Grad Connections
A Newsletter for OSU Graduate Students

To all new Graduate Students, welcome to OSU! And to all returning students, and Faculty, welcome back! Fall term has started, and the Graduate School wants to provide you with information on upcoming deadlines, useful information as you go through your program, and new ways to connect with other students, advisors and graduate faculty. We hope that this newsletter will be helpful to you and that you will stop by 300 Kerr if you have additional questions, or if we can assist you in any way. Also, don’t hesitate to contact me at any time. My contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Making Connections
Courtney Everson, a PhD Student in Anthropology is currently helping to connect the Graduate School with students so that we can be more responsive to your needs. Courtney will be contacting graduate students across campus to listen to concerns, and generate new ideas for ways in which we can make your graduate school experience even better. She is also assisting the Graduate School with development of a 5-year strategic plan that will increase the effectiveness and quality of our graduate programs, and help us meet the needs of students and faculty as well as future employers. Courtney needs and wants to hear your ideas for goals that we should include in our plan, as well as concerns or questions you may have about your graduate education at OSU, and what the Graduate School can do to assist. Please contact her at: eversonc@onid.orst.edu.

Other connections that you can make to ensure that your needs are being met are Angela Baxter, an MAIS student and Director of the ASOSU Graduate Student Affairs Task Force (baxtera@onid.orst.edu) and the President of the Coalition of Graduate Employees, Mindy Crandall (mindy.crandall@oregonstate.edu).

New Travel Awards Program Initiated by the Graduate School
The Graduate School recently announced new centrally administered travel awards for students presenting their scholarly or creative work at prestigious national and international conferences. Program Directors or Department Heads/Chairs are invited to submit one nomination per program per deadline. The deadline for the first round of submissions is November 1, 2011. Further awards will be made after the subsequent deadlines of February 1, 2012, May 1, 2012, and August 1, 2012. Awards will be made to students who are enrolled as full-time graduate students at OSU at the time of the conference. Domestic and international students are eligible. For more information, please see http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/travel.php.

Postdoctoral Programs Office has a new Director
If you are a postdoc, advise postdocs, or want to be a postdoc, you should meet with Dr. Barb Bond, the new Director of our Office of Postdoctoral Studies. Barb comes to the Grad School after years of experience advising graduate students and Post Docs in the ecological sciences and will be offering a variety of opportunities to assist current and aspiring post docs. She also will be serving as the Graduate School Liaison with the Research Office. Barb’s office is Kerr A312E; her email address is barbara.bond@oregonstate.edu
Lunch with the Dean
Throughout the academic year, I will be taking 5-6 students out to lunch once a week. If you want to schedule a time to have lunch with me, please contact my Executive Assistant Nagwa Naguib at Nagwa.Naguib@oregonstate.edu. We usually meet at the MU a little before noon and go to Pangea or to a place on Monroe.

Coming soon! New hours for the Grad School Office
By the end of fall term we should be open from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm including the lunch hour. Although we have historically been closed at lunch, the front desk will be staffed to help you. The specific staff member that you may need, may be away at lunch at that hour, but for routine business we should be able to help you. We also have a drop box next to the Graduate School office door for you to leave things with us after hours, and we have paper copies of forms on the wall outside the office available for you to pick up at any time.

Mentors, Mentees, and Mentorship - Being Effective
What should you expect from your advisor as a Graduate Student? What should your graduate advisor expect from you? Sometimes expectations differ between the student and the advisor and this can lead to a number of issues. As Gene Russo (2011) commented on in his recent article in Nature (http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v475/n7357/full/nj7357-533a.html), many students do not know what to expect when they start their graduate program, and many advisors expect their new students to be just like they were when they went through their programs. But times change and cultures evolve. Quoting Russo, “Advisors might not be doing enough to help graduate students to navigate the difficult later stages of their degrees — at least, the survey suggests that students perceive a deficiency.” The Graduate School offers professional development training and guidance for students, advisors and supervisors to ensure that mentoring is effective http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/mentoring.php

Steps to Success
- You will find flow charts for masters and doctoral programs in the "Guide to Success" on the Graduate School web site http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/current/success.html. These are thumbnail guides to your degree and will help you move successfully to completion of your degree.
- If you are a master's candidate in your first year, you should be meeting with your advisor to develop your program of study. You may find details about master's programs of study at these two sites, http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/ChapterDetail.aspx?key=39#Section2264 and http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/current/forms.html#program. Details about doctoral programs of study can be found at http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/ChapterDetail.aspx?key=40.

