

THE SCHOLARS' CORNER BULLETIN ~ February 6, 2017

Dates & Deadlines

April 18 – Last day for master's and doctoral comprehensive examination or thesis/dissertation defense if 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.](#)

Hello Graduate Students,



The Graduate School is pleased to share information on several professional development opportunities for graduate students. Six events will take place on campus within the next two weeks and will help you to expand upon the knowledge you have gained through your graduate education.

Of special interest is the [Business Communication Insights, a Brown Bag Lunch](#) taking place on February 13. We are pleased to have MSU alumnus Dr. Nick Hether lead this workshop. After earning a Ph.D. in biochemistry, Dr. Hether held post-doctoral appointments before taking a position at Gerber. He enjoys being involved with graduate education at MSU and has participated in the Career Pathways panel at the Graduate Student Summit and served as a judge at the Graduate Student Research Rendezvous. His vast experience coupled with a sense of humor are sure to make this an insightful workshop. Additional information is found in the listing below.

The Graduate School is pleased to be connected with so many departments and individuals that are willing to present professional development events for MSU graduate students. It is our sincere hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you within the next two weeks.

Sincerely,
The Graduate School staff

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

February 9 - Learn more about NanoDays/MicroDays

Time: 10:00-10:30 am

Location: Barnard Hall, Room 127

Extended University is hosting a short information session about NanoDays/MicroDays, a large science fair-style outreach event taking place on February 28. The event fills the SUB ballrooms with hands-on exhibits and demonstrations about small-scale science and engineering. Any researcher who is working on "small science" is welcome to participate (A very broad view of "small science" is taken and almost anything fits—water, viruses, soil, microbes, and so

forth.) There will be kit activities that anyone can host, or graduate students can share their own research.

This information session is for people who have never participated in NanoDays before and gives a big-picture view of this small-scale STEM event. Attendance at the session is NOT mandatory to be a volunteer, but it is helpful in understanding the event. Additional information can be found on the [University Calendar](#).

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 Strickland, their graduate and ESL specialist, will be available to help with work at any stage of the writing process.

Learn more about the Writing Center's services by visiting their [website](#)

February 10 - Expanding Your Horizons – application deadline for group leaders

The Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference committee is looking for 50 female MSU students to work with young women in grades 6th to 8th who are interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) as Group Leaders. The conference, a program of MSU's Extended University, takes place on April 22.

Group leaders work with a small group of girls all day and escort them around campus, conduct team-building exercises, and share their personal education story. Training is provided. You can [find out more about the event here](#) and [the application can be found here](#).

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 led 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 15: EndNote Advanced at the library

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Innovative Learning Studio, first floor of Renne Library

Additional library workshops will be posted to their [website](#) as details become available

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.