



THE GRAD CONNECTION

The Graduate School Newsletter

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Message from the Dean



Dr. Nancy Marcus

Greetings,

This year has gotten off to another great start. A few weeks ago we welcomed new postdocs to Florida State University at a special orientation session and then hundreds of new graduate students at New Graduate Student Orientation (<https://youtu.be/txQx2NThnfw>). Our goal for this orientation is to

point students in the right direction and not overwhelm them with too much information. We provided a broad overview of the resources and services available for graduate students through the Graduate School and all of the units we partner with both on and off campus. Two panels consisting of a mix of faculty and current students from different disciplines offered the new students different perspectives on how to successfully navigate their doctoral or master's degree program. Next up was the annual teaching conference offered

by the Program for Instructional Excellence, and at the end of the week was the annual Fellows Society Induction Ceremony. All of these events are wonderful opportunities for the students to get to know their peers in other disciplines and start building a support network that extends beyond their home academic units.

As we look ahead to later in the semester we have begun planning for another 3 Minute Thesis competition, and numerous professional development workshops and special events intended to complement and enhance the experience students gain in their individual programs. Consult the Graduate School calendar for the dates and times of the various events. The annual Postdoctoral Symposium will be held on September 23, 2016.

Another highlight this fall is the visit of Dr. Jedidah Isler on October 4, 2016. Dr. Isler earned her PhD in astrophysics from Yale University and has received numerous accolades. She is a TED Fellow and will share her compelling life story at 4:15 pm in the Medical School Auditorium. The presentation is open to all and the doors open at 4:00 pm.

Have a great semester, Nancy Marcus

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10.4.16	Jedidah Isler Presentation
10.5.16	Graduate Program Director Workshop
11.29.16	3MT Finals

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The PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop Series

By: Dr. Lisa Liseno

PIE offers FSU graduate students, TAs (teaching assistants), post-docs, instructors, and staff from across disciplines the opportunity to get together and discuss strategies and techniques



Speaker at a PIE Workshop

that promote excellence in teaching and learning.

The PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshop Series is offered throughout the year (fall, spring and summer) on topics such as Developing Classroom Activities, Classroom Management, Teaching with Technology, Tips for Teaching in Large Classrooms, and Encouraging Critical Thinking.

Preregistration is encouraged, as pie and coffee will be provided! For a complete list of workshops, and to register, please visit our webpage: <http://pie.fsu.edu/PIE-Coffee-Hour-Teaching-Workshop-Series>



Attendees at a PIE Workshop

These free workshops count towards the Preparing Future Faculty(PFF) and the Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) Certificates, as well as the Advanced PIE Teaching Training Recognition.

Recap of Fall TA Teaching Conference/Orientation

By: Dr. Lisa Liseno

The Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE), in The Graduate School, offers all FSU graduate students, post-docs, faculty, and staff the opportunity to attend a two-day university-wide teaching conference held the week before fall semester classes begin.

This annual conference is designed to support graduate teaching assistants (TAs) in their teaching responsibilities by introducing them to best practices in teaching and learning and university-wide teaching policies.

Over 800 FSU graduate students attended the conference that was held on August 24th and 25th in HCB 101 and 102.

Several University offices, award-winning faculty, and experienced FSU TAs shared key policies and



2016 PIE TA Conference and Orientation held on August 24, 25

teaching strategies to assist participants in creating and facilitating the best learning environment for today's FSU student.

Career Center Launches New Graduate Student Initiative

The FSU Career Center is committed to providing services in support of graduate student career development and planning at Florida State University and beyond. To demonstrate this commitment, the Career Center recently designated a full-time staff member to focus on bolstering graduate student services and resources as the Liaison for Graduate Students. This semester, look for targeted graduate student career resources, a new and improved graduate student section of the Career Center website, and quality graduate career development and employability programming provided in collaboration with The Graduate School. See the list below for descriptions of Career Center services and resources available now for graduate students.

- Drop-in Career Advising (no appointment needed!) available at the Career Center, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

- Get Curriculum Vitae (CV), personal statement, résumé, cover letter, and other job search/career-related documents critiqued

- Create a job search strategy and/or get help navigating job offer evaluation/negotiation

- Prepare for interviews, career fairs, and networking events

- Mock Interview Program (in-person, Skype, phone) – participate in a mock interview tailored to your field/area of interest and receive feedback from a trained mock-interview mentor

- On-Campus Recruiting – participate in recruiting opportunities and interviews with employers

- Workshops, Career Fairs, and Events – attend employability workshops, networking events, information sessions, and career fairs (Seminole Futures, Engineering Day, etc.) occurring multiple times throughout the year to build skills, connect with employers, and find opportunities

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Fall 2016 Postdoctoral News

By: Dr. Debra Fadool

This fall we had our second full orientation session for new incoming postdoctoral scholars with over 60 attendees in the Great Hall of the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House. Scholars enjoyed presentations from the ODP, Contracts and Grants, Office of Fellowships, Human Resources, Science Library Data Management, Program for Instructional Excellence, the Center for Global Engagement, and the Postdoctoral Association, among others.

