Welcome new and returning students to spring semester!

The Scholars’ Corner Bulletin is The Graduate School’s way to inform students of events, deadlines, and other news. Look for our emails a few times a semester.

Dates & Deadlines

February 5, 2019: Last day for graduate students to file Graduation Application.

April 16, 2019: Last day for master’s and doctoral comprehensive examination or thesis/dissertation defense if student plans to graduate spring 2019. Last day for approval of thesis, dissertation, or professional paper (if the professional paper is submitted to the library) by Formatting Advisor.

Click here to review future deadlines.

Professional Development Activities for Graduate Students

EndNote Basics Workshop
January 15, 2019, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Innovative Learning Studio (1st Floor Library)
EndNote, one of the most-used reference managers, is available free for MSU users. Attend this workshop to see how the new EndNote X9 makes formatting citations and managing bibliographies easy! Learn to search, import records, add notes, find articles, manage PDFs, and format papers using any one of thousands of citation styles. This workshop covers the basics: how to install EndNote, collect and share references, and format the citations in your document.

Introduction to R for Data Analytics
January 23, 2019, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Innovative Learning Studio (1st Floor Library)
This workshop will start with the building blocks of creating and exploring the data structures available in R. You will learn basic tools for inspecting, extracting, manipulating, summarizing and visualizing data. There will be a discussion of accessing and using R packages and how to use R's built-in help interface. The workshop will be presented in RStudio Cloud.

Excel Basics (Level I)
January 23, 2019, 5:00 pm – 6:00pm
Meet in Library Lobby
Learn the basics of Excel, from general spreadsheet formatting, data formatting (%,$, etc.), using formulas and functions, referencing cells in formulas, inserting and formatting charts, and printing.

**Your Thesis/Dissertation: Copyright, Research Data, Supplementary Materials, and Formatting**
February 12, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Innovative Learning Studio (1st Floor Library)
Join a discussion with the MSU Library and The Graduate School to learn about formatting and the publication of your thesis or dissertation. The agenda will include an overview of ScholarWorks, dissertation repositories, ProQuest/UMI, Creative Commons and copyright, publishing research data and supplementary materials, as well as formatting.

**The Writing Center: Interdisciplinary Graduate Writing Groups**
The MSU Writing Center offers interdisciplinary graduate writing groups where you can deepen and advance your own writing experience. A writing group provides:
- an immediate audience of peers for testing your ideas and writing,
- an opportunity to see others’ processes and revisions, which may inform your own,
- the chance to see how researchers outside of your field respond to your writing, and
- accountability in the writing process by establishing deadlines that will help you move your writing forward.

A Writing Center facilitator will participate to help guide the discussion, but the sessions ultimately revolve around the needs of the group members.

If you are a current MSU graduate student who is interested in attending writing group meetings during the spring semester of 2019, please share your contact, preference and scheduling information via this Google form. We will contact you with more information, dates, and times. ***Please respond by Friday January 18, 2019***

**On and Off-Campus Events to Welcome You to Spring Term**

**Bozeman Winter Farmers’ Market**
January 19, 9 am – 12 pm
Each Saturday, the Emerson Ballroom will be bursting at the seams with vendors selling fresh greens, vegetables, apples, eggs, grains, cheese, pork, beef, lamb, honey, fresh pasta, jams and fermented goods, bread and baked goods, hot breakfast, coffee, tea, soaps & salves, wool, spices, and much more.

**The Smiley’s: The Story of the Longest Ski Tour**
January 22, 2019 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Strand Union Building, Ballrooms B, C, and D
For 36 days, Mark and Janelle Smiley, along with five other world-class athletes, ski toured and hiked across the entire Alps Range, which is a new world record. The team did not know each other before start, the terrain was unknown, and languages were foreign, and the suffer-factor was high. Come hear some behind-the-scenes stories that will make your palms sweaty, make you laugh, and get you stoked to tackle your next goal.

**Museum of the Rockies: Polar Obsession**

Exhibit runs until January 27

Museum of the Rockies

Polar Obsession a photography exhibition featuring striking images of the world’s polar regions from National Geographic photographer Paul Nicklen. The images will take visitors underwater and across the ice, delivering a unique close-up of wildlife in the Arctic and Antarctic.