2014 Professional Development Workshop Series

Tuesday, May 27 at 10:00 AM — 5:00 PM in Molecular Plant Sciences (MPS) Building, Room 1200

EFFECTIVE PRESENTING – 10:00 AM  Presented by: Mr. Karl Gude, Graphics Editor-in-Residence
This workshop is designed to help attendees learn how to prepare for oral research presentations and multi-disciplinary audiences. Participants will learn how to develop engaging presentations with chalk boards and presentation software, such as PowerPoint, preparation of tables and graphics, as well as effective communication tips.

PERSONAL STATEMENT WRITING – 11:00 AM  Presented by: Dr. Sheila Contreras, Associate Professor of English
This workshop will help students write compelling personal statements for graduate school admission. The presentation will cover key points to consider and common mistakes.

ABSTRACT WRITING – 2:00 PM  Presented by: Dr. Susan Ewart, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies
This workshop will help attendees prepare professional, succinct, and convincing abstracts.

TEST-TAKING STRATEGIES – 3:30 PM  Presented by: KAPLAN
This presentation is designed to help students feel more confident about the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and cover simple and successful strategies to prepare for this important test.

RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH
Saturday, June 7 at 10:00AM in 1200 MPS
Presented by: Dr. James Pivarnik, MSU Research Integrity Officer
This presentation will cover ethics and responsible conduct and their impact on research and scholarship. The goal is to ensure that students are informed to protect their personal, educational, and career development interests that can easily be harmed through irresponsible acts and to support their effectiveness in collaborating with senior researchers.

PROFESSIONAL BEST PRACTICES
Saturday, June 7 at 2:00 PM in 1200 MPS
Presented by: Dr. Judi Brown-Clarke,
Diversity Director, BEACON Center
This talk is designed to help the audience build the necessary skills and supporting documents to pursue a successful career. This session will focus on CV writing, demystifying networking activities (receptions, conferences, follow-up), and social networking tips.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Saturday, June 28 at 10:00AM in 1200 MPS
Presented by: Dr. Antonio Nunez,
Associate Dean, The Graduate School
This workshop will assist young researchers in setting and meeting explicit expectations and resolving conflicts, thus, eventually improving their research experience. The workshop goals are 1) to introduce interest-based negotiation strategies to students for use in setting expectations and resolving conflicts, and 2) to raise awareness of issues of potential conflict.

CAREER PATHS AFTER GRAD SCHOOL
Saturday, June 28 at 2:00 PM in 1200 MPS
Presented by: Dr. Julia McAnallen,
Graduate Career Services Coordinator
This presentation aims to give information about different career options available to those with advanced graduate degrees including jobs in the academic, industrial, non-profit and governmental sectors. Attendees will gain insight into the skills required to be successful, the ways to navigate a particular career trajectory.

To RSVP, email “msusrop@grd.msu.edu”. Be sure to include the title of the workshop in the subject line. Include your name, and Summer Program/Department. If you are attending more than one workshop, let us know.
For any questions, email or call Program Manager, Steven Thomas at (517) 353-3262.