

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

September 15, 2020 [Events and Deadlines](#)

This newsletter is distributed to department heads, graduate program directors, graduate program contact staff, and graduate faculty.

Important Information for All Graduate Faculty, Graduate School and Graduate Program Administration

Beginning fall semester (August 17th), the Graduate School is transitioning to all online submission of electronic forms/documents. The links to all Graduate School electronic forms, including programs of study, program/committee change forms, approval to schedule final examination forms, and request for preliminary ballots, are available on the Graduate School website. After an electronic form is submitted, email notifications will be sent to the major professor, committee members and program director who must review and approve the document/form. The goal is to facilitate the movement of the document/form through the approval process. After the document/form is received by the Graduate School, the approval process remains the same.

There have been recent updates to the Graduate School's electronic forms to include a departmental advisor/coordinator in the approval workflow if appropriate. Departments that have a program advisor/coordinator who reviews student forms before the committee, should instruct their students to include the advisor/coordinator when submitting electronic forms via the Graduate School website. We plan to release a new look-up tool early in the fall semester to allow faculty and support staff to look up the status of student forms on the form dashboard where Graduate School electronic forms are accessed and submitted. Departmental support staff will continue to have access to submit electronic forms as a proxy for students if necessary.

Beginning September 10th, ballots (preliminary, final and ETDR) will be distributed electronically to the major professor or outside chair using the RightSignature tool. The Graduate School will send out information on the electronic ballot and RightSignature in the next newsletter. Committee members and if applicable, the outside chair will sign ballots after receiving an e-mail with a link to the ballot and the ballot will be returned electronically to the Graduate School after all required signatures have been recorded. This new process should expedite the distribution and submission of ballots as students continue to defend using zoom or other teleconferencing systems.

Beginning fall semester, students will have the option of conducting their defenses on campus using social distancing and masks guidelines. However, if the student or any member the supervisory committee wishes to participate via zoom this request is to be honored. The approval form should include not only the location of the defense if held face-to-face on campus, but also the zoom meeting link. This is

imperative for doctoral defenses as they are to be publicly available.

Save the Date: Graduate School Fall Update Meeting, September 16th

All department heads, graduate program directors, and graduate program contact staff are encouraged to attend the Fall 2020 update meeting with the Graduate School administration team on **September 16th 3:00 – 5:00 pm**. Join [via Zoom](#).

Graduate Program Directors

Deadlines for Departments to Submit Recommendations for International Applications

The deadline to recommend admission for International applicants for spring 2021 was September 1st. This includes individuals who are: Living outside of the United States, applicants who are currently enrolled at an institution in the United States who plan to graduate in December and plan to travel outside of the United States prior to January.

October 1st deadline includes individuals who are: Living in the United States and who do not plan to travel outside of the United States prior to January and distance learning applicants. Individuals admitted for spring should plan to arrive on campus no later than January 8, 2021.

Call for Graduate Student Teaching Award Nominations

Departments are encouraged to nominate outstanding graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) for the [GSC/MAGS Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence](#). Each department may nominate one masters and one doctoral GTA for the teaching award. Department nominations are due to College Deans offices by September 30.

Graduate Faculty

[New Rural/Regional U.S. Scholar Award through the Australian-American Fulbright Commission](#)

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce a new U.S. Scholar award focusing on rural and regional issues that would be of particular interest to Kansas State University. **Applications are open until September 15, 2020**. For more information, [visit the Fulbright Scholar Award website](#).

Teaching & Learning Center Professional Development Series - Social Justice in Teaching

September 16, noon-1:00pm. [Join via Zoom.](#)

Volunteer to be a Poster Judge for Research and the State

The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty and post-doc judge volunteers for the annual [Research and the State](#) graduate student poster session. The poster session will be held in a virtual format via Zoom on October 23, 2020. Presentation sessions will be held throughout the day between 9:00am-5:00pm. The time commitment for judges will be 1-2.5 hours. If interested in serving as a judge, please complete a brief [online form](#) to express your interest and provide your availability on October 23.

