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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

A Newsletter for Graduate Students in Arts & Sciences

FROM THE A&S GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA)

GSA SUPPLEMENTAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUNDING. Through a collaborative effort between the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) and the GSA, a limited number of **$200** awards are available to assist selected Arts & Sciences graduate students who are attending or presenting at a research conference. The OGSR/GSA Conference Funding competitively awards **Arts & Sciences** graduate students who wish to attend or present at research conferences in their field of study. Conference Funding is financed through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research; however, it is solely administered by the GSA. The goal of Conference Funding is to supplement other funding sources and to help offset the expenses that graduate students accrue advancing their scholarship and knowledge. Since conference experience and attendance are critical for the job market, Conference Funding is designed to encourage graduate student presence at conferences by addressing some of the limitations of other funding sources. The **application deadline** for **conference travel taken during the period September 1 – December 31, 2009** is **October 30, 2009**. For more information and the application, please see http://www.wm.edu/so/gsa/instructions.php.

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 E-MAIL YOUR INFORMATION TO YOUR GSA REPRESENTATIVE ASAP FOR POSTING TO THE WEB SITE** (see e-mail addresses 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 e-mail your information in the appropriate format to your GSA representative ASAP:
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FREE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION REFRESHER WORKSHOPS for grad students preparing to take the language exam and other interested graduate students. Both the Spanish and French workshops are in progress. The Office of Graduate Studies and Research and the Graduate Center are sponsoring these 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.

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FREE TESTING FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AT STUDENT HEALTH CENTER.
For full-time students who have paid the Student Health Center fee, the W&M Student Health Center will not charge to test for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, HIV, or the physical doctor's exam to check for herpes and genital warts. These tests formerly cost as follows: Chlamydia $18, Gonorrhea $18, Syphilis $10, HIV $25, a physical exam to rule out herpes or genital warts $5. Regular full-time graduate students have already paid the Student Health Center fee as part of their tuition. During the academic year, Research Graduate students whose tuition is paid through the Office of Graduate Studies and Research also have the Student Health Center fee paid for them. Other Research Graduate students are responsible for paying the Student Health Center fee. Continuous enrollment students and part-time students are not eligible to use the Student Health Center.

W&M PIZZA LUNCH TO LEARN ABOUT APPLYING FOR VIRGINIA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, Wednesday, October 28, 12:00-12:50 p.m., McGlothlin-Street Hall Room 20. During the past two years, seven W&M A&S graduate students have received new $5,000 research fellowships and six W&M A&S grad students have received $5,000 renewals. Representatives from the Virginia Space Grant Consortium will provide information about applying for these valuable fellowships. Students can be pursuing any field of study with aerospace relevance (Masters or Doctoral level). The term "aerospace" is interpreted very broadly, although the application should explain the aerospace relevance of the research. If you have questions about these fellowships and cannot join the pizza lunch, feel free to e-mail Dean Laurie Sanderson (slsand@wm.edu). More information can be found at http://www.vsgc.odu.edu/.

Upcoming Events

What's green and gold and Tribe all over? Homecoming 2009! This year's event promises to be the best ever with the crowd pleasing Friday Night Fest (the best spot to meet up with all of your College friends,) Family Picnic on the Lawn, Children's Carnival, the Alumni Association's Homecoming Tailgate, class reunion parties -- for all of you "4's" and "9's" and -- the Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 -- of course the all-alumni Homecoming Bash! Mark your calendars and help us spread the word. You don't want to miss Homecoming 2009! For additional details please visit http://www.wmalumni.com/?homecoming

PRESENTATION ON TECHNOLOGY AND TEACHING Tuesday, October 20 from 4-5pm, Phi Beta Kappa Hall 130. "Embracing classical technique via complimentary pedagogical approaches", presented by John McKernon and Campbell Baird, both in the Department of Theatre at New York University. This presentation, while focusing in particular on theatrical design, is intended to be of interest to all instructors who wrestle with identifying the proper balance between traditional and technology-intensive teaching methods.

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). Event is free.

