



INTRODUCTION

Not losing steam, the Graduate School has kept things rolling and is ever glad to cheer you on as you push towards the finish line. In this issue, we present a jumbo edition showcasing new opportunities, new programs, resources, and more, including coverage of one of our most exciting events: the 3MT, known as the 3 Minute Thesis. At this event, graduate students competed, explained their thesis or dissertation within 3 minutes or less, in hopes of winning grand prizes and competing at regional, national, and international stages. Read on for more and let us know what you think. Guess who won?



THE 3MT IS AN ACADEMIC COMPETITION THAT CHALLENGES GRADUATE STUDENTS TO DESCRIBE THEIR RESEARCH WITHIN THREE MINUTES TO A GENERAL AUDIENCE. 3MT CELEBRATES THE DISCOVERIES MADE BY RESEARCH STUDENTS AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO COMMUNICATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR WORK TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY. THE WINNING STUDENT WILL REPRESENT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY AT THE CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN GRADUATE SCHOOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY 2019. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL PAYS TRAVEL. THIS, YEAR, THE CANDIDATES WERE NARROWED DOWN TO JUST 8 CANDIDATES WHO COMPETED FOR 3 PRIZES:

•1ST PLACE: \$1000

•2ND PLACE: \$750

•PEOPLE'S CHOICE*: \$500

***CAN BE WON BY THE ABOVE WINNERS AS WELL**

SEE WHO WON ON PAGE 8!

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MEET OUR FINALISTS BELOW!

Molly Long

Ph.D. Health Services Research

"Improving the Mental Health of Pregnant Women and New Mothers"

Harmony Martell

Ph.D. Ecological Sciences

"Saving Coral Reefs One Algae Eviction Notice at a Time"

Gabriela Zapatero McWhorter

Ph.D. Education - Communication Disorders

"Autism and Animals: Using Therapy Dogs to Enhance Social Skills of Children with Autism"

Kristina Harrison

Ph.D. Business Administration

"The Marketing of Financial Services: The Role of Acculturation"

Lily Kunda

M.A. Humanities

"Must Stay Woke: Black Celebrity Voices of Dissent in Post Post-Racial America"

Ian Birdwell

M.A. International Studies

"Confidence Building through the Arctic Council: Altering State Policy in a Melting Arctic"

Jeremy Peshl

Ph.D. Physics

"Electronic Sandpaper for Particle Accelerators"

Rebecca Roji John

Ph.D. Education - Curriculum and Instruction

"Refugee Mothers' Voices: Experiencing Preschool Education in the U.S."

CENTER FOR HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES (CHIP)

In collaboration with the Graduate School, The Center for High Impact Practices offers ePortfolio support for graduate students. While graduate students are invited to seek assistance from any of our ePortfolio Assistants, if they would prefer to work specifically with a fellow graduate student, they can make an individual appointment with the ePortfolio Graduate Assistant, Morgan Xenos. She is available for appointments both in-person and or online. Appointments can be made on MyTutor and in-person at the ePortfolio Studio (LC1313).

Furthermore, Morgan is able to provide workshop style support to graduate student groups, programs, and organizations. If you would like to schedule a workshop that introduces the concept of ePortfolios and or demonstrates how to build portfolios within certain platforms (such as Wix or WordPress), please contact the ePortfolio Team (eportfolio@odu.edu). It is possible to offer these events as hybrid workshops, inviting graduate students at a distance to attend as well. Follow them on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to learn when workshops will be held @ [odueportfolio](#).



ePortfolio Studio (LC1313)

Additionally, we are working with PFF/PFP to host ePortfolio workshops. The dates are February 12, 2019 and March 19, 2019 from 12-1:30 in Gornto 422. Check out CHIP's social media accounts for more information!



Morgan Xenos: ePortfolio Graduate Assistant

The ePortfolio Studio is located on the first floor of the Learning Commons, room 1313. This space is envisioned as an active, adaptable, tech-centric environment, with the ePortfolio team providing assistance and instruction related to multimedia composition through a variety of means (tutoring, workshops, tutorials, events, speakers) and in collaboration with several other units on campus. A new initiative the ePortfolio Program will be beginning this semester is our Open Studio Hours with the ePortfolio Team. These hours are times in which students, faculty, and staff will be able to come work on their ePortfolios in the Studio with access to the ePortfolio Assistants. Starting February 4th, the Open Studio Hours will be held on the first and third Mondays from 5:00-6:00 and the second and fourth Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30.

