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## Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

The end of the semester is rapidly approaching!

We would like to welcome the newest addition to the Graduate College, Elizabeth "Liz" Lara, who will serve as the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion starting on May 1, 2019. Please see the [article](#) for more information about Liz's background.

The last meeting of the semester will be the joint DGS/Graduate Faculty meeting on [May 1 at 3:30 PM in the Senate Chamber of the Old Capitol](#). The Faculty Graduate and Postdoc mentor awards will be presented and a reception will follow. I hope to see you all there.

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

## Graduate College News

### *New Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director*

The Graduate College would like to welcome our new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director, Elizabeth Lara. Elizabeth most recently served as a Diversity Resources Coordinator for the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the last two-plus years. She is student-centered and is a champion for underrepresented students. Her contribution in creating systemic change at the University of Iowa is evident throughout her work, affiliations, and established partnerships across campus and in the community. She will start at the Graduate College on May 1, 2019. Welcome, Elizabeth! Read more about Elizabeth's background [here](#).

## Awards

### *Outstanding Faculty Mentor Awards*

The Graduate College is pleased to honor Len MacGillivray and Venise Berry with the 2018-2019 Graduate College Outstanding Faculty Mentor Awards. MacGillivray, a professor in the Department of Chemistry, is recognized in Mathematical, Physical Sciences and Engineering. Berry, an associate professor with a split appointment in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Department of African-American Studies, is honored in the Social Sciences. The recognition ceremony and reception will be a part of the Graduate Faculty/DGS Meeting, **Wednesday, May 1, 2019**. The ceremony is open to the public. Faculty/colleagues/staff and students in MacGillivray's and Berry's departments are encouraged to attend. Family and friends outside the University of Iowa are invited as well. The reception will follow the conclusion of the award presentation. Congratulations to Professors MacGillivray and Berry and their respective departments.

## Events

### *Managing the Market Academic Job Docs Series*

The Managing the Market Job Docs Series offers graduate students the chance to learn about and develop the job materials they will need for a variety of careers within the university. Each session will consist of an overview of the job document, a professional panel to share insights on drafting career materials from both the applicant and hiring committee perspectives, and activities and resources to help start the process of either creating or revising job documents. Students can register [here](#).

The Sessions will be:

- **Teaching Statement** - Friday, April 26th: 12-2pm in Gerber Lounge, 304 English Philosophy Building
- **Diversity Statement** - Friday, May 3rd: 12-2pm in Jones Commons, 316 Lindquist Center

### *Mentoring Humanities Grad Students*

**Friday, May 17, 2019, 9:00-4:00, Gerber Lounge, 304 EPB** – While tenure-track positions in the humanities may be few, graduates with PhDs are creatively expanding their career options. The more faculty and other formal and informal mentors can learn about creative and collaborative mentoring, the better we can prepare students to be scholars in whatever career paths they follow. This one-day workshop is for formal and informal mentors of graduate students, including faculty, staff, and peer mentors like graduate students. Humanities faculty are especially encouraged to participate. The workshop will be led by the founders of an exciting public scholar program at the University of Washington-Seattle: Bruce Burgett, Professor and Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences at the University of Washington-Bothell, and Miriam Bartha, Director of Graduate Programs and Strategic Initiatives at the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences at the University of Washington-Bothell. More information can be found [here](#). Applications are due **Tuesday, April 30 by 5:00 pm**.

### *International Undergraduate Orientation*

International Student and Scholar Services is hiring several students to be small group leaders for international undergraduate orientation in August. Graduate and professional students are invited to apply through Hire a Hawk. Contact Lee Seedorff at [lee-seedorff@uiowa.edu](mailto:lee-seedorff@uiowa.edu) with any questions.

