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Dates & Deadlines!

- Oct. 31-Nov. 11– Open enrollment for benefits
- Nov. 9– Spring 2017 Early Registration begins
- Nov. 18– Fall 2016 Withdrawal deadline
- Nov. 20-27– Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 9– Fall 2016 Last day of classes
- Dec. 22– Fall 2016 Degrees conferred

SU Events Calendar

Click the links below for:

[Campus Events](#)

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Back by Doctoral Demand: Dissertation Boot Camp

Attention dissertators! Is your funding clock ticking? Proposal deadline looming? Need “degree in hand by time of appointment”? Or just fed up with your own lack of progress? Whatever the situation, make your dreams of writing productivity come true by “enlisting” in SU’s antidote to chronic procrastination, the Winter Break **Dissertation Boot Camp**, to be held **Friday, January 6**, and **Mon-Thurs, Jan. 9-12**, in the lower level of Bird Library. Provisions include:

- At least 6 hours of dedicated, distraction-free writing time per day
- On-site writing consultants, subject librarians and data services specialists
- Optional workshops on dissertation-completion-related topics
- “Mental Recharge Station” and “Zen Zone” de-stressing area
- Lunch provided!
- Coffee, tea and light refreshments available all day
- Opportunities to form peer support groups and find writing buddies
- Desktop and laptop computers and wifi available



PhD students in all programs and at all stages of the dissertation (including proposal-writing) are eligible.

How to apply? Be online at **9:00 a.m. EST on Thursday, November 10**, when this [APPLICATION LINK](#) becomes active. The first 30 applicants will then have 3 business days to submit a pre-camp self-assessment (which you will receive by email) and **\$10 refundable deposit** to Master Sgt. Peg De Furia in the Graduate School, 304 Lyman Hall. Bear in mind that last year’s boot camp “sold out” in less than an hour and had 92 on the wait list!

Questions may be directed to Master Sgt. Peg (x4646; mldefuri@syr.edu). The boot camp is co-sponsored by the Graduate School and SU Libraries.

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 now 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.



2016 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 304 Lyman Hall by **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**. Questions? Contact Peg De Furia (x4646; mldefuri@syr.edu) in the Graduate School.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 9 – Immigration Status after Practical Training. 3:00-5:00 pm, 010 Crouse Hinds Hall

Nov. 9 – GSO Senate Meeting. 5:30-7:30 pm, 132 Lyman Hall

Nov. 10 – University Lecture: James Corner. 7:30 pm, Hendricks Chapel

Nov. 11 – Boren Scholarship/Fellowship Interest Session. 2:00 pm, 111 Eggers

Nov. 11 – Open Doors, LGBTQA Graduate Students social. 6:00-8:00 pm, LGBT Resource Center

Nov. 16 – Navigating the Tenure-Track: A Panel Discussion for Women Postdocs and Graduate Students in STEM. 12:30-2:00 pm, 106 LSC

Nov. 29 – Teaching Mentor information session. 2:30-3:30 pm, 114 Lyman Hall

Nov. 30 – GSO Senate Meeting. 5:30-7:30 pm, 132 Lyman Hall

Jan. 6, 9-12 – Dissertation Boot Camp. Lower level, Bird Library

Jan. 10 – Excellence in Communicating Science Series: Scientific Writing Workshop. 8:30 am-4:00 pm, 369 Link Hall

Jan. 13 – International Graduate Student Orientation. 8:30 am-5:00 pm, Life Sciences Complex

Jan. 13 – TA Orientation (Spring-only TAs). 8:30 am-4:00 pm, Lyman Hall

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 as follows:

- Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 2:30–3:30 pm, 114 Lyman Hall
- Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 10:00–11:00 am, 228 Lyman Hall
- Friday, January 20, 2017, 2:00–3:00 pm, 229 Lyman Hall
- Monday, January 23, 2017, 9:00–10:00 am, 228 Lyman Hall

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

- Friday, April 21, 2017, 3:30–5:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 9 to Friday, August 18, 2017

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shawn Loner (x3431; scloner@syr.edu) in the Graduate School, 304 Lyman Hall. View more information on the [Teaching Mentor application webpage](#).



2016-17 Teaching Mentors



SU INFO FOR GRADS

> **Slutzker Center:** Providing services and programming for international students at SU.

> **Maxwell Center for Career Development:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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.

> **Graduate Student Organization:** The GSO is comprised of representatives from degree-granting programs and elected officials. It represents graduate students in the University Senate, allowing graduate students a voice in the larger issues of the University.

