



Seventeenth College-wide Graduate Assistant Colloquium on Teaching and Learning

Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28, 2009
Moon Library

This year's Colloquium is dedicated, with gratitude, affection and best wishes, to
Elizabeth A. Elkins, Director, College Libraries and Librarians.



Thursday, August 27, 2009

8:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 **Welcome, Introductions, and Overview**

*Dr. Chuck Spuches, Associate Dean, Outreach and Instructional Quality
Teaching Fellows*

The goals, background, and schedule of the program will be presented along with staff, participants, and materials.

9:00 **Exploring Learning Styles: Diversity in Education**

Dr. Chuck Spuches, Associate Dean, Outreach and Instructional Quality

In this session, you will consider characteristics of some of your most memorable teachers along with strategies for understanding and accommodating you and your students' diverse learning needs and styles.

9:45 **Can You Hear Me Now?**

Anna Stewart and Susana del Granado, Teaching Fellows

This session will enable you to employ strategies to promote open communication between your faculty supervisor, other graduate students, and undergraduate students.

- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 **Teaching Strategies: Your Instructional Toolbox**
 This session will provide you with strategies that challenge and facilitate your students' learning in large classes, small-group recitations, and other settings. *Choose two of the following.*
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| <p>A. Presentations and Discussions
 <i>Will Helenbrook, Teaching Fellow</i>
 <i>Dr. Robert Malmshemer, Associate Professor, Forest Policy and Law, Forest and Natural Resources Management</i></p> | <p>B. Labs and Field Experiences
 <i>Anna Stewart, Teaching Fellow</i>
 <i>Dr. Arthur Stipanovic, Chair, Chemistry</i>
 <i>Dr. Gregory McGee, Biology Instructor, Environmental and Forest Biology</i></p> |
| <p>C. Research Projects and Studios
 <i>Keith Bowman, Teaching Fellow</i>
 <i>Prof. Scott Shannon, Dean, Instruction and Graduate Studies</i></p> | <p>D. Instructional Technology
 <i>Katherina Searing and Susana del Granado, Teaching Fellows</i></p> |
- 12:15 **Lunch: Points of View from Faculty, GAs, and Students**
 Remarks by:
Dr. Bruce Bongarten, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Department Chairs and Graduate Coordinators
- 1:30 **Graduate Assistant and Undergraduate Student Panel: Reality Check**
Susana del Granado and Anna Stewart, Teaching Fellows
- This session will provide you with strategies for challenging yourself and your students; maintaining a professional demeanor in your role as a graduate assistant and as a role model for your students; and prioritizing your responsibilities and concerns of International Graduate Assistants.
- 3:00 **Thursday Wrap-up and Classroom Assessment Techniques**
Katherina Searing, Teaching Fellow
- Selected classroom assessment techniques will be demonstrated in this session.
- 3:30 **Human Resources Information**
Nidhi Pasi, Teaching Fellow
Mr. Timothy Blehar, Personnel Associate
Janice O'Mara, Human Resources Specialist
- This session will help you become more familiar with health and other benefits available to you as a GA and RA.

Friday, August 28, 2009

- 8:00 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15 **Stress Management and Wellness**
Will Helenbrook, Teaching Fellow
Catherine Landis, NSF GK12 Fellow
- 9:00 **Completion of Classroom Assessment Techniques**
Katherina Searing, Teaching Fellow
- In this session we will review the responses to the Classroom Assessment Techniques completed on Thursday.

- 10:00 **Assessment & Evaluation: How to Know What Students Are Learning**
 This session will enable you to articulate the importance of providing timely feedback to your students, have strategies for evaluating your students through the use of quizzes, exams, papers, projects, and other assignments; and have strategies for assessing and improving your teaching effectiveness. *Please choose two of the following:*
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| A. Papers/Written Work
<i>Keith Bowman</i> , Teaching Fellow
<i>Dr. Greg McGee</i> , Instructor, Environmental and Forest Biology | B. Quizzes/Exams
<i>Will Helenbrook</i> , Teaching Fellow
<i>Dr. Stephen Stehman</i> , Professor, Forest and Resource Management | C. Research, Projects and Studios
<i>Nidhi Pasi</i> , Teaching Fellow
<i>Dr. Stewart Diemont</i> , Assistant Professor, Environmental Resources & Forest Engineering |
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- 10:30 **ESF's Libraries: An Overview and Introduction**
Susana del Granado, Teaching Fellow
Stephen Weiter, Director, College Libraries
- This session will introduce you to the range of library resources and services available to you and your supervising faculty, as well as to inform you who to contact for further information.
- 10:45 **Environmental Health and Safety Resources**
Anna Stewart, Teaching Fellow
Mr. John Wasiel, Environmental Health and Safety Officer
Mr. Kevin Reynolds, Police Officer, University Police
- This session will introduce you to environmental health, safety resources, and people.
- 11:00 **Facing the Challenge: Where the Rubber Meets the Road**
 Teaching Fellows
Dr. Kelley Donaghy, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
Dr. Raydora Drummer Francis, Director of Multicultural Affairs
Prof. Myrna Hall, Research Associate, Environmental Studies
Dr. Sharon Moran, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies
Dr. Lindi Quackenbush, Assistant Professor, Environmental Resources and Forest Engineering
Mr. Kevin Reynolds, Police Officer, University Police
Ms. Heather L. Rice, Senior Counselor, Counseling & Disabilities Services
Dr. Cynthia Sedgwick, Dean, Student Life and Experiential Learning
Prof. Scott Shannon, Dean, Instruction and Graduate Studies
Dr. Chuck Spuches, Associate Dean, Outreach and Instructional Quality
- This session will include roundtable discussions on potentially challenging situations.
- 11:45 **Program Evaluation**
- 12:00 pm **Concluding Remarks**
Dr. Neil Murphy, President
- 12:15 **Group Photo**
Katherina Searing, Teaching Fellow
- 12:30 **Lunch**
- 12:30 – 4:30 **Opportunity for Consultations with Human Resources Staff (benefits)**
Optional 30-Minute Campus Resource Tour
Nidhi Pasi, Teaching Fellow
- Department-specific Meetings with Supervising Faculty**
 Graduate Assistants are encouraged to schedule meetings with their supervising faculty during this time.

1:30

Optional Hands-On Demonstration of the Blackboard Course Management System

Dr. Kelley Donaghy, Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Dr. Melissa Fierke, Assistant Professor, Environmental and Forest Biology

Location: Baker Laboratory, Room 309

Blackboard, like other course management systems, is a web-based password-protected software system that allows instructors to distribute information and engage students in asynchronous (as well as synchronous) discussions and other small and large group learning activities. In this Hands-on Demonstration you will receive training on the grade book, discussion boards, document uploads and other "behind-the-scenes" administrative tasks. This session is open to all GA's and in particular it will be required of GA's for the General Biology Lecture, General Biology Laboratory and General Chemistry Lecture.

Colloquium Follow-up

As an extension of the Colloquium you are encouraged to take advantage of the following resources:

Seminar on College Teaching: Open to all ESF graduate students. EFB797 or FOR797
Fall 2009, Mondays 2:55 – 3:50 PM, Outreach Conference Room (213 Marshall), 1 credit
C. Spuches, Instructor

Special Topics: University Outreach: Online Learning and Assessment / EFB 796, section 12, #32109 /
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ESFIQ (www.esf.edu/IQ): an outline of teaching and learning resources

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