Graduate Student Newsletter

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Graduate Student Spotlight

This month the GSA would like to recognize Stephanie R. Goodman. Ms. Goodman is a 3rd year Ph.D. student studying Counselor Education and Supervision in the Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology Department. Before coming to WMU, Stephanie worked in New York providing counseling services to survivors of rape and sexual assault. During the course of these past two years, Stephanie has served the Graduate College as a Graduate Ambassador, as one of the Co-Events chairs, and now currently as the parliamentarian for the Graduate Student Association. Additionally, Ms. Goodman has served as the President of the Mu Beta chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, which is an international honor society that values academic and professional excellence in counseling. Stephanie also works as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Exploratory Advising. In any free time she is able to find, Ms. Goodman enjoys playing with her kitten named Bear, painting her nails, or watching a wide variety of sports.

What is GSA Spotlight

Graduate Student Spotlight recognizes outstanding graduate students that contribute to the fostering an atmosphere of academic excellence, and by being an active member in all the communities they belong to. If you would like to be featured, or want to nominate an outstanding graduate student to be featured on the spotlight, please nominate them for the GSA Spotlight by contacting: neil.deochand@wmich.edu.
GSA Meeting Update

We, the Graduate Student Association (GSA), want to provide a meeting update for our September 25th 2015 general body meeting held at 3:00PM at the Bernhard Center in rooms 157-159.

We were attended some very important people including: Dr. Susan Stapleton Dean of the Graduate College; Dr. Julie Apker, Graduate College Research Fellow and Professor of Communication; Kate Bates, Associate Director of Leadership and Volunteer Services; Kalamazoo City Commissioner, Eric B. Cunningham, and Angela Liriano from International Child Care.

Graduate Student Mental Health

The Teaching Assistant Union (TAU) President, Kristie Bailey, addressed Mental Health needs that are specifically in demand by graduate students. Counseling services are available to all enrolled WMU students with full- or part-time status including those at regional campuses. However, there is nothing that is specifically directed to graduate students. To maintain confidentiality for group sessions, Kristie along with Amaury Pineda, Vice President of GSA, are working to have requested some consideration from Sindecuse for services geared directly for Graduate Students. Currently feedback from the Graduate Student population is being sought regarding an optimal day and time such services could be requested. If you are interested in providing some details contact:

presidenttauaft@gmail.com

"Get your research out there using Grad Talks and the Hilltop Review. The Hilltop review’s deadline has been extended to October 7th 2015." Go to scholarworks.wmich.edu/hilltopreview for information and to submit online

Volunteers Needed

International Child Care works in Haiti and the Dominican Republic offering a variety of Health Programs for children in need. They are constantly seeking volunteers and students interested in internship opportunities. For those interested contact Angela Liriano at: angela@internationalchildcare.org.

What Can Kalamazoo City do for You & what can you give back?

Eric B. Cunningham, Kalamazoo City Commissioner invited graduate students to make contact to local resources within city government to see how Kalamazoo government can help them. Also feel free to contact the representatives to get involved and offer your expertise on what you can do for your city. Since President Obama’s Executive Order on September 15th 2015, calling for behavioral scientists to become more involved in applied initiatives there are going to be more opportunities to be involved with policy implementation. His email is:

Cunninghame@KalamazooCity.org.

For those who cannot attend, we send out this annual newsletter as well as meeting minutes so that the entire graduate student body can stay informed. Visit http://wmich.edu/gsa/directory to make contact with a GSA representative.
FALL 2015 GRADUATE STUDENT

Graduate and Professional School Fair  Oct. 5
GSA General Body Meeting  (3-5 pm)  Oct. 23
GSA General Body Meeting  (3-5 pm)  Nov. 20

FALL 2015 WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

The Hilltop Review Journal paper deadline  EXTENDED  Oct. 7
Strategies for Navigating the Dissertation  Oct. 7
Brown Bag Mentoring Circle  Oct. 9
Financial Literacy: Understand the Art of Financial Management  Oct. 21
Cultural event, Cirque Mechanics: Pedal Punk  Nov. 1
Call for Vice President and Editor of Hilltop Review  Nov. 2
Grad talks 12 pm, 157-159 Bernhard Center  Nov. 6

For further details on events or to register for a workshop go to:
http://www.wmich.edu/grad/events