Corey Miller** (Applied Science), and **Matthew Simons** (Physics) for receiving 2009-10 Graduate Research Fellowships from the Virginia Space Grant Consortium (http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/studentresources/vaspacegrant/index.php). These $5000/year awards are renewable for an additional year. **Crystal Bertoncini** (Physics), **Jennifer Camp** (Anthropology), **Cara Campbell** (Physics), **John Leckey** (Physics), and **Meghan Revelle** (Computer Science) have received renewal awards for 2009-10. The next application deadline will be approximately February 2010. If you have questions about the application process, feel free to contact Laurie Sanderson (slsand@wm.edu).

GRADUATE ARTS AND SCIENCES 2009-2010 PROGRAM CATALOG. The 2009-2010 catalog can be found online at the following site or you can obtain a copy from your department or program if you haven't already done so. This is an invaluable resource to students. http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/documents/AS%20Catalog%2009%20_10.pdf

STUDENT HANDBOOK - AVAILABLE ONLY ONLINE. All students at William and Mary are bound by the regulations noted within the *Student Handbook*. The College reserves the right to make changes in the procedures and regulations contained within the *Handbook* at any time. The *Handbook* contains important information about the College's expectations regarding student conduct, student rights and responsibilities, and relevant processes and procedures to address alleged misconduct. The Honor Code and its procedures are also included in the *Handbook.* http://www.wm.edu/offices/deanofstudents/services/studentconduct/studenthandbook/index.php

GUIDE TO GRADUATE LIVING. Recently revised and updated by the William & Mary Graduate Council and Office of Student Affairs, this booklet aims to provide graduate students with a useful introduction to the services and resources available in and around the William & Mary community. Our goal is to help you become more familiar with what Williamsburg and the surrounding area has to offer. http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/senioradmin/studentaffairs/documents/graduateliving.pdf

PHYSICAL STANDARDS FOR THESES AND DISSERTATIONS. Please note that the Physical Standards for Theses and Dissertations have been updated. Graduates must adhere to the new guidelines which have minor revisions dated 7/25/08. 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 required for all theses and dissertations. http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/documents/InstitutionalComplianceCommitteeForm1.pdf

GRADUATE CENTER PROGRAMS. The Graduate Center, located in the Stetson House at 232 Jamestown Road, offers courses and workshops intended to complement your academic curriculum. Meeting times are chosen to avoid conflicts with your primary academic commitments.

COLL 501 (Section 1): English Conversation & Pronunciation – 13371; Begins September 8th
(0 credit, P/F) Instructor – Cortney Cain
Tuesdays, James Blair 215, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
In this course students who are non-native English speakers will learn more about the rhythm, stress, and intonation patterns of spoken English, improve their ability to communicate with others, and practice distinguishing sounds that are unique to the English language. Recorded assignments and in-class discussions will allow students opportunities to practice their conversational skills and learn more about American culture.

COLL 501 (Section 2): English Conversation & Pronunciation – 13371; Begins September 10th
(0 credit, P/F) Instructor – Cortney Cain
Thursdays, Tyler 219, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
In this course students who are non-native English speakers will learn more about the rhythm, stress, and intonation patterns of spoken English, improve their ability to communicate with others, and practice distinguishing sounds that are unique to the English language. Recorded assignments and in-class discussions will allow students opportunities to practice their conversational skills and learn more about American culture.

COLL 505: Oral Presentation Skills – 13403 Begins September 8th
(0 credit, P/F) Instructor – Lee Alexander
Tuesday, Washington 308, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
This course is for domestic and international students who want to refine their oral communication skills and learn more about presentation norms. Students will participate in various kinds of oral communication activities, including presenting speeches given for different purposes, critiquing speech content, organization, and delivery, and presenting a paper following specific guidelines set forth by a conference or association.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY E-MAIL FRAUD! Information Technology or other offices at W&M will NEVER ask you to send your password, social security number, account numbers, or other personal information to them in an e-mail message. Also, you should never just click a web link in an e-mail message and type your private information; be sure you know that the web address is legitimate first. Every year at W&M, "phishing" e-mail messages fool students, faculty, and staff into providing private data, such as a password or account number, to criminals. These fraudulent e-mail messages can even look like they've been sent from an official wm.edu address or look like they connect to an official W&M web site. If you have any doubts or questions, please review IT policy about protecting your personal information and the W&M network by visiting http://www.wm.edu/offices/it/alerts/dont-take-the-bait..php.

FLU UPDATE: For recent information on the flu, including tips for avoiding and coping with the flu, see http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/updates/international/. The W&M Student Health Center will be administering the seasonal flu vaccine to any registered student for a $25 fee; dates will be announced via the Student Information Network and on the Student Health Center webpage.

