GradLink

GradLink is an electronic newsletter published by Graduate Studies for the graduate education community at UC Davis. Current and recent editions of GradLink are available on the Graduate Studies website. In addition, GradLink events are listed on the Graduate Studies calendar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: February 29 – March 6, 2016

Understanding US Laws and Culture Regarding Sexual Harassment
Monday, February 29, 12:00 p.m.
RMI South Room 1207
Registration required.

In today’s world of economic globalization, cultural competency is increasingly becoming a “must have” in any professional setting. This discussion is part of “Cultural Communication in the Workplace” - a dialogue and discussion series for international graduate students and scholars. The series will introduce students to the potential challenges of navigating academic and industry workplaces in the United States. The purpose is to provide insight and support pertaining to intercultural communication skills and how to apply them in US professional settings.

Presenter: Lisa Brodkey, MAT Director, Harassment and Discrimination Assistance and Prevention Program.
Questions? Contact Tonio Garay, International Graduate Student Assistant - sissigs@ucdavis.edu.

Qualifying Rounds of the GRAD SLAM Competition!*
Tuesday, March 1, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Grad Slam is a competition to find the best three-minute research presentation given by a UC Davis graduate student. Come out and watch entertaining and fast-paced (3-minute) presentations. Attend for the opportunity to win raffle prizes. Bring your fellow graduate students, postdocs, and faculty mentors! Cheer on your fellow graduate students!

There will be four 45 minute sessions starting at noon, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Finalists will be announced after the last session at approximately 4:15pm. Finalists will compete on Friday, April 8th and the winner will go on to compete in the UC-wide competition on April 22nd. Light refreshments will be served.

Responsible Conduct of Research: Animal Subjects in Research
Tuesday, March 1, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Genome Center, LH 1005, Davis Campus and Education Building LH 1222, Sacramento Campus

The Responsible Conduct of Research program provides graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, faculty, staff and NSF-funded undergraduate students with information, training, and tools to address the increasingly complex issues that they will confront during their careers. The RCR program may be used to satisfy NIH and NSF training grant requirements for responsible and ethical conduct of research training programs. For more information, see the Research Compliance & Integrity website.

EndNote
Tuesday, March 1, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Library Instruction Lab, Shields Library
Please register

Use EndNote to store, manage, and format references in your writing. Class will cover: creating EndNote libraries, adding citations to your libraries, direct export of citations from article databases, output styles, and Cite While You Write (using EndNote with Microsoft Word). Questions? Please contact Matt Conner, mconner@ucdavis.edu or 754-7348.
Virtual Career Fair for Grad Students and Postdocs
Wednesday, March 2, online all day
Please register.

Join us for the graduate student and postdoctoral scholar Virtual Career Fair. This unique event is all online. The UC Davis Internship and Career Center is co-sponsoring this event hosted by CareerEco specifically for members of the Graduate Career Consortium. The Virtual Career Fair offers chat rooms, private interview sessions and the ability to upload supporting documents (e.g., resumes, writing samples). Campuses from across the US are participating. Questions? Contact icmcpp@ucdavis.edu.

Graduate Writer’s Retreat*
Wednesday, March 2, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Student Community Center, Meeting Room E

All retreats feature a 3-hour drop-in consultation service and provide graduate students with writing assistance in an interactive and collaborative space with the help of a Graduate Writing Fellow. Individuals, writing groups, and paired writing partners are encouraged to join the retreat space to work together and with the Graduate Writing Fellow. Depending on the needs and interests of the group, the retreat may include some structured writing activities. Now providing tea and snacks. Please bring your own mug. See flyer. Sponsored by the University Writing Program, GAAAP at the SRRC, and GradPathways (Graduate Studies).

Principles of Community Week 2016 - UC Berkeley Interactive Theater Presents an Educational Workshop on Diversity & Inclusion - No Right Answers
Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, AGR Room

UC Berkeley Interactive Theater Program (ITP) presents an educational workshop on diversity & inclusion designed to address problematic encounters among faculty, students, and staff. The workshop combines live performance and audience participation. At the end of each performance audience members have the opportunity to ask questions of the characters, followed by a facilitated discussion. All staff, faculty, and students are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by: Office of Campus Community Relations, Student Assistants to the Chancellor and the Cross Cultural Center.

See flyer for information on all Principles of Community Week events.

