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GRADUATE NEWS

APRIL 2014

Congratulations to the Spring 2014 Master's and Doctoral graduates!

ODU's Alumni Association invites you to an Advanced Degree Luncheon for the Class of May 2014.

The event will take place on Wednesday, May 7th at 11:30 a.m.

Barry M. Kornblau Alumni Center
Old Dominion University
49th and Hampton Blvd.

Dress business casual.

Click here to RSVP by May 1, 2014.

2014 DOCTORAL MENTORING AWARD WINNER, DANICA HAYS

Danica Hays

It is our pleasure to announce this year's winner of the University Doctoral Mentoring Award, Dr. Danica Hays from the Darden College of Education, Department of Counseling and Human Services . This is a distinct honor bestowed on a faculty member who has provided extraordinary mentoring to doctoral students throughout the completion of their dissertations. Through this award, the Office of Graduate Studies seeks to recognize faculty members who have made contributions to the education, guidance, and professional development of graduate students. Dr. Hays is a tenured faculty member who supervises and teaches doctoral students in her department, as well as throughout the College of Education. As an outstanding scholar, she has involved numerous students in her publications and presentations. Dr. Hays received strong letters of support for the University Doctoral Mentoring Award from her Dean, her Associate Dean, and from numerous doctoral students who describe her as an active and committed mentor. Congratulations to Dr. Hays!

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS FOR 2014, JESSICA BEARD AND APRIL COBOS.

Jessica Beard

Jessica Beard is a PhD student in the Ecological Sciences program offered in the College of Sciences. She has taught laboratories for introductory majors in Biology, as well as several upper division courses. She is described by her students in their evaluations as an outstanding teacher who inspires enthusiasm and respect. Congratulations to Jessica Beard!

April Cobos

April Cobos is a PhD student in the English program offered in the College of Arts and Letters. In her role as a Graduate Writing Assistance Program Tutor, she has helped graduate students across the University's six colleges. She is described by her mentors as unfailingly patient and helpful, especially to ODU's international students. Congratulations to April Cobos!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

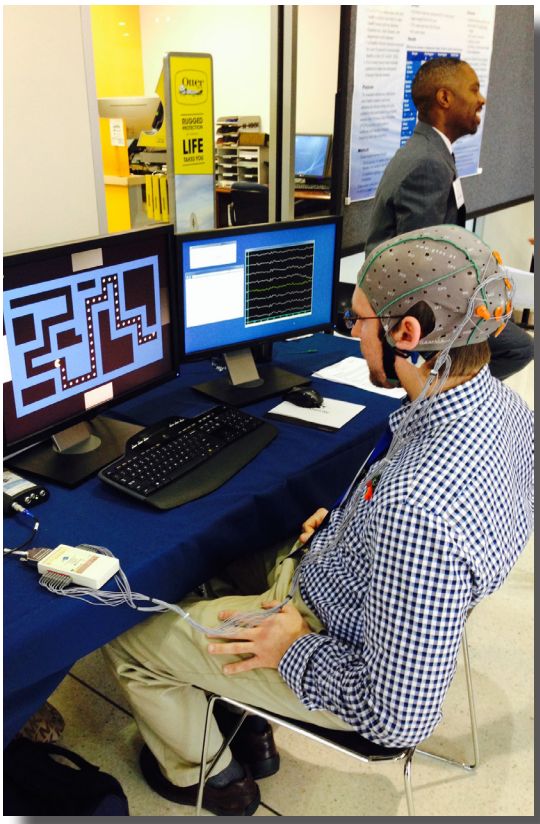
Hamza Demirel

Hamza Demirel is a second year graduate student in the International Studies PhD program at Old Dominion University. Demirel has been accepted as a Visiting Student Research Collaborator at Princeton University for the upcoming year. Demirel will be working with the Director of the Near Eastern Studies Department, Prof. Hanioglu, on Iranian foreign policy which will also be the focus of his dissertation. A visiting student research collaborator is a highly competitive position available to advanced degree candidates. It is a short-term, non-degree program that allows the student to work with a specified Princeton faculty member on a research project that grows out of a specific collaboration or mutual research interest. Demirel plans to utilize his time at Princeton University as a solid foundation for his dissertation. We congratulate Hamza Demirel and wish him future success in his professional development!

GRADUATE RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2014 !

The Office of Graduate Studies would like to thank all participating students for their dedication and hard work in making this year's fourth annual Graduate Research Achievement Day a success.

We look forward to next year's presentations !

