

THE SCHOLAR'S CORNER BULLETIN ~ August 23, 2016



Registration for the 2016 Graduate Student Summit & Research Rendezvous is now open!

The [Graduate Student Network](#) is pleased to present the Graduate Student Summit and Research Rendezvous on September 14 and 15, 2016. This is a great chance to gain professional development skills while networking with fellow graduate students. Please join us for sessions as your schedule allows.

Scroll down for a complete list of sessions. You can register by [clicking here](#).

A few things about the **Research Rendezvous**, now in its second year...

- ✓ The poster session and competition is a great way to get feedback from judges and compete for prizes.
- ✓ You may present a new or existing poster.
- ✓ First place winner in each category receives a \$250 travel grant towards conference participation and the second place winner receives \$100 towards scholarly expenses
- ✓ **New this year!** We're looking for graduate students to participate as peer judges. You'll receive a judging form and will assign a numerical value to various criteria in regard to the content and appearance of the poster, clarity of the oral presentation, and ability of the student to respond to questions. Student judges must be in their 3rd+ year of graduate school and have presented at two or more conferences.

If you have questions about the Graduate Student Summit and Research Rendezvous, please contact Ann Vinciguerra at The Graduate School, 406-994-5729 or <mailto:ann.vinciguerra@montana.edu>.



SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

Kick-Off Event 6 pm, Procrastinator Theatre followed by food, cash bar and socializing in the Leigh Lounge

"Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Discover Ways Improv Can Help You Teach, Network and Communicate Your Research

Join us for a night of Improv hosted by Counseling & Psychological Services (CPS), The Verge Theater Company, and the Graduate Student Network.

This year we've invited the Verge Theatre to bring its improvisation talent to MSU. This innovative session is facilitated by Dr. Brian Kassar, from CPS and a company member of the Verge. Joining Dr. Kassar are the Improvert troupe from the Verge, who will provide improv comedy about graduate student life based on your suggestions

Some take-aways from the workshop will include helping students learn ways to talk about their research more spontaneously and directly, to pay attention to their listeners and to connect personally with their audience. Improv can help graduate students with teaching, defending their thesis/dissertation, networking, and simply explaining their research to people outside their fields.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

9-10:30 am Simultaneous Sessions

A) Fellowship Writing – SUB Room 233

This workshop will provide you with a small group discussion environment to speak with winners of the graduate fellowships and professors who have a history helping students find funding. This workshop will utilize a "flipped meeting" set up where participants move from table to table and speak with experts. This workshop will provide insight for writing a fellowship application to fund graduate research.

B) CV/Resume Writing - SUB Room 235

This workshop is designed to offer information on writing top notch curriculum vitae for academic careers or resumes for non-academic careers. The workshop will be round-table style. Participants will have a chance to pick a topic to spend the entire time on, or can move from table to table. From getting started to cleaning up a final product, faculty from around campus will be there to help.

11 am -12:30 pm Simultaneous Sessions

A) Preparing a Conference Talk – SUB Room 233

Preparing for a conference talk can be a stressful and exciting endeavor. This workshop will give you helpful hints on where to start with your presentation, the use of technology and bolstering your career through a conference talk. Gain insights from fellow graduate students as well as faculty and staff from around campus. The workshop will be round-table style. Participants will have a chance to pick a topic to spend the entire time on, or can move from table to table. Table topics include:

Maximizing your presentation to boost your career: International meetings in your field of study can be a great opportunity for networking and gaining knowledge into future career paths. Had you thought about the impression an engaging conference talk can have on future supervisors or postdoc advisors?

Graduate student perspective: Hear from peers who have been there! Senior graduate students with conference presentation experience will give their perspective on things that went well and what they wish they would have known beforehand!

Using technology to your benefit: Technology can be a great tool to utilize for presenting your research clearly. This table involves more than just Powerpoint tips, but advice on how to effectively give a conference talk using the technological options we have today.

Presentation and delivery skills: Have you ever dozed off during a terribly boring lecture? Avoid this happening within your audience by engaging them in your research. This table will coach attendees on appropriate presentation skills and tips to make your talk shine above the rest.

B) Interview Skills - Room 235

A job interview is a chance to "sell" yourself to a prospective employer. You'll need to be able to show how your graduate school experience has given you skills applicable to the job and will allow you to contribute to the success of the organization, company or institution. Whether you're pursuing an academic or non-academic career, we'll discuss how to prepare for an interview, the different types of interviews, how to prepare for presentations during interviews, and effective follow-up.

1-3 pm Research Rendezvous & Poster Session (SUB Ballroom A)

This poster session is a chance to present your research, get feedback on a poster and compete to win prizes. A panel of experts will judge your poster (new or existing). First place in each category will receive a \$250 travel grant towards conference participation and second place will receive \$100 for scholarly expenses.

3:30-5:00 Career Pathways Panel (SUB 233 & 235)

Panelists will offer insights on how to prepare for a successful career in the private/non-profit sector or in academia. Come prepared to engage with early and senior career specialists, administrators, and scholars in a dialogue about their career pathways. Individuals with advanced degrees from MSU and other institutions will discuss their career trajectory and give insight on how they got from graduate school to where they are today. They'll share their personal journey from the successes and highpoints to the false-starts, stumbling blocks, and detours.