Asynchronous Support

The ePortfolio Team offers asynchronous feedback, in which Graduate students may submit a request for support or feedback on their ePortfolios without making an appointment. The student will fill out the form, share their ePortfolio link, and submit any questions. They would receive a screencast video from an ePortfolio Assistant, answering those questions and providing feedback. Sign up for asynchronous support here: <http://bit.ly/epasynchronous>.

Additional Support

Check out the ePortfolio website to learn more about ePortfolios and the support offered. On our website students are about to find information about upcoming events, student and staff ePortfolio examples, step by step ePortfolio tutorials, and more. Follow the ePortfolio Team on social media @ [ODUePortfolio](#)!

Open Studio Hours

with the
ePortfolio Assistance Team

Library Learning Commons 1313



Want designated time to work on your ePortfolio?

Students, faculty, and staff can come to the eP Studio to work on ePortfolios in an unstructured casual environment with ePortfolio Assistants just a step away. Participants are welcome to come to collaborate or work independently.

1st & 3rd Mondays
5:00-6:00
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
11:30-12:30

****Starting 02/04/2019****

For more individual assistance,
please make an appointment on
my.odu.edu through MyTutor



 **ODU** Center for High-Impact Practices

ODU SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

ODU School of Community and Environmental Health

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Information Session

Feb. 7, 2019 • 12:30-1:30 p.m. • Library Learning Commons, Room 1310-1311

Webex for online participants

Meeting number (access code): 926 518 296 Meeting password: ODUMPH

Calling all students interested in careers that make an impact on the world! Join us for the MPH Information Session for an overview of the program, important deadlines and tips for submitting a strong application.

Pizza and refreshments will be served!

Let us know you are coming! Send an email to mph@odu.edu.



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MPH PROGRAM AT

<https://www.odu.edu/academics/programs/masters/public-health>

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

APPLY AT

https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fi_ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=odugrad

Please RSVP: <https://goo.gl/forms/W3zl5Tviqz80GxQj2>

SPRING GRADUATE STUDENT PROCESS GROUP

The Office of Counseling Services (OCS) is offering a spring process group specifically for graduate students that can help you:

- Better balance academic and personal stressors
- Get support and build community with other grad students
- Learn about yourself and how you cope with stress

When: Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from 2/6/19 to 4/24/19

Where: Office of Counseling Services, 1526 Webb Center

For more information contact the Group Coordinator, Dr. Joshua DeSilva, at 757-683-4401, or stop by OCS and to schedule an initial consultation.

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SCIENTISTA SYMPOSIUM: SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS



The Scientista Symposium is a national conference that helps advance the careers of young women in STEM by facilitating networking with representatives from top companies, a range of professional and technical skill workshops, and a chance to present research and compete for cash prizes.

This year's program features 3 inspirational keynote speakers, 7 career panels on topics such as science communication, science policy, industry, and entrepreneurship in STEM, workshops on Python coding, a research poster session, a pitch competition to a panel of investors, free headshots(!), resume review sessions, and a career fair with 50 top organizations like Google, Genentech, NASA, and more. These conferences regularly attract over 500 young women from top institutions throughout the country – it's a fantastic opportunity to cultivate professional relationships. Early Bird Tickets are on sale until February 1 - Register here!

Interested in volunteering at the Symposium in exchange for a free registration? Apply here.

For more information, check out the Symposium website or email us @ jackie@scientistafoundation.org.

TEACHER-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Are you interested in teaching? If so, ODU is offering a Teacher in Residence program and is recruiting the 2019-2020 cohort. Over the course of an academic year, accepted students are mentored by ODU faculty and paired with an experienced teacher, while earning a Master of Science degree towards teacher licensure. Additionally, all tuition is paid for and students receive a salary while teaching. More information can be found here: <https://www.odu.edu/eps/academics/teacher-in-residency#ad-image-0>. The program application deadline is March 19. Inquire and apply!

LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB?

Need a part-time job? Need one that's in Norfolk that can work with you and your schedule? Aramark is hiring, and opportunities can be accessed via careers.aramark.com. From there, search using the keyword "ODU" and select from available positions. Aramark offers on-campus position, with flexible work hours to accommodate your schedule. For more information email cseldon@odu.edu with your name and position that you have applied for to assist them with locating you.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR

You're invited to the ODU Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday, February 5, from 10:30am – 1:30pm in the North Mall of Webb Center! Highlights will include:

- Drawings for \$5000 in Study Abroad Scholarships
- Information on scholarships for study abroad
- Information on ODU courses that take place abroad during the summer and spring break
- Information on our exchange and affiliated programs for the semester and summer
- Opportunities to meet with faculty who are leading our programs
- Opportunities to chat with ODU students who have studied abroad and with current international students at ODU

*All students who follow @oduabroad on Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter will have 2 chances to win a scholarship at the Fair! For more information, contact the Office of Study Abroad at 757-683-5378 or studyabroad@odu.edu.

