

## INTRODUCTION

Greetings! I would like to thank you all for your feedback in the last article, as well as your attendance at our events, especially the first of our 2nd Wednesdays. Please keep up the passion, spread the word about the Graduate School's events, and let us know what you would like to see offered. As always, The Graduate School and its newsletter aim to keep you informed of activities and opportunities within graduate school. Thank you for helping Old Dominion University to continue shining.

-Xavier-Lewis Palmer

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## CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT BRODERICK - PART 2



This past summer, I had the opportunity to talk with President Broderick concerning the graduate experience. Below, you'll find part 2 of our talk.

**XP: What career advice would you like to give to students in the class you teach or to the larger graduate population?**

**President Broderick:** Take advantage of every networking opportunity that is available to you. If you have a guest speaker in your classroom, or if you meet someone at a conference or forum, try to get a business card and establish a connection.

I recently had the mayor of Norfolk speak to my higher education class about his experience funding education while serving in the house, the senate, and now as mayor. Three students took the time to write notes thanking him for coming to the class and all received notes in reply, inviting them to meet with him or come to a city council meeting.

Those three students not only gained knowledge, but because they took the time to say "I found your message inspiring," they have established a relationship. We are all competing in a world where there are a limited number of jobs and many qualified candidates to fill them. These students exemplified distinguishing oneself from the crowd.

**XP: Which of your experiences in grad school were the most defining of your career?**

**President Broderick:** I was very fortunate in my graduate programs to take courses with faculty members for whom I had a great deal of respect. I got to know them professionally but also personally. I got to know a little about their family-life balance and what they did to ensure they stayed focused. I think I was better shaped as a student because of it.

**XP: What changes would you like to see in graduate education over the next 10 years, starting at ODU?**

**President Broderick:** One thing we need to do better is find more financial support for graduate students, not just at the university level but also at the state and federal levels. As much as recent cuts to higher education have impacted undergraduates, support has been almost wiped out for graduate students.

If we really are committed as a country to making the advances – as in STEM for example – we have to ensure that the best and brightest students can continue their education. We can't eliminate skilled students who could be significant contributors simply because they do not have the financial support to pursue advanced degrees.

I also think that it is contingent upon us – as institutions of higher learning and as faculty – to take more time to speak with the companies and organizations who hire our students. We need to find out regularly, not just how we are doing but what they require from us moving forward.

Adapting and adopting our direction based on what employees are looking for in the future is a solid way to prepare our graduates and satisfy potential employers.

*XP: President Broderick's words resonated strongly with me, as they reflect my experience here at Old Dominion University. It is my hope that his words and advice resonate with you, as well. Please let me know your thoughts. You can reach me at [xpalmer@odu.edu](mailto:xpalmer@odu.edu).*

## NEED AN ASSISTANTSHIP?

Are you a graduate and need an assistantship or alternate source of funding? Are you nearing graduation and would like assistance on navigating the job market? Are you just curious about how potential employers may see you? If you answered yes, Old Dominion's Career Development Services is here to help. Visit: <https://www.odu.edu/cds/careers4monarchs>, where you can build a profile, get 1-on-1 assistance and coaching with developing your resume and portfolio, access to or information on hiring events across the nation, access to a multitude of employers, and more.

Visit: <https://www.odu.edu/success/careers/> and click on Careers4Monarchs. There, you have access to enhanced tools for success.

## SCIENCE PUB WITH PROFESSOR TOM ALLEN

Date and Time: 10/17/2018 6:00 PM - 10/17/2018 8:00 PM

Location: Oozlefinch Craft Brewery, 81 Patch Rd. Fort Monroe, VA

"Join us for a conversation with Tom Allen, Professor in the Department of Political Science & Geography, and George McLeod, Director of the Center for Geospatial & Visualization Computing. This talk provides an update on the local research on sea level rise at Old Dominion University, describes new innovations in mapping that integrate technology (drones, flood maps, computer models, and street level sensors) being developed to predict impacts and inform policy, and furthers discussion of the hard questions and decisions that are to come. Join us for a lively and engaging discussion; a curious mind is all that's needed! The first 20 guests to arrive will receive a beverage ticket."