Teaching & Learning Center Professional Development Series - How We Follow Through on the Promise of Support

September 30, 12:00-1:00pm. [Join via Zoom.](#)

2020 Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecture

The dates have been set for the 2020-2021 Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecture. The recipients of the award below will receive an honorarium, are recognized during the fall Graduate School commencement ceremony and during a public lecture to the campus community. All are invited to participate in a public presentation on Wang's work.

Dr. Donghai Wang

Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Carl R. Ice College of Engineering
Lecture Date – October 23, 2020, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. [via Zoom](#)

Dr. Thomas Phillips

Department of Entomology
College of Agriculture
Lecture Date – April 27, 2021, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Graduate Students

Funds to support student technology needs

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) in collaboration with K-State's advising and student life community aids students who face financial barriers to the acquisition of needed hardware/software essential to on-line course participation. The student must be eligible for federal financial assistance. In most instances this eligibility criterion will be met if the student has filed a FAFSA for the 2020-21 academic year. The technology assistance referral form may be

submitted by any member of the university's academic or student life advising communities familiar with the student's distance learning access challenges. Upon receipt of the completed form, the OSFA will review any additional information available on to the student's academic and financial circumstances. Where possible, the OSFA will issue to the student a voucher for the purchase of technological hardware/software at the K-State Campus Bookstore. The referring K-State official will be copied on the e-mail communication sent to the student's K-State e-mail address.

Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Professional Fields

The Michigan Society of Fellows provides financial and intellectual support for individuals holding advanced degrees in their fields, who are selected for their outstanding achievement, professional promise, and interdisciplinary interests. Applicants for these fellowships must have received the Ph.D. degree or comparable artistic or professional degree between June 1, 2018, and September 1, 2021. Fellows are appointed as Assistant Professors in appropriate departments and as Postdoctoral Scholars in the Michigan Society of Fellows. They are expected to be in residence in Ann Arbor during the academic years of the fellowship, to teach for the equivalent of one academic year, to participate in the informal intellectual life of the Society, and to devote time to their independent research or artistic projects. This is not an artist-in-residence program but rather an opportunity to develop one's work in conversation with fellows from a range of disciplines during the three years of the fellowship. The Society seeks a diverse and international pool of applicants and especially welcome candidates from underrepresented backgrounds. Final selections will be made in late January 2021. The annual stipend will be \$60,000. **The [online application](#) must be submitted by September 15, 2020.**

Teaching and Learning Center Professional Development Series - Social Justice in Teaching

September 16, noon-1pm

Tanya Gonzalez will discuss how to incorporate social justice into teaching and classrooms. View a [promotional video](#) to learn more.

Join by Zoom (<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/93106034653>)

[GSC Professional Development – Navigating the Career Decision Making Process](#)

September 17, 2:30-4:00pm

Graduate students and post-docs are invited to participate in the first virtual GSC professional development seminar of the fall semester. Hosted by [BioKansas](#), participants of this webinar will identify and discuss professional strengths, interests, and weaknesses; explore how their personal values and life experiences share their goals and contribute to career satisfaction; and design and evaluate an action plan to better position themselves for successful career decisions. While the

content of this session will be especially relevant to those considering career options in the biosciences, graduate students and postdocs from any discipline are welcome to participate and are expected to benefit. **Advance [registration](#) is required by September 15th at 4:00pm.**

[BIO IMPACT Digital student pass](#)

Graduate students in agriculture and bioscience disciplines are encouraged to apply for the FREE student pass to BIO IMPACT Digital, September 21-22. In this virtual conference, students will join global thought leaders, policy-makers, scientists, investors, CEOs, business development executives, and academics across all sectors to discuss how advances in biotechnology bring solutions to challenges facing agriculture and the environment.

The Library and Your Research Workshops - Research, Rights, Reuse, and Retention

September 21, 1:30pm. [Join via Zoom.](#)

This workshop will cover the basic principles of U.S. copyright and provide a framework for answering copyright questions. Learn how to reuse your own work in your ETDR or other publications, and how to reuse others' works legally and ethically. We will also cover how to understand publisher copyright contracts, your rights as an author, how to retain more rights when publishing, and the basics of embargoing your work when submitting your ETDR.

