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WRITING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Weekly Writing Session | Writing Fridays

Friday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Green Hall, Lounge 2-C-18

Breakfast and light lunch will be served. Space is limited! Sign up [here](#).

Your writing project desperately needs your attention, and yet, do you find yourself postponing writing again and again? Consider doing it differently! This weekly writing session series was created with the specific needs of graduate writers in mind. They offer a chance to battle the isolation that writers often find...
themselves in, introduce an accountability element so that it’s easier to deliver on your plans and offer emotional support- It’s easier when you are not alone! The series is generously funded by the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning and Graduate Student Government.

Public Speaking Workshop Series
November 28, Noon-1:30 p.m., Dillon Court East

Are you serious about improving your public speaking and presentation skills? GradSpeak is a monthly workshop series designed to help enhance graduate student’s public speaking skills in an encouraging and supportive environment. Each session will have an impromptu topic (e.g. your research in a nutshell, someone who inspires you) and will focus on a technical skill such as body language, diction or eye contact with the audience. Workshops are co-sponsored by the Graduate School and Princeton Writes. Space is limited to 10 graduate students, so please RSVP to pwrites@princeton.edu. All sessions are held in Dillon Court East from 12-1:30pm.

Upcoming sessions:
November 28
January 23
February 20

TEACHING AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Pedagogy Workshop Series
Designing a Course
Thursday, November 15, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Seating is limited. Please RSVP by November 13 to reserve a spot.
Are you preparing a new syllabus for a new teaching position or job search? This workshop examines course design and syllabus preparation from the perspective of student learning, using a variety of models from across the disciplines. Workshop activities guide you in defining your goals for your students and then using them to shape all aspects of a well-integrated course, from your class format to student assignments, exams, and the syllabus.

Graduate Student Academic Success Programs
Graduate Student Academic Success Consultations
Trained professionals can collaborate with you to develop an individualized approach to graduate school that draws upon your unique profile of strengths and is tailored to the specific demands of your research, courses, teaching, and life. These confidential consultations focus on your personal priorities and tasks. Contact Dr. Laura Murray at lcmurray@princeton.edu for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Sign up to stay in touch!
Sign up to get information about the Graduate Student Academic Success program including useful resources, upcoming academic workshops, and updates delivered to your inbox from the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning.
Thursday, November 29, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Seating is limited. Please RSVP by November 27 to reserve a spot.
While graduate students and post-doctoral fellows receive ample opportunity to present their doctoral research in forums such as departmental colloquia or national conferences, they rarely talk about teaching and pedagogy in such public settings. As a result, they may lack the preparation for speaking about their teaching in compelling terms when it may count the most: the job interview. This workshop gives participants the chance to begin--or refine--that preparation as they anticipate a campus visit. Co-sponsored with the Office of Career Services.

**Graduate Student Academic Success Programs**

**Navigating the U.S. Classroom for International Graduate Students**

Thursday, November 29, 12:00–1:20 p.m.,
Seating is limited. Please RSVP to reserve a spot.
Do you sometimes leave your classes feeling confused about how your peers interact with professors or each other? Do you wonder whether or how to “participate” and ask questions? Are you unfamiliar with collaborating on group projects and assignments? This session will explore common teaching and learning practices in American higher education classrooms, with the goal of helping you to make sense of and participate in classes in a more comfortable, productive, and engaged way. Please join us for lunch and conversation.

**McGraw Center Job Opportunities**

The McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning is seeking graduate student tutors to facilitate study sessions for the following courses:

- **Introduction to Microeconomics (ECO 100)**
- **Introduction to Macroeconomics (ECO 101)**
- *Integrated Introduction to Engineering, Mathematics, Physics: Physics (EGR 191)*
- *Integrated Introduction to Engineering, Mathematics, Physics: Math (EGR 192)*

These small group Study Hall sessions take place in 330 Frist on Sunday afternoons from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Sunday to Wednesday evenings, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Leaders are paid for 3.25 hour shifts at a rate of $20.00/hour for each session. Ideally, one individual would commit to leading an entire three-hour shift, but if pairs of students could commit to completing a regular weekly shift in tandem, we would consider that as well. Study group leaders are also required to attend two paid workshop style trainings per semester. For more information, visit [https://mcgraw.princeton.edu/undergraduates/group-and-individual-tutoring/become-tutor](https://mcgraw.princeton.edu/undergraduates/group-and-individual-tutoring/become-tutor).
Graduate Professionalization | Beyond Academic Careers
Monday, November 12th, 4:30pm
Jones Hall 202

