GradLink
GradLink is an electronic newsletter published by Graduate Studies for the graduate education community at UC Davis. Current and recent editions of GradLink are available on the Graduate Studies website. In addition, GradLink events are listed on the Graduate Studies calendar.

Be sure to check out this year's Interdisciplinary Graduate and Professional Student Symposium (IGPS) on Thursday and Friday, April 7 - 8, at the UC Davis Conference Center. For more information, see below or visit the IGPS website.

While you’re there, come watch the Grad Slam finalists’ 3-minute presentations on Friday, April 8, 1:30-3:00pm. The winner will go on to compete at the UC System-wide Grad Slam Final, April 22nd, at LinkedIn headquarters in San Francisco! More information on the Grad Slam webpage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: April 11 - 17, 2016

Dialogue and Discussion Series for International Graduate Students and Scholars
Monday, April 11, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Robert Mondavi Institute (RMI) South, Room 1207
Please register

Adjustment and cross cultural work with Bai-Yin Chen, Ph. D. Group Program Coordinator, Counseling Services, Student Health and Counseling Services.

 transcenecic animals: Where do we go from here?

Monday, April 11, 2:10 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PES (Plant and Environmental Sciences) 2004

As part of the Science Policy and Communication Group’s Second Monday Speaker Series, Dr. Elizabeth Maga, will talk about transgenic animals, with a focus on goats that produce lysozyme-rich milk thought to improve human health. Questions? Please contact IFAL Program Representative Shannon Albers, MS (snalbers@ucdavis.edu).

Writing a Resume and Cover Letter-Careers beyond Academia (for Master’s, PhDs and Postdocs)
Tuesday, April 12, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
114 South Hall

What do recruiters look for when reviewing a cover letter and resume? How do you show "fit" for the job and the organization given your background, education, and experience? This workshop will cover the critical elements of constructing an application packet, including a resume and cover letter that showcases your skills, and highlights your accomplishments. Learn about recommended formats, the importance of a professional profile, keywords and the role Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) play in screening your online application and materials.

Questions? Contact, Gwynn Benner (wibenner@ucdavis.edu), Internship and Career Center.

Research Expo 2016
Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Activities & Recreation Center (ARC)
Please register

The Research Expo provides a unique opportunity for research faculty, staff and students to explore the services, facilities and programs available to support them. The event will include an exhibit area as well as presentations and workshops designed to help researchers advance their careers and build strong collaborative networks. Visit the registration page for a schedule of events and list of research exhibitors. Hosted by the UC Davis, Office of Research.
A Career as a PhD Research Scientist: Preparing to succeed with the federal government*
Wednesday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Plant and Environmental Sciences, Room 3001

What is it like to work for a federal research agency? How does preparing for a job with the government differ from preparing for an academic position? This talk will cover federal hiring practices and tips for continuing to do great science once you get the job.

Erin Espeland, PhD, Research Ecologist, USDA Agricultural Research Service. See flyer for more information. Sponsored by the Climate Change, Water, and Society IGERT, GradPathways (Graduate Studies), and the John Muir Institute for the Environment.

Decolonizing the Classroom: Radical Pedagogy for TAs
Wednesday, April 13, 20, 27, & May 4, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Conference Room: 1200 Hart Hall
RSVP  Note: You do not have to attend all of the dates.

In collaboration with CCC, LGBTQIARC & WRRC: A sharing of knowledge, via talking circles, between graduate students on the various tools, advice, and experiences regarding power and privilege in the classroom.

International Connections Reception
Wednesday, April 13, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Yocha Dehe Grand Lobby of the Mondavi Center

Interested in making international collaboration and research connections outside of the U.S.? Attend the International Connections Reception with the Office of Global Affairs to meet UC Davis faculty, staff and scholars who are internationally engaged and discover opportunities to connect with colleagues for international teaching, research and public service.

Please visit the Global Affairs website for further details and registration. Questions? Contact Jennie Konsella-Norene, International Funding Analyst, 530-754-9403, jknorene@ucdavis.edu.

In addition, note that the Global Affairs Office has a searchable database available to enable faculty, students, and scholars to potentially match themselves with the academics on campus who are already involved in various research projects and collaborations. You can search the country and/or discipline and/or language and find UCD faculty, their projects, and research areas at URL http://globalaffairs.ucdavis.edu/internationalfaculty/index.cfm

Successfully Negotiating a Job Offer-Careers beyond Academia (for Master's, PhDs and Postdocs)
Wednesday, April 13, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
114 South Hall

How can you set the appropriate tone, develop a positive rapport, explore options around your job offer that meet your needs while successfully building a positive and lasting impression? What are your needs? What is your "bottom line"? When do you walk away? How do you raise salary issues or need for a delay in start time? When do you put these issues on the table?