Technology Resources to Help You Succeed

Information Technology Services (ITS) offers an array of technology resources and information and communications technology that you can leverage for your projects. Visit the [ITS Student Services page](#) in [Answers.syr.edu](#) for a list that includes:

Ensuring Accessibility Using Technology

Our goal is that all University technology is usable by the greatest number of students, faculty and staff possible. Accessibility enables full participation by all people regardless of their individual learning styles and abilities. To explore and take advantage of these resources, visit the [ITS Accessibility](#) page.

Turn your phone orange with Syracuse University Mobile

[Syracuse University Mobile](#) is available free in the [Google Play store](#) and [Apple App store](#). The app offers a wealth of current information about the University, and it provides safe, secure access to information in MySlice. Students can view their class schedules and grades and search for classes, access [Lynda.com](#) courses, view Centro bus status and schedules, and check out SU Food Services menus and locations. The app also delivers the latest University news and events and provides access to the University's online directory, campus maps, interactive SU social media, and more.

Find the *Technology Guide* in the SU Guides app!

The Technology Guide brings valuable advice and how-to information right to your mobile device. It's your go-to source for a wide array of technology services and resources. To access the Technology Guide, go to the iTunes App Store or the [Google Play store](#) and search for "Syracuse University Guides." Install the SU Guides app, then download the Technology Guide. You can also view the guide online through the [SU guides mobile site](#).

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[DatAnywhere](#) allows browser access to the same home directory you use in SU computer labs. SU's DatAnywhere provides you with 100GB of online storage space that you can access from off-campus without having to use a VPN, and it's more secure than online services available elsewhere.

Install the latest [Office 365 software](#) on up to five of your personally-owned computers and devices.

Research Computing

If you need computing power to advance your research, you'll find all about it on the [SU research computing](#) page.

The website spotlights successful compute-intensive work and provides a technical overview of the variety of computing resources available to researchers from all disciplines at the University. The site helps faculty and students understand how they can best take advantage of those resources.



LGBT Resource Center Events

- **Open Doors**, the organization for LGBTQA Graduate Students, is hosting a social on Friday, November 11, 6:00-8:00 pm at the LGBT Resource Center, 750 Ostrom Ave. Come by to break some bread and get to know other LGBTQA Graduate Students and learn about all the Resource Center has to offer!
- The LGBT Resource Center is hosting the first **Trans Week of Remembrance** from Monday, November 14, through Friday, November 18. The week will entail a *Dialogue Dinner* centering Trans voices the evening of Monday, 11/14 (location TBD); an *LGBTQA Clothing Exchange* on Tuesday, 11/15, at the LGBT Resource Center from 6:00-8:00 pm; a *Practicing Self-Care and Resiliency Conversation* with refreshments at 12 pm on Thursday, 11/17, at the LGBT RC; and a *Safer People Safer Spaces Training* is being offered 2:00-5:00 pm on Friday, 11/18 (location TBD). All events are open to all campus community members.
- The **HoliGAY**, a social and celebratory event for the LGBTQA community, will be Thursday, December 8, from 5:00-7:00 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.



Upcoming WiSE Programs

If you are a woman postdoc or graduate student considering the academic track in STEM, you won't want to miss

Navigating the Tenure-Track: A Panel Discussion for Women Postdocs and Graduate Students in STEM
Wednesday, November 16, 12:30pm-2:00pm
Lundgren Room, LSC 106

Four women faculty in STEM will be sharing about the process of tenure from the moment of hiring negotiations to the final review of the dossier. Panelists will include *Lisa Manning* (Assoc. Prof., Physics), *Tara Kahan* (Asst. Prof., Chemistry), *Laura Condon* (Asst. Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences), and *Minghao Rostami* (Asst. Prof., Mathematics).

Lunch will be provided. If interested, please contact WiSE Program Specialist Stephanie Wyatt at smwyatt@syr.edu



Excellence in Communicating Science Series: Scientific Writing Workshop

Tuesday, January 10
8:30 am-4:00 pm
Link Hall 369



Elizabeth Paley

Because this workshop for graduate students in STEM (with priority registration given to women and underrepresented men) was so well received last year, WiSE is bringing Dr. Elizabeth Paley of Duke University back for a second year. This workshop will give you concrete strategies for making science writing as clear and direct as possible. You'll develop a toolbox of strategies for crafting, evaluating, and revising texts. Throughout the workshop, text examples will come directly from participants' own writing. As a participant, you will be asked to *submit a writing sample no later than December 10*. Breakfast and registration will begin at 8:15 am. **RSVP by December 1** to Stephanie Wyatt (smwyatt@syr.edu).



2017 Outstanding TA Award Nominations



2016 OTA Winners

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the 30th annual awards program recognizing Outstanding Teaching Assistants. This program was instituted to recognize TAs 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 27, 2017.**

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 312 Lyman Hall:

Thursday, February 2 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 8 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Portfolios must be submitted to the Graduate School by Friday, February 24, 2017. If you have questions about the TA Award process, please contact the Graduate School Programs office at 443-3458 or stop by 304 Lyman Hall. Information is also available on the [Outstanding TA call for nominations webpage](#).

