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GPIS/CRGS News

Waldo Family Lecture Series

John W. Warner, U.S. senator from Virginia, will be the guest speaker for the Waldo Family Lecture Series on International Relations at Old Dominion University Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the North Cafeteria of Webb University Center.

GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons' Lecture Series

Dr. Peter Schulman invites everyone to participate in the GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons' Lecture Series.

The next speaker will be on Tuesday October 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. WHRO radio personality and renowned jazz musician/composer Jae Sennett will speak about "Jazz in Paris: The French Love Affair with American Jazz from WWI to Today" in BAL 2056.

Professor Philip Nord, Rosengarten Chair of Modern and Contemporary History, at Princeton University will be talking about "'A New Deal for France, 1930-1950" on Tuesday October 28, 2008 (time and location TBA).

Summary of Events:

Study Abroad Fair, Tuesday October 7, 2008 10:30 - 2:00 PM in Webb Center.

GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons' Lecture: Jae Sennett will present *Jazz in Paris: the French Love Affair with American Jazz from WWI to Today*, Tuesday October 7, 2008 7:00 - 8:30 PM in 2056 BAL.

Waldo Family Lecture Series: Senator John Warner, Thursday October 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM North Cafeteria Webb Center

Africa Day at ODU, Thursday October 16, 2008.

South African Ambassador Welile Nhlapo, Friday October 17, 2008 10:30 - 12:00 PM in 2002 BAL, Model UN.

Dr. Kurt Gaubatz, Friday October 17, 2008 at 12:00 PM in 7009 BAL.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Oct. 1 - 15, 2008: Application for Presidential Management Fellowship
- Oct. 10, 2008: Registration for MA Comprehensive Exams
- Oct. 15, 2008: Papers for Rhetoric of the Image Conference
- Oct. 15, 2008: Papers for Taking Stock Conference
- Oct. 17, 2008: Orientation for MA Comprehensive Exams

GPIS/CRGS News, cont.

Ambassador Welile Nhlapo Visit

The South African Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Welile Nhlapo, will be visiting ODU as part of Africa Day on Thursday October 16, 2008. Additionally, the Ambassador will meet specifically with GPIS students on Friday October 17 in the Model UN Conference Room, BAL 2002 at 10:30 AM. All GPIS students are encouraged to take part in this unique opportunity.



Ambassador Nhlapo's Biography

Welile Nhlapo became ambassador of South Africa to the United States on Aug. 14, 2007. Ambassador Nhlapo previously served as South Africa's ambassador to Ethiopia and permanent representative to the Organization of African Unity and the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa since 1995.

Ambassador Nhlapo, who was born in Johannesburg, was active in the South African Students Organization, co-authoring the publication "Black Review" on the activities of black organizations at the time. After a banning order was served on him in 1973, he went into exile to Botswana, where he joined the African National Congress (ANC), serving as deputy editor of *Sechaba*, the official mouthpiece of the ANC (1978-81), head of the Youth Section (1982-87) and as a member of the Regional Political Committee until 1990. He also served as the ANC chief representative in Botswana from 1991 to 1993 before being appointed head of the Political Section in the ANC Secretary-General's Office in Shell House.

In addition, Ambassador Nhlapo was a part of the South African delegation to the U.N. General Assembly in New York when South Africa was readmitted to the world body in 1994, after which he became director of the Africa Division in the Department of Political Affairs at the United Nations. (Biography from www.thewashingtondiplomat.com)

Feature: GPIS Student Summer Updates

Although on break, GPIS students remained active. The following features some updates from GPIS students and what they each did during the summer.

Chris White

My summer ended up being rather busy as a full-time intern at ACT working with the Multiple Futures Project. The MFP has become one of the focal projects at ACT and has the full support of General Mattis, the current SACT. The ODU-ACT collaboration has grown over time, as a number of GPIS students as well as professors Karp and Serfaty have made valuable contributions to the project, which the ACT group has appreciated immensely. These faculty members made an excellent impression on the group at a July workshop in Washington at the Atlantic Council of the United States (ACUS), which I was also fortunate enough to attend.

Working on the MFP has been an incredible opportunity and I have become much more of a team member than I ever expected. I worked full-time during the summer, but have reduced my schedule to two days per week during the semester in order to devote adequate time to my responsibilities at ODU. I have thoroughly enjoyed the multicultural environment at ACT and the dedication of the MFP team. Moreover, it has been rewarding to be able to apply knowledge gained through my graduate studies in a professional environment at ACT.