This workshop will explore the nuances and strategies for successfully asking for what you need when negotiating a job offer. We will explore tips on what to ask, when to ask and how to ask. We will debunk myths around power dynamics, how to go about setting priorities and explore resources available for determining an appropriate salary range for the position you are applying.

Questions? Contact, Gwynn Benner (wibenner@ucdavis.edu), Internship and Career Center.

Careers at the California Energy Commission
Thursday, April 14, 2016, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
114 South Hall

Created by the Legislature in 1974, the California Energy Commission is the foremost state energy policy and planning agency in the United States. They license thermal power plants 50 megawatts and larger and conduct electric transmission line planning. They advance the nation’s most stringent energy efficiency standards for buildings and
appliances and lead the nation in developing renewable energy resources. They also help develop, demonstrate and commercialize new technologies to ensure ample supply of affordable power. Questions? Contact Gwynn Benner (wlbenner@ucdavis.edu), Internship and Career Center.

**Mentoring Scientific Writing: How to Give Effective, Time-Efficient Feedback***
Friday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Plant and Environmental Sciences, Room 2005

Are you working with undergraduate researchers on scientific writing projects (e.g., abstracts, honors theses)? Although many graduate and postdoctoral mentors in the sciences excel at writing, few receive formal training in writing instruction. During this interactive workshop, mentors and workshop panelists will discuss techniques and strategies for providing effective, time-efficient feedback on writing projects. Workshop participants will also receive a concise resources guide to facilitate training mentees how to revise and edit their own writing.

See flyer for more information on the workshop panelists: Dr. Chris Thaiss, Dr. Cara Harwood Theisen, Lauren Fink, and Anna Perry. Questions? Contact Anna Perry, ancperry@ucdavis.edu. Sponsored by the University Writing Program, the Center for Educational Effectiveness, Professors for the Future, and GradPathways (Graduate Studies).

**EndNote Friday**
Friday, April 15, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Blaisdell Library Collaboration Room 1106

Hosted by librarians at Blaisdell Medical Library, these drop-in office hours provide an opportunity to learn new tricks, improve workflows, ask questions, solve problems, and share challenges and successes with others. Want to take your EndNote software use to a new level? Please join us for these informal sessions. Questions? Need a different date/time? Contact: Amy Studer, acstud@ucdavis.edu, 916-734-0206

**The Organizational Context of Employment Scarring**
Friday, April 15, 12:10 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1113 SS&H, Economics Blue Conference Room

David Pedulla is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and a Faculty Research Associate of the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin. His research interests include race and gender stratification, labor markets, economic and organizational sociology, and experimental methods. David Pedulla will be presenting his work as part of the seminar series presented by the UC Davis Center for Poverty Research.

**International Students Prepare for the Career Fair**
Friday, April 15, 2016, 2:10 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
114 South Hall

Learn how to make the most of the Internship and Career Fair as an international student! Find out how to prepare yourself and your resume, who to see at the fair, what to wear, and how to talk to employers about your hiring eligibility. For all degree levels, all disciplines. Questions? Contact Gwynn Benner (wlbenner@ucdavis.edu), Internship and Career Center.

**Regalia Orders for Commencement Participants**
If you are participating in the Graduate Commencement Ceremony on June 9, 2016, remember to order your regalia (cap, gown, and hood) from the UC Davis Stores' website.
Graduate Student of Color Leadership Initiative
The Graduate Student of Color Leadership Initiative (May 6 & 13, 5:00 – 8:00pm, Putah Creek Lodge) is designed to empower graduate students to recognize that their presence and leadership at UC Davis is activism in and of itself. Often, graduate students do not recognize that the positionality they hold, and this retreat is a space in order for them to reflect on their identities, their shared experiences and how to take on leadership roles within the Ivory Tower and in their communities. This is a brave space for graduate students of color to build community, discuss their experiences, engage in self-care activities, and motivate each other to continue the work that they do in the context of the university. Dinner will be provided! Space is limited!

Applications and Proposals are due April 15th by 12pm. Submit Participant Applications Here! Submit Workshop Proposals here! Questions? Contact Marcela Alvarez, mrcalvarez@ucdavis.edu. Sponsored by the Graduate Academic Achievement and Advocacy Program.

