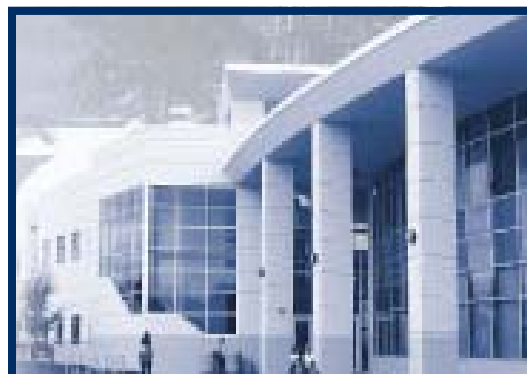


The end of the fall 2010 semester is in sight. For those graduating this term, the Graduate College staff wishes you all the best in your new endeavors!

Each semester, the Graduate College hosts an open-house reception between commencement ceremonies for graduate students receiving their degrees. Students, families, and friends are encouraged to stop by the Graduate College lobby to celebrate the accomplishments of FAU's newest doctoral, master's, and specialist graduates. For students continuing their studies next term, please be sure to check inside this issue for information on upcoming events and other items of general interest. The Graduate Student Association's Research Day will be held in April and the Graduate College and Career Development Center have several workshops scheduled specifically for graduate students.

GradTalk is published on a semester basis. Please email graduateneeds@fau.edu with contributions or suggestions.



The Graduate College is located on the Boca Raton campus in the Student Support Services building (SU-80) in Room 101. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Excellence in Graduate Mentoring

Faculty mentoring is an important part of graduate education. Each year, the Graduate College recognizes members of the Graduate Faculty who display outstanding commitment to the mentoring of FAU's graduate students. This year the Graduate College is very pleased to recognize Dr. Christine Scodari and Dr. Rose O. Sherman as the 2010 recipients of the Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award.

Dr. Scodari is a Professor in the School of Communication & Multimedia Studies. During her 17 years at FAU, she has mentored graduate students in the M.A. programs in Communications and Women's Studies, and the Ph.D. program in Comparative Studies. To Dr. Scodari, mentoring graduate students extends beyond the completion of an advanced degree at FAU and she maintains meaningful relationships with her former students years after they have graduated. Dr. Scodari has authored several articles and participated in conference presentations with former students. She is an

advisor who not only helps students complete their academic goals, but also models what it means to be a dedicated and successful educator.

Dr. Sherman is an Associate Professor in the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and has been on the faculty for eight years. She was instrumental in developing the Clinical Nurse Leader track in the Master of Science program and currently serves as its director. In addition to the Clinical Nurse Leader program, Dr. Sherman also advises and mentors students in the Nursing Administration Program. Many of the master's students she mentors have continued with her to earn their doctorates. Additionally, she routinely involves students in the authoring process, and takes an active interest in securing employment for graduates of the program. Dr. Sherman is described as an attentive mentor who truly exhibits the guiding principle of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing – the philosophy of caring. Please join the Graduate College in congratulating Dr. Scodari and Dr. Sherman.

Graduate College Awards Reception

Each fall, the Graduate College hosts an Awards Reception to celebrate the accomplishments of its graduate students and graduate faculty. Current fellowship recipients, their faculty advisors, and the past and present Mentoring Award recipients are formally recognized at this event. This year's Awards Reception was graciously hosted by President Mary Jane Saunders at the Eleanor R. Baldwin House and was well-attended by faculty and staff from FAU's eight academic colleges. See the following page for a complete listing of the recipients of the Presidential, Provost, Delores A. Auzenne, McKnight Doctoral, Academic Excellence, and Newell Fellowships.



2010-2011 Fellowship Recipients

The Graduate College is pleased to announce its Fellowship recipients for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Twenty-two doctoral students were awarded the **Presidential Fellowship**. The Presidential Fellowship program provides \$5,000 annually for a two-year period in addition to a research or teaching assistantship for first-year doctoral students. The 2010-2011 Presidential Fellowship awardees are: Julianne Agonis, James Beerens, Ricardo Castellanos, Yun Cheng, Inga Chira, Michele D'Angelo, William Delaney, Maria Paulina Diosdado De La Pena, Phillip Duerr, Jamie Fraser, Shane Fryer, Anthony Kingsolver, Krystal Lago, Christine Mitchell, Ashley Richmond, Wilfredo Rivas-Torres, Alexandru Roman, Atousa Chaharsough Shirazi, Shoba Thachil, Mohammed Wasim,-Akram, Adam Williams, and Wei Zhang.

