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The Graduate Student Newsletter is a combined effort of the [Graduate School](#), the [Graduate Student Organization \(GSO\)](#), [Career Services](#) and the [Office of Sponsored Programs](#) to provide concise and timely information about events and deadlines for the SU grad student community.

Dates & Deadlines!

Nov. 2-13 – Open enrollment for benefits

Nov. 11 – Spring 2016 Early Registration begins

Nov. 20 – Fall 2015 Withdrawal deadline

Nov. 22-29 – Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 11 – Fall 2015 Last day of classes

SU Events Calendar

Campus Events:

<http://suevents.syr.edu/main.php?view=month>

Around Syracuse:

www.syracuse.com/events/

Bird Library Hosts Graduate Research Forum, Nov. 13



Friday, November 13, marks the inaugural [Graduate Forum on Research Methodologies](#), 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in and around the Peter Graham Scholarly Commons in Bird Library. A joint effort of SU Libraries, the Office of Research, the Graduate School,

and the [GSO](#), the Graduate Research Forum aims to promote discussion of research methods and data tools within SU’s graduate community, so that students will have a better understanding of the methodological options and data services available to them in light of their particular interests and projects.

The event includes:

- ◆ **9:15–10:30 a.m.** — Faculty roundtable: “Does Science Work? The ‘Crisis’ in Research Integrity, Transparency, and Reproducibility,” featuring faculty and research VPs from RIT, Upstate Medical U., U. of Rochester, Binghamton U. and SUNY ESF.
- ◆ **11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** — Methods “lightning talks” by SU grad students
- ◆ **8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.** — Research “info fair” highlighting SU and external resources for grad students (grant development/external funding consultations, IRB and animal research protocol “help desk,” and reps from SU Libraries Research Data Services, ITS Research Computing Services, and Sage Research Methods).

Coffee and light breakfast fare will be served. Join us to share ideas, compare notes, explore state-of-the-art research methods and learn about current issues in academic research. For more information, contact Bonnie Ryan at bcrayan@syr.edu.

Seeking Nominations for Excellence in Graduate Education Awards

Is there an outstanding professor you would like to honor? Let us know! The Graduate School is currently accepting nominations for the annual Excellence in Graduate Education (EGE) Faculty Recognition Award, designed to honor exceptional graduate educators here at SU. Awards will be made on the basis of the nominees’ mentorship, graduate-level teaching, career advisement, and advocacy efforts on behalf of grad students.



2015 EGE Winners

See the [EGE web page](#) for complete information about eligibility requirements and the nomination and selection processes. Only one faculty member from each department can win the award in a given year, so please consult with your department chair regarding prospective nominations.

Send nomination materials to Dina Ioannidis (kioannid@syr.edu) in 220 Bowne Hall by **Wednesday, February 17, 2016**. Questions? Contact Peg De Furia (x4646; mldefuri@syr.edu) in the Graduate School.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 – University Lecture: “This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate.” Naomi Klein. 7:30 pm, Hendricks Chapel

Nov. 6 – TA Program Seminar: “Passing Midterms and Racing towards the Finish Line: End of Semester Issues Facing TAs.” 12:45-2:30 pm, 105 Bowne Hall

Nov. 6 – Ray Smith Symposium: “The Humanities and the Public.” Margaret Ferguson. 2:00-3:30 pm, 010 Eggers

Nov. 6 – #altacSU meetup: Publicly engaged careers. 4:00 pm, Faegan’s Pub.

Nov. 10 – The National Labor Relations Act Turns 80: Who is an Employee? 4:00-5:30 pm, 341 Eggers

Nov. 10 – CUT Seminar: “Universal Design for Learning: Foundations and Applications.” Dr. Diane Wiener. 5:00-6:30 pm, 202 Hall of Languages

Nov. 11 – GSO Senate meeting. 5:30-7:30 pm, 105 Life Sciences Complex

Nov. 13 – FPP Topics in Higher Ed: “Does Science Work? The ‘Crisis’ in Research Integrity, Transparency, and Reproducibility.” 9:15-10:30 am, 114 Bird Library

Nov. 13 – Graduate Forum on Research Methodologies. 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Bird Library