The morning session was dedicated to the Postdoctoral Scholars and their mentors formulating their Individual Development Plans (IDP) and upcoming annual goals, which is becoming standard practice in career planning across the country. New postdoctoral scholars enjoyed meeting their peers both during the noontime lunch and also following the orientation with a social hour presented by the PDA.

New FLSA Standards for Postdocs

This semester has brought many changes to this group of young researchers driven by new federal policies on fair labor through the FLSA. Minimum salary standards are now set at the threshold for FLSA and in keeping with FSU's payroll system (\$47,658.60).

FSU administration will be assisting principal investigators in bridging their current grant budgets to assist coverage of salary for their Postdoctoral Scholars during the transition period that is scheduled to start on November 18, 2016.

There is also a new designation of Postdoctoral Scholars with Teaching Responsibilities that was initiated from a special benefactor in the College of Arts and Sciences. These scholars will be on a two-year appointment and have the opportunity to train under a teaching mentor as well as a research advisor in a structured program that will facilitate their development as instructors in addition to their typical training as independent researchers. Thus far, there are Teaching Scholars in the departments of Biological Science, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Classics, Earth Ocean and Atmospheric Science, History, Mathematics, Modern

Languages and Linguistics, Physics, Psychology, and Religion.

Summer Travel Grant Awards

Congratulations to our newest recipients of our Summer Travel Grant Awardees (July evaluations for travel from July to December):

Trelani Chapman

23rd Annual Meeting for the Scientific Study of Reading at the University of Porto, Portugal

Sarah Craft

Archaeological Society of America Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada

Lida Ghazanfari

Micro and Nanotechnologies for Medicine in Boston, MA

Christian Reuschle

Loopfest Conference - High Energy Physics Division in Buffalo, NY and Pittsburgh, PA

Aditya Rotti

Cosmic Microwave Background 4th Generation Workshop in Chicago, IL

Mingchao Wang

Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall Meeting and Exhibit in Boston, MA

Find More Information for Postdocs

If you want to check out our ongoing or new policies for postdoctoral scholars, slide sets are available for all of our professional development opportunities and orientation at <http://opda.fsu.edu/Upcoming-Events-Workshops/Workshop-Slides-and-Video-Archive>.

Looking Ahead!

Travel Award Applications for Spring travel will be accepted through January 1.

New Postdoctoral Noon "Welcomes" will be the last Mondays of October, January, and April.

Fall Postdoctoral Symposium and Poster Competition will be Friday, September 23.

For details, see <http://opda.fsu.edu/>

Graduate Student and Alumni Success

KEITH BERRY

MA 1991, PhD 2005

Reappointed Dean of Academic Affairs at the Ybor City Campus of Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, FL

MARCELO DOTTORI

PhD 2006

Appointed as Vice General Administrative Coordinator of University of São Paulo (USP) in Brazil

TAMARA BERTRAND JONES

MS 2000, PhD 2006

Attained Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor at Florida State University in the College of Education's Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies

MATTHEW L. GARRETT

PhD 2009

Earned tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in the Department of Music in 2015 at Case Western Reserve University

Received the University's PRISM Award in April 2016 in recognition for his work to obtain healthcare for CWRU Transgender faculty and staff

SCOTT R. BRAITHWAITE

PhD 2010

Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Brigham Young University

PATRICIA GOLAY

Edd 2006

Promoted to Teaching Faculty, III, effective Fall 2016, at Florida State University

AMANDA CLEVELAND

MFA 2014

Received US Design Patent for a flat-pack Meditation Chair, design patent funded by Florida State University

Appointed President-Elect: International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Florida Central Chapter, 2016-2017

RUTH A. HODGES

PhD 2006

Promoted to Interim Dean, Library & Information Services at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC

STERLING JOSEPH COLEMAN, JR

PhD 2008

Appointed Director of Library Services at Clark State Community College in Springfield, OH

DAVID JENKS

PhD 2002

Received a 2016 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Outstanding Mentor Award
Received the University of West Georgia's College of Social Sciences Mentor Award for 2014-2015

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Student and Alumni Accolades (continued)

JESSE KREBS

DM 2006

Performed guest artist recitals at the Royal Irish Academy of Music (Dublin), the 2016 Arkansas Clarinet Day (Conway), and the 2016 Eastern Kentucky Clarinet Festival (Richmond)

The Truman Clarinet Choir, under his direction, performed concerts at the 2016 Missouri Music Educators Association Conference and the 2016 International Clarinet Association ClarinetFest Conference

