



Grad Connections

A Newsletter for OSU Graduate Students

FROM THE DEAN

Spring term is in full swing, 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, advisers and graduate faculty. We hope this newsletter will be helpful to you and that you will stop by 300 Kerr if you have any questions or if we can assist you in any way. Also, don't hesitate to contact me at any time. Happy Spring!

Brenda McComb, Dean
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Connecting with Your OSU Graduate Student Liaison

Questions, ideas, or just need to chat with a fellow graduate student? Contact your OSU Graduate Student Liaison today!

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Lunch with the Dean

Throughout the academic year, the Dean will be taking 5-6 students out to lunch every Friday. If you want to schedule a time to have lunch with Dean McComb, please contact her Executive Assistant, Viki Meink (viki.meink@oregonstate.edu). The group meets at the MU a little before noon for lunch at Pangea.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Please refer to the Graduate School website to access information on academic deadlines <http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/success/deadlines>.

All students completing degrees spring term, submit your diploma application today! The deadline was **April 4, 2014**, but it's not too late if you log into Student Online Services now, go to Student Records and apply for graduation to let us know how you would like your name to appear on your diploma. If you are attending commencement, please confirm attendance under your student records in Student Online Services. If you are planning to attend commencement, all MS and PhD students must successfully complete their final defense by **May 2, 2014** and complete all final thesis requirements by **May 30, 2014**. Non-thesis MS students must also successfully complete their final defense by **May 30, 2014**.

Academic Success

Completing your graduate degree can be a daunting experience. The Graduate Student Success Guide is intended to prepare you for a successful journey by laying out the requirements and resources available to meet these requirements. Please visit: <http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/success>

We're Top Ten!

OSU has 19 doctoral programs in the "top ten" for their respective disciplines among all land grant institutions based on a Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (FSPI) analysis using Academic Analytics (Copyright © 2014, [Academic Analytics](#), LLC): Forest Ecosystems and Society, Fisheries Science, Mathematics Education, Wildlife Science, Geography, Science Education, Applied Economics, Zoology, Public Health, Pharmacy, Wood Science, Public Policy, Nutrition, Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Sciences, Radiation Health Physics, Environmental and Molecular Toxicology, Human Development and Family Studies, Medical Physics, and Design and Human Environment. Additionally, OSU has 38 of its 53 doctoral programs in the "top twenty" (according to FSPI, Academic Analytics) for their respective disciplines among all land grant institutions.

Announcing the Creation of a Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC)

The Memorial Union Advisory Board has approved the Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC), to be located in the Memorial Union (MU) beginning Winter Term of 2015. This Center will provide a communal space for graduate students, and be adjacent to facilities that will help to ensure academic and social success for this growing population. The GSSC will allow for interdisciplinary conversations and research to flourish; professional development activities to take place; centralized resources to be housed; facilitation of peer-to-peer mentoring and academic support; and an overall sense of increased community-building and inclusive well-being. The GSSC will also help to support a more diverse and inclusive graduate student body. Graduate students working in the Center will collaborate with the Graduate School staff and other campus entities to strive for full integration of international students, underrepresented minorities, and non-traditional grad students, many of whom often feel culturally and socially marginalized at OSU. In sum, the GSSC will provide a dedicated, communal space that will facilitate academic and social efforts for the graduate student community and their colleagues.

The Center will be located on the 2nd floor of the MU. This new GSSC is aligned with the purpose of the Memorial Union, to provide a center for social, cultural, and recreational programs and services for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests of Oregon State University. The Memorial Union provides opportunities for experience in social responsibility and leadership and to supplement University instruction by developing high ideals of university spirit, citizenship, and private life.

Read more about the GSSC here:

<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ncs/lifeatosu/2014/big-changes-in-the-memorial-union/>

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/muatosu/2014/03/03/announcing-creation-graduate-student-success-center-gssc/>

http://www.dailybarometer.com/news/graduate-students-to-receive-hub-in/article_8d01f2ba-aa57-11e3-8055-0017a43b2370.html

For more information contact Courtney Everson, Graduate School, 541-737-1311 or courtney.everson@oregonstate.edu.

Most Ph.D.'s in STEM Fields Work Outside of Academe, Analysis Finds

by Vimal Patel

Students pursuing Ph.D.'s in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics need broader training to prepare them for work outside academe since most pursue nonacademic careers, according to a report being released on Tuesday by the American Institutes for Research.

