DATES & DEADLINES

December 1
- Graduate Assistant Re-Employment Notification: Departments must notify a Graduate Assistant of a decision to re-employ or not re-employ as a Graduate Assistant for the following Spring semester 2021.
- Deadline date for Spring 2021 Graduate Assistantship contracts due to Graduate School.

December 7
- Deadline to submit GA contracts to the Graduate School to make the December payroll.

December 12
- Commencement

From October 22 until November 20, the Graduate School collected 5 boxes of donated goods (about 70 items) for the Saluki Food Pantry. To donate online, visit https://news.siu.edu/2020/11/112320-Help-Salukis-with-food-insecurities-now-and-all-year-long.php

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!
Anti-Racist Learning Group

The Graduate School facilitated a Microsoft Teams learning group that met weekly from October 15 until November 19 to learn about individual and structural racism, how to identify it and dismantle it. Forty graduate students joined the group, and about 15 of those students joined each meeting. The group watched a video together and then discussed it. During week #6, there was a guest speaker, Mr. Jeremy Allen, a doctoral student in Sociology who is currently teaching the SIUC class Sociology 215 – Race & Ethnic Relations in the U.S. The videos watched and their YouTube links are listed below.

Weeks #1&#2 - Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, author of the book, How to Be an Anti-Racist, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCxbI5QqFZw

Week #3 – Dr. Megan Ming Francis, Let’s Get to the Root of Racial Injustice, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aCn72iXO9s

Week #4 – Dr. Chadwick Boseman, This Video Left Everyone Speechless (True Example of a Hero), https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymQKBTtLOs

Week #5 – Mr. Jeremy Allen, Guest Speaker

Week #6 – Dr. Carol Anderson, White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Nation's Divide, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aCn72iXO9s

After the video each week, group members shared their reactions and ideas. Conversation was difficult, but for the most part respectful and always interesting and enlightening. After six weeks, we were just getting started and learning about how much more there is to learn.

Graduate School Presentation to First Generation Undergraduates

The First Saluki Center and the Black Affairs Council hosted a virtual workshop on November 4, 2020 to inform first-gen undergraduate students about the opportunities, costs and resources available for attending graduate school. Deon Thompson, Crystal Harris and Rose Moroz of the Graduate School provided information and resources. A panel of three current graduate students shared their experiences and responded to questions. On the right is a screen capture of some of the meeting participants.
ELECTIVE PASS/NOPASS GRADING FOR FALL 2020
(S/U FOR GRAD STUDENTS)

Follow this link for more information, and be sure to click on the red “Elective Pass/NoPass Grading Information” link in the middle of the screen. Pay attention to information regarding possible impact of choosing S/U on financial aid, probation and satisfactory progress.

Multi-factor authentication (MFA)

IMPORTANT!! If you don’t enroll NOW, you will lose access …

This message is critical for all SIU students (as well as faculty and staff). Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is now available.

If you don’t know, multi-factor authentication means that you will sign in with a username and password, and then verify that you are the owner of the credentials by accepting a push notification on your cell phone or mobile device, or by entering a unique passcode generated by an MFA token. Adding MFA verification to the sign-in process dramatically increases security around your credentials and accounts, but maybe more importantly to you, when the opt-in period ends (January 2021), you will lose access to SIU technology systems and services (until you enroll). Lost services include access to email, SalukiNet, D2L, network access, printing on campus and more.

To avoid this inconvenience, you are strongly urged to enroll now. Information and instructions for MFA enrollment can be found here. Contact SalukiTech for additional help at 618-453-5155 or salukitech@siu.edu.

Are You Using a Trusted Email System?

To protect the entire campus community from continuous, malicious email activity you should be using a recommended and supported email system to access your SIU email account. Acceptable email systems include SalukiNet, Apple mail, mobile Outlook app, Outlook 2016 and greater, and office.siu.edu. If you currently use one of these email systems, you are good to go. If not, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) recommends that you move to one of these systems now. Your transition to an appropriate email system increases security around your email account, and prepares you for upcoming changes in Microsoft security requirements, which include use of a secure and trusted email system (as listed above). If suspicious email activity continues, OIT will take additional security measures as needed. If you have questions or need help, contact SalukiTech at (618) 453-5155 or salukitech@siu.edu.
Did you know that 11 Federal agencies offer R&D funding through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs? Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR and STTR enable small businesses to explore their technological potential and provide the incentive to profit from its commercialization. Phase I awards range from $150,000 - $250,000. Phase II awards are generally $750,000+ depending on the agency. Central to the STTR program is the partnership between small businesses and nonprofit research institutions.

If you have an innovative idea or research that has commercialization potential, don't miss these no-cost workshops offered by the SIU Research Park's Illinois Small Business Development Center and Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

**INTRODUCTION TO SBIR/STTR COMMERCIALIZATION PLAN**  
November 30, 2020  
1-5 p.m. (Virtual)  
Register at [https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/33424](https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/33424)

**THE BUSINESS SIDE OF SBIR/STTR**  
December 7, 2020  
1-5 p.m. (Virtual)  
Register at [https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/33425](https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/33425)

**STRAIGHT TALK ON WORKING WITH ANGEL AND VC INVESTORS**  
December 14, 2020  
1-2:30 p.m. (Virtual)  
Register at [https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/33491](https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/33491)

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Save the Date: March 25th from 9:30-11:00am

SAVE THE DATE

GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

An interactive & engaging virtual workshop for faculty presented by Dr. Laura Lunsford, Researcher & Expert on Mentoring

March 25, 2021
9:30am-11:00am

Watch for registration details coming in Spring!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 25th, from 9:30-11:00am for a virtual workshop on the topic of excellence in graduate student mentoring.

Dr. Laura Lunsford, mentoring expert & researcher, will present an interactive 90-minute session designed for faculty who work closely with graduate students. SIUC faculty are invited to participate.

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