W&M SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will perform **HALLOWEEN CONCERTS** October 29 & 31 in the Commonwealth Auditorium, Sadler Center. Concerts will feature fun and spooky selections from Stravinsky's Firebird, Funeral March of a Marionette, Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, Wicked the musical, Star Wars, and more! The winner of the costume contest conducts the orchestra! Tickets at the door: $5 General/$2 Student with ID/Free for children under 12. For more info, visit: http://web.wm.edu/so/orchestra/concerts.html

APPLIED SCIENCE SEMINAR Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 4-5 PM, McGlothlin-Street Hall room 20. The speaker is Ben Vollmayr-Lee from the Physics Department of Bucknell University. He will speak on a theoretical materials topic, Universality Classes in Coarsening. An abstract may be viewed at: http://lbshaw.people.wm.edu/VollmayrLee.html

OIEAHC COLLOQUIUM Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7 p.m., **"Nit'aouakara - I make him my dog / my slave": Reconsidering Indigenous Slavery in the Pays d'en Haut.** A Paper by Brett Rushforth of the Lyon Gardiner Tyler Department of History at The College of William and Mary will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Kellock Library Conference Room at the Institute, Swem Library, Ground Floor. A light supper will be served at the Institute following the seminar. Anyone who wishes to partake or would like a copy of the paper should contact Melody Smith at (757) 221-1197 or mlsmit@wm.edu.

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

AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE 2010-2011. The ABF sponsors fellowship programs for postdoctoral scholars, doctoral candidates, graduate and undergraduate students. All fellowships are held in residence at the ABF's offices in Chicago.

***ABF Doctoral Fellowship Program**:* The American Bar Foundation is committed to developing the next generation of scholars in the field of law and social science. The purpose of the fellowships is to encourage original and significant research on law, the legal profession, and legal institutions. Click here for more information. **Application deadline is December 15, 2009.** For additional details, please visit http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/ABFDoctoralFellowshipProgram.html

Law and Social Science Dissertation Fellowship and Mentoring Program (LSS Fellowship)
The Law and Society Association, in collaboration with the American Bar Foundation and the National Science Foundation, has launched the Law and Social Science Dissertation Fellowship and Mentoring Program (LSS Fellowship) which is designed to foster scholars in the Law and Society tradition and whose scholarship is on Law and Inequality. Click here for more information. **Application deadline is December 1, 2009.** For additional details, please visit
http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/LawandSocialScienceDissertationFellowshipMentoringProgram.html

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR JEFFERSON STUDIES AT MONTICELLO TRAVEL GRANTS. Travel grants are available on a limited basis for scholars and teachers wishing to make short-term visits to Monticello to pursue research or educational projects related to Jefferson. Applicants should submit a succinct description of the research project (500 words), a one paragraph summary of the project, and a résumé. Two references should be sent directly to the Center at the address below. Awards are made twice yearly; **application deadlines are April 1 and November 1.** For additional details please visit http://monticello.org/research/fellowships/travelgrants.html

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CANADIAN STUDIES, through the Canadian Embassy, Washington, D.C., **DOCTORAL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD**. The Doctoral Student Research Award promotes research that contributes to a better knowledge and understanding of Canada, its relationship with the United States, and its international affairs. The grant is designed to give doctoral students an opportunity to conduct part of their research in Canada. We welcome efforts to integrate the research findings into the applicant's conference presentations. We are particularly interested in projects that have policy relevance for Canada and Canada-U.S. relations. Topics that are highly relevant to Canada-U.S. relations include smart and secure borders; North American economic competitiveness; regulatory cooperation; Canada-U.S. trade and investment partnership; energy security and sustainability; environmental sustainability; emergency planning and management; Canada-U.S. security and defense cooperation; Canada in Afghanistan; global health policy; and changing demographics in North America. We strongly encourage projects that include collaboration with researchers at Canadian institutions. This program is intended for doctoral students at accredited U.S. and Canadian four-year colleges and universities whose dissertations are related in substantial part to the study of Canada or Canada-U.S. relations. Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and should have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation when they apply for a grant. Applicants are ineligible to receive the same grant in two consecutive years. In 2008-09, the Canadian Studies Grant Program provided support to faculty, researchers, and graduate students at 79 universities, colleges, and institutions in 29 states. More than 100 projects were funded on a wide range of topics and in many disciplines. Click here for a list of recent grant recipients and their projects. **Applications due: December 1, 2009**. For additional details please visit http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/washington/studies-etudes/doctoral-doctorat.aspx?lang=eng
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THE IBM PH.D. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM for the 2010-2011 academic year is now open for nominations. Nominations will be accepted from September 22 to October 29, 2009. The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Awards Program is an intensely competitive worldwide program, which honors exceptional Ph.D. students who have an interest in solving problems that are important to IBM and fundamental to innovation in many academic disciplines and areas of study. These include: computer science and engineering, electrical and mechanical engineering, physical sciences (including chemistry, material sciences, and physics), mathematical sciences (including optimization), business sciences (including financial services, communication, and learning/knowledge), and service science, management, and engineering (SSME). Additionally, IBM pays special attention to an array of focus areas. For details on the focus areas, see Frequently Asked Questions or contact phdfellow@us.ibm.com**.** **Application deadline October 29, 2009.** https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/university/phdfellowship/#scope.

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

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.