The group's analysis of federal data shows that 61 percent of students in those disciplines—known as the STEM fields—have nonacademic careers, and that 43 percent of Ph.D.'s in those careers say their primary work activity is not research and development. The analysis was based on data about more than 400,000 people who earned doctorates in STEM fields from 1959 to 2010.

"This tells us that Ph.D. students need more skills training that's instrumental to their careers," the authors of the report, "The Nonacademic Careers of STEM Ph.D. Holders," said in a news release. "Retention in STEM—particularly for underrepresented groups—would improve if Ph.D. training and career guidance are more relevant to the nonacademic sectors most students enter." Among STEM-field graduates, engineering Ph.D.'s are the most likely to take up nonacademic careers, the report says, with 74 percent of those doctorate recipients studied reporting careers outside of higher education. Mathematics and statistics students are the least likely to have nonacademic careers, with 39 percent saying they are working outside of higher education.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Mentoring Workshops by Hugh Kearns

Hugh Kearns, our annual speaker from Adelaide, Australia, presented six workshops last month. These workshops are available to view at: <https://media.oregonstate.edu/>. Search "Hugh Kearns".

Student Success Series Workshops: Fundamentals of Peer Review

April 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Joyce Powell Journey Room, Memorial Union

This free professional development workshop is being co-organized by the OSU

Postdoctoral Association and the OSU Graduate School to provide an overview of topics related to peer review in scientific journals. Individuals who have served as reviewers and authors will lead a panel discussion to provide an overview of important considerations to take when conducting peer reviews. Following the panel discussion, there will be an opportunity for audience members to pose specific questions to the panel. Graduate students and advanced undergraduates interested in a research career are encouraged to attend. Enrollment will be limited to the first 60 students that register; registration opened April 7.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mYTSaXyq4NCZap_yzc56ONiblo3u_W46fyTXialsezs/iewform

We are pleased to invite you to attend and participate in the College of Forestry's **2014 Western Forestry Graduate Research Symposium (WFGRS) on Monday April 21 and Tuesday, April 22** in Richardson Hall.

This symposium allows graduate students to share ideas and communicate diverse fields of research to peers and colleagues within and outside disciplines, departments, the college and OSU. The theme for this year's symposium is **Branching out: Communicating forest research beyond academics**.

For more information, please visit our website <http://gradsymp.forestry.oregonstate.edu/> or email us at WFGRS@oregonstate.edu

Center for Teaching and Learning Symposia

The Center for Teaching and Learning is offering spring symposia. See the spring agenda and register here:

<http://oregonstate.edu/ctl/fall-teaching-symposium>

All events are at the MU on campus.

Women in Science is hosting a Strengths Finder workshop and discussion with Dr. Dede Olsen (PNW Research Station) on Tuesday, **April 15, 2014** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Richardson 313 (limited number of spots, registration required). The workshop is based on the book and online strengths test **Strengths Finder 2.0** by Tom Rath. To register, email danielle.marias@oregonstate.edu or madeleine.eckmann@oregonstate.edu and join our listserve (<http://frontend.science.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/wis/>)!

Library Services

Check out the excellent workshops offered through OSU Libraries especially for grad students and faculty!

<http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/Library-Workshops-for-Grad-Students-Faculty>

These workshops include: EndNote, Qualtrics, Mendeley, Preparing IRB Submissions, Financing Your Graduate Education, Data Management, Thesis Savvy, Google Apps for Learning, Zotero and 3D Printing!

Workshops start in April, so register soon by visiting the link above.

Still have questions about what the library can do for you as a graduate student? Visit our graduate student website: <http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/graduate-students> or drop Hannah Gascho Rempel, hannah.rempel@oregonstate.edu the library's grad student coordinator, a line.

Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching

Make the most of your time at OSU and apply for the Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching!

The Grad School is currently accepting applications for fall 2014 enrollment in the Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching (GCCUT). This 18-credit graduate certificate is designed to provide advanced coursework and experiential learning opportunities for current OSU graduate students who plan to pursue careers involving teaching in higher education settings, or those who plan to pursue careers that require similar skill sets in leadership and facilitation. While seeking their respective degrees, OSU graduate students can earn a transcript-visible credential that validates their investment in their own professional development, and thus confers an advantage in competitive hiring environments. This certificate program is an important investment in the quality of undergraduate instruction at OSU and in the strength of tomorrow's professoriate. Take advantage of this tremendous opportunity, make the most of your time at OSU and apply for the GCCUT! The deadline for priority consideration is **April 15, 2014**. Please visit the GCCUT website: (<http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/gccut>) for more information and online application materials.