The **Provost Fellowship** is another recruitment fellowship offered by the Graduate College to outstanding masters or doctoral students. The Provost Fellowship provides \$2,500 for one year in addition to a graduate research or teaching assistantship. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA in their previous degree program. For 2010-2011, 35 Provost Fellowships were awarded. The recipients are: Ruwan Adikaram, Stefanie Battistini, Melissa Boas, Brian Chamba, Augustus Cicala, Penny Darling, Samantha de Borchgrave, Maria De Los Santos, David Dillon, Alexandre Dufaur, Nicole Flaig, Ryan Frabizio, Reena Friedel, Megan Fryer, Giovanni Garcia, Jamie Heidenreich, Anna Johnson, Hasala Senpathy K. Galolu Kankanamalage, Matthew Lulay, Christopher Makowski, Timothy Meehan, Justin Minnerly, Deepti Pappusetty, Jake Petersen, Sarah Reinhard, Eduardo Rosas, Elan Seago, Sophia Nushien Shahnam, Molly Taylor, Audra Yokley, Lin Wang.

The **Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship Program** encourages minority students to pursue graduate degrees in areas where they are underrepresented. Each award provides \$5,000 for one academic year for full-time students. The following graduate students received the Auzenne Fellowship for 2010-2011: Wilker Altidor, Veena Looknanan-Brown, Simone Chin, LaTasha Lee, Stephania Libreros, Eugenia Millender, George Morales, and Tricia Tibby-Edmonds.

The **McKnight Doctoral Fellowship** is funded and administered through the Florida Endowment Fund for Higher Education. FAU's McKnight Doctoral fellows are Phebian Davis-Culler and WALTERIA Tucker.

The **Graduate Fellowship for Academic Excellence** provides financial assistance for one academic year to outstanding graduate students. Recipients must have completed at least one semester in an FAU graduate program and be enrolled as full-time degree-seeking students with a minimum GPA of 3.5. The Graduate College is pleased to announce the selection of Jamie Fraser, Shanzhen Gao, Andreas Kyriacou, Tricia Meredith, Shivangi Prasad, Nancy Rice, Sherry Satchell, Megan Tomei, and Lisa Marie Wands as this year's Academic Excellence recipients.

The **Daniel B. and Aurel B. Newell Doctoral Fellowship** recipients are: Kim-Le Arvary, Ingrid Buckley, Ramon Garcia-Areas, Nadja Johnson, Jennifer Krill, Monica Mejia, and Jay Michaels. This fellowship provides \$5,000 annually for up to two years for outstanding doctoral graduate students. Students must have completed nine credits in a doctoral program at FAU, be enrolled as full-time degree-seeking students, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.70.



FAU President MJ Saunders and Dean Barry T. Rosson with Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship Recipients



Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is a multi-faceted organization, dedicated to enriching the lives of FAU's graduate students. The GSA actively promotes the interests of graduate students by providing academic support resources, social programming, and networking opportunities. Additionally, the GSA acts as a conduit for the resolution of graduate concerns by working in conjunction with the Graduate College and student government, as well as the university administration, faculty, and the local community. Funding for graduate student activities, events, and travel is also allocated and managed through the GSA.

To best serve the diverse needs of FAU's graduate student body, the GSA is comprised of three campus-based councils (Boca Raton, Broward, and North Campuses) with oversight from the Graduate Students Association Advisory Board (GSAAB), which includes representation from each of the academic colleges. The 2010-2011 directors for each campus council and the GSAAB representatives are listed here with their email addresses. The GSAAB encourages you to make your voice heard and to get in touch with them:

Boca Raton Council:

Juan Barreneche, Director; jbarrene@fau.edu
 Amber Sobel, Associate Director; asobel@fau.edu

Broward Council:

Mya Eaton, Director; bgc@fau.edu
 Louisa Upadhy, Associate Director; lpadhy@fau.edu

