Do you want to tell an audience about your research in a memorable and exciting way? Come learn how during this workshop!

This 90 minute workshop will focus on two speaking competitions for UC Davis graduate students – the Grad Slam and the Interdisciplinary Graduate and Professional Student Symposium (IGPS). The Postdoctoral Research Symposium (PRS) will also be covered.

Participants will learn how to connect with their audience, communicate key concepts, and leave a lasting impression. The workshop will also cover some basic public speaking principles including anxiety, body language, and visual aids.

**Instructor: Margaret Swisher Mantor, PhD**

Dr. Swisher completed her PhD in Geography from UC Davis and was a Professors for the Future (PFTF) fellow. During her PFTF fellowship year, she designed and taught a graduate-level course to help other graduate students and postdoctoral scholars overcome the debilitating effects of public speaking anxiety. Her motivation arose out of her own experience with public speaking anxiety and the desire to master this common fear and become a successful presenter. She now enjoys teaching and giving presentations in academia and to non-academic audiences and looks forward to sharing what she has learned and helping you overcome your anxieties related to public speaking.