Professional Development Workshops - Fall 2015

Registration is available on the GPSA and Graduate College websites.

Friday, August 28, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: At Home at UNLV: Navigational Guide for International Students. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. Register today. Registration is only available through your RebelMail Facilitator:
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
Panelists:
Marianna Panossi, Director of International Students & Scholars
Brandee Robin, Advisor, Office of International Students & Scholars
James Jones, Program Coordinator, International Programs
Carola Raab, Associate Professor, William F. Harrah College of Administration
Kaiyang Wu, graduate student, Department of Economics
Topics of Discussion:
- Must dos when arriving at UNLV, e.g. paperwork, Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)
- Finding academic, professional and employment assistance on campus
- Networking and social activities, e.g. student organizations, GPSA

Friday, September 4, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: How to Successfully Start your Graduate Program. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. Register today. Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.
Facilitator:
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
Panelists:
Kate Wintrol, UNLV Libraries
Sheila Mosallaei, graduate student, School of Life Sciences
Dean Kate Korgan, Graduate College and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
Dr. Takashi Yamashita, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Topics of Discussion:
- What are the keys for getting a strong start in my graduate program?
- How can I find the UNLV resources to be a success in graduate school?
- How do I select my committee?
- What should I expect from myself, my committee and my department?
- What are the expectations of the Graduate College?
Friday, September 11, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: **Syllabus and Assignment Creation.** Space is limited. [Register today](#). Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

**Panelists:**
Dr. Greg Borchard, Professor, Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies  
Dr. Elizabeth Nelson, Associate Professor, Department of History  
Ashok Sudkakar, graduate student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Topics of Discussion:**
- What are the required and additional elements of a strong syllabus?  
- How can you create winning assignments?  
- How should syllabi and assignments be tailored for different teaching niches, such as online classes?

Wednesday, September 16th @ 10:00am: **Graduate College Rebel Grad Slam Workshop.** Space is limited. [Register today](#). Student Union room 211. Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Panelists:**
Dr. Janet Dufek, Professor, Kinesiology and Nutrition Science  
Dr. Matthew Bernacki, Assistant Professor, Educational Psychology and Higher Education  
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology  
Erica Marti, Ph.D. student, Civil & Environmental Engineering Department

**Topics of Discussion:**
- The 2nd Annual Rebel Grad Slam competition will be held November 2nd - 6th  
- This workshop is designed to help prepare contestants for the competition, as they will hear from previous winners and judges  
- To learn more about the 2nd Annual Rebel Grad Slam event, follow this [link](#).

Friday, September 18, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: **Learning to Embrace Equity and Diversity in Higher Education.** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today](#). Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Ashley Weckesser, Graduate Student Services and Events Specialist

**Panelist:**
Dr. Christine Clark, Professor, Department of Teaching & Learning

**Topics of Discussion:**
- Have an opportunity to raise any topics for discussion and/or ask any questions that are relevant to the workshop foci  
- Discuss approaches for building inclusive teaching and learning climates and departmental cultures  
- Develop an understanding of the terms equity and diversity and how they impact teaching and learning in higher education  
- Review frameworks for integrating content, pedagogies, and assessment practices that ensure student equity and affirm student diversity in discipline-specific manners
Friday, September 25, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: **Academic Etiquette.** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today](#). Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

**Panelists:**
Levent Atici, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
Simon Gottchalk, Professor, Department of Sociology

**Topics of Discussion:**
- Campus navigation, successfully interactions within your Department, Graduate College, etc.
- Professional decorum: electronic, phone and in-person communication
- Class in the classroom: a good time to text and check social media?
- Networking: making professional and productive connections

Friday, September 25, 1:00 – 2:30pm: **Thesis / Dissertation Guidelines and Formatting (Part I): “All You Need to Know!”** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today](#). Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Megan Wilson, Graduate College Admissions & Records Analyst

**Topics of Discussion:**
This workshop will cover what you need to do before you start writing your thesis or dissertation, the requirements of the Graduate College Formatting Guidelines, tools and resources, and the new thesis and dissertation submission process.

