



GRADUATE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2013

GSO'S EVENT

CALENDAR

October 19, 2013

11:30 a.m.

Norfolk Wine Festival Meet-Up

Town Point Park
Norfolk, VA

October 24, 2013

6:00 p.m.

The Importance of Mentoring: Being a Mentor and Mentee

Old Dominion University
Education Building,
Room 131
Norfolk, VA

November 7-10, 2013

NAGPS National Conference

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI

November 6, 2013

4:30-6:30 p.m.

GSO Happy Hour Luna Maya

2010 Colley Avenue
Norfolk, VA

November 15, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Sell Yourself: CV, Resume, and Career Planning Advice

Old Dominion University
Webb Center, River Rooms

MEET THE NEW VICE PROVOST, BRIAN PAYNE



This spring, former faculty member and chair of the department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at ODU, Dr. Brian Payne, was selected as the new Vice Provost for Graduate and Undergraduate Programs. Prior to his return, Payne chaired the Department

of Criminal Justice and Sociology at Georgia State University for six years.

As Vice Provost, he will be working with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Carol Simpson, as well as the Vice Provost for Faculty Development, Chandra deSilva. Payne will be responsible for overseeing the review process for the graduate programs. "I recognize the importance of graduate education, and our responsibility to serve our graduate students. My job is to look for ways to make our graduate programs run more effectively," Payne said. He is dedicated to raising the graduate student

profile at ODU to the highest degree. Some of the goals on Payne's agenda are: optimizing the use of on-campus spaces for graduate students, increasing interdisciplinary research across the colleges, addressing the need for a graduate health insurance option, and enhancing the overall quality of graduate student life.

Another one of his aspirations is to see ODU become a model for interdisciplinarity on the graduate level. Payne believes that in this way, students will be more prepared for the challenges and opportunities in the real world: "Traditionally, we train graduate students strictly within their silos, and the real world does not function like this," said Payne. He believes that a good way to promote this type of work is to create opportunities for students to naturally interact with each other on campus. Payne envisions the development of a social-work space which will serve as a hub for graduate students, possibly in the Learning Commons or the Student Success Center at the Perry Library.

We look forward to these developments, and welcome Dr. Payne back to ODU!

GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION (GSO) 2013-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Old Dominion University's Graduate Student Organization has a new executive board as of this semester. The board members are: President-Yasmine Farley; Vice President-Raleta Summers; Public Relations Chair-Dot Collins; Treasurer-Hany SalahEldeen; Secretary-Ange-Lionel Toba.

In her address to the graduate student community at ODU, Farley states: "The 2013-2014 Executive Board of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) sends greetings to all new and returning graduate students at Old Dominion University. We are excited to be back and look forward to a great year! Our goal for this academic year is to create a community and environment for ODU's graduate students from all disciplines, to come together as a network of

support and professional development. We look forward to hosting workshops which aim to better the graduate student experiences as a professional. We plan on organizing social events which will allow students a relief from the heavy studying load, as well as give students the opportunity to express their ideas and concerns as graduate students. If you are looking for a group of friends and colleagues that understand your plight as a graduate student, be sure to join GSO on OrgSync!"

For more information, email GSO at: monarchgso@gmail.com.

Or, join them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Dominion-University-Graduate-Student-Organization>.

Did you know?

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

All graduate students who were admitted or readmitted to a degree or graduate licensure program, must complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Responsible Conduct of Research course. The RCR modules must be completed prior to the completion of **12 semester hours**. Students who fail to complete this requirement will have a registration hold placed on their records. Students must complete the RCR track that is most relevant to their academic discipline. For more information, click [here](#).

The Global Certificate Program

To help meet the needs of employees who are working with our global population, International Student & Scholar Services and the Department of Human Resources offer workshops on the issues and skills relevant to serving international populations. The events are open to all faculty, staff and graduate students at ODU. Participants can earn a certificate upon the completion of six sessions. Ten sessions are offered each academic year. For more information, click [here](#).