In fact, I have just returned from Paris, where our team held a workshop at the Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques and then conducted a two-day offsite meeting at the hotel. The goal of the MFP is not to predict the future, but to provide a framework to encourage strategic dialogue throughout the Alliance in order to better prepare for the challenges that the coming decades may bring. You can access the Multiple Futures website from the main ACT page at www.act.nato.int.



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Political Science and Geography Brown-Bag Seminar

The Department of Political Science and Geography, along with the Graduate Society for International Society, will host a brown-bag seminar series.

Dr. Kurt Gaubatz will be giving a talk on Friday October 17, 2008 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM in 7009 BAL. More details will be available in the future.

Election 2008 Panel

On Monday October 27, 2008 the Department of Political Science and Geography and Graduate Program in International Studies will sponsor *Election 2008 Panel* in MGB 102 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

Purple Hope and Purple Lightning Exercises

GPIS maintains a close relationship with the Joint Forces Staff College. One of the opportunities given to us through this relationship are the chance to view the interagency crisis planning process in action by serving as a role player for the Purple Hope and Purple Lightning exercises. Involvement in these exercises offers many benefits both personally and professionally. If you are interested in being a role player, or if you have any questions, you may contact JoAnne Hakala-Applebaugh at jhakala@odu.edu or the coordinators for each specific exercise.

The next Purple Hope will be held on October 23rd. Gary McCorkindale (mccorkindaleg@odu.edu) is the primary contact.

The next Purple Lightning will be held on October 29th, 30th, and 31st. Alan Rogers (ajrogers@odu.edu) is the primary contact. Keep in mind that the 30th is the only full day for this exercise. The previous day only requires your attendance at an orientation briefing and the following day participation is optional.

GSIS Updates

September Meeting Summary

On September 30, 2008 GSIS had its first Open Meeting at Sheila Ryan's house. The meeting was fairly informal and served to update members on GSIS activities. Sheila provided a great assortment of Mediterranean cuisine for guests. The GSIS officers will soon decide when the October meeting will be held and what activities will be planned. Any input on meeting times, locations, or activities would be greatly appreciated.

Call for Student Involvement

The Graduate Society for International Studies calls on all students in GPIS to get involved and participate in student activities. Involved students benefit from greater awareness of campus events and services, the social support of fellow students, and a forum for voicing their concerns. An active student body, additionally, helps increase the profile of GPIS on campus.

As a recognized student organization, GSIS is required to hold meetings and events that have a significant percentage of its members attend. Since GSIS members include all GPIS students, attendance is very important in order for the Society to remain a recognized organization with funding. We strongly encourage student attendance at all GSIS events.

Additionally, if you are looking for leadership experience, GSIS has positions available in committees and the Student Government Association's House of Representatives. The SGA's House meets on Tuesday's at 4:30 PM, and vote on matters that affect all student organizations.

Please contact John Applebaugh jappleba@odu.edu if you have an interest in a titled position within GSIS or have questions about student involvement.

GSIS Pizza Cook-Off

The Graduate Society for International Studies will be re-scheduling the pizza cook-off to sometime in the near future. Please watch your email and the bulletin for the latest updates.



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Around Campus

Study Abroad Fair

There will be a Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM in the North Mall of the Webb Center. Best of all, there will be a drawing for a \$1000 grant toward making your study abroad dreams a reality.

Works in Progress

Join the Communication and Theatre Arts as scholars from across the Arts & Letters community come together to discuss research and creative works in progress.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

“Digging Up Science: Representations and Responses in Image and Discourse”

Jenifer Alonzo, Assistant Professor, Theatre
Craig Stewart, Assistant Professor of English

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

“Studying the Communication Worlds of Children”

Tom Socha, Associate Professor of Communication
Avi Santo, Assistant Professor of Communication

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

“Researching Women’s Perspectives and Perspectives of Women on National and International Fronts”

Fran Hassencahl, Associate Professor of Communication
Jennifer Fish, Associate Professor and Chair of Women’s Studies

All sessions are scheduled from 12:20 – 1:20 p.m. in BAL 3062. No reservations required. These are brown-bag lunch get-togethers, with some refreshments provided.

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Library News

New Data Collection: ICPSR

The library is happy to announce the availability of ICPSR (The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research). ICPSR encourages and facilitates research and instruction in the social sciences and related areas by acquiring, developing, archiving, and disseminating data and documentation relevant to a wide spectrum of disciplines. ICPSR provides numeric raw data for countless topics as well as bibliographies of reports and other publications based on that data.

Access ICPSR from the library's "Databases" page or through the library's online catalog. If you have any questions, contact Judy Trump jtrump@odu.edu.