For more information: [https://odu.edu/research/calendar/2018/10/science\\_pub](https://odu.edu/research/calendar/2018/10/science_pub). Please RSVP by October 15th here: <https://fs25.formsite.com/researchdev/form114/index.html>

## ODU CAREER PATHWAYS



# CAREER PATHWAYS



## Professional development to bridge graduate school and career success

What is Career Pathways?

- University-wide program that prepares graduate students and postdoctoral scholars for successful transition into thriving careers.
- A gateway to resources, programs, events, and planning tools for ODU graduate students and postdocs.

### PREPARING FUTURE PROFESSIONALS (PFP)

Designed for individuals interested in a non-academic career such as in industry, non-profit/non-governmental organizations, or government agencies.

Earn the **PFP Certificate**:

- ☒ Develop an individual development plan
- ☒ Create a resume
- ☒ Attend professional development events or complete professional development activities
- ☒ Produce an ePortfolio to document professional development and growth

### PREPARING FUTURE FACULTY (PFF)

Designed for individuals interested in an academic career.

Earn the **PFF Certificate**:

- ☒ Complete a mentored teaching experience
- ☒ Create a CV
- ☒ Attend PFF and other professional development events
- ☒ Produce an ePortfolio to document professional development and growth

### • Oct 18 Publishing Your First Journal Article (by Academic Coaching & Writing)

4.00-5.30pm in Constant 2086 or online (registration info: <http://bit.ly/2CyVllg>)

### • Nov 2 Becoming a Skilled Researcher

12.00-2.00pm in Learning Commons, LC 1310-1311 & online (access here: [http://bit.ly/PFF\\_archive](http://bit.ly/PFF_archive))

### • Nov 5 Networking for Introverts (and Extroverts, Too!): How to Make the Most of Your Next Conference (by the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity)

2.00-3.30pm in Constant Hall 2086 & online (registration info TBA)

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## FREE LGBTQ+ SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP

"Research shows that 10 to 20% of males will experience some form of sexual abuse or sexual assault. An assault harms boys/men and girls/women in ways that are similar and different, but equally harmful. More than half of all reported assaults take place in the survivors own home or less than 5 miles of it.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and all LGBTQ are welcomed to attend. You will learn tools for self-awareness, self-defense and self-empowerment.

To participate, please RSVP to [womenctr@odu.edu](mailto:womenctr@odu.edu) by October 16. Thanks to our co-sponsor ODU Sexuality & Gender Alliance. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact us!"

Via [https://www.odu.edu/content/odu/announcements/faculty-staff/2018/10/2/\\_10\\_20\\_free\\_lgbtq\\_se.html](https://www.odu.edu/content/odu/announcements/faculty-staff/2018/10/2/_10_20_free_lgbtq_se.html)

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## 3MT: THREE MINUTE THESIS



**When**  
Thursday  
November 29, 2018  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Where**  
University Theater

**Register Today to Compete**  
Email the Graduate School:  
ATTN Dr. Bryan Porter  
[bporter@odu.edu](mailto:bporter@odu.edu)



Old Dominion University's Graduate School invites graduate students to participate in the 2018 Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition.

The 3MT is an academic competition that challenges graduate students to describe their research within three minutes to a general audience. 3MT celebrates the discoveries made by research students and encourages them to communicate the importance of their work to the broader community.

Don't miss this opportunity to practice your presentation skills, meet other competitors, and have a chance to win monetary prizes!

**Your 3MT Competition will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 5– 8 p.m.** To be eligible, you must be completing a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation between fall 2018 and summer 2019.

The winning student will represent Old Dominion University at the Southern Council of Graduate Schools' annual conference in February 2019. The Graduate School pays travel.

To learn more about the competition history, eligibility, rules, and gain valuable preparation tips, contact the Graduate School ([bporter@odu.edu](mailto:bporter@odu.edu)).

The final deadline to sign up is October 26, 2018. Twelve students will compete November 29. If more than 12 are interested, a preliminary competition will be used to determine the 12 finalists.