Image, courtesy of Tom Tullis

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS ATTEND “UXPA” CONFERENCE

In July, graduate students Alex Proaps and Becca Kennedy represented Old Dominion University’s Human Factors Psychology PhD program by attending the User Experience Professionals Association (UXPA) International Conference in Washington, D.C. UXPA 2013 was sponsored and hosted by the International and the DC chapters of UXPA. Students and professionals from around the world attended the conference. This year’s conference theme, “*Collaboration*,” saturated the four day conference of keynotes, tutorials, workshops, presentations, panels, and poster sessions.

User experience (or UX) professionals are designers and researchers who focus on human-centered design principles for products, services, and systems. They are concerned with an individual’s (or a group’s) emo-

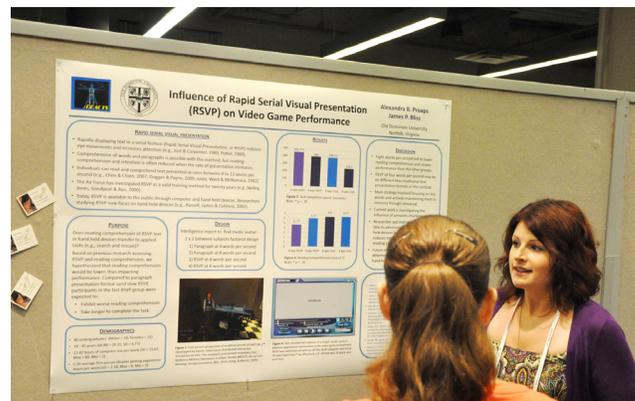
tions, beliefs, preferences, perceptions, and behaviors while using technology and user interfaces. UX professionals ensure user interfaces like iPhones, an emergency response company’s website, or the dashboard of a car, are

attending this particular conference was learning from individuals with a wide variety of education and experience,” said Proaps.

Proaps and Kennedy say that it can be incredibly rewarding to attend conferences above and beyond those that represent a student’s main area of study, even if they feel as though they might be moving a bit out of their academic comfort zone. They advise other graduate students who are looking for

conference funding options to look for volunteering positions at those conferences. The Student Government Association (SGA) and the Office of Leadership & Student Involvement (formerly OSAL) at ODU can also help with funding a conference trip.

For more information go to the [Student Engagement and Enrollment Service’s](#) web page, or email them at: SEESTravel@odu.edu.



Alex Proaps

safe, efficient, and enjoyable. They do so by testing usability, expert reviews, and other techniques.

ODU students volunteered, chaired sessions and workshops, and presented research at the conference. The conference was a great opportunity for graduate students to represent the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society student chapter. “One of the most rewarding aspects of



Dr. Carole Everhart and Dr. Dee Everhart (to the left) at the opening of their clinic

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

In this issue of Graduate News, we recognize former ODU graduate students, Drs. Dee and Carole Everhart, for their outstanding graduate careers and post-graduate accomplishments. Mother and daughter, Dee and Carole graduated from ODU in May of this year with their doctorate degrees in nursing practice (DNP). "I really liked ODU. I like the idea of having a Doctoral Program in Family Practice. Dr. Carolyn Rutledge was my mentor, and she was absolutely great. It was such a good experience," said Dee Everhart

While going through their DNP programs full-time, the mother-daughter duo started a private clinic in Carroll County, VA. The county includes some of the poorest communities in the state, with high unemployment rates. The clinic is in a rural area about a mile off of Highway 52, and about 4 miles from the North Carolina border. The clinic was built from scratch on Everhart's private property. According to Dee Everhart, the facility is small, but constantly busy. Currently, it serves about 500-600 families. "Some of the people even come from 200 miles away,"

Everhart said.

Carole Everhart focuses mostly on pregnancies, childbirth and pediatric work, where as Dee Everhart performs regular annual exams for adults such as pap smears, breast exams, and driver physicals. Their scope of practice also includes some minor surgeries. The clinic does not accept any health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. All office visits cost \$40.

The clinic is currently looking into obtaining a pharmacy as well. "The closest pharmacy to our clinic is about 12 miles away," Everhart says. So far, they have been unable to receive a state grant to help with funding a pharmacy, but they are still looking into ways to make this possible. Dee, Carole, and Carole's daughter Meghan, who is the office manager, are dedicated to making sure that people in their community can receive affordable, primary healthcare from the cradle to the grave. We are proud to have Dee and Carole Everhart as part of ODU's graduate alumni community.

