Professional Development Spring 2017 Workshops

Registration is available on the GPSA and Graduate College websites.

Friday, January 20, 10:00-11:30am; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Getting the Most from your Mentor
Panelists:
Dr. Cecilia Maldonado, Workforce Development, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
Dr. Elizabeth Nelson, Department of History
Dr. Michael Webber, School of Life Sciences
Topics of Discussion: What does the scholarship on mentoring suggest about best mentoring practices? What are ways you as a graduate student can get the most from your mentor? What do your mentors expect from you, and what should you expect from them? Our panelists include a recent UNLV Graduate Faculty Fellow who focused on graduate student mentoring; an award-winning faculty mentor; and a recent UNLV PhD and now UNLV faculty member who has been both mentee and mentor in recent years.
Please register online.

Wednesday, January 25, 1:00-2:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Academic Job Interviewing: What to Expect, and Transitioning into a Professorial Position
Panelists:
Dr. Brett Abarbanel, Director of Research, International Gaming Institute & William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration
Dr. Susanna Newbury, Department of Art
Dr. Harsha Perera, Department of Educational Psychology & Higher Education
Topics of Discussion: What should you expect during an academic job interview? How might you prepare? How does the process of academic job interviewing compare across disciplines, and in other countries? How can you prepare to move into that professorial position after you’ve been hired? Join our panel of three UNLV faculty who have successfully navigated these hiring processes in recent years, hearing their tips and experiences, and with time for discussion.
Please register online.

Friday, February 3, 10:00-11:30am; BEH 102
SPSS Fundamentals
Speaker: Denise Cook
Topics of Discussion: SPSS for beginners. Ms. Cook will cover the basics of the quantitative data analysis software SPSS and give tips and advice on best usages for positive outcomes.
Please register online.

Wednesday, February 8, 1:00-2:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Difficult Situations in the Classroom
Speaker: Dr. Doris Watson
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.
Please register online.
Friday, February 24, 10:00-11:30am; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Writing an Effective Abstract
Panelists:
Dr. Joel Snyder, Department of Psychology
Mr. Patrick Daleiden, PhD student in Computer Science & GPSA Vice-President
Topics of Discussion: How can you write an effective abstract? How do abstracts vary in length, content, structure, audience, and purpose? Whether you are about to submit an abstract for the spring 2017 UNLV Graduate Research Forum or to a professional conference elsewhere, you’ll enjoy this abstract discussion. Please bring a draft abstract if available in case time permits providing feedback on it.

Please register online.

Friday, March 10, noon-1:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Thesis/Dissertation Part I
Megan Wilson, Admissions and Records Analyst
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.

Please register online.

Wednesday, March 15, 1:00-2:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Job interviewing in the Non-Academic World: What to Expect and How to Prepare
Raelynn Frazier, Director of Career Services
Topics of Discussion: What should you expect during a job interview? How might you prepare? Many graduate students seek employment outside of the academic world. This workshop will help in your preparation for career success.

Please register online.

Thursday, March 16, 3:00-4:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Alternative Careers for PhDs in Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Anne Stevens, Associate Professor, English
Dr. Sharon Young, Program Manager, Office of Undergraduate Research

Please register online.

Friday, March 17, 10:00-11:00am; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
A User’s Guide to Qualtrics
Panelists:
Dr. Joseph Morgan
Matt Martinez

Please register online.

Friday, March 17 12:00-1:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, WRI C212
Thesis/Dissertation Part II
Megan Wilson, Admissions and Records Analyst
This workshop will cover how to create page numbers, set margins, create a table of contents, and create references in Microsoft Word. In response to the new electronic submission process, it will also go over how to create a PDF and free resources to create PDFs for students that do not have access to Adobe Acrobat Pro. It will also discuss how to submit oversized items such as maps, plates, databases, etc.

Please register online.

Friday, March 24, 1:00-2:00pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Know the Code, How to Address Disruptive Behavior in a Classroom
Speaker: Phil Burns

Please register online.
Friday, March 31, 10:00-11:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Polishing your Presentation Skills & Preparing an Excellent Poster
Panelists:
Ms. Marissa Nichols, PhD student in Educational Psychology & Higher Education
Ms. Jacqueline Phan, MS student in Chemistry & Biochemistry
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? Pointers from award-winning graduate student presenters will benefit you in preparing for the spring 2017 UNLV Graduate Research Forum; they'll also be of benefit when presenting at other professional conferences.
Please register online.

Friday, March 31, 1:00-2:30pm; Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141
Making Lecture More Effective/Lecturing for Learning
Panelists:
Dr. Richard Gardner, Assistant Professor, Management, Entrepreneurship & Technology
Dr. Michelle Tusan, Professor, History
Shelly Volsche, PhD student in Anthropology and Part-Time Instructor
Dr. Mary-Ann Winkelmes, Coordinator of Instructional Development & Research
Topics of Discussion: Lecturing is a popular mode of classroom instruction. This workshop will cover the various methods of making lecture more effective (and maybe even fun). We will discuss navigating the large lecture hall; facilitating class discussions and debate using experiential learning; and the theme of transparency in learning along with exploring other techniques that can help us reach out to diverse populations to help them engage and succeed in the classroom.
Please register online.

Tuesday, April 4, 11:00-12:00pm; Student Union, 205
Mentoring: What Questions Should You Take to Your Advisor; How Should you Prepare for the Appointment
Panelists:
Dr. Barb Brents
Dr. Donovan Conley
Topics of Discussion: How do you maximize time spent with your advisor? One-on-one sessions with your faculty mentor can be some of a graduate student's most enriching interactions. This workshop will offer strategies and suggestions for getting the most out of these meetings, including ways to prepare, tools to adopt, and habits to avoid.
Please register online.

Tuesday, April 4, 12:00-1:00pm; Student Union, 205
Strategies on Handling the Publication Revise and Resubmit Process
Panelists:
Dr. Bradley Donohue
Dr. Janet Dufek
Topics of Discussion: This workshop will review the revise and resubmit process from the perspective of two well-published scientists. The presentation will include methods of responding to the reviewers' comments, and written examples of successful responses. Other methods and strategies of enhancing the likelihood of publication will be discussed.
Please register online.
Wednesday, April 5; 10:00-11:00am; SU 205
General Ethical Responsibilities in the Mentoring
Speaker: Dr. Cecilia Maldonado
Topics of Discussion: What are the ethical standards and professional expectations of a mentor? What principles should you use to guide your mentoring decisions? What areas pose the most vulnerability for ethical dilemmas? This workshop will help you understand the responsibilities of mentoring, the ethical standards that should guide your practice, and concerns that you may be confronted with while mentoring others.
Please register online.

Wednesday, April 26; 2:00 – 3:00pm; Pioche Room, LLB
Uploading Your Thesis to ProQuest and to Digital Scholarship @UNLV
Topics of Discuss: This workshop will walk Spring graduates through the ProQuest upload process for dissertations and theses, explaining some of the options and answering questions about copyright, bound copies, ORCID, search engine access, and more.
Please register online.