Nov. 13 – First-generation PhD lunch. 12:00-1:00 pm, Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center

Nov. 16 – Engaging Students with Mobile Technology. 1:30-2:30 pm, 1-231 CST

Nov. 19 – “Creating a Space” contemplative practices group. 3:00 pm, 319 Sims Hall

Dec. 2 – Teaching Mentor info session. 2:30-3:30 pm, 218 Bowne Hall

Dec. 3 – “Creating a Space” contemplative practices group. 3:00 pm, 319 Sims Hall

Dec. 9 – GSO Senate meeting. 5:30–7:30 pm, 105 Life Sciences Complex

Calling All Prospective Teaching Mentors!

The Graduate School invites experienced current and former Teaching Assistants to apply for the position of Teaching Mentor. The designation of Teaching Mentor signifies excellence in both teaching and graduate study and constitutes a notable academic and professional honor. We seek Teaching Mentors with a range of disciplinary backgrounds; fair representation in terms of nationality and gender is also important.

The responsibility of Teaching Mentors is to serve as the core instructional staff during the August Teaching Assistant Orientation Program. During the August orientation, Teaching Mentors serve as session planners and presenters as well as small-group leaders and mentors to the University’s approximately 300 new TAs. All interested Teaching Assistants are invited to attend one of the informational meetings listed below to learn more about this paid position. No pre-registration for these information sessions is necessary. Sessions will be held in **Bowne 218** as follows:

- Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 9:00–10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 2:00–3:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 22, 2016, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Applicants must be available to attend the following training and TA Orientation days:

- Friday, April 15, 2016, 3:30–5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 10 to Friday, August 19, 2016



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shawn Loner (scloner@syr.edu) in the Graduate School Programs office, 220 Bowne Hall.

View more information on the [Teaching Mentor application webpage](#).



SU ORGS FOR GRADS

> Slutzker Center: <http://international.syr.edu/>
Providing services and programming for international students at SU.

> Maxwell Center for Career Development: <http://www1.maxwell.syr.edu/career.aspx> Located in 202 Maxwell, the Career Development office for Maxwell students provides a specialty range of services, Career appointments, interview preparation, cover letter & resume review, and networking advice.

> Counseling Center: <http://counselingcenter.syr.edu/>
The Counseling Center offers members of the SU community free, confidential help through times of crisis and the everyday stresses of life. Referrals for students and students' families—with and without health insurance through SU—are available here.

> Health Services: <http://health.syr.edu/> Located at 111 Waverly Avenue, SU health services provides care for graduate students who pay their health fee and include services such as office visits, ambulatory care services, pharmacy, nutrition counseling, immunizations, vaccines, and travel medicine.

> Academic Integrity Office: <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/>
Established to implement SU's Academic Integrity (AI) Policies and Procedures, the Office of Academic Integrity can advise how to promote AI in the undergraduate classroom (as a TA) or to consult on how AI affects graduate student life.

> Legal Services: <http://www.studentlegal.net/index.html>
If you are a Syracuse University student (excluding law students) or a SUNY-ESF student, have paid the graduate student activity fee, and are registered on main campus, you are eligible for advice and representation as defined at the Legal Services website.

2016 Outstanding TA Award Nominations

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the 29th annual awards program recognizing Outstanding Teaching Assistants. This program was instituted to recognize Teaching Assistants who have made distinguished contributions to Syracuse University by demonstrating excellence as primary instructors, lab or studio instructors, discussion/recitation section leaders, or assistants to faculty members for high-enrollment courses. Nominations for the OTA are put forward by the departments and programs, so if you would like to be considered, please inquire with your department regarding the nomination process. The **nomination deadline is Friday, January 29, 2016.**



2015 OTA Winners

TAs receiving nominations are required to submit a teaching portfolio. To facilitate this process, the Graduate School Programs office will hold two portfolio information sessions in 218 Bowne Hall:

Thursday, February 4 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 10 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Portfolios must be submitted to the Graduate School by Friday, February 26, 2016. If you have questions about the TA Award process, please contact the Graduate School Programs office at 443-1856 or stop by 220 Bowne Hall. Information is also available on the [Outstanding TA call for nominations webpage](#).

