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Announcements

- Fulbright Friday: The Research Mentor Sessions. Starting Friday, February 19th 2016 at 3:30pm in Blow Memorial Hall, Blow 201. More

- The A&S Graduate Student Association (GSA) will hold a Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 23rd 2016 from 6pm - 7:30pm in the Sadler Center, York Room. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. More

- Commencement 2016 Information - This year’s Commencement Weekend is planned for May 13-15, 2016. More

- Graduate A&S Commencement Reception is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in Undergraduate Admissions Sessions Room. This is by invitation only for January, May and August 2016 Degree Candidates. More

- Don’t miss the myIDP Workshop for Science Graduate Students (session 1). This first session will be presented Tuesday, March 1st 2016 from 4pm - 5pm in Small Hall, Room 122. An individual development plan (IDP) helps you explore career possibilities and set goals to follow the career path that fits you best. More

Reminders

- The May 2016 Graduation theses and dissertations submission deadlines are: March 25, 2016 for the Draft review and April 15, 2016 for the Final submission. The Defense Must be scheduled and completed by April 8, 2016 so that any potential changes will be finalized by the final submission date.

- Networking Workshop for Graduate Students in the Sciences. In collaboration with the Cohen Career Center, the Applied Science department is pleased to host a workshop on professional networking for all William & Mary graduate students in the sciences. Wednesday, February 17th 2016 from 4pm - 5pm in the Sadler Center, Colony Room. More
*NEW* Journal Club is a weekly, informal opportunity for A&S and VIMS graduate students to share their research, practice their presentation skills, and interact with other grads from an array of different fields, with FREE snacks and beverages served to attendees. This will be every Thursday, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30pm. in McGlothlin-Street Hall, Room 20. Up next will be February 11: Sean Koebley (Applied Science), "The looped, ultra-tough silk of the brown recluse spider" [More](#).

Spring break will begin Saturday, March 5th 2016 and ends on Sunday, March 13th 2016. Classes resume on March 14, 2016.

The 15th Annual Graduate Research Symposium will be held March 18-19, 2016 at the Sadler Center. This year there are 160 presenters scheduled to give talks and posters, including 40 presenters from 19 visiting institutions. Please join us Friday night, March 18 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in Commonwealth Auditorium to hear Jorge Cham, creator of "PHD Comics", give his lecture “The Power of Procrastination”. There will be a book signing after the lecture. The Research Symposium, including the lecture is free and open to the public. A complete schedule of lectures will be available online in the coming weeks. [http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/graduate-symposium/index.php](http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/graduate-symposium/index.php)

Sharon Zuber slzube@wm.edu and R. Heather Macdonald rhmacd@wm.edu will be offering GRAD 550 - College Teaching - CRN 24632 - on Tuesdays from 11:00 am - 12:20 pm beginning Feb 09, 2016 - Apr 29, 2016. This is a zero credit course but Instructor Permission Required. The course will focus on a range of issues in college teaching. By the end of the semester, you will have constructed a syllabus for a particular undergraduate course that you might teach in the future, designed a plan for one class meeting, and developed an assignment for the course, and written a teaching statement. After identifying what you want students to learn, we will explore various teaching and assessment strategies that can lead to success. Most of the assignments will focus on your working on one course of your choice – a course you are teaching or one you might teach as a faculty member. You will develop a syllabus for the course, a lesson plan for one class, and one assignment and will get feedback on your work from the instructors and others in the course. The assignments are due on the date listed in the syllabus. You will also write a teaching statement, such as could be used in an application for a faculty position.