### *Commencement*

On Friday, May 10, 2019, the Graduate College will conduct two commencement ceremonies. Commencement apparel rental orders were due on April 10, 2019. Orders received after April 10, 2019 will incur late fees. Registration and apparel details can be found on the [Graduate College Commencement webpage](#). The Doctoral program, held in Hancher Auditorium, begins at 9:00 AM. As a friendly reminder, the spring doctoral ceremony is a ticketed event. The Masters' program begins at 7:00 PM in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

## Grants & Fellowships

### **Graduate Certificate in the Engaged & Public Humanities Workshop**

**June 5-8, 2019, Georgetown University, Washington, DC** – “Engaged Humanities Ambassadors” are invited to attend the introductory course for Georgetown’s Mellon-funded Graduate Certificate in the Engaged & Public Humanities Workshop at Georgetown University in Washington, DC from June 5-8, 2019. This certificate program will include collaborative workshops, a career showcase for humanities scholars, site visits, career preparation, and a keynote by Leonard Cassuto. \$1,000 fellowships and funds to cover registration are being offered from Georgetown and the Obermann Center. If interested, please fill out the application [online](#) by **Friday, April 26, 2019**. More information can be found [here](#) and in the attached flyer.

### **Spriestersbach Dissertation Prize**

Nominations for the 2019 [D.C. Spriestersbach Dissertation Prize](#) in the Biological and Life Sciences and the Humanities and Fine Arts are now being accepted. Nominees must have received their doctoral degree or completed all doctoral degree requirements (includes having the final deposit of the dissertation cleared through the Graduate College) between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019. Nominations are due **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**.

### **Rex Montgomery Dissertation Prize**

Nominations for the 2019 [Rex Montgomery Dissertation Prize](#) are now open. The Montgomery Dissertation Prize recognizes the most meritorious dissertation by a doctoral student conducting research in prevention of disease and/or the translation of research into clinical practice. Students from a variety of graduate programs are eligible, including the biomedical and health sciences, as well as related social sciences. Nominees must have received or completed all requirements for the doctorate between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019. Nominations are due **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**.

### **Graduate College Funding Resources**

The Graduate College provides a wide variety of financial assistance to help masters and doctoral students meet educational, living, and professional development expenses. We provide close to 20 different [internal fellowship opportunities](#) and staff support for students seeking external grants and fellowships. The Graduate College also partners with the Graduate Student Employment Committee, which provides recommendations to University leadership on matters related to employment benefits. The current graduate employment agreement contains information on graduate assistant rights and benefits. If you have any questions, please contact us at [grad-fellowships@uiowa.edu](mailto:grad-fellowships@uiowa.edu) or call Associate Dean Shelly Campo (335-2136) or Executive Director of Operations Donna Welter (335-2145).

## **Courses**

### **Seminar in College Teaching (GRAD:6217)**

This course is designed primarily for graduate students planning to teach in their professional career. It will be offered this spring and fall (2 sections each semester). Classroom time will be spent on instruction involving techniques and strategies for teaching adult learners. Additionally, discussions of the classroom issues seminar students are facing in their teaching experiences will take place each week (although not all students will be currently teaching). Each student will write a teaching philosophy statement at the end of the course. This course is a popular choice for those planning to earn the Graduate College Certificate in College Teaching.

### **Writing for Learned Journals (GRAD:6300)**

Graduate school leaves us with a number of promising yet incomplete projects. This seminar is designed as a workshop in which students deepen, develop and complete one of these projects. By demystifying the process of publication, teaching best practices for writing and research, and modeling rigorous peer-review, the course supports students in submitting a polished project to a learned journal in their field at the semester’s end. This course examines knowledge creation across the disciplines and is open to students in any field of study in Fall 2019.

## **Resources**

Would you or your graduate students like to learn more about planning for life after graduate school? The Graduate College provides [support and instruction](#) for graduate students or faculty interested in learning more about career exploration, career management tools like ImaginePhD and MyIDP, networking, and interviews & negotiation. [Request a workshop](#) or email us at [grad-success@uiowa.edu](mailto:grad-success@uiowa.edu).

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