Register to Present at the Life Sciences Research Assistant Job Fair
Graduate students and postdocs actively seeking research assistants for the spring, summer or fall 2016 quarter are invited to register to attend the Undergraduate Job Fair (April 18th, 11-1pm in PES 3001). Register here. Space is limited, and positions will be filled on a first come first serve basis. An informal mingling event will occur during the lunch hour. All are invited to join!

Don't have a research poster already created, but still interested in recruiting undergrads for your work? Contact Jenny (vanwyk@ucdavis.edu) to discuss alternative strategies.

UC Carbon Slam 2016
All UC students are invited to submit an application to represent their campus in either the Climate Impact or Climate Solutions competitions at Xerox PARC in Palo Alto, California on May 23, 2016. We have two categories:

Climate Impact includes research, practices, and art related to the understanding and dissemination of global and local climate change scenarios and the impact of climate change on human and natural ecosystems (terrestrial, freshwater, marine) from individual through ecosystem levels.

Climate Solutions includes innovations, new technologies, policies, or social practices that reduce the negative impacts of climate change or help reduce climate change on local and global scales.

To apply, submit your three minute video (or poster) by April 10. View Full Guidelines. Cash prizes for participating finalists as well as live-pitch and poster winners. More information.

2016 NSF Career Webinar - How to Write a Winning Early Career Development Proposal
Presented by Lucy Deckard, President of Academic Research Funding Strategies, LLC. Available for viewing: April 13 – July 15, 2016 (2½ -hour session viewed on the web from your computer). More information. To access the webinar, contact: Bridget Gruber (bgruber@ucdavis.edu).

2016 NSF Q & A Session with UC Davis CAREER Winners
May 12, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
PES, Room 2005

Participants will receive a package that includes new, annotated excerpts from successful proposals and helpful resources. More information. To register, contact: Bridget Gruber (bgruber@ucdavis.edu).

Proposal Budget Office Hours with the Interdisciplinary Research Support team
The Interdisciplinary Research Support Team will hold Proposal Budget Office Hours to help you develop a budget for a proposal. Office Hours will be held monthly on Wednesdays (April 6, May 11, June 15, July 13) in 3053 Wickson Hall from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Questions? Contact Bridget Gruber at bgruber@ucdavis.edu, Research Development Analyst, Interdisciplinary Research Support.
Help plan the new Graduate & Professional Student Center in Walker Hall

Be a part of creating a new community space for graduate students by joining the Walker Hall workgroup. Walker Hall, located between Shields Library and the Student Community Center, will be renovated into the Graduate & Professional Student Center. This group will help make the space a welcoming place for graduate students through layout, design, programming, etc. This is a great opportunity to have a voice in creating a space that will improve graduate student community on this campus. Responsibilities will include quarterly meetings and optional additional commitments. Interested candidates should email their CV to Sarah McCullough at smcc@ucdavis.edu as soon as possible. We hope to have broad and diverse representation, including from graduate students with children.

Join the UC Davis Graduate Teaching Community!

Theme for Spring Quarter 2016: Structuring Your Classroom
Mondays, 11:00am - 11:50am in 1360 The Grove (Surge 3)

The Graduate Teaching Community is a group of graduate and post-doctoral students at UC Davis. We meet on a weekly basis to discuss teaching practices for undergraduate education, address common teaching challenges, and to just have fun! In addition, this quarter the CEE is also sponsoring snacks for each meeting and a celebratory luncheon at the end of the quarter. Participation in the GTC can result in a certificate that you can add to your teaching portfolio and provide a great talking point for job interviews.

This quarter, our theme for weekly meetings is "Structuring Your Classroom". During our organizational first meeting, being able to tackle classroom preparation and everyday occurrences seemed to be the main focus of GTC attendees. This quarter's topics include

- April 11: Differentiating Difficulty (Lower division vs. higher division vs. grad classes)
- April 18: Teaching Technology
- April 25: Methods to check for understanding
- May 2: UCD Teaching Objectives
- May 9: The Flipped Classroom
- May 16: Effective Assessment Techniques
- May 23: Lunch Party!

Everyone is welcome to attend one or all of our meetings. Earning a certificate requires you to lead (or co-lead) one week's session, but you can come out to as many meetings as work for you!

If you can't make this quarter's meeting times but want to be kept informed, check out our blog at http://gtc-blog.blogspot.com/, where we post weekly about our meetings. You can also get on our email list by either going to https://groups.google.com/group/gtc-ucdavis, or by emailing one of the co-facilitators and requesting to be added.

Looking forward to a great quarter! Amanda Fox (asfox@ucdavis.edu) & Michelle Rossi (micro@ucdavis.edu), GTC Co-facilitators.

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