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The Graduate Student Newsletter is a combined effort of the Graduate School, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Career Services and the Office of Sponsored Programs to provide you with concise and timely information about events, topics and deadlines for the SU Graduate Student community.

Deadlines!

Oct. 18th- Last day to drop a fall 2011 class with 25% tuition adjustment.

Oct 24th- Financial Aid priority deadline for spring 2012 early registration.

Oct 25th- Last day to drop a fall 2011 class.

Nov. 14th- Ford Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship applications

Nov. 17th- Ford Diversity Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowship applications

SU Events Calendar

Campus Events:
<http://suevents.syr.edu/main.php?view=month>

Around Syracuse:
www.syracuse.com/events/

Jorge Cham Brings "The PhD Movie" to SU

In case you haven't heard, Jorge Cham is coming to SU with his *new movie*, "The PhD Movie!" A discussion and Q & A with Jorge and one of the film's stars ("Tajel") will follow the movie. Jorge will also sign books.

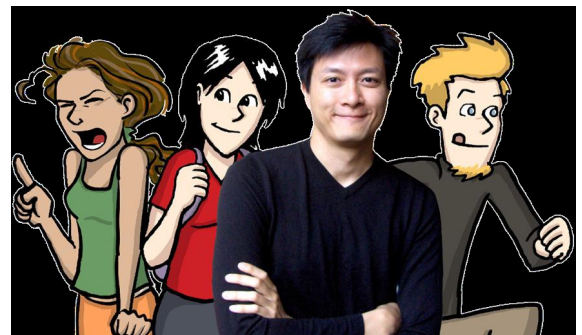
"Piled Higher and Deeper" The Movie is a live-action adaptation of the popular online comic strip by Jorge Cham (www.phdcomics.com). It was filmed on location at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and was produced in partnership with Caltech.

The film introduces audiences to the unique and funny culture of academia and follows four graduate students (Cecilia, Mike, Tajel, and the "Nameless Grad Student") as they struggle to find balance between research, teaching, and their personal lives with humor and heart.

When: **October 12, 2011**
Time: **5 p.m. until about 7 p.m.**
Place: **Watson Auditorium**

No sign-up required; seats are first come, first served. Popcorn and snacks also available gratis!

Major funding for this event provided by the GSO.



Who Is the New Grad School Marshal? Maybe You!

Each year one Syracuse University doctoral student is selected as the Graduate School marshal. The marshal will assist with hooding fellow Ph.D. recipients during the 2012 Doctoral Hooding Ceremony and will lead the Ph.D. candidates into Syracuse University's 158th Commencement ceremonies on May 13, 2012, in the Carrier Dome.



Only current Syracuse University doctoral students who have been admitted to candidacy and will complete (or have completed) *all* their degree requirements by Summer 2011, December 2011, or May 2012 are eligible to apply. Dissertation defenses for expected May 2012 graduates **MUST** occur before April 2, 2012.

Selection criteria include scholarship, academic honors, student organization involvement, campus service, and community service.

All applicants must submit a completed [application form](#) (available from the Graduate School), updated CV, and signatures from two nominators (SU faculty or staff (with a doctoral degree).

DEADLINE for applications is November 18, 2011.



Upcoming Events

Oct 7th. Copyright and the Classroom: What Every TA Needs to Know. Dr. Kevin Dames. Hall of Languages 207, 12:00-1:30 pm.

Oct 9th. Graduate School Mixer for those who live East or South of campus. GSO and Off-Campus and Commuter Services. Inn Complete, 6:00-9:00 pm.

Oct 12th. The PhD Movie with Jorge Cham. Watson Auditorium, 5:00 pm.

Oct 13th. Writing an NSF Grant. Office of Sponsored Programs. CST 1-218, 3:30-5:00 pm.

Oct 14th. Data Analysis Tools: Finding the Right Fit for Your Research. Dr. Paul Bern. Hall of Languages 207, 12:00-1:30 pm.

Oct 20th. Developing Your Budget: Introduction to Allowable Costs. CST 1-218, 3:30-5:00 pm.

Oct 21st. Critical Pedagogies: Teaching/Learning, Politics and Praxis. Prof. Tania Ramalho. Hall of Languages 207, 12:00-1:30 pm.

Oct 27th. Using the Office of Sponsored Programs Budget Sheet. Office of Sponsored Programs. Steele Hall 001, 3:30-5:00 pm.

Oct 27th. Graduate Student Etiquette Dinner. Goldstein Alumni & Faculty Center, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Oct 28th. Strategies for Responding to and Managing Students in Distress. Dr. Cory Wallack. Hall of Languages 207, 12:00-1:30 pm.

Coming Next Month

Nov 3rd. Finding Funding. Office of Sponsored Programs. Steele Hall 001, 3:30-5:00 pm.

Academic Job Search for PhD's and Postdocs

Fridays, Oct. 7, 14 and 21 from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Bowne Hall, room 218.