New Service: IM a Librarian

That's Instant Message! The Reference & Research Services Department is trying out a new chat service intended for use by ODU students, faculty and staff. In general, chat users can ask for help searching the library catalog, assistance selecting and searching appropriate databases, information about the library and its services, help accessing library resources from off-campus. Questions that are more complicated may be referred to other services such as Ask-a-Librarian (email) or Research Consultations (in person). Keep in mind that patrons at the Reference Desk have priority over IM users, who are taken in a first-come-first-served order.

During our trial period, the IM service will be available Monday-Thursday 2-8 PM, Friday 2-6 PM. If you already use AIM, Yahoo Instant Messenger, GoogleTalk or MSN Messenger, you can contact us by sending your IM to the screen name "askodulib." If you don't normally chat, go to the "IM a Librarian" link from the library's home page under "Research Assistance & Instruction" and enter your question in the MEEBO box.



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Announcements

Presidential Management Fellowship

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management is seeking Graduate Students for the 2009 Presidential Management Fellows Program.

This highly selective, rigorous leadership program recruits outstanding masters', law or doctoral-level students for a two-year developmental fellowship at various Federal agencies.

Students working on their graduate degrees in the following fields are strongly encouraged to apply:

- Accounting/Finance/MBA
- Economics
- Human Resources
- Engineering
- Statistics
- Environmental Sciences
- Health/Medical Science
- Information Technology
- Public Policy
- Public Administration
- International Affairs
- Laws

Fellows Receive:

- Two-year paid fellowships
- 80 hours of training each year
- Competitive pay and benefits
- Accelerated promotion paths

Mark Your Calendar to Apply **October 1-15, 2008**

Recruitment, application and nomination information available online at www.pmf.opm.gov.
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Presidential Management Fellows Program
1900 E Street, NW, Room 1425
Washington, DC 20415

Call for Papers, Rhetoric of the Image: Visual Culture in Political Islam - Copenhagen University, Denmark

While narrative sources and oral communication were key in the formation and transmission of Islamic culture in the pre-modern period, an increasing use of visual media in the cultural production of modern Islamic societies has effectively placed the image alongside-- if not above-- text-based rhetorical models. Over the course of the twentieth century, visual media such as film, television, the graphic arts, illustrated books, and pamphlets were mobilized in the drive to modernize and to define a role for Islam in the public domain of everyday politics.

Proposals for papers that deal with the power and role of the image in creating a rhetorical lexicon for political Islam in the modern period in national, nationalist, and trans-national cultural production are welcome.

Topics should deal with aspects of the visual in any region of the Islamic world, from the emergence of visual media in the early modern period to the production and reception of the latest interactive media, including the presentation of Islam on television (talk shows, Qur'an classes, films); the internet and other digital media; banners, posters, murals and graffiti; and illustrated pamphlets, cartoons, graphic novels, and children's books. We also invite presenters to assist in developing a conceptual and theoretical framework to investigate more broadly the role of visual culture in modern Islamic societies.

The conference will take place under the auspices of the research unit "The New Islamic Public Sphere" at the University of Copenhagen, March 21-22, 2009. The host institution will cover transport, accommodation, and meals.

Please send a 200-word abstract by **October 15, 2008** to Sune Haugbolle (suha@hum.ku.dk) and Christiane Gruber (chgruber@indiana.edu).



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European Union Briefing

Everyone is welcome to attend a free event on the European Union on Friday October 17, 2008 at 11:00 AM to be held at:

Delegation of the European Commission
2300 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20037

Metro: Foggy Bottom

Web: www.eurunion.org

RSVP to: Maricar Donato (mcdonato@aol.com)

If you have any topics, issues you want to discuss involving the EU and US relations, please email them to Maricar.

The Myth of the Rational Voter at CNU

The BB&T Colloquium Series on Capitalism at Christopher Newport University will present a lecture from Dr. Bryan Caplan, *The Myth of the Rational Voter: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies*, on Monday, October 6 at 3:00 PM in the David Student Union ballroom. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Dr. Michelle A. Vachris at mvachris@cnu.edu.

The Challenges of American Religious Pluralism in a Post-9/11 World

Diana L. Eck, Ph.D., one of the world's leading authorities on religious pluralism, will present the Cookson Religious Freedom Lecture on October 13, 2008 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Dr. Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University and director of the Harvard Pluralism Project. The lecture, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, will be held in the Boyd Dining Center at Virginia Wesleyan College. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ann Shappell with Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at 757-455-3129 or e-mail csrf@vwc.edu.

VWC Event, Three Perspectives on the Environment: What's at Stake?