Nominated for both the 2016 Truman State University Educator of the Year Award and the 2016 William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award

KRISTEN MILLICAN

MFA CANDIDATE

Selected to participate in the FSU|Gensler Scholar Program, which bridges the gap between academic research and design practice

Accepted a workplace analyst research position at Gensler starting in the fall

TYLER NELSON

DM 2009

Accepted a tenure track position as an Associate Professor of Voice at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University

LAURA PRUETT

MM 2000, PhD 2007

Awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Music at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA

Serving as Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts since July 2016

DEBORAH SOLOMON

PhD 2015

Won a year-long research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her project on Renaissance/Early Modern literature

JULIE STAUSS BETTINGER

MA 2009

Published book, "Encounters with Rikki: from Hurricane Katrina Rescue to Exceptional Therapy Dog," by Inkshares in January 2016

LAUREN S. TASHMAN

MS 2005, PhD 2010

Co-edited book with J. Gualberto Cremades published by Routledge, titled "Global Practices and Training in Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology: a Case Study Approach"

CARLA MARIA THOMAS

MA 2008

Graduated with a PhD in English Language and Literature, with a concentration in early medieval language, literature, and manuscripts, from New York University

Will hold a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship in the Department of English at NYU in 2016-2017

TO SUBMIT ACCOLADES

We want to hear about Graduate Student and Alumni accomplishments! If you are a current graduate student or alumni who had a recent publication, grant, promotion, or other noteworthy achievement, please submit your information to the GradConnection at the link below.

https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_245t0ETXT325Gf3

Special Connection - China Recruitment

By: Andrew Wilson

Students from China have become an integral and active part of the graduate student body at FSU. As a way to strengthen ties between FSU and potential Chinese students, Dr. Patrick Kennell, Director of the Center for Intensive English Studies (CIES), traveled to China in July. His trip was eye-opening, not only from the perspective of an English language teaching professional, but also as a graduate professor and advisor.



Dr. Kennell's first impression of China was how everyone he met was so outgoing and interactive. According to Kennell, "Chinese graduate students at FSU tend to be more reserved and reticent. I was expecting to encounter something similar on this trip, but I was surprised by how outgoing everyone was."

Here at CIES, the the number of Chinese students has increased due to the ease of getting student visas that provide for intensive English study prior to matriculation. CIES has partnerships throughout FSU. Every year we get a number of conditionally admitted students in the fall, and they spend 14 weeks going through a rigorous English language curriculum. During this time, the students develop written, oral, and grammatical skills that make them more confident and productive graduate scholars. This recent trip will hopefully help CIES continue to build strategic partnerships throughout The Graduate School.



One advantage of CIES's close relationship with our Chinese students has been the network of alumni that we've been able to keep in touch with. A former graduate intern, Min Xin from Education, served not only as a tour guide, but helped with networking opportunities throughout Shanghai. Dr. Kennell has similar contacts with former students in Beijing and Hangzhou (a smaller Chinese city of 9 million). This trip just reinforces the

importance of university communities to establish and maintain ties with alumni who are perhaps the strongest drivers of student growth and recruitment. It is also important to remember what some of the primary pull factors are for students choosing to study at FSU. In discussions with Chinese professionals and students alike, it appears that some of the primary pull factors are Florida State's high ranking, agreeable climate, and relative safety.

Furthermore, many FSU graduate students (mostly non-international) have enrolled in CIES's TEFL program over the past decade. This program prepares students to teach English abroad and has managed to send many of FSU's brightest students to China and become teachers. This recent trip strengthened ties with companies that have schools throughout China, and these institutes are eagerly recruiting English teachers from America. The skills learned in the TEFL program at CIES prepare many FSU students for opportunities teaching English not only in China but throughout the world. Kennell hopes this special reciprocity will continue to grow and that FSU can continue to maximize the enthusiasm and potential in China and elsewhere.

Meet the New Members of the Graduate School

Dr. Thomas Whitley



Dr. Thomas J. Whitley joined the Graduate School as the Assistant Director of the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards in the summer of 2016. He received a bachelor's degree in religious studies from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2006. He then earned a master's of arts in religion and a master of divinity from Gardner-Webb University in 2010 and a PhD in religion from FSU in 2016. He has extensive experience working with graduate students from across North America and advocating on their behalf through various professional organizations. He is passionate about graduate education, particularly in the humanities, and supporting graduate students throughout their graduate careers.

David Martin



David Martin joined the Graduate School staff in July 2016 as the Administrative Assistant. He served 8 years in the U.S. Navy in Telecommunications and Information. David has an insurance background with current licenses in Life & Health, and Property & Casualty. His goal at The Graduate School is to assist graduate students, faculty and graduate school staff with professional customer service. He is currently working on a ministerial education degree to teach and do outreach. He enjoys spending time with his wife and traveling internationally for missions trips.