North Council:

Faith Gordon, Director; fgordon@fau.edu
 Noemi Coltea, Director; noemicoltea@gmail.com

GSAAB Representatives:

Julianne Agonis, College of Education; jagonis@alumni.flagler.edu
 Michael Cocuzza, College of Business; mcocuzza@fau.edu
 Nikki Diggs, College for Design and Social Inquiry; ms_diggs@hotmail.com
 Ramon Garcia-Areas, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine; rgarci45@fau.edu
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 George Morales, Chair and College of Engineering and Computer Science Representative; gmorale6@fau.edu

A small graduate resources library that offers test preparation guidebooks, interviewing tips, dissertation support, and other information is located in the GSA office, Room 234 in the Boca Raton Student Union Building. (Also available at the GSA office are free items just for grad students!)



GSA Board Members, left to right:
 Nikki Diggs, LaTasha Lee, Faith Gordon, Juan Barreneche, Carlo Parker, George Morales, Michael Cocuzza, Amber Sobel, and Julianne Agonis.

2010 Owl Awards

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) recently recognized the following recipients of the 2010 Owl Awards at a reception held at the Eleanor R. Baldwin House. The Owl Awards presentation is an annual event sponsored by the GSA. Please join them in congratulating these outstanding owls!



Smartest Owls:

The Smartest Owl award recognizes highly-achieving students from each college:

Savaskan Bulek, College of Engineering and Computer Science
James Cote, College of Business
Judith Garrard, College of Education
Matthew Lovelace, The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine
Natalie Murphy, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing
Shaun Sullivan, The Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Denise Vienne, College for Design and Social Inquiry
Katherine Wahlberg, The Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Graduate Student Organization of the Year:

This award is given to the organization that best demonstrates outstanding service to FAU and/or the community. This year the GSA recognized the **Anthropology Graduate Student Union**.

Mentor of the Year Award:

This award is designated for outstanding support of graduate students. **Dr. Rod Murphey**, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science was this year's recipient.

Graduate Student Leadership Award:

This award recognizes outstanding leadership to FAU's students, faculty and staff. Please congratulate **David Valliere**.

Graduate Student Leadership Award Honorable Mention:

Alexandru Roman

Graduate Assistant (GA) of the Year:

This award recognizes a student who has excelled in supporting students and services at FAU. **Kristen Lubrano** is the GA of the Year for 2010.

Graduate Assistant (GA) of the Year Honorable Mention:

Mike Burdman

Research Assistant (RA) of the Year:

This award, given to **Amy Hansen**, is extended to students who have helped to conduct and compile superb research and exhibited dedication to department goals with a keen interest in academic research.

Research Assistant (RA) of the Year Honorable Mention:

Simon Bulley

Teaching Assistant (TA) of the Year:

The GSA is pleased to recognize **Jennifer Krill** as a student-teacher who exemplifies leadership and scholarship in academic pursuits. Jennifer has helped to foster and facilitate learning and student engagement.

Teaching Assistant (TA) of the Year Honorable Mention:

Carson Wilkie

President's Award:

This award, for academic achievement and exceptional leadership and service to FAU (and the community) was given to **Hayden Trepeck**.

President's Award Honorable Mention:

James Tobin

Need Help?

The Library Is Here For You



The FAU Libraries have multiple ways for students to get assistance. Following is a sampling of resources and databases available to FAU graduate students:

RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

[Ask a Librarian](#) is an interactive service to answer your questions.

Contact us by chat, text, or email during the following hours:

Sun – Thurs 10 a.m. – midnight
Fri – Sat. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Want to talk in person? Stop by the Reference Desk or contact us by phone:

Boca Raton: 561-297-3785
Jupiter: 561-799-8530
Treasure Coast: 772-873-3309

Resource Guides: The **Graduate Student Survival Guide** is just one of hundreds of subject and class guides available. Use these to find subject terms, books, databases/journals, relevant websites and more!