## SURPLUS COMPUTER SALE VIA FACILITIES MANAGEMENT



Do you need a low-cost computer? If so, stop by the Property Control Warehouse - Facilities Management Building on 4401 Powhatan Avenue, between 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm on October 16 and October 17, 2018. There, a limited amount of Apple iMac (Desktop), iPad (tablet), Mac Pro (Desktop), MacBook Pro (Laptop), Dell (Desktop), HP (Desktop), Lenovo (Desktop) computers are available for purchase, with and without operating systems. Monitors and Laser Printers are also available.

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## PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES: IMBOLO MBUE




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**PRESIDENT'S  
LECTURE SERIES**

**YOU'RE INVITED**

Please join us for the Fall 2018 season of the award-winning President's Lecture Series at Old Dominion University. The lecture series features renowned speakers who share their knowledge, experiences, opinions and accomplishments. Past speakers have included scientists, writers, educators, historians, Pulitzer Prize winners and other prominent figures.



**41st Annual Literary Festival Speaker**  
**Imbolo Mbue**  
New York Times Bestselling Author  
of *Behold the Dreamers* and  
PEN/Faulkner Award Winner

**October 24, 2018**  
Ted Constant Convocation Center | 7:00 p.m.

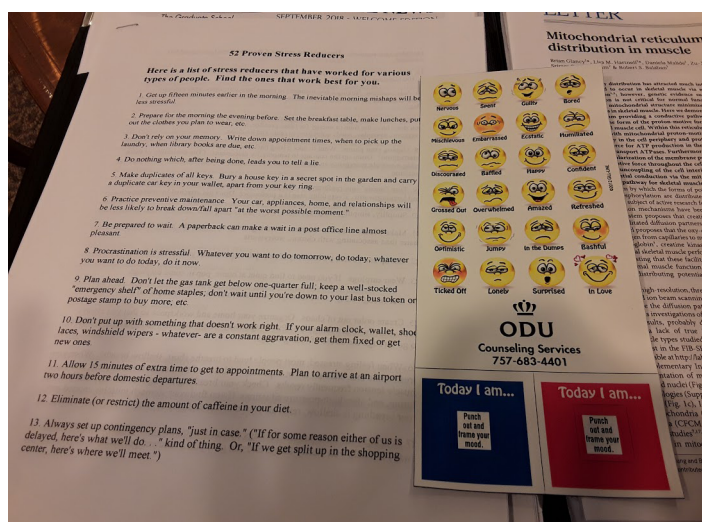
Imbolo Mbue wrote the New York Times bestseller "*Behold the Dreamers*," which won the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and was an Oprah's Book Club selection. The novel has been adapted into an opera and translated into 10 languages. It also was named a Notable Book of the Year by the New York Times and the Washington Post.

"*Behold the Dreamers*" focuses on an immigrant from Cameroon who lands a job as a chauffeur for a senior executive at Lehman Brothers in New York. The company's collapse forces him to struggle with an impossible choice.

Mbue moved to the United States from Cameroon in 1998 and received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a master's from Columbia. Mbue lives in New York.

This lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, guests are encouraged to RSVP at [odu.imodules.com/IML18](http://odu.imodules.com/IML18)

## EDITOR'S SPOT



Above Picture: Handouts from the first 2nd Wednesday's event on identifying and managing life's stressors. This was very helpful!

Hello reader, I hope that your semester is progressing well. With another month, we are all a step closer and many thoughts deeper in our fields.

For anyone feeling overly anxious or stressed, keep in mind that the office of Counseling Services is here for you at : <https://www.odu.edu/counselingservices>.

Additionally, feel free to join us at each 2nd Wednesday event. We hope to see you all there!

## VIRTUAL COMPUTING LAB UPDATE

Do you use the Virtual Computing Lab? Please note that it is being decommissioned, and that the same software is offered within Monarch Virtual Environment (MOVE) at [move.odu.edu](http://move.odu.edu). Check the Engineering or General Lab desktop pool.

Please visit: [https://www.odu.edu/content/odu/announcements/student/2018/10/1/find\\_virtual\\_compute.html](https://www.odu.edu/content/odu/announcements/student/2018/10/1/find_virtual_compute.html)

## ABOUT

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If you have an idea, event, news, or anything otherwise notable that you would like to share, contact Xavier-Lewis at [xpalmer@odu.edu](mailto:xpalmer@odu.edu).

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