Sixteenth College-wide Graduate Assistant Colloquium on Teaching and Learning
Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22, 2008
Moon Library

This year’s Colloquium is dedicated, with gratitude, affection, and best wishes to Dr. Dudley J. Raynal, Distinguished Teaching Professor and Dean, Instruction and Graduate Studies, and to Dr. James M. Hassett, Chair, Environmental Resources and Forest Engineering.

Thursday, August 21, 2008
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, Teaching Fellow

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    An Overview of Information and Instructional Technology at ESF
         Mr. Yuming Tung, Director of Informational Technology
         This session will provide you with information about the range of technology resources and services available to you and your supervising faculty, and know who to contact for orientation, training, and assistance.

11:05    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. You will attend one session before and one session after lunch.

         A. Presentations and Discussions
            Ginny Collins, Teaching Fellow
            Dr. Donald Leopold, Chair, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Environmental and Forest Biology

         B. Labs and Field Experiences
            Nicole Werner, Teaching Fellow
            Dr. Arthur Stipanovic, Chair, Chemistry

         C. Projects and Studios
            Keith Bowman, Teaching Fellow
            Prof. Scott Shannon, Associate Professor, Landscape Architecture

         D. Instructional Technology
            Katherina Searing, Teaching Fellow

11:45    Lunch: Points of View from Faculty, GAs, and Students
         Remarks by:
         Dr. Dudley Raynal, Dean, Instruction and Graduate Studies
         Dr. Bruce Bongarten, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
         Department Chairs and Graduate Coordinators

1:05 pm  Teaching Strategies: Your Instructional Toolbox
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1:45    Graduate Assistant and Undergraduate Student Panel: Reality Check
         Ginny Collins & 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.

2:30    Selected Topics Panel: Academic Integrity and Civility In and Out of the Classroom
         Keith Bowman, Teaching Fellow
         Dr. Bruce Bongarten, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
         Dr. Kelley Donaghy, Assistant Professor, Chemistry
         Dr. Cynthia Sedwick, Dean, Student Life and Experiential Learning
3:15  Thursday Wrap-up and Classroom Assessment Techniques  
Katherine Searing, Teaching Fellow  
Selected classroom assessment techniques will be demonstrated in this session.

3:40  Human Resources Information  
Katherine Searing, Teaching Fellow  
Mr. Timothy Blehar, Personnel Associate  
This session will help you become more familiar with health and other benefits available to you as a GA and RA.

Friday, August 22, 2008

8:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:15  Stress Management and Wellness  
Ginny Collins, Teaching Fellow  
Dr. Bill Cross, Professor of Psychology, Onondaga Community College

9:00  Completion of Classroom Assessment Techniques  
Katherine Searing, Teaching Fellow  
In this session we will review the answers 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:

A. Papers/Written Work  
Keith Bowman, Teaching Fellow  
Dr. Greg McGee, Instructor, Environmental and Forest Biology

B. Quizzes/Exams  
Katherine Searing, Teaching Fellow  
Dr. Stephen Stehman, Professor, Forest and Resource Management

C. Projects/Evaluations  
Nicole Werner, Teaching Fellow  
Prof. George Curry, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Landscape Architecture

10:30  ESF’s Libraries: An Overview and Introduction  
Katherine Searing, Teaching Fellow  
Ms. Elizabeth Elkins, 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  
Nicole Werner, 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 to Road**  
*Ginny Collins and Anna Stewart*, Teaching Fellows  
*Dr. Raydora Drummer Francis*, Director of Multicultural Affairs  
*Mrs. Myrna Hall*, Research Associate, Environmental Studies  
*Dr. Charles Kroll*, Chair, Environmental Resources and Forest Engineering  
*Dr. Sharon Moran*, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies  
*Dr. Dudley Raynal*, Dean, Instruction and Graduate Studies  
*Mr. Kevin Reynolds*, Police Officer, University Police  
*Dr. Cynthia Sedgwick*, Dean, Student Life and Experiential Learning  
*Dr. Chuck Spuches*, Associate Dean, Outreach and Instructional Quality

This session will include multimedia 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)**

1:30  **Optional 30-Minute Campus Resource Tour**  
*Anna Stewart*, Teaching Fellow

1:30  **Department-specific Meetings with Supervising Faculty**  
Graduate Assistants are encouraged to schedule meetings with their supervising faculty during this time.

**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: 309 Baker Laboratory

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 gradebook, 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 2008, Mondays 2:55 - 3:50 PM, Outreach Conference Room (213 Marshall), 1 credit
C. Spuches, Instructor

**Seminar on Outreach and Engagement:** Open to all ESF graduate students. EFB 796 or EST 696
Spring 2009, 3 - 4 PM, Outreach Conference Room (213 Marshall), 1 credit
C. Spuches/R. Beal, Instructors

**ESFIQ (www.esf.edu/IQ):** an outline of teaching and learning resources

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