Graduate School News

**Catherine Powell, PhD Candidate - Dissertation Defense**

It is our pleasure to announce that doctoral candidate, Catherine Powell, is defending her dissertation. Please see her booklet at [http://medicine.osu.edu/bsgp/Pages/calendar.aspx?event=9357&clist=39](http://medicine.osu.edu/bsgp/Pages/calendar.aspx?event=9357&clist=39) for details regarding her public defense if you wish to attend.

**Thursday, February 25**
105 BRT
2:30pm

**Reminder: Dissertation Meeting Minutes Due Once/Year**

Over the last few months we have been sending reminders about the policy regarding Dissertational Minutes. After the first year, students should complete the "Dissertation Committee Minutes Form" with their dissertation advisor only if they have not chosen their committee. All students complete the "Dissertation Committee Minutes Form" by the end of the Spring semester months will receive a "U", or Unsatisfactory, in IBGP 8999. After 4 years, the Dissertatio
Committee must meet every 6 months with forms due at the end of each semester. The form can be found under "Student Handbook and Forms" on the Current Students tab.

**Deadlines**

**Committee approval of master's and Ph.D. exam report forms due-April 17**
**Final approved theses/dissertations due-April 24**

**Events**

Jim Grossman: 'Graduate Education and Career Horizons in the Humanities' - February 17
Hayes Graduate Research Forum-February 20
Commencement-May 10

**Peletonia Tax Information Session**

What-Pelotonia Tax Information Session
When-Thursday, February 19th from 2-3pm
Where-Room 105 Biomedical Research Tower (BRT)

RSVPs are not required, but if anyone is interested in attending this session, e-mail (jeffrey.mason@osumc.edu).

**Graduate Student Financial Services**

**Scarlet & Gray Financial Services for Graduate Students**

Scarlet & Gray Financial is a nationally recognized peer financial coaching program housed in the RPAC. Scarlet & Gray Financial offers one-on-one financial appointments, presentations, and an online module—all free and intentionally created for graduate and professional students. This month’s featured online module is "Financing Higher Education."

**Contact:** Scarlet & Gray Financial

**Financial Information Site GradSense Redesigned**

GradSense is a web-based service that helps graduate and undergraduate students make decisions. GradSense has been recently updated and featured content includes student debt calculators, job growth reports, information on how to transition financially out of graduate school, etc.

GradSense supports the Council of Graduate School’s Enhancing Student Financial Education Best Practices project in collaboration with TIAA-CREF.

**Contact:** GradSense

**Updated Family and Medical Leave Policy Adds Student Employees**
Ohio State, including the Wexner Medical Center, provides Family and Medical Leave (FML) to eligible faculty and staff for up to 12 work weeks of annual leave based on qualifying events. On Feb. 1, changes to FML will take effect. Changes include adding student employees as covered employees, altering eligibility, and modifying immediate family-member definitions. These changes affect only those with 60% or greater FTE appointments.

Note: Family and Medical Leave is different than the Graduate School's Medical/Family Leave of Absence, which is a type of funded graduate student leave. For the Graduate School's Medical/Family Leave of Absence, contact Samuel Jordan. For the university's Family Medical Leave Policy changes, contact the Office of Human Resources.

### Upcoming Events

**Graduate Education and Career Horizons in the Humanities**

Jim Grossman, Executive Director, American Historical Association

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Humanities PhD programs prepare students for positions that only a small minority will attain: tenure track appointments at research universities. What can graduate students do to prepare for careers that honor their graduate training and intellectual interests? How can graduate programs prepare students for these broader horizons and maintain what's required to create first-rate scholars?

Register at [go.osu.edu/grossman](http://go.osu.edu/grossman)

**Candidacy Panel on Wednesday Feb. 18th at 12 p.m. in 105 BRT**

The Bennett Society and The Microbial Infection and Immunity Graduate Student Society are hosting a Candidacy Panel on Wednesday Feb. 18th at 12 pm in 105 BRT. Come hear from a panel of students that have successfully passed candidacy and now want to help you pass yours. Learn about the steps leading up to a successful candidacy including how to study, how to write a successful written portion, and how to handle the oral portion confidently. You don't want to miss the advice and tips about acing your candidacy! Everyone is welcome and we highly encourage first and second year graduate students to attend this meeting. Come to learn or to give advice. Lunch will be provided.

