

## Announcements for the week of February 13, 2012



### Only three days away...

"[The PhD Movie](#)," inspired by Jorge Cham's popular comic strip "[Piled Higher and Deeper](#)," is coming to Foellinger Auditorium, Wednesday, February 15...and it's free! Doors open at 6:00 p.m., the screening starts at 6:30 p.m.



### Commencement Deadline

March 16 is the last day to add your name to the degree list if you would like your name to appear in the campus wide Commencement program. You can add your name using Student Self Service. If you have problems adding your name, contact your department for assistance. [Commencement Info](#)



### Writing Effective Fellowship Proposals: Workshops for Social Scientists & Humanists

The Graduate College will offer a workshop on Wednesday, February 15, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., to introduce students in the social sciences and humanities to the art of proposal writing. Dr. Ken Vickery, Director of External Fellowships, will explain how to locate fellowship opportunities and craft winning proposals. The workshop will take place in 304 Coble Hall. [Registration](#) required. Contact: Ken Vickery at [vickeryk@illinois.edu](mailto:vickeryk@illinois.edu)



### Interviewing Skills for Nonacademic Jobs for Graduate Students and Postdocs

February 16, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., 407 Illini Union

Optimize your interview skills for jobs in industry and government by learning about common interview formats. This workshop will also provide tips for responding to tough questions and topics to avoid as well as covering behavioral-based interviewing and strategies for preparation and self-presentation. [More information](#)

### Transferrable Skills and Federal Government Careers for Graduate Students

February 21, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., 407 Illini Union

Wondering about career opportunities in the federal government for graduate students? Have you ever wondered what else you might do with your advanced degree in the humanities or social sciences?

Graduate students are invited to participate in this information session with Partnership for Public Service *Call to Serve* speaker, Owen Highfill, a conservatorship operations specialist at the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Ms. Highfill will address marketing transferrable skills for federal careers and provide information about the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) program. PMF is a two-year rotational program created to attract outstanding applicants with graduate degrees from all disciplines to careers in federal service. Please note that the majority of federal positions are open only to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. [More information](#)

### Intern Queen is Coming to Campus!

Thursday, February 23, 6:30 p.m., Chem Annex Room 112

Named #5 on Business Week Magazine's list of Young Entrepreneurs Under 25, Lauren Berger will tell you ALL you need to know about finding internships. Participating in 15 internships during her 4 years of college with companies such as MTV, FOX, and NBC, Lauren IS the Intern Queen! [More information](#)

Questions? Contact [kflint2@illinois.edu](mailto:kflint2@illinois.edu)



### 29th Annual Insect Fear Film Festival

It is time once again for the [29th Annual Insect Fear Film Festival](#), which will be held on February 25. The theme for this year's festival is International Ants. The two featured movies are the 2005 film *Glass Trap* and the 2003 film *The Bone Snatcher*. The night will feature a live insect petting zoo, face painting, locally-made insect-related artwork, and exotic insect displays from around the world. Hosted by the Department of Entomology, the festivities begin at 6 p.m. in Foellinger Auditorium on campus with the films starting at 7:30 pm. Admission is free.

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### Neuroengineering Seminar

Wednesday February 29, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., 2269 Beckman

Professor Steve M. Potter, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University will give a talk entitled, "Studying learning and plasticity in cortical networks in vitro, with multi-electrode and optogenetic interfaces."

Sponsored by the Graduate College ICREN [Focal Point](#) group.

Contact: Erik Johnson, [ejohns24@illinois.edu](mailto:ejohns24@illinois.edu)



### Planning a doctoral defense for May 2012 graduation?

Friday, April 6, is the last day for doctoral students to take the final examination for May 2012 graduation.

Final examination committees must be appointed by the dean of the Graduate College prior to the examination. Doctoral students who will defend during the spring term should contact their departmental or program office as early as possible to initiate the process of requesting appointment of their examination committee. The Graduate College recommends that such requests be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to the examination.

Minimum committee requirements and additional information regarding doctoral examinations may be found in [Chapter VI](#) of the Graduate College Handbook.



### Applications Sought for Provost and Graduate College Student Advisory Board 2012-2013

The Office of the Provost and the Graduate College seek applications from graduate and professional students to serve on the Provost and Graduate College Student Advisory Board. The board provides feedback on programs and initiatives established or overseen by the Office of the Provost or the Graduate College. It also generates ideas and suggestions for programs and activities to enhance the academic, professional, and social experience of graduate and professional students at the university.

Applicants should be graduate or professional students during the 2012-2013 academic year. Members are expected to participate in the 4 - 5 meetings scheduled each semester. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 16 at noon.

[For more information and to apply](#)



### The Savvy Researcher - Spring 2012

#### Where's the Money? Finding and Securing Grant Funding

Are you trying to find grant funding for a fellowship or scholarship? We can help you find private and federal funding by searching and setting up alerts in Illinois Researcher Information Service, IRIS.

#### Demystify the Literature Review and Start Your Research

Did you know that there are different types and purposes for the literature review? This workshop will start with an overview of the literature review and its place in a research project, thesis, or dissertation.

#### 4 out of 5 Professors Agree: Citing Polls in Your Papers Will Earn You a Better Grade

Learn to use the famous Roper iPOLL database which contains nearly half a million public opinion survey questions dating from 1935 to 2012. Knowledge of statistics or statistical programming is required. Jointly sponsored by the University Library and ATLAS.

#### Finding Yourself: How to Know Where You Have Been Cited

Knowing who has been citing your research in what journals is more than curiosity or vanity; it is often required for tenure and promotion. It can also help you to keep current in your field by leading you to articles that you might find useful.

[Registration](#)



### Teaching Tips

#### Research-Based Principles for Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Susan Ambrose, Director of the Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence at Carnegie Mellon, is the co-author of "How Learning Works: 7 Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching." She will be on our campus to present a workshop for graduate students on Feb. 22. [Registration and details available online](#)

#### The Importance of Early Feedback about Your Teaching.

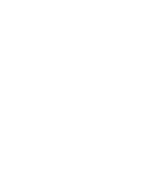
Now is the time of the semester to collect informal early feedback (IEF) about your teaching and your students' learning. To learn more about this important strategy and see sample forms, click here. CTE will be offering an [IEF workshop](#) on Feb. 21 from 4 - 5:00 p.m

#### Other Center For Teaching Excellence Events Coming Soon:

[Making Content Memorable and Transferrable using Narratives](#)

[Interpreting ICES Student Ratings](#)

[Test Construction: Got Questions?](#)



### Annual Student Insurance Town Hall Meeting

February 16, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., 210 Illini Union

Representatives from McKinley Health Center, Office of Risk Management and Student Insurance will provide information related to coverage and services for 2012-2013. Students are invited to come with their questions and comments.

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