For additional questions, contact Jessica White, Director, Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching at jessica.white@oregonstate.edu.

Holistic Graduate Education Initiative and Course Opportunities

The Holistic Graduate Education (HGE) initiative provides educational and training opportunities for vital non-disciplinary professional skills. Approximately 60-80% of doctoral students will find employment upon graduation in non-university positions. The HGE intends to catalyze a change in how graduate students are prepared to become our future leaders, scholars, scientists, engineers, artists and professionals. This term's offerings include:

GRAD 420 (4cr) - Graduate school preparation

GRAD 430/530 (4) - Introduction to scientific diving

GRAD 520 (1) - Responsible conduct of research

GRAD 550 (2) - Introduction to online course development and facilitation

To learn more about the HGE, visit: <http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/about/hge>. To see what classes are being offered in spring 2014, visit the OSU Course Catalog.

IRB Express!

Studies meeting the definition of "exempt" can be reviewed and acknowledged in person during a meeting with the IRB staff! This in-person review bypasses the usual electronic review process, thus enabling the review of your protocol to take place immediately. EXPRESS REVIEW may be used for both initial applications and project revisions. This service is open to all researchers, including students, but the Principal Investigator must attend the meeting.

<http://oregonstate.edu/research/irb/express-review-exempt-studies>. Remember, too, about weekly IRB student advising hours! Drop-in and have your questions answered: <http://oregonstate.edu/research/irb/contact-us>

Student Life Assistance

Do you need Student Life Assistance? Student Life Assistance is a service in the Office of the Dean of Student Life delivered by a group of OSU professionals known as the Student Life Assistance Team. The service helps students navigate the issues

they may encounter at Oregon State University. Many students face difficult times during college; unexpected life events, personal crises, mental health struggles and academic difficulties are examples of challenges that can interfere with college success. Student Life Assistance is designed to help students:

- Learn and understand Oregon State University policies and procedures
- Problem solve within the university and community
- Access referrals for personal matters emergencies
- Navigate processes for resolving concerns and grievances

Who can obtain student assistance?

Currently enrolled and recently enrolled OSU students – Corvallis campus, ECampus and Bend campus; undergraduate and graduate – may request assistance.

When can a student obtain assistance?

Students may request assistance at any time by calling the Office of the Dean of Student Life at 541-737-8748 and selecting option 1. Calls will be returned within 24 hours during weekdays. For matters related to safety or medical emergency select option 0 to reach OSU's Public Safety dispatcher or direct dial 911.

How does a student obtain assistance?

Phone: 541-737-8748, select option 1
Web:

<http://oregonstate.edu/deanofstudents/students/studentassistance>

Email: SLAssistance@oregonstate.edu

Walk in: A200 Kerr or Boog Kerr

Transgender Resources

Resources for Trans* Individuals & Awesome People That Just Want To Know More About Gender Identity! Also Specific Resources OSU Students & Oregonians
<http://www.pinterest.com/oregontrans/>

The Faculty/Staff Fitness Program

provides fun and engaging activity classes for faculty, staff and graduate students and their spouses. Classes include dance, weights, aerobics, yoga, swimming and more. Courses cost just \$50 for twice a week for the term to \$65 for three times a week per term. If you have more questions or want to see our schedules you can contact us at pac.fsf@oregonstate.edu or visit our website at <http://health.oregonstate.edu/faculty-staff-fitness>.

Recreational Sports

Details for the following programs can be found at oregonstate.edu/recsports.

Wellness Workshop: Paths to Flourishing. Come learn about positive psychology and flourishing and start implementing strategies toward a more fulfilling life. April 15, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Free to OSU community.

Intramural Spring Leagues: Soccer, tennis, golf, ultimate Frisbee and more. Registration April 14-15. Learn more at <http://oregonstate.edu/recsports/intramural-sports>

Walking Wednesdays: Free walking group for students/faculty/staff at Student Legacy Park track. Wednesdays from 12:10-12:40 p.m. Come meet someone new and get some energizing physical activity.

Need some adventure? Check in with the Adventure Leadership Institute for spring adventure trips, gear rentals, and Adventure Courses. Learn more at <http://oregonstate.edu/recsports/adventure-leadership-institute>

Sit Less, Move More. The average adult sits for 9 hours a day. Prolonged sitting is hazardous to your health even if you get 30 minutes of physical activity a day. Take a break from sitting every hour! Learn more at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/bewell/>

Safety courses: CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard courses available. Learn more at <http://oregonstate.edu/recsports/safety-classes>

Ombuds

University Ombuds Office: What's New?

