

GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWS



FEBRUARY 2020



New Graduate Student Orientation – Spring 2020

The Spring 2020 new graduate student orientation was hosted by the Graduate School on January 9. Graduate School staff and representatives from 14 units across campus introduced themselves to students and explained the services they offer.

Many thanks to the following offices/organizations who participated in this great event:

Student's Legal Assistance
Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism
First Saluki Center
Morris Library – OpenSIUC
Southern Illinois Research Park
Recreational Sports & Services
Graduate & Professional Student Council (GPSC)

New Student Programs
Parking Division
Office of Diversity
Student Affairs
Student Health Services
Sustainability Office
Touch of Nature

Calendars & Events

Research Paper, Thesis & Dissertation Information Session

February 4, 5 pm – 6 pm
February 5, 11 am – 12 pm
Student Services Building (SSB) 150

Morris Fellowship and Doctoral Fellowship Announcements

February 7

3MT Competition Presentations

February 7, 3 pm - 4:30 pm
Student Services Building (SSB) 150

Master's Fellowship Announcement

February 14

Grad School Faculty/Staff Training

February 19, 9 am – 10:30 am
February 20, 1:30 pm – 3 pm

3MT Competition Winners Announcement

February 21

Graduate Dean's Fellowship and PROMPT Announcements

February 21

Dates and Deadlines

February 3

Last day to begin an assistantship to receive a tuition waiver for Spring semester

February 7

Deadline to apply for May 2020 graduation

February 11

Deadline to Graduate School for February payroll

February 13

Deadline to apply for IL residency for Spring 2020

Applying for Graduation

65% of the graduate students who applied for the December 2019 graduation actually graduated. When a student applies for graduation and does not graduate that semester, their graduation application is rolled forward, but only one time. **If the student doesn't graduate in the second semester, they will have to apply again and pay the application fee again.** Therefore, we encourage advisors to meet with students and strategically plan the best term to apply for graduation. Applications for May 2020 graduation that are completed by the **February 7** deadline have a \$50 fee. Late application fees are \$75.

Fall 2020 Applications & Slate Training

Departments should be processing Fall 2020 applications now!

If you still need Slate training or would like a refresher session, you can sign up here: <https://gradschool.siu.edu/slatetraining.php>



You're invited!

SIUC Three-Minute-Thesis (3MT) Competition Presentations

Presentations for SIUC 3MT Competition will be held on **February 7** (Friday) from 3 pm to 4:30 pm at Student Services Building 150/160. **Anyone is welcome to join us for this great event.**

The poster features a large green clock face on the left with the letters "3MT" in purple. To the right of the clock face, the words "THREE MINUTE THESIS" are written in green. A silhouette of a person stands on the right side of the poster, gesturing as if presenting. The background is a light blue gradient. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of an audience. The event details are listed in yellow and red text at the bottom left of the poster.

February 7, 2020 (Friday)
3 pm – 4:30 pm
Student Services Building 150/160

Graduate Saluki Stories

Do What You Love!

TESOL Grad Story

<https://vimeo.com/378901598>



This Graduate Saluki Stories video is about **Eugenie Mainake** (pictured on the right), a Master's student in the TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) program. The video shows Eugenie used MondlyVR (a language learning app in Virtual Reality) in his study to explore an immersive way to learn new languages in VR.



Advisor: **Dr. Shannon M. McCrocklin**, Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics/TESOL

Department of Mathematics

Dr. John McSorley, Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Programs, reports **Menake Wijerathne** (Doctoral Student) was admitted to the Arizona Winter School 2020: Nonabelian Chabauty. The AWS 2020 will be held March 7-11, 2020 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ, and is funded by the National Science Foundation, supported by the National Security Agency, and organized in partnership with the Clay Mathematics Institute.

<http://swc.math.arizona.edu/index.html>



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Southwest Center
for Arithmetic Geometry

ARIZONA WINTER SCHOOL 2020

Department of Mathematics
The University of Arizona

Deadline to apply for funding:
November 8, 2019

<http://swc.math.arizona.edu>

NONABELIAN CHABAUTY

Jennifer Balakrishnan
Computational tools for quadratic Chabauty

Bas Edixhoven
Geometric quadratic Chabauty

Minhyong Kim
Foundations of nonabelian Chabauty

David Zureick-Brown
Classical Chabauty
with Bjorn Poonen, Clay Lecturer

TUCSON, MARCH 7-11, 2020

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Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition



Jesse Francis is a Doctoral Candidate and **Graduate Dean's Fellow** in the College of Agricultural Sciences with a focus in Equine Nutrition and Behavior. She is exploring topics including oil-based flavor preference, product packaging and storage conditions, consumer sensory of feed products, as well as the influence of gestation on palatability. (Advisor: **Dr. Erin Perry**, Associate Professor, Animal Science Food & Nutrition)



She has presented her work at the Equine Science Society Symposium, American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting, and was First Runner up in the Biological & Social Sciences division at the 2016 Graduate Research Forum.

