

THE SCHOLARS' CORNER BULLETIN ~ February 22, 2017

Dates & Deadlines

April 18 – Last day for master's and doctoral comprehensive examination or thesis/dissertation defense if the student plans to graduate Spring 2017

April 18 – Last day for approval of thesis, dissertation, or professional paper (if professional paper is submitted to library) by formatting advisor

[Click here to review future deadlines.](#)



The Graduate School Has a New Formatting Advisor

The Graduate School has hired Megan Maier as its new formatting advisor. Megan will work with graduate students to make sure theses and dissertations uphold a look of professionalism and a level of consistency in ETDs submitted for archival in the MSU library. Megan holds an M.A. in classics from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in classical studies from Lewis & Clark College. She also has experience in legal research and writing.

"I am excited to be a part of The Graduate School and to start working with students," Megan said. "I hope to make the ETD approval process as stress-free as possible."

It is never too early to submit a section of your thesis or dissertation to Megan for review. Her office is in Montana Hall Room 9, and her office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-5 pm. She can be reached at (406) 994-7518, Gradformatting@montana.edu.

Business Communication Insight Workshop Follow up – Link to Materials

On February 13, graduate students joined MSU alumnus Dr. Nick Hether for a Business Communication Insight brown bag lunch. If you were not able to attend, links to the resource materials can be found [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

March 1: Elevator Pitch Workshop with Les Craig, Blackstone LaunchPad

Time: 4:10 – 5:00 pm

Location: Roberts 312A

College of Engineering Graduate Student Ambassadors invite all MSU graduate students to join them for their March 1 seminar. Their guest, Les Craig of the Blackstone LaunchPad, will present an elevator pitch workshop. From a 30 second personal introduction at a conference to a three-minute research presentation, the elevator pitch comes in many forms and is an essential skill for graduate students to master.

March 3: *First Fridays*, College of Engineering Three Minute Thesis Competition

Time: 3:00-4:00 pm, followed by a reception

Location: Procrastinator Theatre; reception in the Leigh Lounge

The *First Fridays* events are usually a workshop based around professional development, but this month, participants will watch the College of Engineering's Three Minute Thesis Competition. Come out and support your fellow graduate student as they explain the impact of their research in three minutes or less.

March 8 – 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.