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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

Dates & Deadlines!

Oct. 10 Mid-Semester Progress Reports due from faculty

Oct. 17 Fall 2016 Mid-term

Oct. 24 Fall 2016 Academic drop deadline

SU Events Calendar

Campus Events:

<http://suevents.syr.edu/>

Around Syracuse:

www.syracuse.com/events/

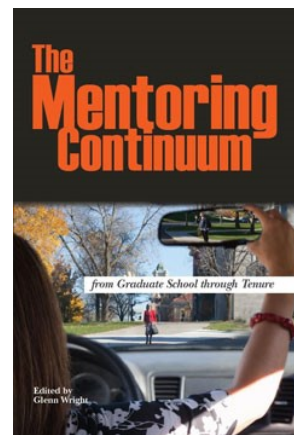
Focus on Graduate Mentoring, October 31st

Number 1 determinant of success while in graduate school, according to every study ever? Quality of mentoring. Number 1 determinant of success *after* grad school? Same. This Halloween, the Graduate School takes the terror out of developing and sustaining great mentoring relationships with a half-day, [GSO](#)-funded **Graduate Mentoring Symposium** in Schine 304.

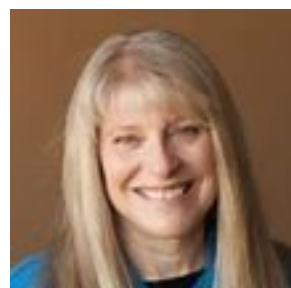
The program features concurrent session threads tailored respectively to...

- **grad students** (how to get the mentoring you need; peer mentoring programs)
- **faculty** (how to be an effective mentor; mentoring for non-academic jobs)
- **department/program administration** (promoting a culture of mentoring; current mentoring models)

...followed by a plenary session on "Graduate Mentoring: Departures and Approaches" featuring **Jan Allen**, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, Cornell University; [Versatile PhD](#) founder **Paula Chambers**; and **Beth Boehm**, Dean of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies and Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs, University of Louisville. All three are contributors to the recent Graduate School Press publication, [The Mentoring Continuum: From Graduate School through Tenure](#). Reception and book launch following at 5:30 pm.



Paula Chambers



Jan Allen



Beth Boehm

BONUS!

In addition to her session for faculty at the Graduate Mentoring Symposium, **Paula Chambers** will present a workshop for PhD students as part of Graduate Career Services' [#altacSU](#) series:

"From Skills to Results: Describing Your PhD Skills to Non-Academic Employers"
Monday, October 31, 12:00-2:00 pm
Location TBD

She'll talk about the current academic job market and demystify how to identify and articulate transferable skills. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for details!



Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6** – Fundamentals of the Non-Academic Search. 12:00-1:30 pm, Schine 228A
- Oct. 7** – First Generation PhD Lunch #1. 12:00-1:30 pm, Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center.
- Oct. 7** – NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Essay-Writing Workshop I. 3:00–5:00 pm, 347 Hinds Hall
- Oct. 12** – Certificate in University Teaching seminar series; Active Learning: Making the Most of “Lecture” Time. 5:30-6:45 pm, 202 Hall of Languages
- Oct. 13**– IBM Information Session for PhD Students. 5:30–7:00 pm, 102 Hall of Languages (tentative)
- Oct. 14** – LinkedIn Live. 10:00 am– 4:00pm, Schine 304 ABC
- Oct. 18** – Certificate in University Teaching seminar series: Effective and Efficient Assessment. 5:00–6:15 pm, 102 Hall of Languages
- Oct. 19** – GSO Senate meeting. 5:30-7:30 pm, 132 Lyman Hall
- Oct. 20** – NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Essay-Writing Workshop II. 3:00–5:00 pm, 347 Hinds Hall
- Oct. 20** – *PhD Movie 2* film screening. 7:00–9:00 pm, Grant Auditorium in White Hall
- Oct. 21** – TA Program Workshop; Being a Responsible Employee: Your Role, Responsibilities, and Resources Concerning Sexual and Relationship Violence on Campus. 1:00-2:30 pm, 126 Lyman Hall
- Oct. 21** – International Graduate Student Workshop: An Introduction to American-Style Résumés. 2:30–3:45 pm, 105 Link Hall
- Oct. 28** – Networking for International Graduate Students- Phd and MS. 12:00-1:30 pm, Kittredge Auditorium in HBC
- Oct. 28** – Certificate in University Teaching seminar series: Creating Effective, Engaging, and Enjoyable Online Courses. 2:15–3:45 pm, 102 Hall of Languages
- Oct. 31** – Graduate Mentoring Event. 1:00-6:30 pm, 304 Schine
- Nov. 2** – Certificate in University Teaching seminar series: Leading an Effective Classroom Discussion? Questions Are the Answer. 5:15–6:30 pm, 202 Hall of Languages

CNY Humanities Corridor Seminar: Public Humanities Grad Fellow

2015-2016 Graduate Student Public Humanities Fellow Scarlett Rebman (History) and colleagues discuss working with the Southwest Community Center on her project, “Time Travelers: A Local History Summer Camp.” In the camp project, students explored local struggles for human rights by taking field trips throughout central New York. Following her presentation, Rebman and representatives from the CNY Corridor provide information and answer questions about the fellowship and application process.