Additionally, Jesse has authored four manuscripts including "*Effects of hydroponic wheat fodder on fecal metabolites in equines,*" "*Effect of road transport on the equine cecal microbiota,*" "*Effects of feeding management on the equine cecal microbiota,*" and "*Role of the gut microbiota in equine health and disease.*"

Jesse is also a Teaching Assistant for both lecture and laboratory sessions of ANS 219 - Introduction to Horse Management, ANS 409 - Equine Science, and FERM 460 - Sensory Analysis.

Outside of her graduate program, Jesse is also a Doctoral Intern at Purina Animal Nutrition studying chewing patterns and saliva production. In her spare time, Jesse is a volunteer Equine Scientist with Equestrian Initiative and enjoys spending time with her horse Moose.

School of Art and Design



Mary Ardery is a third-year graduate student studying creative writing in the Master of Fine Arts program. A recipient of **Master's Fellowship** sponsored by the Graduate School, she recently attended the Tin House Winter Workshop in Newport, OR. She was one of eighteen poets accepted and one of six poets who studied in Gabrielle Calvocoressi's class. Mary and other poets spent the weekend discussing one another's manuscripts, listening to craft talks, and, of course, exploring the rugged Oregon coast.

(Left) Mary visited Yaquina Head Lighthouse in Newport, OR.

Department of Theater



Theater Graduate Students Honored for Playwriting!



Out of hundreds of submissions, **Dustin Hageland** and **Lavinia Roberts**, both MFA playwriting students in the Department of Theater, had plays honored at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF), Region 3, which includes Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and Wisconsin. Hageland and Roberts represented SIU January 7-12, 2020 at the 52nd Annual KCACTF Region 3 Festival in Madison. Both playwrights had 10-minute plays recognized as part the top six in the region and the KCACTF Region 3 Conference produced them. Roberts also had a one-act play, *After Dark*, win the Planet Earth Award. The Planet Earth Award is a collaboration between KCACTF, Planet Earth Arts, and Stanford University, recognizing excellence in student-written plays that specifically address issues of climate change, the environment and surrounding issues of urgent concern. The conference also produced this play, and Roberts states, "KCACTF was an amazing opportunity to work with directors and actors from other universities and learn from their different approaches to making theatre. I broadened my network and was inspired by my colleague's creative practices."

These most recent awards continue a long-standing tradition of SIU MFA Playwrights representing the university at KCACTF. Congratulations, Dustin and Lavinia!

Department of Languages, Cultures, and International Trade



Department of Linguistics



Fany Aracely Martínez Barahona, a native from Honduras, graduated from SIU with a double M.A. in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (Spanish concentration) and in TESOL on December 2019. During her two years at SIU, she held a Graduate Assistantship to teach Spanish. After her first year, Fany was assigned to be the Head GA of her program. Fany believes that her academic training and the teaching opportunities provided at SIU gave her the tools to grow not only academically but also professionally. She is currently working as a Spanish Instructor in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics at The University of Oklahoma, Norman campus, where she teaches beginning and intermediate Spanish to undergraduate students. Fany believes that although she is no longer a student at SIU, her Saluki spirit will remain alive wherever she goes.



Several doctoral students from the Department of History are participating in conferences during the Spring Semester.

J. David Kemp, **Greg Carter**, and **Shannon Mason** (SIUC-SIUE Co-op PhD student) participated in the 2020 Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference hosted by the Center for Renaissance Studies at the prestigious Newberry Library in Chicago. David Kemp served as an event organizer and panel moderator. Greg Carter presented "Moko Jumbies and Helper Women: Creating a Polycultural Religious Community in the Danish West Indies, 1720-1805."

In May, **Geoff Lybeck** will present his research at the 2020 Midwestern History Association Conference hosted by Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Xiao Li won the conference/workshop grant from D. Kim Foundation for the History of Science and Technology in East Asia. The grant is to support Xiao Li to present her paper "A New Woman: Yamei Kin's Contribution to Medicine and Women's Rights in China and America 1864-1934" at the annual conference of Association of Asian Studies 2020 in Boston. Xiao Li is also the organizer of the panel "Bound and Unbound: Asian Women as Agents of Change in Science and Health Practices".