**MVIMG Research In Progress Seminar series**

We have three slots left in our MVIMG Research In Progress Seminar series (2/23, 3/2, 4/20). This is a fantastic opportunity to share your exciting research and for graduate and postdoctoral trainees to gain valuable presentation skills. If you are interested in presenting, please contact me ([en-ju.lin@osumc.edu](mailto:en-ju.lin@osumc.edu)) with your preferred date.

**Doctoral Directions: 2015 Learning to Lead in Biomedicine**

We are excited to invite trainees across the nation to attend our annual Doctoral Directions conference, hosted jointly by the University of Pittsburgh Women in Science and Medicine Association and the Biomedical Graduate School Association. This unique conference is designed and directed by students in an effort to provide graduate level trainees with tangible skills they can immediately practice and incorporate into their overall professional development! Doctoral Directions is also an excellent place to showcase your scientific work, professional development programing, and/or leadership initiatives through the abstract competition and poster session!
This year's Doctoral Directions theme is "Learning to Lead in Biomedicine", and will feature renowned speakers including Dr. Wiley "Chip" Souba, Dean Emeritus of The Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, and Joanne Kamens, PhD, Executive Director at Addgene.

Neuroscience Seminar Series

The 2014-2015 neuroscience seminar series has been updated. For the updated schedule...

Other Information

Graduate Student Writing Groups

The Center for the Study of Teaching of Writing offers interdisciplinary writing groups for students and post-docs, including master's thesis and dissertation groups. Writing group semester have already begun, but graduate students can apply for summer groups
More...
Contact: Dickie Selfe

Research Commons Workshops Schedule-Spring 2015

The Research Commons—an Ohio State Libraries-sponsored suite of services that support Ohio State—has a number of workshops available during the spring term. These informational and hands-on sessions focus on key topics and tools that can assist researchers in successfully navigating all phases of the research lifecycle.
More...

Russle Klein Symposium—Call for Student Research Abstracts

The Graduate Society of Nutritional Sciences is pleased to announce a call for abstracts for the 12th annual Russell Klein Symposium on April 9th, 2015.

If you are involved in undergraduate or graduate research, please consider submitting an abstract for selection and competition in both poster (undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral) and oral (graduate only) sessions. Contact Benjamin Wenner with any questions

Mentored Research Training Program (TL1) Request for Applications

Application Deadline: February 23, 2015
Award Start Date: April 30, 2015

The OSU Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is seeking applicants for the TL1 Mentored Research Training Program. The overall goal of the CCTS TL1 program is to provide trainees with the skills required to develop a career in trans-disciplinary clinical and translational research relevant to human health. For this award cycle, applications are being accepted for a one-year appointment to a post-candidacy doctoral student.
All application materials must be submitted 11:59 PM on February 23 online.

The Hayes Graduate Research Forum - In Need of Faculty

Due to some recent withdrawals, we are now experiencing a shortage of faculty member presentation judges in the Professional Biological Sciences category at the 29th annual Hayes Graduate Research Forum on 20 February 2015. More information regarding the Hayes Forum can be found here: http://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum. If any faculty are interested, they may contact Michael Bowman directly at bowman.979@osu.edu.

The American Society of Human Genetics Fellowships

ASHG is currently accepting applications for **TWO fellowships**: our long-standing and highly regarded **Genetics and Public Policy Fellowship** and our recently established **Genetics and Education Fellowship**. These unique programs represent a strong and enduring partnership between ASHG and the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH. Both fellowships are mentored opportunities intended to help early-career professionals gain experience and develop a network of professional colleagues.

The Genetics and Public Policy Fellowship is a program designed for genetics professionals with an advanced degree who are early in their careers and interested in the development and implementation of genetics health and research policies at the national level. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in policy analysis at the NHGRI and ASHG and to work directly with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Genetics and Education Fellowship is a program designed for genetics professionals with an advanced degree who are early in their careers and interested in the development and implementation of national genomics literacy efforts, informal science education, science education policy, development, or science education research. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in genetics education program development at the NHGRI and ASHG and, as an option, to work with other organizations involved in genetics education.

Both fellowships are 16 months, beginning in September 2015 and continuing through December 2016, and are open to individuals with advanced degrees in human genetics or related fields, with policy or education, as appropriate, and eligibility to work in the U.S. **Completed applications must be received by April 24, 2015.** For additional information and application materials, please visit:

Education: http://www.ashg.org/pages/education_fellowship.shtml