Instant Messaging for Field Researchers

Taapsi Ramchandani is a SU PhD candidate who is less than two months away from completing long-term research in Trinidad. Fieldwork, as she discovered, is both inspiring and tremendously lonely. After two health scares and an acute awareness (now) that there are others searching for similar support in the field, she has taken the lead in setting up an online forum on [HipChat](#) where past, present, and future field researchers across disciplines can instant message each other, ask questions, give advice, raise concerns, or simply “hang out.” This is an invitation-only group. If you are interested, send Taapsi an email at taramcha@syr.edu.



Taapsi Ramchandani

Boren Fellowship Interest Session

The [Center for Fellowship & Scholarship Advising](#) will be holding an interest session for students interested in applying for the Boren Fellowship:

Friday, Nov 11

2:00 pm

Eggers 111



[Boren Fellowships](#) fund language training, research, and cultural immersion in languages and regions critical to US interests but underrepresented in study abroad. Boren Fellows study less commonly taught languages (such as Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Hindi, among others) and pursue coursework and/or research. All recipients must commit to serving at least one year in the federal government in a position relevant to national security.

Applicants must be matriculated graduate students and U.S. citizens at the time of application. Boren Fellowships provide up to \$24,000 for overseas study. In addition, Boren Fellowships can provide limited funding for domestic language study that will supplement the overseas component. The maximum award for a combined overseas and domestic program is \$30,000. The Boren Fellowship national application deadline is January 31, 2017.





Feds to Higher Ed: University-subsidized Health Care for Grad Students Can Continue

Many thousands of grad students across the country were in danger of losing their student health insurance because of a provision in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) barring employers from subsidizing premiums on individual health care plans, including student plans commonly negotiated by universities with insurers. A temporary suspension of that provision was set to expire with the 2017-18 academic year.

But on October 21, federal regulators announced that non-enforcement would extend indefinitely, allowing universities to continue subsidizing health insurance for grad student workers. Good news for grad students at hundreds of universities that had been struggling to find alternatives — many already having announced the end of university subsidies for grad student health insurance. See [Inside Higher Ed's article](#) for more details.

Post-PT Immigration for Int'l Grads

The Slutzker Center for International Services welcomes Hilary Fraser and Jane Zhang, immigration attorneys from the law firm of Miller Mayer in Ithaca, New York, who will present on

Immigration Status after Practical Training
Wednesday, November 9
3:00-5:00 p.m.
010 Crouse Hinds

Topics to be covered include:

- H-1B Temporary Workers
- O-1 Aliens of Extraordinary Ability
- TNs under NAFTA
- Permanent Residence/Green Cards
- Labor Certification
- Outstanding Professors/Researchers
- Extraordinary Ability Aliens



Hilary Fraser



Jane Zhang

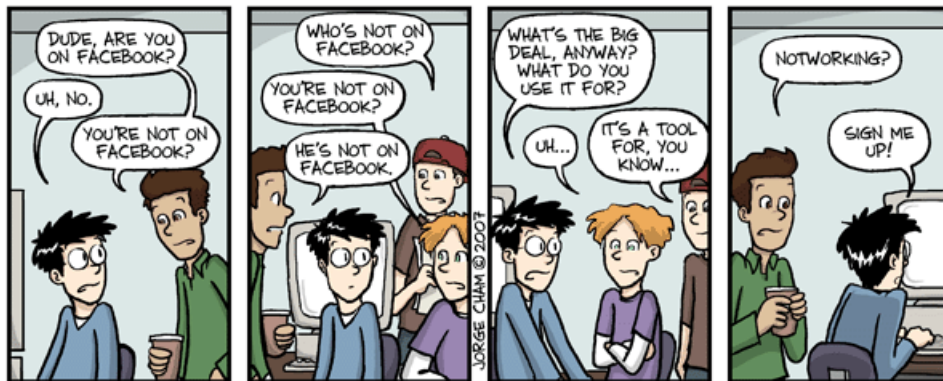


Around the Interwebz Shining a Light on the Musty Corners of the Net

All grad students—but especially doctoral students—should check out Chris Golde's website/blog [Grad | Logic](#). Golde, for years a leading grad education professional and grad student advocate, has devoted her semi-retirement from Stanford University to creating an online space for graduate students to get advice and consider options, with a witty and compassionate guide. The site includes interviews, dissertation and career advice, and "ideas worth stealing." It also invites you to create your "to be" list. No worthier procrastination possible!

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