Welcome to Vestibulum, the Graduate School Monthly Update. The goal of this update is to inform faculty, staff, and students of events, deadlines, and information relevant to EMU graduate education and research. To ensure that we are including and promoting graduate education and research we are developing a form and web page where offices, programs and individuals can submit information. The Graduate School will publish a newsletter each semester focused on our Graduate programs, people and future plans. Through these communications, we hope to better share and promote the Graduate Experience at EMU.

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**HAPPENINGS**

**GAID - Graduate Assistant Interview Days**

Graduate Assistant Interview Days is a one-day event for prospective graduate candidates who are interested in Graduate Assistantships in the Higher Education and Advising field. Anyone interested in participating in this event must have completed all relevant admissions applications, but need not to be accepted at the time of the Graduate Assistant Interview Days. GAID is scheduled to take place **March 14th 2014 from 8:30am – 1:00pm in the Student Center on the third floor**. Interested parties should plan on bringing 3-4 copies of relevant documents (i.e. resume, cover letters etc.) for each interview. Professional attire is highly encouraged.

For more information go to:  
http://www.emich.edu/uacdc/students/find_job/gaid.php

Questions on GAID can be directed to:  
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**Graduate Student Support Group**

- Are you a graduate student struggling to balance school and personal life?  
- Are you looking for ways to improve relationships with advisors, professor, and students?  
- Have you felt stuck or are procrastinating in completing graduate-level projects?

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, then this group is for you! The Graduate Student Support Group will provide a space to share your problems and progress through graduate school, while helping with strategies to improve time management and the ability to successfully complete projects.

**Begins February 7, 2014**  
**Fridays: 10:30am - 12:00pm**  
313 Snow Health Center Co-Facilitated by: Karen Burba, Psy.D. & Monica Thiagarajan, Ph.D.

For more information about groups and workshops, please call 734-487-1118, stop by our office at 313 Snow Health Center, or visit our website at http://www.emich.edu/caps/
Important Changes in GA Tuition

The processing of employment and additional compensation for graduate assistantships, teaching assistants, and doctoral fellows is moving to the Department of Human Resources late in the Winter semester.

Sam Buttigieg (sbuttigi@emich.edu) will be contacting all departments later this semester with a formal announcement.

Library Resources

The library offers online tutorials and information on integrating sources, use of scholarly sources and understanding plagiarism.

Resources:
http://www.emich.edu/library/help/sources.php

Plagiarism Online Tutorial:
http://www.emich.edu/library/help/plagiarism/index.html

Graduate at the Podium, A Plenary for Graduating Graduate Students

Friday, April 4th 8:15-12:30 p.m.
The Graduate at the Podium Plenary will provide graduating graduate students with an opportunity to both practice their oral presentation skills and present their scholarly/creative work before they graduate.

Graduate at the Podium will encourage cross-disciplinary interaction and conversation. Each plenary session will gather graduate students from differing disciplines and/or colleges grouping them together through common themes (e.g. community, environment, etc.).

For more information on Graduate at the Podium or to submit a proposal visit:
http://www.emich.edu/graduate/research/grad_podium/index.php
**WORKSHOPS**

**Publishing Your Thesis/Dissertation on DigitalCommons@EMU**

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014  
**Time:** 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 109B Halle (Faculty Development Center)  
**Led by:** Julia Nims

Embargoes are a real concern for students in STEM fields where rules on prior publication can determine if patents are accepted or if journals will publish an article. Students in the social sciences and humanities frequently ask questions about limiting access to their work, how to do this, and for how long. Other issues explored will focus on author's rights and copyright.

**SPSS II Training**

**Tuesday, January 29, 9:00-11:00am**  
Halle Library Room 111  
**Led by:** Joe Scazzero

This "hands-on" workshop is for participants who want to know how to create and use syntax files for the statistics package SPSS 18 for Windows. The SPSS II Workshop will cover selected advanced features and syntax files. Syntax files are text files that allow the user to run programs on a SPSS data file. The advantages of using syntax files rather than menu-driven systems will be discussed and demonstrated during the workshop. Walk-ins are welcome!

To register for this workshop, contact the FDC at aavp_fdc@emich.edu

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**Doctoral Students: Finding Funding**

This workshop took place on January 22nd 2014. It provided information session for doctoral students interested in finding funding opportunities to enhance their doctoral experience. Topics covered included:

- Reasons to Look for Funding  
- Types of Funding Available  
- Search Engines  
- Applying for Funding  
- Common/Well-Known Funding Opportunities  
- Resources Available at EMU

This workshop was filmed and will be available at ITunes U. Contact ORD at 734.487.3090