2016 Fellows Induction Ceremony & Networking Session

By: Dr. Lisa Lisen

Dean Nancy Marcus inducted 37 new members into the FSU Fellows Society at the Annual Induction Ceremony and Networking Session on Friday, August 26th, 2016. At this event, new Fellows are formally inducted into the Fellows Society, and both new and returning Fellows have an opportunity to meet and converse. The Fellows Society, Florida State University's graduate fellowship society, brings together FSU's outstanding graduate students who hold competitive university-wide and prestigious external fellowships for the purpose of interdisciplinary learning. The theme of this year's Networking Session



portion of the event was "Advocacy for Graduate Education." Keynote speakers, Dr. Thomas W. Jennings, Vice President for University Advancement and President of the FSU Foundation, and Browning Brooks, Assistant Vice President, University Communications, encouraged the Fellows to begin brainstorming ideas regarding what they can do to be leaders and advocates for communicating the importance of graduate school education. For more information about the FSU Fellows Society, please visit our webpage at <http://gradschool.fsu.edu/fellows-society>.

Career Center (continued)

- Career Center Library and Website – access hundreds of online and print resources available to address any step in the career development/job campaign process. Visit career.fsu.edu/library and career.fsu.edu
 - Graduate-Specific Advising – drop in to the Career Center, visit your Career Center College Liaison, and/or Contact the Career Center Liaison for Graduate Students
 - Graduate Resources – access resources and information tailored specifically to graduate student needs at www.career.fsu.edu/Students/Graduate-Students
- SeminoleLink Online Career Management System Services (www.career.fsu.edu/SeminoleLink)**
- Opportunity Listings – identify internship, full-time, and part-time work opportunities
 - NACELink Network – search aggregate job listings from online job search sites
 - Newsletters & Announcements – receive email notifications about Career Center events
 - CareerShift – search potential job opportunities by job title, organization name, keywords, or location from multiple websites and job boards
 - GoinGlobal – explore international career guides, job postings, and internship listings, and access more than 400,000 country-specific organization profiles
 - Employer Database – search thousands of employer profiles by industry, location, or keyword
 - ProfessioNole – network with professional alumni and friends of FSU to learn more about industry demands, career expectations, job outlook, and employment opportunities

Online Resources

- The Career Platform – elearning.thecareerplatform.com/fsucareercenter/Account, view online video modules to help you build employability skills

- Versatile PhD – access the interactive online website dedicated to assisting graduate students build networks and explore opportunities for a wide range of post-graduate employment options
- SIGI3 and FOCUS2 – take assessments, explore career pathways, and find occupational information related to your values, interests, and skills
- Career Portfolio – build your online portfolio and market your skills
- Virtual SEC & ACC Career Fair – attend the virtual career fair to identify employment opportunities
- Career Planning and Job Search Guides/Modules – review resources on career planning, employability, job search topics (e.g., Finding and Using Graduate Student Resources and Considering Employment in a Faculty Position)
- Career Center Social Media pages – network with other alumni and recruiters, and stay up-to-date with Career Center workshops and events through Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube
- FSU LinkedIn App – connect to job postings for FSU students, view alumni career paths, and identify organizations of interest

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit career.fsu.edu for more information

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Contact the Liaison for Graduate Students: Amanda C. Sargent, acsargent@fsu.edu

Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards

The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) is proud of the meaningful work that the graduate students here at Florida State University have done this past year to secure external funding to support their graduate education.

In 2015-16, over 80 graduate students received \$2.2 million in highly prestigious and competitive, national, international, and state funded external fellowships and awards to support their research and scholarly activities.

BY THE NUMBERS

Among the external fellowship recipients for the 2015-2016 year were:

- 2 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships
- 2 Chateaubriand Fellowships in the Humanities & Social Sciences
- 2 American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowships
- 2 P.E.O. Scholar Awards
- 2 P.E.O. International Peace Scholarships
- 4 NIH Predoctoral Individual NRSA F31
- 2 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows
- 2 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants
- 3 Department of Transportation Eisenhower Graduate Fellows
- 4 McKnight Doctoral Fellowships
- 3 McKnight Dissertation Fellowships



Erin Harrell, PhD Psychology, McKnight Doctoral Fellow; Ashley Carter, PhD Nutrition and Food Science, McKnight Dissertation Fellow; Latoya Brown, PhD Counseling and School Psychology, FAMU Feeder Fellow

OGFA Advising

Are you a current graduate student interested in learning about external fellowships and awards? The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards can work with you to get you started with your funding search and support you throughout the application process.

[Click here to schedule a meeting with OGFA.](#)

To learn more about our workshops, visit our website at www.ogfa.fsu.edu or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



2016 Fellows Society Induction, The Great Hall

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