Specialty Workshops: Outreach to graduate students is important to the library's instructional mission. We offer specialty workshops in the fall and spring. The workshop topics, dates and times are available on the library home page at <http://www.library.fau.edu/depts/ref/instrsv/mainwksh.htm>. Subject offerings are posted at the beginning of each semester. We offer general sessions addressing graduate research, specialty subject workshops and **RefWorks**, a citation management "must have tool" for all those doing graduate-level work.

Consultations with specialty subject librarians are available by appointment. Teaching assistants, as well as faculty, are encouraged to schedule instruction classes in the library and meet with a librarian to determine how best to embed the resources of the library in student projects and assignments. Scheduling a class or a consultation may be done online at: <http://www.library.fau.edu/depts/ref/instrsv/instrsv.htm> or by phone at 561-297-4318.

SPECIALIZED DATABASES

The FAU Libraries provide access to over 600 subject-specific and interdisciplinary databases, many of which include the full text of peer-reviewed journal articles. Several of these databases may be of special interest to graduate students conducting research projects:

ProQuest Dissertations and Theses indexes over 2.7 million doctoral dissertations and master's theses completed in the U.S. and other countries, and includes abstracts for those completed since 1980. This resource is useful for determining if your topic of choice has already been the subject of a graduate research study.

WorldCat: While the FAU Library Catalog lists its own books, DVDs, government documents, and other materials, the **WorldCat** database lists these types of materials for almost all of the libraries in North America, as well as many in other parts of the world. This makes it a very useful tool for conducting a comprehensive literature search. Materials not owned by FAU can be borrowed from other libraries through our Interlibrary Loan service.

Web of Science, despite its name, is a database that covers not only science, but also the arts, humanities, and social sciences. It is a citation database, which means that for a particular journal article, you can identify any subsequent articles which have cited it. In addition, subject search results can be ranked by the number of times the articles have been cited, giving some indication of their relative influence.

SearchWiSE is a recent addition to the Libraries' offerings. SearchWiSE is a tool that simultaneously searches all of the databases subscribed to by the FAU Libraries, as well as our catalog, making it useful for conducting research across a wide range of disciplines and types of materials. Use the **SearchWiSE User's Guide** to help you refine your search when using SearchWiSE.



FAU Libraries, cont'd.

NEW STUDY SPACE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Starting on January 10, 2011 the second floor suite located in the *Special Collections* area (Room 261) will be open Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. There will be two seating areas available: the main entrance area with a table for six and a small office with two tables, a computer, and four chairs. Students are welcome to bring their laptops and their bags into these areas unless they are reviewing Special Collections materials. These areas are clean and quiet; however, please note that no food or drink is permitted.



Manuscript Publishing Changes

Beginning September 27, 2010, UMI will charge \$25 per thesis or dissertation for universities using FTP delivery or CD/DVD submission for publishing. The FAU library has elected to submit manuscripts to UMI via CD, along with the publishing forms and fees. Therefore, the publishing fee for any FAU student submitting a thesis or dissertation will be \$25.

Because the FAU library will no longer catalog hard copies of theses and dissertations, the binding fee will also be reduced for all students. Please refer to the following table to see how many paper copies (0, 1, or 2), and associated fees, are currently required by your program.

Binding Fee Requirements by Degree Program

College	No paper copies required	One paper copy required \$11.70	Two paper copies required \$23.40
Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters		One paper copy required • English	Two paper copies required for all programs except <u>English</u>
Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine			Two paper copies required • Biomedical Sciences
Charles E. Schmidt College of Science	No paper copies required • Biology • Chemistry • Geosciences • Environmental Science	One paper copy required • Mathematics • Psychology	Two paper copies required • Physics • Complex Systems & Brain Sciences
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing	No paper copies required for any program		
College of Business	No paper copies required for any program		
College of Education			Two paper copies required for all programs
College of Engineering		One paper copy required for all programs	
College for Design and Social Inquiry			Two paper copies required for all programs

Graduate Student Workshops

The Graduate College is pleased to announce the following workshops to be offered to all currently-enrolled graduate students at FAU. There is no fee to attend. These workshops are extremely popular with our graduate students and tend to fill quickly. Watch your FAU email in January for information on registering for the workshops.