This panel event introduces graduate students to non-academic career trajectories after graduate school. Panelists with NES-PhD's will discuss their experience of transitioning into non-academic careers in government, university leadership, libraries and digital media after graduating. They will offer advice on career options, the job search, transferable skills, and other relevant issues. Panelists include:

- **Jessica S. Mentesoglu** – Head, Digital Initiatives & Information Technology Operations Services at UCLA Library
- **Gregory Johnsen** – Regional Expert, Yemen Panel of Experts, UN Security Council; Resident Scholar, The Arabia Foundation
- **Mehmet Darakcioglu** – Assistant Dean, Global Programs, New York University; Associate Faculty, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University.
- **Zachary Foster** – Senior Product Manager, academia.edu

To register, visit: [https://goo.gl/forms/2xUvtyxRy1FaVDcF2](https://goo.gl/forms/2xUvtyxRy1FaVDcF2)

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Design Your Future | Minicourses for Graduate Students

Offered by the Office of Career Services and sponsored by the Keller Center, Design Your Future will guide participants who feel uncertain about their future in conceptualizing fulfilling and achievable plans for their time at Princeton and beyond. In addition to learning effective job search techniques, participants will apply design thinking to practical situations and discover more about themselves and their own interests through self-assessment. At the end of the course, participants will present on their journey through the design thinking process at a networking session with employers and other University community members.

The course will be limited to 15 graduate students and requires a brief application. The course will be offered at no cost, though a copy of the book Designing Your Life: How to Build a Well-Lived, Joyful Life by Bill Burnett and Dave Evans will be required.

**Next session:** December 5, Noon to 2 p.m.
Location: eHub 34 Chambers St
Sign up: [https://princeton.joinhandshake.com/events/199218](https://princeton.joinhandshake.com/events/199218)
Post-Grad International Student Engagement | Davis International Center

Post-Graduation Optional Practical Training Information Session
November 13, 5:00 pm
Louis A. Simpson International Building (MPR B60B)
The session is designed for international students in F-1 status in their last year of program including Class of 2019 and Graduate students (master’s and doctoral) in the last year of their program. This session will focus on the application process for post-graduation OPT work permit and give you detailed information about the timeline, SEVIS, travel during OPT, and immigration status implications.

Visa Options Beyond Training
November 15, 5:00 pm
Julis Romo Rabinowitz Building (301)
This workshop will focus on visa possibilities for both F-1 and J-1 undergraduate students after completion of their practical training. The following topics will be discussed: H-1B visa processing and other non-immigrant options (TN, O-1), permanent residency ("green card") and other related topics. Guest Speaker: Andrew J. Zeltner, Immigration Attorney, Klasko Immigration Law Partners, LLP

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

Call for Applications | Graduate Fellows with The Center for Digital Humanities

Application deadline: November 15, 2018.
The Center for Digital Humanities is seeking graduate students at any stage of their career with an interest in exploring a particular aspect of Digital Humanities. This is an exploratory, beginner-friendly fellowship that does not require previous experience or an established project.
Applications and more information can be found on The Center for Digital Humanities website.
The fellowship, beginning Spring 2019, carries an award of $750/semester.

Workshop Series | Thriving Academically & Holistically
Next Session: November 28th, 3:00 - 3:50pm
397 Julis Romo Rabinowitz
Join Nic Voge, Senior Associate Director, McGraw Center Shefalika Gandhi, LCSW, UHS, for an informal discussion on topics related to thriving in your academic work and research as well as your social and professional life. Learn ways to navigate the uncertainties of research and develop habits of success for grad school and beyond. We will discuss the invaluable skills that contribute to success at the PHD level, including mindfulness, resilience and other strategies.
Princeton Graduate Consulting Club in the News!

Get involved in a professional oriented organization like PUGCC and gain transferrable skills and experience. Read more about the graduate student led organization [here](#).

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Carpe Careers | There’s Plenty of Time Left in 2018

How can you make the most of the rest of the year? Victoria McGovern explores some ways to answer that question...... [Read more...](#)

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