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CAREER PATHWAYS



Professional development to bridge graduate school and career success

What is Career Pathways?

- University-wide program that prepares graduate students and postdoctoral scholars for successful transition into thriving careers.
- A gateway to resources, programs, events, and planning tools for ODU graduate students and postdocs.

PREPARING FUTURE PROFESSIONALS (PFP)

Designed for individuals interested in a non-academic career such as in industry, non-profit/non-governmental organizations, or government agencies.

Earn the PFP Certificate:

- ☒ Develop an individual development plan
- ☒ Create a resume
- ☒ Attend professional development events or complete professional development activities
- ☒ Produce an ePortfolio to document professional development and growth

PREPARING FUTURE FACULTY (PFF)

Designed for individuals interested in an academic career.

Earn the PFF Certificate:

- ☒ Complete a mentored teaching experience
- ☒ Create a CV
- ☒ Attend PFF and other professional development events
- ☒ Produce an ePortfolio to document professional development and growth

SPRING 2019 Events

Feb 13 Webinar – Addressing Incivility in the Classroom: Effective Strategies for Faculty
(by the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity)
10.00-11.00am in Learning Commons LC 1311

Mar 22 Grant Writing Essentials for Graduate Students (by the Office of Research)
12.00-2.00pm in Learning Commons, LC 1310-1311 & online (access here:
http://bit.ly/PFF_archive)

Other events to be announced as details are finalized. Stay updated by visiting the Career Pathways website (sites.wp.odu.edu/careerpathways) and the events page (sites.wp.odu.edu/gsl01/event/).

Register for these events here: http://bit.ly/rsvp_cp

Questions? Contact Dr. Wie Yusuf, Chair, Career Pathways Steering Committee
E-mail: jyusuf@odu.edu Phone: 757-683-4437 Web: <https://sites.wp.odu.edu/careerpathways/>

ODU PRESENTS - VIEW FROM THE TOP: EXPLORATION AND CONSERVATION OF RAINFOREST CANOPY BIOTA, BY DR. NALINI NADKARNI

ODU PRESENTS

Featuring multidisciplinary speakers that support the colleges' research initiatives and community outreach efforts. All events in this lecture series are free and open to the public.

Seating is limited. Guests are encouraged to RSVP to (757) 683-3116 or at odu.imodules.com/NNL19



Lytton J. Musselman Natural History Lecture Speaker

Nalini Nadkarni
Forest Ecologist and
Professor of Biology at the
University of Utah

View from the Top: Exploration and Conservation of Rainforest Canopy Biota

Nalini Nadkarni, biology professor at the University of Utah, is a pioneer in forest canopy studies. She has documented the roles of canopy-dwelling plants, animals and soils in maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem function, particularly how they intercept and retain nutrients within tropical and temperate rainforests. Her recent work examines the impacts of natural and human disturbances on forest canopy communities, from single branches to landscapes.

Nadkarni has created innovative science and conservation programs for faith-based groups, urban youth, artists and legislators. Since 2003, she has brought science education, conservation projects and nature imagery to incarcerated adults and youth around the country.

Nadkarni's work is supported by the National Science Foundation, the Mellon Foundation and the National Geographic Society. She has written over 120 scientific articles and three scholarly books. Her awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, the National Science Foundation Public Service Award, the American Association for the Advancement of Science Award for Public Engagement, the Archie Carr Medal for Conservation and the William Julius Wilson Award for the Advancement of Social Justice.

