Hello Graduate Students,

Abraham Lincoln once said, “Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

Below is a list of professional development activities for graduate students that take place in February. View these opportunities as a chance to sharpen your ax. These events allow you to expand upon the knowledge you have gained through your graduate education and are an excellent chance to network with graduate students across campus.

The Graduate School is fortunate to maintain great relationships with the Graduate Student Network, the MSU library and the Writing Center, our collaborators in bringing you these opportunities. We look forward to seeing you in February.

Sincerely,

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Dean, The Graduate School

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

February 3: First Fridays, Making Your Writing Pop, an open writing session for graduate students
Time: 3-4:30 pm
Location: Innovative Learning Studio, first floor of Renne Library
The Graduate Student Network invites you to join them for an open writing session. Bring work that’s in any stage of the writing process and of any type – journal articles, thesis or dissertation, proposals, conference papers, CVs, and so forth.
This is a chance to network with your fellow graduate students to review each other's work, share writing tips and resources, discuss developing good writing habits, and more. Anything writing related has a place in this First Fridays session. Popcorn and beverages will be provided by The Graduate School.

RSVPs are appreciated; click here to register.

February 13: Business Communication Insights, a Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. Nick Hether
Time: Noon – 1:00 pm,
Location: SUB Ballroom D

Effective presentations can be an important success factor for new non-business graduate students contemplating a career in business. This workshop will give an overview of key factors needed for effective business presentations and provide source materials to help students get started in this critical skill set. These skills have a wide range of applications in the business world.

Nick Hether earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Montana State University and did post-doctoral work in immunology (National Jewish Hospital for Allergy), and clinical chemistry (Medical University of South Carolina). He was the Director of Product Safety at the Gerber Products Company for 20 years. In that position, Dr. Hether lead multi-disciplinary teams to develop food adulteration prevention systems, agricultural control systems, risk management and mitigation systems, a new product feasibility trial, and a product development safety protocol for selected new products. He is now retired and spends his time, with his wife Carol, hiking, backpacking, cross country skiing, fishing, and traveling.

RSVPs are appreciated; click here to register.

February 16: Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETDs): Archiving research & other library data services
Time: 3 - 4 pm
Location: Innovative Learning Studio, first floor of Renne Library

The Graduate School and the MSU library partner to present an ETD workshop. Learn about how your research is archived at the Library and other library data services. Agenda to include information on ETD formatting, citation management software, data storage options and more.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS
Library workshops will be posted to their website as details become available
Learn more about the Writing Center’s services by visiting their website

February 2: EndNote Basics Workshop at the Library
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: Innovative Learning Studio, first floor of Renne Library

February 10 – Open Writing Time at the Writing Center
Time: 9:00-11:30 am
Location: Wilson 1-114

Join the Writing Center for open writing time. Erin, their graduate and ESL specialist, will be available to help with work at any stage of the writing process.
February 15: EndNote Advanced at the library
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: Innovative Learning Studio, first floor of Renne Library