Producing Scholarly Publications

Friday, February 4, 2011

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

College of Business, Room 303 (BU 303)

Writing is an important part of graduate students' intellectual and professional development. Participants will learn best practices for managing writing time as a graduate student; systems for planning, composing, revising and editing; and strategies for seeking publication. This workshop will focus on writing conference and journal papers, strategies for converting seminar papers and/or dissertation chapters into publishable articles, creating a web presence, and producing book reviews and editorials.

Presenting Scholarly Work

Saturday, February 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

College of Business, Room 120 (BU 120)

This workshop focuses on preparing and presenting scholarly work at conferences, seminar, and other academic settings. Topics covered will include following presentation format/guidelines, tailoring presentations/talks to a specified audience, presenting arguments concisely and appropriately, selecting the best media for presentations, and producing handouts and other visuals. Participants are encouraged to bring 15-minute presentations or posters for friendly, constructive feedback during the latter part of the workshop.

Developing Theses & Dissertations

This workshop will be offered twice:

Friday, February 4, 2011

2:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

College of Business, Room 401 (BU 401)

AND

Saturday, February 5, 2011

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

College of Education, Room 337 (ED 337)

This workshop will help students plan, research, write, revise and edit a thesis or dissertation. The planning portion of the workshop will focus on academic timelines, committee selection, proposals and writing cycles. Participants will learn note-taking strategies and technologies for documenting research. The writing portion of the workshop will range from strategies for composing a proposal, introduction, abstract or problem statement to efficient practices for revising, editing and polishing the final product.

The February graduate student workshops will be led by David Reamer, an Assistant Professor of English and Writing at the University of Tampa, who teaches first-year writing, technical writing, writing for the web, and publication editing and design courses. Dr. Reamer earned his Ph.D. in Rhetoric, Composition, and the Teaching of English from the University of Arizona in 2008. He has served as an Assistant Editor of "Rhetoric Review", a leading disciplinary journal. His scholarly writing has been featured in the journals "Rhetoric Review" and "Composition Studies" as well as the edited collection, "Stories of Mentoring".



Eight Tips on How to Talk to your Doctor by Carine Porfiri, M.D.

Dr. Porfiri is an Associate Director with FAU’s Student Health Services (SHS), a department within the Division of Student Affairs. The mission of SHS is to provide and promote quality health care and the wellness education and resources essential for the academic and personal success of the university’s diverse community.

Student Health Services’ team of dedicated professionals can be accessed at the Boca Raton, Broward, Jupiter, and Treasure Coast campuses. Visit their website, www.fau.edu/shs/, for information on programs, services, and hours of operation.



Let’s face it — going to the doctor is usually not fun. In fact, it can be frustrating or, at times, overwhelming. You may leave your appointment feeling dissatisfied or confused. However, you will get more out of your visit – and your doctor – if you come to your appointment prepared. The following tips will help you make the most of your time with your doctor:

<p>Tip #1 Know Why You Are Here</p>	<p>Prior to your appointment, make a list of your major concerns or questions. Bring the list. Let the appointment desk know everything you wish to discuss to ensure that enough time is allocated for your needs.</p>
<p>Tip #2 Be Specific</p>	<p>When describing your symptoms, try to pinpoint time of onset, location, characteristics, and alleviating or precipitating factors. For instance, abdominal pain may be described as intermittent or constant, sharp or dull, and may or may not be alleviated by sitting up or eating. You get the idea. The more information you share, the better.</p>
<p>Tip #3 Know Your Medications</p>	<p>Bring a list of all your current prescription medications with the names, strengths, and dosages. Remember any over-the-counter medications, vitamins, herbals or supplements. It all matters.</p>
<p>Tip #4 Know Your History</p>	<p>The more information you can supply on those pesky history forms, the better your doctor can help you now and in the future. Your past medical history and family history (blood relatives only) can be very significant. Bring a list of major medical problems, surgeries, hospitalizations and associated dates. Speak to family members to obtain any medical histories such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, mental illness, or substance abuse.</p>
<p>Tip #5 Share the Awkward Stuff</p>	<p>Most doctors have seen and it heard it all. It is difficult to embarrass them. Besides, what you are most reluctant to share may just be the most valuable input regarding your condition and care. Be honest about tobacco and alcohol use, recreational drug use or abuse, and sexual history and practices. It is all important.</p>
<p>Tip #6 Ask, Ask, Ask</p>	<p>Part of your doctor’s job is to educate and empower you. No question is off limits. If there is something you don’t understand, ask for clarification. Ask questions until you feel comfortable with the answers. If needed, bring a friend or family member to help you remember questions and answers.</p>
<p>Tip #7 Be Honest</p>	<p>You may have financial or other limitations. If your doctor prescribes a medication or treatment that is not feasible, let him or her know. If you are up front about why you cannot or will not comply with a prescribed regimen, you and your doctor can usually come up with an alternative treatment plan.</p>
<p>Tip #8 Follow-Up</p>	<p>Your doctor has formulated a plan of care and your feedback and participation is essential to its success. He or she needs to know if a prescribed treatment has been helpful, problematic or even completed. Show up and give your input. Your investment in your health care is invaluable.</p>