February 7, 2019

7:00 p.m. Lecture
North Cafeteria, Webb University Center

ISBIOTECH: 9TH SPRING MEETING

9th Spring Meeting



March 4–6, 2019 • Norfolk, Virginia USA

Viral Vectors & Extracellular Vesicles

Cellular Therapies

Baculovirus

Expression Technology

Viral Vaccines

GRADUATE RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT DAY ANNOUNCEMENT



The Graduate School will be hosting the eighth annual Graduate Research Achievement Day (GRAD) on **Thursday, March 28, 2019, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Webb University Center**. GRAD is a great opportunity for students to showcase their research for the campus community, while networking with other students and learning about the great diversity of research and scholarship at Old Dominion University. Students interested in participating must submit a poster proposal that consists of the graduate student's name, any co-authors, a project title, and a 300-word maximum abstract. The proposal must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 8, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.** to <https://goo.gl/forms/pyaxmqM9SZBHRbt2>. Proposals that do not follow the formatting requirements or are submitted late run the risk of not being accepted. Students in disciplines that do not normally undertake poster presentations and who would like to participate may contact Mr. Xavier-Lewis Palmer, Graduate Administrative Assistant for the Graduate School, for assistance at xpalmer@odu.edu. Distance students are also welcome to submit proposals.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 3MT CONTESTANTS!



THE WINNERS: 1ST PLACE AND PEOPLE'S CHOICE, HARMONY MARTELL (LEFT)
2ND PLACE: KRISTINA HARRISON (RIGHT)



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Graduate STEM Research Fellowships

2019 - 2020

Fellowships

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) provides \$6,000 graduate research fellowships to students majoring in STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Fellowships require students to participate in a faculty-mentored research experience that aligns with NASA's mission.

Awardees are required to use \$1,000 from the Fellowship to support travel to related conferences and for research-related supplies and materials.

Awards are renewable for one year for students making satisfactory academic and research progress.



Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Graduation date no sooner than May, 2020
- Conducting research that supports NASA's mission
- Grade point average of at least 3.0
- Must be receiving matching funds of at least \$6,000 from applicant's academic institution
- Enrolled as a full-time graduate student at one of the Virginia Space Grant Consortium member institutions:

The College of William and Mary
Hampton University
Old Dominion University
University of Virginia
Virginia Tech

About the VSGC

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) is a coalition of five Virginia colleges and universities, NASA, state educational agencies and other institutions representing diverse STEM education and research. VSGC offers a wide range of student opportunities including fellowships, scholarships, internships, research experiences, and student flight projects.

How to Apply

For more information, and to complete the online application for 2018-2019, please contact Joyce Kuberek at jkuberek@odu.edu or visit: <http://vsgc.odu.edu/sf/gradfellow>

DEADLINE: January 28, 2019



Virginia Space Grant Consortium • 600 Butler Farm Road, Suite 2253
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Strome Entrepreneurial Center
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Join us as we start the new 2019 757 Pitch season at the ODU Strome Entrepreneurial Center, Norfolk VA. Come watch and participate as five competitors compete to win a chance to take their idea to the next level. Get your free ticket to attend at 757Pitch Eventbrite.

We invite you to like and follow on Facebook at 757 Pitch for upcoming events and resources. Sponsored by StartWheel.org, and the ODU Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

THE INNOVATION COMMERCIALIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A free bootcamp aimed at innovators and early stage entrepreneurs, The Innovation Commercialization Assistance Program (ICAP) will be offered four times in Hampton Roads in 2019. It is an ideal program for early-stage companies trying to prepare for eventual venture investment. This program is designed to generate a maximum impact over a relatively short duration and should be considered a required first step for anyone interested in commercializing a technology or product, whether through a startup or licensing arrangement. Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.virginiasbdc.org/programs/icap/>.

EDITOR'S SPOT - WHAT DOES THE GRADUATE SCHOOL MEAN TO YOU?

I want to start this new year with something different for the Editor's Spot and make it interactive. I'll pose questions that you can answer and have appear in this newsletter. The questions that I will start with are these: "What does the Graduate School mean to you?" and "What does your Graduate Experience mean to you?" I'll post one of your responses in an upcoming newsletter issue along with my own. For me, the Graduate School means that you have an advocate and team willing to listen, help make sense of your educational experience, and go to bat for you. My Graduate Experience largely means growth, especially an increase in both perspective and a realization of opportunities to take hold of. This year has many new challenges and opportunities for growth in store, and the Graduate School is right here with you. Let us know how we can help to make your experience as smooth as reasonably possible. -Xavier-Lewis Palmer



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Find Graduate School News Online at: www.odu.edu/graduateschool, as well as updates on our Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter pages.

ODU doctoral student, Xavier-Lewis Palmer, compiled and edited this newsletter with help from Dr. Robert Wojtowicz, Dr. Bryan Porter, Ms. Missy Barber, Genenieve Conwell, and Courtney Nishnick in the Graduate School.

If you have an idea, event, news, or anything otherwise notable that you would like to share, contact Xavier-Lewis at xpalmer@odu.edu.



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