Hey there, Sociology Grad Students!

Enjoy Daylight Savings Time with your favorite GSO Bulletin!

WANTED! New Graduate Student Representatives!

PLEASE consider getting involved in the GSO for the 2015-2016 academic year. All 3 current representatives are ready to pass on the torch to some new blood!

Five out of the many reasons to run

- Get to know fellow grad students and faculty members
- Opportunity to have your voice heard
- Develop leadership and organizational skills
- Chance to socialize
- Add a line to your curriculum vitae

Contact Megan or the Bulletin team if you are interested in running—elections will be held in April.

Student Representative Corner

From Robin West Smith

The last academic year faculty departmental meeting was on March 4, and the following was discussed that applies to the Graduate Students:

1) The Graduate Committee presented a detailed report of the number and status of graduate students currently enrolled in the program. You can contact your advisor to confirm that your status is correct. The report lists whether students need particular courses, are writing theses, essays, or dissertations, and are currently enrolled.

2) The department has accepted 20 Students for either the MA OR PhD programs. Three have declined the offer, five have accepted, and the remainder are considering the offer. We are looking for current students to send welcome letters to the applicants as well as, individually meeting with the students. Please contact me if you would like to send a welcome letter or meet with one of the students.

3) Don’t forget about SRAD (Student Research and Award Day) on April 23, 2015.

- This year the judges will be able to view the poster submissions online prior to the day of the event. Also, if you have any accomplishments that you would like to share, please forward the information to Angelique as soon as possible so she can put them in the program.

- If you are not taking a class that requires you to submit a poster but would like to submit one, please contact Dr. Merolla.

- ALPHA KAPPA DELTA Initiation will be held as part of SRAD. Contact Dr. Merolla if you want to be inducted. The lifetime membership fee is $40. If you need financial assistance to pay the fee, contact Dr. Hankin. Some faculty are willing to sponsor a student and pay their membership fee.

4) GTAs - Fall 2014 SET scores will be distributed on March 20. Dr. Hankin has your summary scores. Contact her if you want to know your summary scores now. Detailed evaluations will be available on March 20 and will be sent to you via email.

See you in the Fall 2015,
Robin West Smith

Professional Development

- Any writing project— from a dissertation to a term-paper— profits from knowing how to research literature or how to navigating your bibliography with a computer program. Web of Science will host several online workshops that will help you fine-tune your skills and will make your life so much easier:
  - Web of Science: General Search and Navigation (Wed, March 4, 2:00 PM)
  - Web of Science: Cited Reference Searching (Wed, March 11, 2:00 PM)
  - Web of Science: Using Advanced Search (Thurs, March 12, 2:00 PM)
  - Web of Science: Organization Name Searching (Fri., March 13, 11:00 AM)
  - Endnote Online for Web of Science Users (Fri., March 20, 2:00 PM)

Around Town

The Allied Media Conference, always held in Detroit, will take place on WSU campus June 18-21, 2015.

Next GSO Meetings and Social Hour

Our next GSO meeting will take place on Thu March 26 at 4:30pm in the Graduate Student Lounge (2282 FAB), followed by a social hour (around 6-ish) @ Honest John’s (488 Selden).

Questions or comments? Email the GSO newsletter team! Jenny Lendrum, Megan Petersen, & Anabel Stoeckle: wsugso@gmail.com

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