Graduate Women’s Network (GWN)
Sarah McConnell, an AmeriCorps volunteer, is taking the lead on the Graduate Women’s Network activities this year. She leads the GWN Sister Scholar social socials from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (10/12, 11/9 and 12/7) at the Women’s Center. She also facilitates the GWN Thesis Support group meetings happening every Wednesday at the Women’s Center from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
Feedback on MyOSU Portal needed
Graduate students now have access to MyOSU, a portal that compiles a wealth of links to important and frequently used web sites. To view MyOSU, log on at http://myosu.oregonstate.edu using your ONID ID and password. We appreciate your feedback about the usefulness of the content.

Library Services for Graduate Students
Did you know the library has a website just for graduate students? Click on the “grad students” link on the library’s homepage (http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/graduate-students), and learn more about interlibrary loan and scan and deliver document service, finding theses and dissertations, using the library as a GTA, or about library workshops for graduate students.

WORKSHOPS:

GTA Brown Bag sessions
There will be three Brown Bag Sessions for GTAs this term. Follow this link for details and to register for each: http://oregonstate.edu/ctl/workshops

1. Crisis Response in the Classroom and Working with Distressed Students
   Monday, October 10, 12:00-1:00pm, Milam 215. Presented by: Lisa Hoogesteger, Director, Healthy Campus Initiatives
2. Are My Students Learning Anything from Me?
   Monday, October 31, 12:00-1:00pm, Milam 215. Presented by: Kailtin Bonner, Zoology GTA
3. What’s in it for You—Are You Getting the Most Out of Your TA Experience?
   Monday, November 21, 12:00-1:00pm, Milam 215 Presented by: Debbi Gilbuena, Chemical Engineering GTA, and Ben Sherrett, Mechanical Engineering GTA

Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) workshop: OSU Women’s Network (OWN) and Career Services are hosting a two-part series, which will be held on October 11 and October 18, 12:00 noon - 1 p.m. at the Willamette East/West room, third floor of Valley Library. Fee is $14. Register by October 7, 2011 at http://bit.ly/nOHLUV%20. For more information, contact Adry Clark at adry.clark@oregonstate.edu or 737-0519.

Start Smart Campus Negotiation Workshops
This workshop teaches a student how to determine what employers are paying for the job she wants when she graduates and how to negotiate to be paid what she is worth doing that job. Participants get nuts-and-bolts, real world information. They learn about salary resources they can use. And, at the end of the session, they get an opportunity to apply what they learn in a highly engaging role-playing exercise. Concurrent with this workshop will be a “train the trainers” session where up to 15 faculty can learn how to put on future Start Smart workshops. All materials and refreshments will be supplied.

Location: Room is MU 213. Date and time: Tuesday, November 8 from 3:00-6:00pm (until 8:30 pm for training to be a trainer). For more information, or if you would like to receive training to be a the Start Smart trainer, please contact sarah.mcconnel@oregonstate.edu.
Library Workshops
Whether you are a new student learning to use library resources here at OSU, or an experienced student looking for motivation to organize all the articles you found over the summer, the library has a workshop that can help you out with that. All library workshops are free, so sign up now! Register and find out more information about the following workshops at this site: http://ica.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/656.

DEADLINES!!

- Students wishing to receive Fall 2011 diplomas, must complete all degree requirements, including submission of the final, approved thesis no later than the last day of Fall term (December 9, 2011). There are other deadlines that you will need to meet as well. These are listed under “Deadlines” in the “Guide to Success.”
- Your final oral examinations need to be scheduled with the Graduate School ahead of time - two weeks for both master's and doctoral final oral exams.
- Students who wish to request a leave of absence for Winter 2012, must submit the request for leave to the Graduate School no later than December 10, 2011 (the deadline is 15 working days prior to the beginning of Winter term). Leave forms are available on the Graduate School web site: http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/forms.php.
- The 2012-13 funding cycle for centralized scholarships and fellowships administered by the Graduate School will begin in early January 2012. Students must be nominated by their graduate programs to be given consideration. Information about the Graduate School’s financial support programs will be updated soon at: http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/fellowships.php.

The Graduate School on Facebook
To keep up with news about OSU graduate students, and make other connections, consider adding our Facebook page to your Favorites.
http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/osu.graduateschool.page

Check our Web Page for News
The Graduate School frequently updates the “Announcements” on its home page (http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/). Please check it for news, workshops, funding opportunities, and other events.

Have a great Fall Term!!!