PREPARING A TEACHING PORTFOLIO

The College of Arts and Letters and the Office of Graduate Studies are sponsoring a workshop designed to help Teaching Assistants, Graduate Instructors, and Adjunct Professors improve their teaching portfolios. Former department chairs and current faculty members will lead round-table discussions about effective syllabus writing, teaching philosophy, student evaluations, faculty and more.

Join them on **Friday, October 4, 2013 from 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. in the Burgess Room, BAL.**

DISSERTATION AND THESIS SUPPORT GROUP FALL 2013

Join other graduate students in gaining support and debriefing emotional challenges associated with the thesis or dissertation writing process. Dr. Crista Gambrell from the Office of Counseling Services will lead this semester's support groups. Dr. Gambrell believes that a group is a powerful source of motivation and it can provide a confidential, nurturing, supportive environment through which students can keep up and stay on track with their work. The group meets:

Mondays 3:00-4:30p.m.
Counseling Services
1526 Webb Center

For more information, contact
Dr. Crista Gambrell at
(757) 683-4401
or cgambrel@odu.edu.





Graduate Student Organizations

- Biology Graduate Student Organization
- English Graduate Student Organization
- Graduate Athletic Training Organization
- Graduate Organization for Modeling, Analysis and Simulation
- Graduate Society for International Studies
- Graduate Sports Management Club
- Graduate Student Organization
- Graduate Student Organization of Criminology & Sociology
- Industrial and Organizational Psychology Student Association
- Marine Biology Student Association
- Instructional Design and Technology Graduate Student Organization - Provisional
- Master of Public Administration Association
- Ocean Earth & Atmospheric Science Graduate Student Organization
- Physics Graduate Student Association
- The Grads of I.T. Society

Join them online [here](#) !

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

FIELDS: Humanities and humanistic social sciences

ELIGIBILITY:

The program is open to graduate students in the humanities and social sciences -- regardless of citizenship -- enrolled in PhD programs in the United States. Applicants to the 2014 IDRF competition must complete all PhD requirements except on-site research by the time the fellowship begins or by December 2014, whichever comes first. Applicants from select disciplines within the humanities (Art History, Architectural History, Classics, Drama/Theater, Film Studies, Literature, Musicology, Performance Studies, Philosophy, Political Theory, and Religion) are welcome to request three or more months of funding for international on-site dissertation research (in combination with US-based research, for a total of nine to twelve months of funding).

STIPEND:

Fellowship amounts vary depending on the research plan, with a per-fellowship average of \$20,000. The fellowship includes participation in an SSRC-funded interdisciplinary workshop upon the completion of IDRF-funded research.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 5, 2013

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FIELDS: All fields

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be of Hispanic heritage
 - Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident with a permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551 (not expired)
 - Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
 - Have plans to enroll FULL-TIME at a U.S. accredited college or university in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands or Guam during the 2014-2015 academic year
 - Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in 2014
- Be pursuing first undergraduate or graduate degree

STIPEND:

\$1000 TO \$5000

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

December 15, 2013

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR UNIVERSITY WOMEN AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP

FIELDS: All fields

ELIGIBILITY:

It supports women scholars who are completing dissertations, planning research leave from accredited institutions, or preparing research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Dissertation Fellowships offset a scholar's living expenses while she completes her dissertation. The fellowship must be used for the final year of writing the dissertation. Applicants must have completed all course work, passed all preliminary examinations, and received approval for their research proposals or plans by the preceding November. Students holding fellowships for writing a dissertation in the year prior to the AAUW fellowships year are not eligible. Open to applicants in all fields of study. Scholars engaged in science, technology, engineering, and math fields or researching gender issues are especially encouraged to apply.

Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowships offer funding for women in tenure-track faculty positions in support of their earning tenure and further promotions by enabling them to spend a year pursuing independent research.

STIPEND:

Dissertation Fellowship: \$20,000
Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship: \$30,000

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 15, 2013

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY SEARCH ENGINES

<http://pivot.cos.com/>

<http://www.grants.gov>

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