Left to right: Shannon Mason (SIUC-SIUE Co-op PhD student in History), Dr. Chris Fletcher and Dr. Rebecca Hall (of Newberry Library), and David Kemp (PhD student, SIUC History)

GRADUATE SCHOOL'S UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

On December 3rd, the Graduate School invited students to visit wearing their favorite "ugly" sweaters. Photos were posted on the SIU Carbondale Graduate School Facebook account, and students voted online. Two student winners were awarded student center gift certificates. Below are photos of some of the participants and their sweaters.



Would you agree that we certainly have good taste in our holiday fashion choices?!



GRADUATE SCHOOL'S FINAL EXAM EVENT – Fall 2019

During final exam week, the Graduate School created a Winter Wonderland with “Take a Break!” tables for students to enjoy hot drinks, cookies, and other goodies. We’ll let you in on a secret: Offer sandwiches from Jimmy Johns if you want a good crowd. For the entire week of exams, we counted over 600 people coming again and again to enjoy goodies. One lucky student each day won an SIU t-shirt.



Susan Babbitt, long-standing employee of the Graduate School, passed away December 18th after a brief illness at St. Louis University Hospital. She began in the Graduate School as a student worker operating the switchboard and finally as the Supervisor of Graduate Admissions. Susan was awarded two degrees from SIUC: BS in Paralegal Studies and MSED in Workforce Education and Development. She made invaluable contributions to the Graduate School and will be missed by her co-workers and fellow colleagues across campus. (Right: Susan and her daughter Elizabeth)



MORRIS LIBRARY'S FREE WORKSHOPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



Morris Library is once again pleased to offer a series of free workshops this semester for graduate students. For more information and to register: <https://libguides.lib.siu.edu/gradworkshops>

Getting Started on Your Literature Review for Your Thesis/Dissertation (taught by Amber Burtis)
Monday, January 27, 2020 @ noon in Morris Library Room 139

Librarians will guide you through the process of crafting a thorough and refined literature review.

Publishing Your Thesis/Dissertation After Graduation (taught by Amber Burtis)
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ noon in Morris Library Room 139

Learn how to get a book or journal articles published from your finished thesis or dissertation. Topics covered in this workshop include revising your thesis/dissertation for publication, maximizing the number of publications you get from your thesis/dissertation, putting together a book proposal, and much more!

Journal Submission Process (taught by Jennifer Horton)
Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ noon in Morris Library Room 139

Topics covered in this workshop include the journal submission process from start-to-finish with a special emphasis on Journal Rankings and Impact Factors, Open SIUC, and Copyright.

EndNote Desktop (taught by Jennifer Horton)
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 @ 3:00pm in Morris Library Room 640a

EndNote Desktop citation management software is available to faculty and graduate students courtesy of Morris Library. Learn how to most effectively use the software to save you time and headaches! [Request a copy](#) from the Office of Information Technology before the workshop.

Please contact Amber Burtis at amber.burtis@siu.edu if you have questions about the free workshops.

INNOVA-SHIP 2020

Funding provided by the Small Business Administration Growth Accelerator Fund

Innova-Ship 2020 is a 9-week program with focus on commercializing innovative ideas, technologies and research. The program is open to SIU faculty, staff, students, and innovative thinkers throughout southern Illinois. Visit researchpark.siu.edu to view the application and learn more about training topics which include identifying funding and investors (with emphasis on federal SBIR/STTR funding).

Limited space is available. Other than your time, there is no cost to participate in this program.

Have questions? Please contact Dr. Barnett at dbarnett@siu.edu.



**SPRING 2020
INNOVA-SHIP**

WHERE INNOVATION AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP COLLIDE

9-WEEK TRAINING INCLUDES:

- IDENTIFYING FUNDING AND INVESTORS
(WITH EMPHASIS ON FEDERAL SBIR/STTR FUNDING)
- DEFINING THE TARGET MARKET/MARKET RESEARCH
- TESTING YOUR BUSINESS CONCEPT
- ENTERING AND CAPTURING THE MARKET
- PLANNING FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS
- BUILDING YOUR TEAM
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- INVESTOR PRESENTATION DEVELOPMENT

STARTS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
MEETS WEEKLY FROM 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. @ THE SIU RESEARCH PARK

OPEN TO SIU FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND HIGH-TECH THINKERS AND
ENTREPRENEURS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

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