The University Ombuds Office (UOO) provides an informal, impartial, independent and confidential* means of conflict management to all members of the campus community. To better serve our students and employees, a new team member, Donetta Sheffold, has joined us as the Ombuds Services Coordinator. Donetta has been a member of the OSU community for over 25 years and assists the Ombuds by being the first point of contact for visitors. She can be reached at 541-737-4537 for general information about our services, or to schedule an appointment with an Ombuds.

The UOO recently added a *Videos and Webinar* section to our website which shares information about our office, workplace

bullying and conflict management skills. To access these videos please visit our website at <http://oregonstate.edu/ombuds/training-videos>.

Ombuds' Spring Term Tip: How you say things matters!

Clear and thoughtful communication can help ensure that your messages are fully received. *Framing* your language by choosing neutral words to express yourself will foster the best chance of being heard in the manner you intended while reducing the chances for misunderstanding or a defensive response. For example, if you bring up an important concern with a peer and the peer responds by saying "We've already talked about this a hundred times," your reaction might be to feel your interests are being ignored, or that your concern was not important to the other person. Now imagine if your peer had responded with "Yes, I remember talking about this earlier. Has something changed?" This response, *reframed*, acknowledges your past discussions and interest in further discussion to address your concern. Through clear and thoughtfully framed communication, a more productive conversation can now take place. Keep in mind that it takes practice to change any habit or skill, including conflict management strategies and behaviors. The University Ombuds Office is here to help you develop healthy routines for addressing conflict.

**Confidentiality cannot be promised in all matters. Please refer to our website at <http://oregonstate.edu/ombuds> for more information. Speaking with an Ombuds does not constitute legal notice to the University.*

EVENTS

Scholars' Insights

A graduate student competition to communicate impact

Provost Randhawa and the OSU Graduate School will host the second annual university-wide "Scholars' Insights" event on **May 7, 2014** from 6:00-9:30 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center in the Construction and Engineering Hall. OSU graduate students will have the opportunity to present the impact of their scholarly works to a non-specialist audience at OSU and the Corvallis community. The event will be broadly advertised. The purpose of the presentations is to generate awareness, stimulate thought, inspire attendees and reach out to the local community. The presentations will be videotaped and the winning presentations

will be shared via "YouTube" and on the OSU Graduate School website to showcase OSU's graduate student accomplishments. Graduate students will network with other students, faculty and community members; learn of research and other creative and scholarly activities across the university; and have fun!! The event will be followed by a reception for participants and the community, while awaiting the judges' determination of the three best presentations. This is a Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition and will roll up into a statewide competition on **May 17, 2014**, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Hoffman Hall, Portland State University.

The number of presentations will be limited to 40 and will include submissions from each Division (Arts and Sciences, Earth Systems Science, Health Sciences, and Business and Engineering) and the Interdisciplinary graduate programs. Participants will use no more than one single PowerPoint slide. A committee consisting of a graduate student, a professional communications specialist, a graduate faculty member, a community member and a representative from the Graduate School will select the top three presentations. Presentations will be evaluated on comprehension, engagement and communication – all with an emphasis on audience. First, Second and People's Choice will be awarded \$1,000, \$500 and \$500, respectively.

Any graduate student (part-time or full-time) who is nearing completion of their graduate program and wishes to share the impact of their research, project or scholarly output to a non-specialist audience is eligible to participate. Graduates are not eligible. Students will submit their registration and slides online by **April 25, 2014**. The registration site will be available on April 11 and found at the Scholars' Insights page on the Graduate School website (<http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/insights>). The information to be submitted can be found on the registration site. Submission of registration and slide indicates commitment to the entire event.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Ferris (megan.ferris@oregonstate.edu) or Anita Azarenko (anita.azarenko@oregonstate.edu) in the Graduate School.

Recognizing Graduate Excellence – Award Recipient Reception

As part of OSU's Recognizing Excellence Week, the OSU Graduate School is hosting a reception to honor graduate students who received a scholarship/fellowship award for 2013-2014. The reception will be held **May 15, 2014** in the Memorial Union Lounge. There will be light hors d'oeuvres and drinks, a small program and networking with fellow awardees, graduate program directors and Graduate School and university leadership. Invitations will be sent soon.