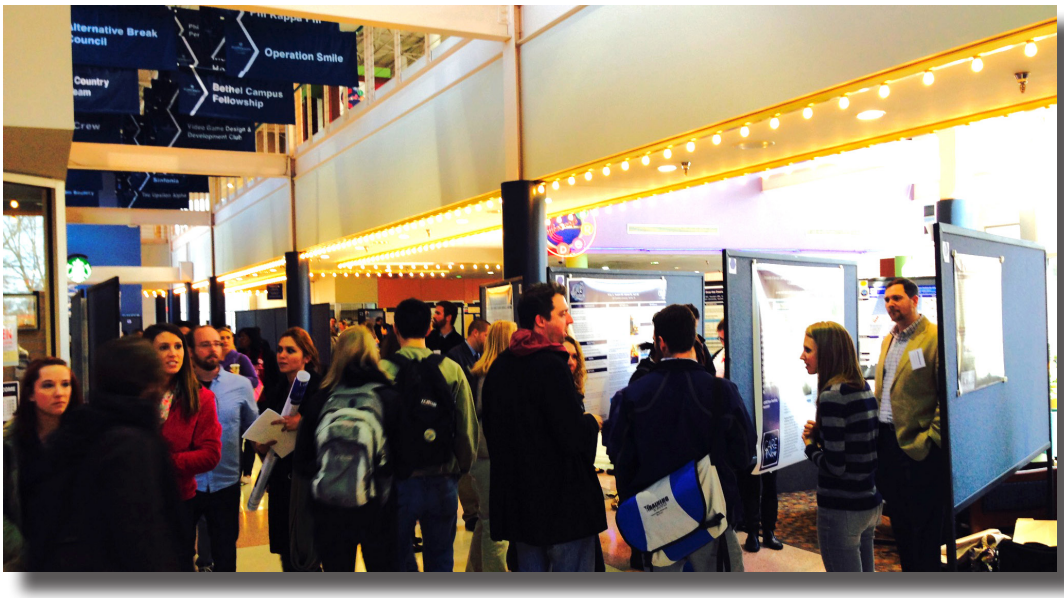


Nicholas Waytowich, PhD Biomedical Engineering

Hongmei Chen (left) and Luni Sun (right), PhD Chemistry

Eric Pitman, MSEd Physical Education Science

Ashley Poole, MA Lifespan and Digital Communication



GRAD 2014 Poster Presentations

President Broderick talks to Erica Lester, MS Counseling

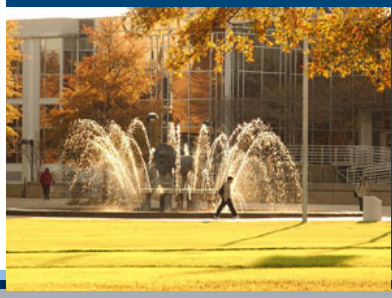
Carmelo Padrino, MS Dental Hygiene and Professor McCombs

Zachary Sievert, PhD Human Movement Sciences

THINK ABOUT SUMMER ENROLLMENT

Summer is a great time to make headway toward completion of your degree. You can choose to take a full summer load or to focus on one class. "As a graduate student with a GRA position, I often feel overwhelmed during the fall and spring semesters, while trying to keep up with work, attending classes, and staying on top of all my projects. It is stressful, and sometimes I feel like I do not reap all the benefits of my classes," said Ashley Poole, MA Lifespan and Digital Communication. "Taking summer classes allowed me to remove some of that school year stress. During last year's summer classes, I felt like I had the time to really dedicate myself and retain a lot more knowledge," Poole added.

Summer sessions run in two 6-week periods and one 12-week term. **The current tuition rates will remain in effect for summer 2014.** Meet with your advisor and register today! In you have any questions about summer enrollment, Email summer@odu.edu or call 757.683.3261.



JOIN GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ONLINE

- Association of Graduate Students in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

-Biology Graduate Student Organization

- English Graduate Student Organization

- Graduate Athletic Training Organization

- Graduate Organization for Modeling, Analysis and Simulation

- Graduate Society for International Studies

- Graduate Sport Management Club

- Graduate Student Organization

- Graduate Student Organization of Criminology & Sociology

-Higher Education Student Association

- Industrial and Organizational Psychology Student Association

- Instructional Design and Technology Graduate Student Organization

- Marine Biology Student Association

- Master of Public Administration Association

- Ocean Earth & Atmospheric Science Graduate Student Organization

- Old Dominion Historical Association - Provisional

- Old Dominion Student Chapter of the Botanical Society of America

- Physics Graduate Student Association

- The Grads of I.T. Society

Join them online here !

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

FIELDS:

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. A candidate will submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S. During their grants, Fulbrighters will meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences. The program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application. Permanent residents are not eligible.

Applicants must have a conferred bachelor's degree or the equivalent before the start of the grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement.

Applicants must be in good health. Grantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Certificate from a physician.

Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in the written and spoken language of the host country sufficient to communicate with the people and to carry out the proposed study/research. This is especially important for projects in the social sciences and the humanities.

Applicants may hold a J.D. at the time of application.

Doctors of Medicine may receive grants for advanced academic study, but not for internships or residencies.

STIPEND: Varies based on program. Grant lengths and dates vary by country. Please consult the specific country summary for details.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The 2015-2016 Fulbright U.S. Student competition will open on May 1, 2014.The application deadline is October 14, 2014.

WEB PAGE: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about

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http://pivot.cos.com/

http://www.grants.gov

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