Graduate School Announcements

Dates to Remember

April
- 8 Thesis and Dissertation Graduate School Approval deadline, 4:30 p.m. All format corrections requested by the Graduate School editor must be sent on or before this date. Also, final defense report is due for non-thesis students.
- 15 Spring Break begins, 7:30 a.m.
- 22 Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
- 27 Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
- 29 Final examinations begin; end May 4

The Graduate School Needs Your Feedback!

We recently sent the second part of our survey to graduate students asking for feedback about their LSU experience. This portion focuses on non-academic related issues (housing, health issues, financial topics, etc).

Please check your junk mail if you do not see the survey, or feel free to contact our office.

Thanks in advance.

Spring 2019 Degree Candidates

The 'Degree Candidate Check-Out’ milestone will be completed by the Graduate School after final grades have been posted. You can continue to monitor the progress of your degree documents by checking your Milestones.

Note: The 'Restricted Document' section is updated after the document has been uploaded to Digital Commons and is not reflected in Milestones.

Congratulations...

To the following Distinguished Dissertation Awards winners:

Dr. Benjamin Bergholtz
"Swallowing the World: Globalization and the Maximalist Novel"
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences

Dr. Aref Samadi-Dooki
"Experimental, Analytical, and Numerical Evaluation of the Mechanical Properties of the Brain Tissue"
Science, Engineering, & Technology
The Prestigious Fellowship Enhancement Award is closed until further notice.

Other Announcements

Graduate Student Association
The GSA is looking for 2-3 people interested in joining the travel award committee. We meet once a month to go through the travel award requests and determine which applications are eligible. This committee is important because it determines the requirements for and recipients of the travel award that all graduate students are eligible to receive. If any graduate students are interested in being a part of this committee, please email Cassie Bonavita, cbonav6@lsu.edu, by April 15th with a brief summary about yourself, your area of study, and why you are interested in joining.

General Safe Space Certification
Date: April 12th  
Time: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Location: Hopkins Black Box Theatre (137 Coates Hall)

The goal of the Safe Space Campaign is to identify and educate individuals who will affirm and support all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. People displaying the Safe Space symbol are committed to combating hatred and discrimination through assistance and support.

To register for this training, visit the website.

Lavender Graduation
Date: May 8th  
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Location: Claude L. Shaver Theatre

Lavender Graduation celebrates, recognizes, and honors the accomplishments and graduation of LGBTQ+ and allied students at LSU. Students wishing to walk at Lavender Graduation should register on the website.

We would also like to invite any and all professors to dress in their regalia and to sit on stage during the ceremony; if you are interested in participating, please register on the website.

Additionally, we are still searching for a Keynote Speaker and we welcome any and all ideas or suggestions.

City Year Baton Rouge
City Year Baton Rouge is currently recruiting for their 2019-20 corps and would love for some young idealists between 18-25 years old to come and serve. You can apply at the
Job Resource for Graduates

With 4,199+ jobs posted for LSU Masters, Certificate, Doctorate, and Post-Doctorate students, Handshake is your one-stop-shop for career opportunities, hiring events, and more! Login using your myLSU credentials by clicking the myLSU Single Sign-On button on the website.

Upcoming Workshops

Digital & Continuing Education

Innovation Series Event
Date: April 10th  Time: 9:00 am- 1:00 pm
Location: LSU Lod Cook Alumni Center

Hosted by the DCE team, the Innovation Series provides the LSU community with opportunities to initiate conversations through exploring new developments, trends, and best practices in the realm of online and digital education. These events aim to:

1. promote a culture of innovation and transformational change;
2. explore innovation and improvement in large-scale educational reform initiatives in the US and around the world; and
3. assist in delivering and executing creative solutions to challenges as it relates to program development, course design, and teaching.

We are excited to announce that the following experts will be joining us in a kick-off panel session and leading presentations throughout the day:

- Dr. Diana Oblinger; President Emeritus, EDUCAUSE
- Dr. Michael Moore; Chief Academic and Operating Officer, University of Arkansas System eVersity
- Phil Hill; Educational Technology Consultant and Analyst, MindWires

To view the full agenda, session descriptions, and to register, please visit the Innovation Series Registration website. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

Faculty Tech Center Workshops

Creating Accessible Word Documents
Date: April 10th  Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Location: 133 Himes Hall

In this hands-on workshop, participants will gain a basic understanding of the structure and elements that are required to create an accessible Word Document, as well as how to run the Microsoft Accessibility Checker on the presentation. There will also be a short lab at the end of the session.
Creating an Accessible Power Point Presentation

**Date:** April 11th  **Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Location:** 133 Himes Hall

In this hands-on workshop, participants will gain a basic understanding of the structure and elements that are required to create an accessible Powerpoint Presentation, as well as how to run the Microsoft Accessibility Checker on the presentation. There will also be a short lab at the end of the presentation to practice these techniques.

Visit the [Training & Event website](#) to register.

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**Digital Scholarship Institute 2019**

**Digital Methods in the Undergraduate Classroom**

Do you want your students to engage with digital tools in your classes? Are you interested in digital humanities and digital scholarship, but not sure where to start? The Digital Scholarship Lab will host a short institute in May 2019 for LSU faculty and graduate students who are interested in incorporating digital scholarship methods and tools in their undergraduate teaching. The 3 ½-day institute will feature hands-on workshops for learning new skills along with pedagogical sessions focused on how to teach with these new skills. Participants will receive a $350 stipend.

*For additional information, visit the [website](#).*

*No prior experience with digital scholarship required.*

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**Funding Opportunities**

**International Foundation for Ethical Research Fellowship**

Fellowships are awarded to those candidates enrolled in Master’s and Ph.D. programs in the sciences whose proposals show the greatest potential to reduce, refine or replace the use of animals in research, testing, and/or education. The fellowship provides up to $12,500 annually in stipendiary support and up to $2,500 for supplies per year. The fellowships are renewable annually for up to three years. Additional details about the fellowship are on the [website](#).

All interested candidates must submit an [online application](#).

**Application Deadline:** April 30th

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**Graduate Assistantships Available**

**Women's and Gender Studies**

ISO a Graduate Assistant for Programs and Curriculum (GAPC). Additional details about the position are in the [job description](#).

All interested candidates should submit a letter of application and CV to Melisha Johnson at wgs@lsu.edu by April 8th.

**LSU Student Success**

ISO a Data Analyst Graduate Assistant to begin in the Fall of 2019. The Data Analyst Graduate Assistant will work on projects related to academic success data, including both institutional and department level data.

Additional details about the position are on the [website](#).
Please send events of graduate-level interest to gradcom@lsu.edu by the preceding Thursday at 4:00pm. Submissions should relate to academic news and events only and be of broad general interest to faculty, staff, and graduate students. Publication of submissions is at the discretion of the editors and the Interim Dean of the Graduate School.

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