Tutoring Positions Available

The Center for Learning And Student Success (CLASS) is seeking applications for tutors for the spring 2011 semester (January through May, 2011). Students who are able to tutor in a wide range of 1000- 2000 level courses will be given preference (areas of need include social science, humanities, science, business, and math courses). The rate of pay is \$10 per hour for approximately 10 – 20 hours per week. Graduate students working as tutors will also be eligible for a graduate tuition waiver.

The priority deadline to apply is Tuesday, November 30th at 3:00 p.m., but applications will continue to be accepted on an as-needed basis. Additional information and a link to the application can be found on the Graduate College tab on MyFAU.

Interested parties may also contact the Center for Learning and Student Success at 561-297-0906 to obtain an application. Email inquiries should be directed to bebergal@fau.edu.



Did You Know...

FAU Makes 2011 List of “Best Business Schools”

The Princeton Review recently classified our College of Business as one of the “Best Business Schools” for 2011 after conducting a survey of more than 19,000 students from over 300 business schools. FAU was not only honored for having professors who are recognized leaders in the business industry and offer classes that are challenging and involved with cases from real-world scenarios, but also for its fully-operational trading room, state-of-the-art technology, solid faculty teamwork, supportive environment, and strong interpersonal skills. Congratulations to the College of Business!



FAU Experts in the NEWS

FAU's faculty members are considered world-renowned experts in a variety of subjects and their expertise is frequently featured in written publications and on television. FAU's Marketing and Creative Services has created a webpage compiling this information in a central place. You can now search the [FAU Experts in the NEWS](#) webpage to see a current list of newspaper articles and television appearances by members of FAU's faculty.

Student Spotlight -- Julianne Agonis

Julianne Agonis has always been interested in raising awareness of and advocating for people with disease and disabilities. Her younger sister was diagnosed as a juvenile diabetic at the age of six, and diabetes has been an integral part of her life ever since. Julianne has invested much time and effort into understanding the disease fully and the ways in which it impacts not just the person with the illness but also those around them. Her interest in building awareness about disease was not limited to juvenile diabetes. During high school, Julianne and her family established a non-profit organization to fundraise for other non-profits seeking to raise awareness about various types of diseases. "I spent a lot of my high school career advocating for stem cell research funding in the hopes of finding a cure" said Julianne.

While an undergraduate at Flagler College, Julianne felt called to be in a "helping" profession. A master's program in rehabilitation counseling attracted her to the University of North Florida. After graduation, she started working for a private disability management firm called Momentum Health Care, Inc. Her position provided Julianne with the opportunity "to serve and find work for people with various disabilities and counsel returning war veterans," but she quickly realized she missed the academic world. From business visits to Boca Raton, Julianne had "noticed FAU's beautiful campus" and decided to apply to graduate school. She was glad to learn that FAU had a rehabilitation counseling program and receiving the Presidential Fellowship sealed her decision to attend FAU. Julianne is here at FAU to pursue a Ph.D. in Counseling through the Department of Counselor Education, one of FAU's newer doctoral programs. While Julianne is working on her doctorate, she hopes to become an active part of FAU's rehabilitation counseling program. "There is much demand for rehabilitation counselors, especially with the returning war veterans and the aging baby boomer population. It is a field not many people know about, but one that is perfect for those looking to help others in some capacity."