Friday, October 2, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: **Applying to Academic and Non-academic Jobs.** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today](#). Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

**Panelists:**
Dr. Mehment Erdem, Associate Professor, William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration
Dean Rama Venkat, Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering and Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Georgiann Davis, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Dr. Vikramjit (Vick) Gill, Health Care Professional an Executive Director, UMC

**Topics of Discussion:**
- How important is networking to obtaining a job?
- Where do I find job advertisements?
- What are some of the tradeoffs between seeking an academic job vs. a non-academic job?
- What are employers looking for in my application materials?
- What can I do to make myself as competitive as possible in the job search?
Friday, October 2, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm: **Publisher Technology and Relations**. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today](#). Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Ashley Weckesser, Graduate Student Services and Events Specialist

**Panelists:**
Amy Poland, Pearson Representative  
Andi Robbins, Pearson Representative  
Quynh Nguyen, Pearson Representative  
Dr. Anna Smedley, Assistant Professor in Residence, Department of Sociology

**Topics of Discussion:**
- Get creative with technology – Learn about new technologies to incorporate into your class  
- Why digital?? Student and instructor benefits to adding technology into your class  
- How do I get started - Best practices for successfully implementing technology into your course  
- Publisher’s Reps – what do they do and how can they help me?
Friday, October 16, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: **Effective Online Teaching.** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today.](#) Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

**Panelist:**
Michael Wilder, Instructional Design Coordinator, Office of Online Education

**Topics of Discussion:**
- Ways in which online instructors can nurture student success during the first week
- How to make a human connection with students online
- How to encourage student-to-student interaction

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Friday, October 16, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm: **Everything You Need to Know About the IRB Process.** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today.](#) Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Megan Wilson, Graduate College Admissions & Records Analyst

**Topics of Discussion:**
This workshop will provide a broad overview and introduction to UNLV Human Subjects Requirements and Institutional Review Board procedures. Items covered will include paperwork, identifying research groups, common mistakes, and at risk subjects.

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Friday, October 23, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: **Teaching with Technology.** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today.](#) Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Ashley Weckesser, Graduate Student Services and Events Specialist

**Panelist:**
Dr. Kendall Hartley, Associate Dean of the Graduate College, Associate Professor, Department of Teaching & Learning

**Topics of Discussion:**
- Uses of technology that support student learning
- Collaboration tools and techniques
- Effective use of multimedia
- Encouraging student engagement

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Friday, November 6, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: **Advising and Mentoring Students.** Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. [Register today.](#) Registration is only available through your RebelMail account.

**Facilitator:**
Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

**Panelists:**
Dr. Lisa Bendixen, Associate Professor, Department of Educational Psychology & Higher Education
Dr. Debra Martin, Professor, Department of Anthropology
Dr. Martin Schiller, School of Life Sciences

**Topics of Discussion:**
- Faculty perspectives on advising and mentoring students
- Student responsibilities and challenges in advising and mentoring
- Advising and mentoring students in different contexts (e.g., undergraduate vs. graduate students, one-on-one vs. group dynamics)
Friday, November 13, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Managing in Groups: How to Supervise and Work with Others in Lab or Other Collaborative Groups. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. Register today. Registration is only available through your RebelMail account. Facilitator: Dr. Peter Gray, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology. Panelists: Dr. Kathy Robins, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Jeffery Shen, Professor, School of Life Sciences; Dr. Anjala Krishen, Associate Professor, Lee School of Business. Topics of Discussion:

- How can you get the most out of your group?
- What are the main challenges of managing a group?
- What are some of the similarities and differences managing different kinds of groups?

Friday, November 20, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Evaluation/Assessment. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. Space is limited. Register today. Registration is only available through your RebelMail account. Facilitator: Ashley Weckesser, Graduate Student Services and Events Specialist. Panelists: Dr. Chris Heavey, Assistant Vice Provost and Associate Professor, Department of Psychology; Dr. Lindsay Couzens, Coordinator of Academic Assessment. Topics of Discussion:

- What academic assessment means, and how the process of academic assessment is a cycle with the goal of improved student learning.
- Why overall course grades are not a good indication of attainment of student learning outcomes.
- How to map course learning outcomes to your assignments to improve student learning.