



Workshops & Events

Coffee Hour: Building an Academic Career

Alternative academic careers

Deadline: January 24, 2013 from 1 - 2pm

Alternative academic career (alt-ac) opportunities appear to be increasing in both number and prominence. What are these positions, and how can you pursue them? How can your teaching or research experience be an asset in these positions? What are the advantages and disadvantages of staying in academia in a non-faculty position? Hear three individuals in alternative academic careers talk about their experiences and perspectives.

For more information, visit this [link](#). For future dates and to join a Coffee Hour, click [here](#).

How Learning Works: Seven Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching

MSU Union, Parlor C

January 28, 2013 from 8:30am - 12pm

Michele DiPietro, Executive Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Associate Professor, Mathematics and Statistics, Kennesaw State University

A tenet of learner-centered teaching is that learning is the litmus test of any pedagogy. Therefore, one of the most important investments professors can make is to understand the learning process so that their teaching is intentionally designed to maximize learning. In this workshop, Michele DiPietro will synthesize 50 years of research on learning from the cognitive, metacognitive, motivational, developmental, and inclusive-learning perspectives into seven integrated principles. This interactive workshop will illustrate the seven principles with demonstrations, discussions, and other activities that highlight how each of the principles can be used to enhance participants' teaching. Michele DiPietro is a co-author of the new and highly regarded book on college teaching: *How Learning Works: Seven Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching*. He is also the President of the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network in Higher Education, the leading association of faculty developers in North America.

To register, click [here](#).

How to Find a Job Outside Academia: Applying Academic Skills for Expanded Post Academic Opportunities

International Center, 115

Fee: \$10

February 2, 2013 from 8:30am - 3:15pm

This one day workshop is designed primarily for doctoral students who are considering post-academic careers in government, industry, non-profit organization or in administrative positions in higher education settings. Whether you are beginning your degree or about to complete, this workshop is designed to help you plan and organize your professional development and post-academic job search around the skills and practical knowledge that nonacademic employers seek.

You have worked for years to acquire the knowledge, ability, and skills associated with your discipline and the academy. How will your expertise and the competencies you possess translate to expanded post-academic opportunities in government, industry, non-profit organizations and in administrative positions inside the university? What translates well and what will you have to adapt to in order to be successful in these new settings?

Learn about alternatives to adjuncting and how to avoid the job-hunting mistakes that grad students most frequently make. Also, learn what you need to know before sending out a CV or resume to a nonacademic employer, interviewing, and networking. All of these topics and more will be covered.

For more information and to register, click [here](#). Capacity: 150

Plan Your Work, Work Your Plan: Essential Career Competencies for PhD Students

International Center, 115

February 21, 2013 from 5:00p - 6pm

Finding and landing a professional position is more than simply completing a degree or completing a postdoc, internship, or temporary job. It is a complex process that varies by discipline and requires development of and confidence in your abilities, an aptitude to effectively network within and across disciplinary fields, and the capacity to analyze your skills, knowledge, and strengths.

In this workshop students will be exposed to the essential competencies sought by employers of Ph.D.'s as identified in *Plan Your Work, Work Your Plan: Essential Career Competencies for Ph.D.s* (MSU Graduate School Publication). Students will also assess themselves on the six essential career competencies and begin making their own individualized career and professional development plan. Overall this workshop is designed to help you:

- Recognize the skills you are acquiring that complement and go beyond your disciplinary specialization
- Understand the broad uses of those skills during graduate school, the postdoc experience, and your future career
- Identify ways to strengthen and consolidate those skills while you are a graduate student or postdoc *Students will receive a copy of the publication, *Plan Your Work, Work Your Plan: Essential Career Competencies for Ph.D. Students.* "

To register, click [here](#).

Conference

Eleventh International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities

Eötvös Loránd University - Budapest, Hungary

June 19 -21, 2013

Call for Papers

The 2013 Humanities Conference will be held at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary, 19-21 June. The conference provides a space for dialogue and publication of new knowledge which builds on the past traditions of the humanities whilst setting a renewed agenda for their future. Proposals for paper presentations, poster sessions, workshops, roundtables, or colloquia are invited, addressing the humanities through one of the following themes:

- Critical Cultural Studies
- Communications and Linguistics Studies
- Literary Humanities
- Civic, Political, and Community Studies
- Humanities Education

The deadline for the current round of the call for papers is 7 February 2013. Please visit our website for more information on submitting your proposal, future deadlines, and registering for the conference.

Presenters have the option to submit completed papers to one of our Humanities collection of journals. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations include the option to submit a video presentation, and/or submission to one of the journals for peer review and possible publication, as well as subscriber access to the Humanities Journals.

Plenary Speakers

We are proud to welcome the following plenary speakers to this year's Humanities Conference:

- Erzsébet Barát, English and Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- Anna Gács, Institute for Art Theory and Media Studies, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary
- Patricia Leavy, Author and Arts-Based Researcher, USA
- Jasmina Lukic, Head, Gender Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- Katalin Orbán, Institute for Art Theory and Media Studies, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary
- Antal Örkény, Sociology, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary
- Claire Warwick, Co-Director, Centre for Digital Humanities, University College London, UK

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- Nelson Mandela