Scarlett Rebman

November 4, 2016
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Tolley 304

The Graduate Student Public Humanities Fellowship is supported in part by Daniel and Joanna Rose and a grant from The Andrew Mellon Foundation. Principal Organizer: Mi Ditmar, CNY Humanities Corridor.

PhD Movie 2 Screening, October 20

If you were around for the 2011 screening of the first *PhD Movie*, it is definitely time to fish or cut bait. But whatever your combination of desperation and jaundice, you can log a solid 90 minutes of high-quality, *free* procrastination by checking out [PhD Comics](#) creator Jorge Cham’s latest affectionate satire,

PhD Movie 2: Still in Grad School
Thursday, October 20, 7:00 pm
Grant Auditorium, White Hall



Spoiler alert: If you didn’t see the first movie? It doesn’t matter.

Check out the [official trailer](#) for a sample of the egg-headed hilarity in store. Featuring old-school theater popcorn and free snacks. To what do you owe this magnificent benefit? To your



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> 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.

Protecting University Information: DO's and DON'Ts from ITS

As a University graduate student, you'll likely be exposed to all kinds of information in many different formats. Student and employee personal records, financial and payroll information, Social Security numbers, SUID numbers, and research data are only some of the data you may encounter. Whether working on campus, at home, across the country, or around the globe, it is critical that you understand how to protect University information. You need to be vigilant and careful when handling or sharing data using any devices, including desktop and laptop computers, hand-held devices, smartphones, and thumb drives. The University's greatest defense against unauthorized or unlawful disclosure of confidential information comes from alert, informed students, faculty, and staff who understand and follow good security practices.

You can find detailed Information on the University's policies and procedures for protecting information at <http://its.syr.edu/infosec>. Here are the most important **DO's and DON'Ts**:

- DON'T share your SU NetID password with anyone, and DON'T use it as a password for systems outside of SU.
- DON'T click on hyperlinks in email unless you are *sure* the link is valid.
- DON'T provide information of any kind to anyone—University student, employee or third party—who does not require it to perform their SU role.
- DON'T access University data from off campus unless using an approved remote access method.
- DON'T take University information off campus on portable media such as thumb drives, CD's or portable hard disks.
- DO find detailed answers to security questions at <https://its.syr.edu/infosec>
- DO ask questions about data security of your local IT support personnel or of the Information Security team at itsecurity@listserv.syr.edu

What Is ITS?

Information Technology Services (ITS) is the central organization on campus for a wide array of technology services. These include financial and academic applications, technical support, and enterprise systems ranging from desktop computing to data centers, application development to information security. ITS handles the university's information security, data networks, related infrastructure, all campus internet connectivity, and telephone and cable television services. Find out more at its.syr.edu and the ITS Student Services page in Answers.syr.edu.

Computing information and technical support are available from your department support staff, and from ITS. You can find contact information for your department support staff at its.syr.edu/supportsvc. You can contact the ITS Service Center by calling 315-443-2677, or by emailing help@syr.edu. The Center is located in room 1-227 in the Center for Science & Technology.



Open Letter from GSO President Rajesh Kumar

The Syracuse University [Graduate Student Organization](#) (GSO) has been advocating for graduate students' concerns for more than four decades. In partnership with a wide variety of campus resources, the GSO is able to extend valuable services to grad students, such as [Career Services for Graduate Students](#), [Student Legal Services](#), the [Inn Complete](#), and [Travel Grants](#) for traveling to professional or academic conferences. The GSO is currently comprised of 39 student senators (10 university, 6 at-large, 2 SUNY-ESF, and 21 academic program senators) together advocating for the ~5,000 graduate students at SU. We are the umbrella organization of more than 40 recognized graduate student organizations. In addition to supporting these organizations, we organize several events throughout the year. The list of events this year includes Fall and Spring picnics, the Festival of Colors, TA/RA Appreciation Days, Halloween, Karaoke and Trivia Nights.



