

Graduate School Survival Skills Training

2009-2010 (All sessions are in Philosophy Hall 301, unless otherwise noted)



Wednesday Forum for New and Continuing GSAS Students 3:00 pm

September 9	GSAC Panel, "What Every New Graduate Student Needs to Know"
September 16	Student Health Services: Q&A with CHS and GSAS staff
September 23	Columbia Housing: Q&A with UAH (On-Campus and Off-Campus) and GSAS staff
September 30	TA appointments, policies, and training: Q&A with Teaching Center and GSAS staff
October 7	Research with Human Subjects, Part I: Q&A with IRB and GSAS staff
October 14	Research with Human Subjects, Part II: Q&A with IRB and GSAS staff
October 21	Student-Parents: Q&A with Work/Life Office and GSAS staff (*THIS SESSION IS AT NOON*)
October 28	Dissertation Policies/Procedures: Q&A with GSAS staff (Come discuss electronic submission)
November 4	Financial Aid & Fellowships for PhD Students in the Arts and Sciences: Q&A with GSAS staff

Navigation and Survival Skills

August 24	7 Secrets of Highly Successful PhD Students, 417 IAB, 9:30 - 12:30
August 25	Turbocharge Your Writing, 501 Schermerhorn 501, 9:30 - 12:30
September 1	New PhD Student Orientation (for students in A&S PhD Programs), St. Paul's Chapel, 11:00 a.m.
September 15	Strategic Planning for Successful Completion of your PhD Program, 4:00 p.m.
September 21	Survival Skills Workshop for International Students, 5:30 - 7:00 8 th floor Lerner
September 22	Publishing with a University Press, 4:00 pm
September 27	Survival Skills Workshop for International Students, 12:30 - 2:00 8 th floor Lerner
September 28	Enhancing Your Relationship: Experiential Workshop for Couples, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m., 8 th floor Lerner
October 5	Designing Your Research: Finding a Topic, Making an Argument, Finding Answers ... Telling the Story
October 12	This is Your Brain, This is Your Brain while Writing: Overcoming Barriers, Becoming More Productive
October 19	Build-a-Mentor Workshop, 4:00 p.m.
November 5	Managing Conflict in Academic and Professional Relationships, 4:00 pm
November 9	Procrastination Workshop, 5:30 p.m., 8 th floor Lerner (4-session series: also November 16, 23, 30)
January 11-3	Dissertation Boot Camp (pre-registration required)

For details and pre-registration, go to http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/calendar/ma_phd_events.html.

GSAS Fellowship Support Office

August 26	"Workshopping" Your Fellowship Application, 3:00 p.m.
September 8	"Workshopping" Your Fellowship Application, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
September 11	Fellowship Consultation Walk-in Hours, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 302 Philosophy Hall
September 17	Writing Successful Fellowship Applications, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
September 18	Fellowship Consultation Walk-in Hours, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 302 Philosophy Hall
September 25	Fellowship Consultation Walk-in Hours, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 302 Philosophy Hall
October 1	"Workshopping" Your Fellowship Application, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
October 2	Fellowship Consultation Walk-in Hours, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., 302 Philosophy Hall
October 7	Writing Successful Fellowship Applications, noon
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Preparing Future Faculty (Recommended for PhD students 1 to 3 years before the academic job search)

October 16 Fall PFF Conference (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
TBA Spring PFF Conference (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

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E-mail GSASPPF@columbia.edu for more information.

GSAS Teaching Center

September 2 TA Orientation for Humanities and Social Sciences, 8:30 - 1:30
September 3 TA Orientation for Math and Natural Sciences, 8:30 - 1:30
September 10 Starting Off on the Right Foot, 12:00 noon
September 17 Leading Scintillating, Substantive Discussions, 12:00 noon
September 24 Handling Challenging Situations: Tips for Classroom Management, 12:00 noon
October 1 How Unfair: Effective Testing and Grading, 12:00 noon
October 8 Teaching and Grading Writing in Your Discipline, 12:00 noon
October 15 How to Provide Constructive Feedback...That Won't Exasperate Your Students, 12:00 noon
October 22 Avoiding the CEMs: Career Ending Mistakes...Being Perfectly Ethical and Legal in the Classroom, noon
November 5 Creating a Professional Online Presence, 12:00 noon
November 12 Creating Unforgettable Lectures, 12:00 noon
November 19 Ending the Semester on a Positive Note, 12:00 noon
TBA TA Appreciation (and Spa) Day

For details and to register for all Teaching Center workshops, go to

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/calendar/teaching_center.html

Center for Career Education

October 2 Job Search for PhD Students, Time TBA
October 14 Inside the Academic Search Committee: Science, Engineering, and Math, 4:00 p.m.
October 19 Job Search for PhD Students, CCE Conference Room, 1:30 p.m.
October 28 Inside the Academic Search Committee: Humanities and Social Sciences, 4:00 p.m.
December 8 Inside the Academic Search Committee: Life Sciences and Chemistry, 4:00 p.m.

For details, pre-registration, and additional workshops, go to www.careereducation.columbia.edu.

Work/Life Office Sessions (Current or future parents are welcome...)

September 15 Kindergarten from A to Z (Independent School Admissions to Public School Zoning),
(also September 16, 17, 25, and 29), 516 W. 112th St. (between Amsterdam and Broadway)
September 23 Annual Columbia University Child Care Fair, Lerner Hall, Roone Arledge Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.
October 1 Middle and High School Opportunities, 516 W. 112th St. (between Amsterdam and Broadway), 6:00p
October 8 Entry into Elementary Schools: Options for Kindergarten through Grade 5, 516 W. 112th. 5:30 p.m.
October 14 Breastfeeding Matters, Hammer Building, HSC 404, 3:00 p.m.
October 15 Independent Schools: Financial Aid in an Age of Overstretched Budgets, 516 W. 112th, 5:30 p.m.
October 20 Buying Your First Home - Everything You Need to Know, Lerner Hall, Room 569, noon
October 28 Steps to a Successful Adoption, Studebaker, Room 469, 5:00 p.m.
November 16 The ABC's of Child Care Options, 516 W. 112th St. (between Amsterdam and Broadway), noon
November 17 What Feels Like Home? Where to Live in New York City, Lerner Hall, Room 569, noon
December 8 Dealing with Your Responses to Stress, Lerner Hall, Room 477, 5:00 p.m.
December 11 The ABC's of Child Care Options, 516 W. 112th St. (between Amsterdam and Broadway), noon

For details, pre-registration, and additional workshops, go to (<http://worklife.columbia.edu/new-worklife-workshops-fall-2009>).

On-line resources for professional development and survival skills training include

The Academic Ethicist <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/pages/cstudents/dean/acad-ethics/index.html>
Break Writing listserv <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/pages/cstudents/dean/break-writing/index.html>
The Virtual Mentor <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/pages/cstudents/dean/virtual-mentor/index.html>
Project on Scholarly Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/gsas/sub/project/research/graduate/index.html>
Resources and Support Groups for Graduate Students
http://www.health.columbia.edu/docs/services/cps/support_groups_and_workshops.html