“Creating a Space” Contemplative Pedagogy Group



This semester, the SU "Contemplative Collaborative"—a campus-wide assortment of faculty, staff and students interested in exploring a broad range of pedagogies, practices, and inquiries involving contemplative approaches to teaching, research, and university life—has launched an initiative aimed at exploring and supporting interest in contemplative pedagogy among graduate students and TAs. “Creating a Space” consists of bi-monthly meetings during which grad students and faculty discuss their interests around these concepts. The aim is two-fold: to explore and generate interest in a wide variety of concepts and practices relevant to contemplative inquiry/

pedagogy, and to function as a contemplative space/practice that exists through the very act of meeting to discuss such matters. Further, “Creating a Space” hopes to be a starting point for the more specific and substantive development of contemplative practices for grad students in both an academic and a personal context.

The remaining meetings of “Creating a Space” this semester will be **November 19, December 3 and December 17, at 3:00 pm in Sims Hall 319.** Refreshments will be served. Feel free to come for part or all of each meeting, and don't worry if you need to come late or leave early! Contact Dave at djwolken@syr.edu for more information.



New Mobile SU App

Syracuse University Mobile is a new mobile application available free in the [Google Play store](#) and [Apple App store](#). The app provides a wealth of current information about SU, including secure access to student information in MySlice. This first version enables students to view their class schedules and grades, and search for classes. The app delivers the latest University news and events, access to SU's online directory to search for students, faculty, and staff, campus maps, interactive SU social media, and more.

Current features include MySlice Student Services modules, SU News feed, campus maps (Google), SU Events calendar, SU directory, and social media (SU Twitter and Facebook accounts, SU

YouTube channel, SU Instagram feed). The soon-to-be-released next version of the app will include student access to their exam schedules, as well as Faculty Services modules that will give TAs access to their class schedules, rosters, and grades. Further upgrades are planned for Spring or Summer 2016. ITS's development team welcomes

suggestions for enhancements and new functionality; send ideas and comments to help@syr.edu.



NLRB to Reconsider TA Unionization

On October 21, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) voted to reconsider whether graduate TAs at private universities like SU are entitled to collective bargaining. The ruling in place since 2004 has held that private universities are not required to recognize TA unions, on the grounds that TAs are primarily students and not employees. By accepting a case involving grad students at the New School in NYC, the NLRB has agreed to revisit the issue at a time when the Board's composition is seen as unionization-friendly.

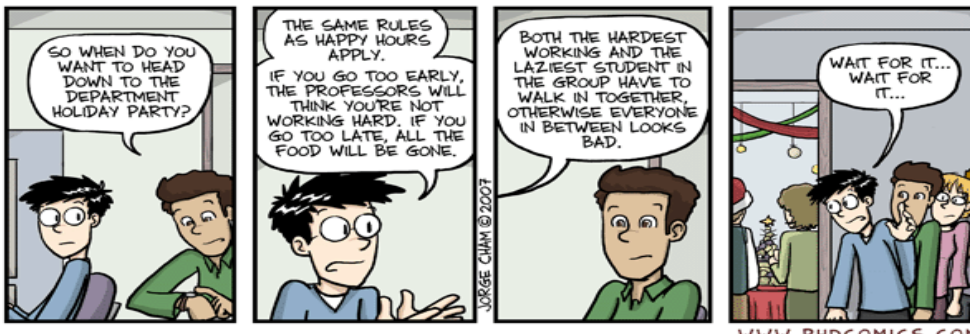


Grad students interested in this development will want to attend a presentation by NLRB representatives, **"The National Labor Relations Act at 80: Who Is an Employee?"**, to take place **Tuesday, November 10, 4:00-5:30 pm in Eggers 341.**



Your thesis or dissertation research is sure to change the world. That's a given. But can you talk it up sexy in 180 seconds? That's the challenge of the [3-Minute Thesis](#) competition, returning to SU in February 2016. Think "mini TED Talk" — but only one PPT slide and no audio or moving video permitted. If three minutes is enough for you to explain to a non-specialist audience what your research is about, why it's important, and what makes it cool, this is your chance to strut your stuff! Details coming early in the Spring semester.

PhD Comics — LOLGrads!



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