Rajesh Kumar

We are fortunate to have quite experienced, diverse, and committed executive officers, including former president Can Aslan (currently VP of Internal Affairs), Peta Long (VP of External Affairs), David Lemon (Comptroller), Gaven Ehrlich (Finance Secretary), and Sakshi Sinha (Recording Secretary). The executive board is very excited after the historic turnout of 115 students in the first GSO Senate meeting of this academic year. We are thankful to those who signed up for the GSO/University Senate Committees and Boards. We now have graduate student representatives on every GSO Senate Committee. We encourage people to [join a committee](#) if they are invested in a particular issue and want to effect change.



Main agenda items for this academic year include improving career services for graduate students, graduate employment and associated benefits, off-campus housing and safety, child care and family leave policy, increasing the voice of graduate students on campus, and working with university leadership to better align the university as a whole toward graduate education. The administration has agreed to review the following: minimum assistantship stipends, health insurance benefits, career services for graduate students, and off-campus safety.

The recent ruling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) that accepts that TA and RAs are workers and have the legal rights to unionize is a tremendous and long-awaited victory. As unionization is a complex, multifaceted issue, the GSO encourages well-informed debate and effective communication on the issues. We facilitated discussion on this topic last year, resulting in an [ad-hoc committee report](#). In light of the NLRB's new stance, we will continue to engage with this issue as consistent with the expressed wishes of SU's graduate community.

Please email us at gso@syr.edu if you have any questions or would like to get involved with our organization, and please visit our [website](#) for more detailed information about our new executive board, our mission, graduate student events, and the services listed above. Please like our [Facebook page](#) to get updates on events and latest developments. Thanks and have a great year!

Rajesh Kumar is GSO President and a PhD candidate in Computer Science.



Center for Fellowship & Scholarship Advising Events

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP INTEREST SESSION Friday, 9/30 1:00-2:30 pm, Eggers 352

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP WRITING WORKSHOP Friday, 10/28 11:30 am-1:00 pm, Eggers 352

[Critical Language Scholarships](#) (CLS) are intensive in-country summer language immersion programs designed to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Program languages currently include: Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, and Urdu (beginning, advanced beginning, intermediate and advanced levels); Arabic and Persian (advanced beginning, intermediate and advanced levels); Chinese, Japanese, and Russian (intermediate and advanced levels). Applicants applying for beginner levels should have some exposure to their target language and applicants at the advanced and intermediate levels should have completed coursework or other relevant experiences within their target language. The CLS Program is part of a U.S. government effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Graduate and undergraduate students in all disciplines, including business, engineering, law, medicine, sciences, social sciences, and humanities, are encouraged to apply.

NSF GRFP APPLICATION PREP WRITING WORKSHOP Friday, 10/7 3:00-5:00 pm, 347 Hinds

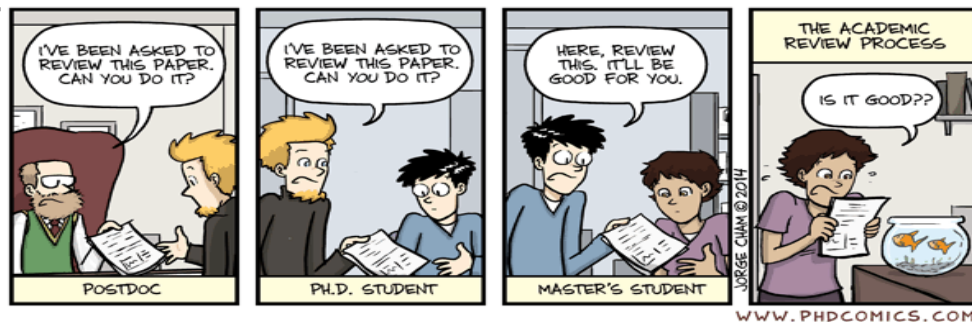
NSF GRFP APPLICATION PREP WRITING WORKSHOP Thursday 10/20 3:00-5:00 pm, 347 Hinds

The [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#) (GRFP) is intended to recognize and support outstanding graduate students by providing three years of support for the completion of research-based MA and PhD programs in supported fields at US institutions. Supported fields include STEM disciplines, as well as psychology, social sciences, and STEM education. The GRFP “helps ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science and engineering in the United States and reinforces its diversity,” and in support of these goals, applications from under-represented populations are particularly welcome. 30 Nobel Laureates and 440 members of the National Academy of Science have been past recipients of the GRFP; the program seeks individuals that show the potential for innovation and transformation in their chosen field.

BOREN FELLOWSHIP INTEREST SESSION Friday, 11/11 2:00-3:00 pm, 111 Eggers

[Boren Fellowships](#) are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP) and offer up to \$30,000 for language training, research, and cultural immersion in areas critical to US interests but underrepresented in study abroad, such as Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Boren Fellows can clearly articulate links between their study of less commonly taught languages (such as Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, or Swahili), their academic and career goals, and the concerns of US national security. NSEP defines national security in broad terms, “recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including: sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.”

PhD Comics – LOLGrads!



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