Despite all of the noise of politics and campaigning, elections bring us to reflect more intentionally on major issues that face the United States.

In this series some VWC faculty members will be lecturing, some will use a panel format, but all will focus on moving beyond the "election noise" and show—in a nonpartisan way—what key issues face the country, where serious disagreements exist in how to address those issues, and how the academy can illuminate both the issues and the disagreements in important ways.

All lectures will be held on Thursdays from 11 - 11:50 AM in the 1/3 Boyd Dining Center. All lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by VWC Honor Societies.

State Department Critical Language Scholarships

The United States Department of State and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) are pleased to announce the availability of overseas scholarships for intensive summer language institutes in eleven critical need foreign languages for summer 2009.

Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) provide seven to ten week group-based intensive language instruction and extensive cultural enrichment experiences at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels (beginning not offered for Azerbaijani, Russian, Chinese or Persian). Full program details and number of scholarships available per language are available on our website, www.CLScholarship.org

The CLS Program is part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. Deadline to Apply: Friday, **November 14, 2008**.



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Call for Papers: Taking Stock: Transformative Scholarship, Transforming Practices - Rutgers University

Over the past four decades, feminist scholars have transformed knowledge in the humanities, social sciences and life sciences, challenging long-established beliefs, contesting dominant paradigms, identifying new areas of research, and introducing new strategies of analysis using a complex matrix of gender, class, race, age, ethnicity, nationality and sexuality as fundamental categories of social, cultural, historical and scientific inquiry.

"Taking Stock: Transformative Scholarship, Transforming Practices" will examine the intellectual, political, social, and interpersonal worlds that feminists have created despite three decades of backlash. The organizing Committee welcomes papers that address feminist efforts to reduce inequities and inequalities associated with race- and gender-based oppression; efforts to create adequate health care, education, welfare, employment, personal security and equity policies that redress gender- and race-based injustices; efforts to "engender" states by seeking gender parity and gender quotas in elective and appointive offices, constitutional guarantees of equal citizenship and equal protection of the law and policy changes to require gender mainstreaming, gender-impact analyses, gender equitable budgets, and monitoring to ensure compliance with equality objectives across all policy domains; efforts to make visible women's reproductive and domestic labor and to reduce the burden of women's triple shift by redistributing subsistence, childcare, and community-building labor more equitably across genders; efforts to secure women's rights as human rights, to end all forms of violence against women, and to secure reproductive freedom and sexual self-determination; efforts to transform educational and pedagogical practices; efforts to transform the arts and cultural production; and efforts to devise innovative methodologies to transform knowledge production.

Please send electronic versions of paper or panel proposals to Mary Hawkesworth, mhawkes@rci.rutgers.edu by **October 15, 2008**.

Call for Papers: Graduate Student Conference on "Democracy and Democratization" - Storrs, CT

The Political Science Department at the University of Connecticut invites you to participate in the first annual Graduate Student Conference on Democracy and Democratization to be held on February 27-28, 2009. The conference aims at bringing together graduate students from all sub-fields in Political Science, and other related fields. Participants will have the chance to present their research projects, exchange ideas and create a network of emerging democracy scholars. A cash award will be attributed to the best paper. The program will include a keynote address given by Sterling Professor of Political Science and distinguished scholar Ian Shapiro. Presenters will also be welcomed to join a dinner with Prof. Shapiro, faculty and invited guests.

Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to: democracy and human rights, gender, migration, political representation, global governance, electoral studies, political economy, environmental politics, justice, international security, development, etc. The conference will also feature a workshop on Democracy and Human Rights led by University of Connecticut faculty.

Abstracts should be submitted, along with your contact information (name, institutional affiliation, department, e-mail address), to uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com by Saturday, **November 15, 2008**.

Submissions must be 250 words or less and must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document. Conference presentations will be approximately 15 minutes. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by December 20th.

For more information, write to uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com or visit: www.polisci.uconn.edu/people/graduate.html



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Jobs and Internships

Department of State Summer 2009 Student Internship Program

The U.S. Department of State offers a number of Spring, Fall, and Summer internships overseas and in D.C.

For more information about the program and how to apply visit <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP> for more information. The program's brochure can be downloaded here: www.careers.state.gov/docs/4.0_Student_Intern_brochure.pdf.

Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is **November 3, 2008**. Visit <http://careers.state.gov> for more information about State Department careers.

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Strategic Insights E-Journal

The Center for Contemporary Conflict has recently released its September 2008 issue of *Strategic Insights* at www.ccc.nps.navy.mil/si. In this new fall edition, the Center presents eight new Feature Articles, on Strategy and the GWOT; the Arab-Israel Conflict; the U.S.-India Nuclear Deal; and East Asian Security as well as two student theses and two book reviews.