EndNote Friday
Friday, March 4, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Blaisdell Library Collaboration Room 1106

Hosted by librarians at Blaisdell Medical Library, these drop-in office hours provide an opportunity to learn new tricks, improve workflows, ask questions, solve problems, and share challenges and successes with others. Want to take your EndNote software use to a new level? Please join us for these informal sessions. Questions? Need a different date/time? Contact: Amy Studer, acstudner@ucdavis.edu, 916-734-0206

Teaching Political Controversies*
Friday, March 4, 12:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
248 Voorhies Hall

How should instructors address contentious topics in the classroom? What are the best strategies for fostering political debate while maintaining a welcoming classroom and furthering course goals? What are the limits of discussion in the classroom? When and how should an instructor present his or her views? This panel discussion will offer graduate students and other instructors resources for dealing with these and other questions concerning politics and pedagogy. Guest speakers include:

- Simon Abramowitsch, Ph.D. candidate in English
- Arnold J. Bloom, Professor of Plant Science
- Christy Cahill, Ph.D. candidate in Political Science

Questions? Contact Jordan S. Carroll, jscarroll@ucdavis.edu. Sponsored by the Professors for the Future program and GradPathways (Graduate Studies).
EndNote Quick Start
Friday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Room 3205, Blaisdell Medical Library, Sacramento (directions)
Please register

Working on a research project? Discover how the magic of EndNote citation management software can save you time by collecting and organizing your research literature and adding references to your paper, using the style you need. Did you know that EndNote can effortlessly download many article pdfs for you? This class is intended for beginning EndNote users. If possible, bring your laptop with EndNote x7 installed (instructions). Questions? Need a different date/time or advanced EndNote consultation? Problems with installing EndNote? Contact: Amy Studer, acstud@ucdavis.edu, 916-734-0206.

Additional GradPathways events

Additional Internship & Career Center events

Additional Library events

DID YOU KNOW?

VOTE – Graduate Student Funding Initiative
The Graduate Student Association (GSA), which represents academic graduate students and professional students, is currently holding an online referendum to increase the GSA fee by $5.15 per quarter. If the referendum is approved, the GSA fee would rise from $12.00 per quarter to $17.15 per quarter beginning in the 2016-2017 academic school year. The GSA fee has not been changed since 2002. Over the past fourteen years, the graduate and professional student government budget has decreased significantly in real dollar terms.

Online voting is currently open. The voting period began on Monday, February 22nd at 12:01 a.m. and concludes on Friday, February 26th at 11:59 p.m. For students without internet access, polling stations will be available at Coffee Bagel Donut Day on February 26. Important Links:

• Voter’s Guide: Facts about the Referendum, along with Pro and Con arguments
• Ballot: This is where you will go to vote. Note: You MUST log into the ballot with your ucdavis.edu email account. Private gmail accounts are not compatible with this form!

Questions? Contact the GSA Elections Committee (gsaelections@ucdavis.edu) or the Chair of the Graduate Student Funding Initiative Committee (gsatreasurer@ucdavis.edu).

Call for 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award Nominations
Do you know a graduate student who deserves to be recognized for exemplary teaching? Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award. Any member of the campus community having direct experience with the graduate student's teaching can initiate nominations. Self-nominations are also allowed. Nomination requirements and additional information.

Nomination deadline - Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Please submit the initial nomination form well in advance of this date to provide your nominee with sufficient time to complete the application form and request a letter of recommendation. Questions? Contact Steven Albrecht, Director, Graduate Student Financial Support, sjalbrecht@ucdavis.edu, 530-752-8476.

Call for Nominations - Max Kleiber Graduate Research Prize in Metabolism and/or Nutrition
Nominees must have completed all requirements for graduation during the current 2015-16 academic year. Selection will be based on an abstract of the dissertation. The dissertation must involve original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to one or a combination of the areas of biochemistry, nutrition, or physiology. Deadline: Monday, April 11, 2016 by noon. For more information contact Wave Armijo (warmijo@ucdavis.edu; 530-752-4460).
CITRIS Foundry - accepting applications
Founding a startup is hard. We can help. The CITRIS Foundry is a University of California applied technology incubator that supports early stage startups developing disruptive solutions for today's biggest challenges. Our program provides:

- $5,000-$10,000 in seed funding for startups
- More than $50,000 in resources including office, meeting & lab space, cloud computing, legal services and education
- Customized mentorship specific to your needs from our extensive network of entrepreneurs, investors and industry experts
- A strong community of fellow founders
- Access to design and prototyping tools at the CITRIS Invention Lab

If you're ready to jump in, CITRIS Foundry is now accepting applications for our Spring 2016 cohort. Application Deadline is March 6th at 11:59pm! For more information and to apply, visit: CITRISFoundry.org.

