Professional Development Workshops – Spring 2016
Registration is available on the GPSA and Graduate College websites.

Thursday, January 21, 2:30-4:00pm
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons
Mysteries Unveiled: Logistics of Academic Job Interviewing, Negotiating an Offer and Transitioning into a Professorial Position
Ms. Brett Levner, Assistant Professor, Department of Film
Dr. Nada Lukkahatai, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing
Dr. Brian Villmoare, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
Topics of Discussion: What should you expect during an academic job interview? How should you prepare? What should you anticipate in negotiating a job offer and beginning a new faculty position?
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Thursday, January 28, 2:30-4:00pm
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons
Graduate Successes: Tips and Experiences for Garnering External Graduate Funding
Cheryl Anderson, Department of Anthropology, Fulbright recipient
Ryan Larsen, Associate Director of UNLV International Programs, Fulbright recipient
Daniel Mast, Radiochemistry, Nuclear Energy University Program Fellowship recipient
Carmen Vallin, School of Life Sciences, NSF Graduate Fellowship recipient
Topics of Discussion: Join four of your fellow UNLV graduate students to contemplate the process of finding about, applying to, and successfully obtaining external funding. Our graduate student panelists will also share their personal experiences and tips on the application and interview process for their specific scholarship/fellowship.
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Friday January 29th 10:00-11:30am
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons
Difficult Situations in the Classroom
Dr. Doris Watson, Professor, Educational Psychology & Higher Education
Topics of Discussion: This interactive session will focus on strategies helpful in dealing with difficult classroom situations not uncommon to the higher education context. We will discuss strategies to manage a variety of situations as well as engage in case study critique.
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Friday, February 5, 10:00-11:30am
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons
Advancing with Advanced Google Tools
Dr. Kendall Hartley, Associate Dean, Graduate College
Mr. Chinam Seto, Google Application Administrator, Office of Information Technology
Topics of Discussion: Admit it - you like to google. How can you get the most out of googling? This workshop will explore Google applications for group work and projects such as Google Drive, Groups and Sites. Other Google tools such as Forms and Google Scholar of benefit to graduate students will also be covered.
Registration link - Registration is only available using your RebelMail account.

Friday February 12th 10:00-11:30am
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons
Special Issues
Bryan J. Hilbert, Director, Disability Resource Center
Raquel O’Neill, Learning/Disabilities Specialist
DRC Director Bryan Hilbert and Disability Specialist Raquel O’Neil will review the process for requesting and using disability accommodations at UNLV. This interactive session will give students an overview of DRC processes.
Registration link - Registration is only available using your RebelMail account.
Friday, February 19, 10:00-11:30am
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons

**Value-driven Decision-making**
Dr. Michael Gordon, Policy Analyst, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
Dr. Elena Pomirleanu, Assistant Professor, Lee Business School
Dr. Abigail Aguilar, Faculty in Residence, Department of Philosophy

**Topics of Discussion:** What are your or your organization’s core values? How do those shape the inevitable tough decisions? How do values guide priorities and choices in a variety of settings, from public policy to business to health care?

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Friday February 26th 10:00-11:30am
Student Union 209

**Making Lecture More Effective/Lecturing for Learning**
Dr. Mary-Ann Winkelmes, Coordinator of Instructional Development and Research

**Topics of Discussion:** Many lecturers are overly critical of their own performance. Efforts to perfect lecturing techniques can sometimes lead to a counterproductive focus on what the teacher is doing and inadequate consideration of what the students are learning. This session focuses on how to be sure that UNLV students are “getting” what we are teaching in lectures, and how to help students be active learners in a lecture class.

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Wednesday, March 2, 1:00-2:30pm
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons

**Polishing your Presentation Skills & Preparing an Excellent Poster**
Mr. Henry Castillo, graduate student, Department of Communications
Mr. Jonathan Birds, graduate student, Department of Public Affairs
Mr. David Montgomery-Blake, Office of Information Technology

**Topics of Discussion:** How can you prepare an excellent poster? What are some helpful tips for giving an outstanding oral presentation? How can you print a poster at UNLV, saving a few dollars in the process? Whether you are giving a UNLV GPSA Research Forum presentation for the first time or preparing for a national conference presentation, you can benefit from the helpful pointers provided by presenters in this workshop.

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Friday March 4th 10:00 -11:30am
CBC B131

**SPSS Fundamentals**
Saruna Ghimire, PhD Candidate, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

**Topics of Discussion:** Ms. Ghimire will cover the basics of the qualitative data analysis software SPSS and give tips and advice on best usages for positive outcomes.

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Friday, April 1, 10:00-11:30am
LLB 2141 – Graduate Student Commons

**Teaching Large Classes**
Dr. Marcia Gallo, Associate Professor, Department of History
Dr. Michael Pravica, Associate Professor, Department of Physics
Dr. Mark Padoongpatt, Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Degree Programs

**Topics of Discussion:** How is teaching large classes different from teaching small classes? How does teaching large classes’ impact class discussions, grading, and your approach to teaching? Join us for panel presentations and discussion led by faculty who have taught in a variety of disciplines and class types.

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