[All-University Career Fair](#)

September 21-24, 11-5pm.

The All-University Career Fair is a four-day, multi-industry career fair hosted online through *Handshake*. This event is being offered in place of the traditional on-campus fair at Bramlage Coliseum which hosted a record of 385 companies and 4,500 students in 2019.

Find the career fair in *Handshake* and register:

1. Log into your Handshake account.
2. Go to the EVENTS page via the top menu bar.
3. Select CAREER FAIRS.
4. Click the blue REGISTER button in the top right corner of the event page. Repeat this for each day that you want to attend. Note that for the All-University Career Fair, each day of the fair is listed as a separate event/fair.
5. On the day of the fair, you must open the YOUR SESSIONS tab IN THE EVENT to enter the sessions for the fair.

GSC Professional Development Seminar - Exploring Non-Academic Job Opportunities Panel Discussion

September 21, 2:30-4:00pm

September 24, 2:00-3:40pm

A variety of job opportunities outside of academia exist for master's and doctoral degree holders. Graduate students and post-docs who are interested in a non-academic career path are invited to join the GSC for a panel discussion with professionals from government, industry, and non-profit sectors who hold advanced degrees. Panelists will discuss their career experiences and will share guidance on how to seek out non-academic job opportunities, talk about the skills and experience that make an applicant competitive for these types of jobs, and answer questions from attendees. The GSC will have two offerings of this event with different panelists in each session. Attendance is welcome in one of the two or both sessions. Advance [registration](#) is requested. Zoom meeting information will be provided upon registration.

KAWSE SUCCEED Career Chat – Alternative Career Paths for STEM

September 22, noon-1pm

Science Librarian Carol Sevin will share her experience working and volunteering in libraries, science museums, and makerspaces and serving as a high school teacher and public health program coordinator in the Peace Corps. Attendees will explore options for STEM graduates in journalism, advocacy, public policy, community organizing, startups, youth development, grant writing, libraries, museums, and more. **[Register to attend](#) and receive a Zoom link by September 21st at 4pm.**

KAWSE SUCCEED for Graduate Students and Post-Docs – Inclusion/Safety in Research Spaces

September 25, noon-1pm

Vice President for Research and Professor of Chemistry, Peter Dorhout, and Executive Director of KAWSE and Professor of Sociology, Chardie Baird, will host a virtual brown bag to learn from graduate students and postdoctoral researchers about the challenges and successes they are facing when creating/experiencing physical and cultural safety in their research spaces. VPR Dorhout is committed to incorporating what he learns from session participants in programming in K-State's research office. **[Register to attend](#) and receive a Zoom link by September 23rd at 4pm.**

Call for abstracts: Research and the State

Registration is open for the Graduate Student Council's Research and the State graduate student poster session, which will be held October 23rd via Zoom. Graduate students from all disciplines are invited to participate. Ten presenters will be selected to represent K-State at the annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) held in the spring at the Capitol Building, where graduate students present

their posters and discuss the implications their work has on issues in the state of Kansas. Additionally, Research and the State is a great opportunity for graduate students to share their research or scholarly work with the campus community. **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 25, 2020, 11:59 pm CST**

Academic Career Conference

The Graduate School continues to accept graduate student registration for day 2 of Beyond the Professoriate's Academic Career Success Conference:

- September 26 – 10am-3pm CST – Session for Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education Graduate Students and PhDs

The conference will consist of four webinars. Topics covered in the webinars include: Applying writing strategies for completing your dissertation, book or article manuscript; publishing dissertations as monographs; managing work, life, and career with proven time management strategies. To have registration paid for by the Graduate School, graduate students must [register here](#) by **September 21** (do not register through the Beyond the Professoriate conference website).

The Library and Your Research Workshops - Managing Citations and References

September 28, 1:30pm. [Join via Zoom.](#)

This hands-on workshop introduces the essentials of citation manager tools and will introduce several different tools before focusing on Zotero. Participants will set up an account and learn some of the common steps to organize citations and create bibliographies.

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