WILLIAMSBURG AREA TRANSPORT. For information about trains, planes, bikes, and bus travel in and around Williamsburg, go to the Williamsburg Area Transport web page at: http://www.jccegov.com/residents/transportation.html You will find fare and schedule information as well as transportation for the disabled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPENING CONVOCATION is Friday, August 28, 2009 at 4:30 PM in the Wren Courtyard. Opening Convocation, a long-held tradition at the College, celebrates the beginning of the academic year. This year's speaker is Former Deputy Attorney General James Comey ('82). For additional information please visit: http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/senioradmin/studentaffairs/campusevents/convocation/index.php

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

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.

WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS MARKET MERCHANTS SQUARE is open on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon through October 31, 2009. Come enjoy music 9:00 - 11:00, chef demonstrations 9:30 and 10:30, and exhibits.
http://www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com/

VIRGINIA SYMPHONY TO HOST FREE CONCERT AT LAKE MATOAKA. September 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre. The Virginia Symphony will give a free concert at William & Mary's Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre. The concert is one of four free concerts that the Symphony is giving as a prelude to their new season. The event is being co-sponsored by the City of Williamsburg and the College of William & Mary. For additional information, visit the Symphony website at http://www.virginiasymphony.org/Contact/index.html.

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

Nicholas Metropolis Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Work in Computational Physics. The purpose of the award is to recognize doctoral thesis research of outstanding quality and achievement in computational physics and to encourage effective written and oral presentation of research results. The award consists of $1,500 and a certificate to be presented at an awards ceremony at the Division of Computational Physics annual meeting and an additional allowance of up to $500 to travel to the meeting. The recipient will be invited to present his or her work in an appropriate session of the meeting. Nominations will be accepted for any doctoral student (present or past) in any country for work performed as part of the requirements for a doctoral degree. Nominees must pass their thesis defense not more than 18 months before the nomination deadline. For further information visit http://www.aps.org/programs/honors/dissertation/metropolis.cfm. **Application deadline is November 1, 2009.**

International Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge Some of science's most powerful statements are not made in words. From the diagrams of DaVinci to Rosalind Franklin's x-rays, visualization of research has a long and literally illustrious history. To illustrate is to enlighten. The National Science Foundation (NSF) and *Science* created the International Science & Engineering Visualization Challenge to celebrate that grand tradition--and to encourage its continued growth. The spirit of the competition is for communicating science, engineering and technology for education and journalistic purposes. Judges appointed by the National Science Foundation and the journal *Science* will select winners in each of five categories: photographs, illustrations, informational graphics, interactive media and non-interactive media. The winners will be published in a special section of the journal *Science* and *Science Online* and on the NSF Web site. One of the winning entries will be on the front cover of *Science*. In addition, each winner will receive a free, one-year print and on-line subscription to the journal *Science* and a certificate of appreciation. For further information please visit http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/scivis/challenge.jsp. **Application deadline is September 15, 2009.**

Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Travel Grants Program. The Foundation awards grants of up to $2,000 each in support of research in the holdings of the Gerald R. Ford Library. A grant defrays travel, living, and photocopy expenses of a research trip to the Library. Library collections focus on Federal policies, U.S. foreign relations, and national politics in the 1960s and 1970s. Awards are made twice yearly. **Application deadlines (postmark deadlines) are SEPTEMBER 15 and MARCH 15.** For further questions contact grants coordinator ford.library@nara.gov or visit http://www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov/library/foundationgrants.asp

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) have announced the 2009 competition of the International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) program, designed to support distinguished graduate students in the humanities and social sciences who are conducting dissertation research outside the United States. Seventy-five fellowships of approximately $20,000 will be awarded in 2010 with funds provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The IDRF program is committed to scholarship that advances knowledge about non-U.S. cultures and societies grounded in empirical and site-specific research (involving fieldwork, research in archival or manuscript collections, or quantitative data collection). The program promotes research that is situated in a specific discipline and geographical region and is engaged with interdisciplinary and cross-regional perspectives. Applicants must have completed all Ph.D. requirements except on-site dissertation research by the time the fellowship begins or by December 2010, whichever comes first. Fellowships will provide support for nine to twelve months of dissertation research. The fellowship must be held for a single continuous period within the eighteen months between July 2010 and December 2011. **Deadline: November 3, 2009**. For more detailed information on application procedures and eligibility requirements, please visit the IDRF website at http://programs.ssrc.org/idrf/.

The Library Company of Philadelphia's Program in Early American Economy and Society invites applications for its three types of fellowship awards to be granted for research and scholarship during 2010-2011. Please visit their website for additional information:
http://www.librarycompany.org/economics/efellowships.htm

- One **dissertation-level fellowship**, carrying a stipend of $20,000, is tenable for nine consecutive months of residency from September 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. It may also be divided between two scholars, who would each receive $10,000 for the periods between Sept. 1, 2010 to January 15, 2011 or January 15, 2011 to May 31, 2011.
- Available to scholars at all levels, four **one-month fellowships**, carrying stipends of $2,000 each, are tenable for a month of research at the Library Company between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2011. **Deadline for receipt of one-month and dissertation fellowship applications is March 1, 2010.**

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.