Julianne Agonis is a second-year doctoral student with the Department of Counselor Education. She currently serves as the College of Education representative on the Graduate Student Association Advisory Board (GSAAB).

So far, Julianne is extremely pleased with her choice of FAU for graduate school. "I am very thankful to the College of Education for the many great opportunities since my arrival." In her first semester, Julianne helped teach an online course for the Counselor Education Department. After teaching the Career Development course for three semesters, she was given the opportunity to teach a lecture on Occupational Information and Job Placement for Rehabilitation Counselors. She has also teamed up with another FAU professor to work on a publication that focuses on veterans and labor market trends. Of particular interest to Julianne is exploring the onset of disability and the long-term implications regarding employment. "For example, how does the way in which one acquires a disability (i.e., through sudden onset or a delay in receiving treatment) relate to their ability to maintain employment?"

As Julianne pursues her doctorate, she hopes to spread knowledge about the importance of rehabilitation counselors through teaching, attending conferences and research. Her ongoing project work in the forensic rehabilitation field with Momentum Health Care, Inc. gives her another opportunity to highlight the significance of her chosen field. Because of her strong interest in diabetes and veterans affairs, she would also like to work with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Veterans Administration during her time in graduate school.

After graduation, Julianne wants to serve the population of individuals with disabilities on every level and assist them in re-employment efforts. Through her work in the field of private rehabilitation, she hopes to continue promoting the importance of counselor education, perhaps by teaching college courses.

Student Spotlight appears in each issue of **GradTalk**. Please contact the editor at kkillip@fau.edu to suggest an FAU graduate student to feature.

Save the Date

Following is a listing of upcoming events and deadlines of interest to graduate students. For complete information on events and deadlines, please visit the Graduate College website, www.fau.edu/graduate or the Graduate College tab on MyFAU.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Graduate College Commencement Reception

Thursday, December 9, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

AND

Friday, December 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Graduate College Lobby, Student Support Services Building, Room 101

JANUARY

Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop

Session One: Thursday, January 6, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Session Two: Friday, January 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Marleen and Harold Forkas Alumni Center, Room 103 and 104

Curriculum Vitae (CV) Writing Workshop

Monday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

Navigating the Academic Job Search Workshop

Wednesday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

Navigating the Non-Academic Job Search Workshop

Thursday, January 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Career Development Center, Student Support Services Building, Room 222

FEBRUARY

Producing Scholarly Publications Workshop

Friday, February 4, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

College of Business, Room 303

Developing Theses & Dissertations Workshop

Friday, February 5, 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

College of Business, Room 401

Developing Theses & Dissertations Workshop

Saturday, February 5, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

College of Education, Room 337

Presenting Scholarly Work Workshop

Saturday, February 5, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

College of Business, Room 120

Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Research Day

Thursday, February 10

Biomedical Science Center Lobby

APRIL

Graduate Student Association Research Day

Friday, April 8

Boca Raton Student Union, Live Oak Pavilion

DEADLINES

The deadlines listed below are for students planning to graduate in the spring 2011 semester.

DECEMBER 10, 2010: Students planning to graduate in **spring 2011** must have an approved *Plan of Study* on file with the Graduate College.

JANUARY 28, 2011: Graduate Diversity Fellowship application deadline. All applications and supporting documentation must be delivered to the Graduate College office by noon (12:00 p.m.).

FEBRUARY 4, 2011: Last day to submit *Application for Degree* form to the Graduate College for **spring 2011** graduation.

FEBRUARY 4, 2011: Last day to submit *Form 9, Revision to Existing Plan of Study*, (if needed) to the Graduate College for **spring 2011** graduation.

APRIL 4, 2011: Last day to submit doctoral dissertation draft (with signed signature page(s)), to the Graduate College.

APRIL 11, 2011: Last day to submit master's thesis draft (with signed signature page(s)), to the Graduate College.

APRIL 22, 2011: Last day to submit final dissertation or thesis package to the Graduate College.

APRIL 22, 2011: Last day to submit Electronic Thesis or Dissertation (ETD) to the FAU library.

Please visit the **Graduate College website** or the **Graduate College tab on MyFAU** to view key dates for graduation in subsequent semesters.



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