Call for 2016 Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Research Nominations
Nominations are invited for the 2016 Award for Excellence in Postdoctoral Research, an award to recognize the vital role that Postdoctoral Scholars play in maintaining the reputation of excellent research at the UC Davis. A certificate and $1000 will be conferred to each awardee (up to two).

Currently-appointed UC Davis postdoctoral scholars, who have a minimum of one year of postdoctoral study at UC Davis, and less than five years total postdoctoral experience, may be nominated. Only individuals appointed in title codes 3252 – Postdoctoral Scholar - Employee, 3253 – Postdoctoral Scholar - Fellow or 3254 – Postdoctoral Scholar – Paid-Direct are eligible.

Nominees must have outstanding research accomplishments. Criteria include, but are not limited to: a) innovation in research and impact on the field and b) research productivity and quality as a UC Davis postdoctoral scholar, as demonstrated by publications, presentations, awards, etc.

Detailed information regarding nominations. Nomination Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2016

Qualtrics online survey tool now available
Qualtrics Research Suite is now available at no additional charge to all UC Davis faculty, staff, and students through a campus-wide license. Qualtrics is a web-based survey tool similar to other tools like SurveyMonkey and Survey Gizmo, but with advanced features designed for research in social sciences, marketing, and institutional analysis. Some of the advance features include:

- Advanced logic, randomization, survey distribution, and panel management features needed for research in social sciences, institutional analysis, marketing, and other fields;
- Analysis and reporting tools such as conjoint analysis, cross tabulation, graphical reporting, and downloading of data for external analysis in common formats including SPSS, CSV, XML, and more;
- Robust collaboration that enables flexible sharing of surveys, responses, analyses, reports, question libraries, etc. both with other UC Davis users and with external collaborators;
- A web API that enables integrating Qualtrics directly into your applications.

With campus-wide access, we believe that Qualtrics will be a valuable tool for research, teaching and administration. To access the UC Davis Qualtrics license, just log in at https://ucdavis.qualtrics.com/ with your UC Davis credentials.

To learn more about this service offering, including important links to institutional policies governing human subjects research, mass communications, and data security, please visit the entry for Qualtrics in the UC Davis IT service catalog.
Considering a career outside of academia, particularly in the nonprofit sector?
UC Davis Extension has just introduced a fully online, four-course series in Fundraising and Development. The program addresses the national shortage of qualified fundraising professionals by helping students develop and hone their skills as communicators, strategists and relationship builders, and prepares them for a rewarding career with strong demand and potential for income growth. Want to know more?

- Checkout our website - extension.ucdavis.edu/fundraising
- Attend one of two info sessions (one in-person in Sacramento and one online) on March 1. Attendees of either session will receive a $100 discount if they enroll in the initial course being offered this spring.

Spring Quarter Course: Introduction to Graduate School Writing*
STEM Graduate Students: CRN 62209 - Meets Tuesdays
Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences Graduate Students: CRN 62210 - Meets Thursdays
UWP 298 - Register for 4 units - both sections meet in 396 Voorhies, 1:10-4:00pm

This course will introduce new graduate students to two of the most important written graduate school genres. Students will choose a topic of interest, conduct library research, and write two genres vital to graduate students: the annotated bibliography, and literature review. The class will focus on how the rhetorical concepts of audience and purpose lead to specific linguistic choices in each genre. Topics covered include:

- audience and purpose in academic writing
- a language approach to academic writing
- writing summaries and critiques
- article analysis
- writing and revising literature reviews
- assessing the strengths and weaknesses of one’s own writing and providing revision advice to other writers

See flyer for information on the instructors. Sponsored by the University Writing Program: Writing Across the Curriculum Program and GradPathways (Graduate Studies).

Registration Open - Careers Beyond Academia: Humanities and Social Sciences Alternative Academic Career TREK*
Friday April 8, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Register by March 25!
Concerned about the academic job market? Interested in learning more about job opportunities beyond the academy? Join us for a career exploration opportunity, “TREK”, for Master’s, PhD, and Postdoctoral scholars visiting: the California State Archive, Crocker Art Museum, and California Endowment. Scholars will have the opportunity to hear from and engage with PhDs who have meaningful and vibrant careers using their degrees in exciting ways. This opportunity will allow students to gain a better understanding of the wide range of career opportunities available following graduation, and to network with employers!

Open to Humanities and Social Sciences Master’s, PhD students, and postdoctoral scholars. Transportation and lunch provided. Spaces are limited! Co-sponsored by GradPathways (Graduate Studies) and the Davis Humanities Institute. To reserve your spot, Questions? Having difficulties registering? Contact, Jeanelle Hope (icmpphss@ucdavis.edu), Internship & Career Center.

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