Call for Submissions: The Monitor

The Monitor, William & Mary's journal of international studies, is looking for academic papers that focus on international issues either within foreign countries or between countries.

Email papers to: MonitorSubmission@gmail.com

Contact: grarias@wm.edu

Website: <http://web.wm.edu/so/monitor/>

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships Program for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching. Full eligibility information and on-line applications are available at: <http://nationalacademies.org/fellowships>

Eligibility Requirements:

U.S. citizen or national

Planning a career in teaching and research at the college or university level in a research-based field of science, social sciences, or humanities

Stipends and Allowances:

- Predoctoral--\$20,000 to the fellow, institutional allowance of \$2,000 for three years
- Dissertation--\$21,000 for one year
- Postdoctoral--\$40,000 for one year, \$1,500 employing institution allowance, to be matched by employing institution
- Awardees have expenses paid to attend one Conference of Ford Fellows. Approximately 60 predoctoral, 35 dissertation, and 20 postdoctoral fellowships sponsored by the Ford Foundation and administered by the National Research Council of the National Academies

Application Deadline Dates:

- Predoctoral: **November 14, 2008**
- Dissertation: **November 28, 2008**
- Postdoctoral: **November 28, 2008**

For further information, contact:

Fellowships Office, K576

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Research Assistant Policy Analyst at Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA)

The Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) is a not-for-profit corporation that operates three Federally Funded Research and Development Centers serving the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Homeland Security, Unified Commands and Defense Agencies in addressing important national security issues, particularly those requiring scientific and technical expertise.

The position is for a Research Assistant to support a portfolio of studies on nuclear weapons policy and strategy. The portfolio utilizes a mix of quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches to explore a range of issues germane to the planning of the U.S. strategic posture and associated strategies for shaping the nuclear security environment. The research assistant will work with analysts from multiple divisions on a diverse set of topics. Some research tasks will be narrowly focused, but others will require a longer-term effort and considerable analytical autonomy.

Requirements:

An MA or MS in international relations, national or international security studies, or some related national security discipline is preferred. Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to contribute effectively to a team approach are also essential.

IDA offers a competitive salary, an enviable benefits package, and a superior professional environment in a park-like setting. Applicants selected will be subject to a security investigation and must meet eligibility requirements for access to classified information. U.S. citizenship is required.

Our preferred method of receiving your resume is via email. You can contact Brad Roberts or Victor Utgoff of IDA directly at BRoberts@ida.org or VUtgoff@ida.org.

Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Fellowship

IRES has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program. The IARO Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for long-term overseas research on contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments relevant to US foreign policy. The IARO application and supporting materials are available on the IRES website at:

www.ires.org/programs/iaro/index.asp

Completed applications are due no later than **November 17, 2008** Masters Students, Pre-doctoral Students, Post-doctoral Students, and Professionals with advanced degrees are eligible for a IARO Fellowship IARO Fellowships cover the cost of travel and a living/housing stipend. Questions may be addressed to the IARO Program Staff at iaro@ires.org or by telephone at 202-628-8188

Countries Eligible for Research:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.





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Ongoing Announcements

Comprehensive Exam Dates and Deadlines

Please be advised of the following information regarding Comprehensive Exams:

MA Comprehensive Exams

Registration Deadline - Oct. 10, 2008

Exam Orientation - Oct. 17, 2008 at 4 PM in 7009 BAL

Comp Exams - Nov. 14, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM

To register for the MA Comp Exams, please complete the following form (Form 23):

www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/sgradform23.pdf

PhD Comprehensive Exams

Registration Deadline - Nov. 7, 2008

Exam Orientation - Nov. 14, 2008 at 4 PM in 7009 BAL

Comp Exams - Jan. 9 & 12, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM

To register for the PhD Comp Exams, please complete the following form (Form 15):

www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/kgradform15.pdf

Important Graduation Dates for Fall 2008

Students planning to finish a dissertation or thesis this semester should be aware of the following deadlines in order to graduate in December:

Friday, October 24, 2008 - Dissertations are due in the Dean's Office

Friday, October 31, 2008 - MA Theses are due in the Dean's Office

Friday, December 5, 2008 - Final copies of dissertations and theses are due in the Registrar's Office

Conference Reimbursement

Students attending conferences are eligible to be reimbursed for expenses incurred. Currently, students can be reimbursed up to \$200 per conference attended. Students must receive approval for travel expenses in advance before attending the conference and submit receipts on return.