DriveLessConnect

WALK, BIKE, CARPOOL, RIDE THE BUS AND WIN BIG!

Don't miss the "Get There" campaign, **May 5-16, 2014!** Track your trips by bike, bus, walking, carpool/vanpool and teleworking at DriveLessConnect.com to win prizes like a Coast trip, iPad, and dozens of local gift cards to favorites like McMenamins and New Morning Bakery.

Get active, save money, WIN PRIZES, and help the City of Corvallis gather important data about transportation options in our beautiful city. Transportation options have benefits for your health, your wallet and the planet. Last year's "Get There" participants tracked enough alternative-transportation miles to go around the Earth 5 times! Let's do even better this year!

How to track your trips to win prizes:

- Create your profile at DriveLessConnect.com by clicking "Register Now." (Or sign in if you're already a member).
- Click on "Ridematch" in the top blue bar to create a trip, and "Calendar" to track your trips. Track any trips May 5-16 to be eligible for prizes!
- Questions? Contact Tarah Campi at tcampi@ocwcog.org.

Toastmasters Club 3722 will be celebrating 50 years on **May 2, 2014** at the Valley Library, East and West Willamette Industries seminar room (room 3622/3), from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Club began through the vision of members of the US Air Force at Camp Adair in 1964. Although the base shut down in the early 1970's, the Club evolved and endured, assisting hundreds of community members in improving their communication and leadership skills. The Club has gone through several changes –

from an all-male club to an inclusive club and from club names such as Wheeler Dealers to Oregon State Toastmasters. The Club met off-campus in several locations, then started meeting at the Crop Science Building in February 1980. We still meet at the Crop Science Building, Room 119 at noon on Fridays.

About Toastmasters International

"Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 292,000 in more than 14,350 clubs in 122 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on Twitter."

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Travel Grants

The Graduate School administers a [program](#) that is designed to provide part of the costs of attending and presenting scholarly achievements at prestigious conferences and venues. **The deadline is May 1** for travel between June 1 and October 31. Directors of graduate programs (department chairs/heads, program directors) may submit one application per deadline per graduate program. Applications should be submitted electronically to megan.ferris@oregonstate.edu.

Awards are intended to cover up to half of the full cost of attending a conference (air and/or ground transportation, hotel, meals and meeting registration). Approximately 10 awards will be made per quarter. The maximum award will be \$500 for domestic travel and \$1,000 for international travel. The Graduate School will select awardees based on the following criteria:

- funds available,
- completeness of the application,
- strength of the student's statement of the reason for attending,
- student's stage in the degree program,
- reasonableness of the budget and attempts at economizing,
- strength of the student's c.v.,
- stature of conference (major professor's letter),

- level of departmental and grant support and
- balance of awards across the university.

Questions? Contact Megan Ferris (megan.ferris@oregonstate.edu).

Fellowship & Award Opportunities

Scholarship and Fellowship award nomination season is in full swing. For information about centrally-funded scholarships and fellowships available through the Graduate School, visit http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/fellowships.php. Please note that most of these scholarships and fellowships require a nomination from your department and/or graduate program.

Graduate Internationalization Grants

The Division of International Programs, in collaboration with the Graduate School, is pleased to announce the launch of a new Graduate (student) Internationalization Grants program known as GIG, beginning spring term 2013.

Graduate Internationalization Grants (GIG)

are designed to encourage and support OSU graduate students who desire to engage internationally either in research or internships that relate to their field of study. Grants are available to masters and doctoral students to help fund international travel to research or internship sites and pay for related expenses. The applicant's academic unit is expected to share the cost of this investment to promote internationalization across the university.

The National Research Council of the National Academies Awards

Awards for graduate, postdoctoral and senior researchers at [participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions](#). These awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S. Research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and for some of the laboratories, foreign nationals.

Detailed information: www.nationalacademies.org/rap.

There are four annual review cycles.

Review Cycle: February; Opens December 1; Closes February 1

Review Cycle: May; Opens March 1; Closes May 1

Review Cycle: August; Opens June 1; Closes August 1

Review Cycle: November; Opens September 1; Closes November 1

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 and "liking" us.



Connect with the Graduate School on LinkedIn!



Search for our Group: **Oregon State Graduate School**

Check our Webpage for News

The Graduate School frequently updates the "Announcements" on its home page gradschool.oregonstate.edu. Please check it for news, workshops, funding opportunities and other events. **Have a great spring term!**
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