- Session #1 (Oct. 7): **Fine tune your CV and learn to do a "close reading" of job ads for faculty positions.** *Learn to make your CV the best match the positions you're applying for!*
- Session #2 (Oct. 14): **What constitutes a compelling academic cover letter and teaching statement?** *Learn key places to be strategic in highlighting the match between you and the college or university you are applying to.*
- Session #3 (Oct. 21): **Learn to become a more competitive interviewee.** *An interview is far more than showing up and answering questions. What else is it? How can you shine? Come find out!*



To sign up for any or all of these sessions, just click on this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SX9ZBWD>

If your deadlines for applying for faculty jobs are very soon and you'd like some tips or a review of your materials, you can set up an individual meeting with Roseanne Ecker by calling 443-3616.

Conversation Partners for International TAs



If you are a TA, a non-native speaker of English, and concerned about a possible communication barrier in your class, lab, or discussion/recitation section, the Graduate School can help.

We maintain a roster of undergraduate students who serve as one-on-one conversation partners for international TAs. They are available for hour-long weekly meetings in a relaxed environment on campus, so that you can practice conversational English and build confidence interacting with your students.

These sessions provide helpful opportunities to work on your speaking and listening skills, to learn about student culture and American slang, or to practice and get feedback on upcoming presentations or lectures.

Any international graduate student with a TA appointment is eligible for this *free* service. Interested ITAs should complete a [conversation partner request form](#) and submit it to Lee Pomeroy (etpomeroy@syr.edu) in 220 Bowne Hall.



SU ORGS FOR GRADS

> Slutzker Center: <http://students.syr.edu/scis/>
Providing services and programming for international students at SU.

> Maxwell Career Programming: <http://www1.maxwell.syr.edu/career.aspx>
Located in 202 Maxwell, the Career Program office for Maxwell students provides a specialty range of services, including programs, career counseling, and funding advice for those in professional and academic programs.

> Counseling Center: <http://counselingcenter.syr.edu/>
The Counseling Center offers members of the SU community free, confidential help through times of crisis and the everyday stresses of life. Referrals for students and students' families—with and without health insurance through SU—are available here.

> Health Services: <http://students.syr.edu/health/>
Located at 111 Waverly Avenue, SU health services provides care for graduate students who pay their health fee and include services such as office visits, ambulatory care services, pharmacy, nutrition counseling, immunizations, vaccines, and travel medicine.

> Academic Integrity Office: <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu/>
Established to implement SU's Academic Integrity (AI) Policies and Procedures, the Office of Academic Integrity can advise how to promote AI in the undergraduate classroom (as a TA) or to consult on how AI affects graduate student life.

> Legal Services: <http://www.studentlegal.net/index.html>
If you are a Syracuse University student (excluding law students) or a SUNY-ESF student, have paid the graduate student activity fee, and are registered on main campus, you are eligible for advice and representation as defined at the Legal Services website.

Guest Author

Apartment Search for 2012-13

Darya Rotblatt, Off-Campus and Commuter Services

Although it probably feels like you just moved into your apartment, your landlord may be asking you if you want to re-sign your lease for another year. The rental season begins very early in Syracuse, so if you will be living off-campus next year it is a good idea to begin your off-campus housing search now to allow yourself the most options.

There are a number of rental units available in the University area and one of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing are friends and classmates. Another good place to search is Orange Housing. Orange Housing maintains a web site of apartment offerings in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. The Orange Housing website is www.orangehousing.com. It is important to keep in mind that this local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF and there are absolutely no guarantees about the quality and reliability of the information posted on the website. Orange Housing also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and information relevant to apartment hunters. If you are interested in apartment complexes in the University Area, you should search www.apartmentfinder.com under Syracuse. In addition, there are also listings in the *Daily Orange*.

Your first step in your apartment search is determining your needs. Important considerations include:

- Distance from campus
- How much you can afford for rent and utilities
- On- or off-street parking and closest bus stop
- Number of roommates
- Furnished or non-furnished apartment
- Length of lease
- Pets

Once you have determined your needs you will want to view two or more rentals that meet your criteria. Check out each apartment thoroughly; don't be afraid to test faucets, doorknobs, etc. and make sure you are satisfied with the safety features available (window locks, security lights, etc.). You should talk with the current tenants about the apartment; ask about location and experiences with the landlord. Once you decide on an apartment and have done all needed research, you should have the lease reviewed by Student Legal Services.

The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is a resource that you should also utilize in your search for off-campus housing. OCCS staff will assist you in your search by educating you on what is needed to have a successful off-campus living experience. OCCS is available for in-person assistance at 754 Ostrom Avenue, via phone at 315-443-5489, online at offcampus.syr.edu, via email at offcampus@syr.edu.



Graduate Links from the Office of Enrollment Management

All about graduating
http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/current_whatyouneed.html

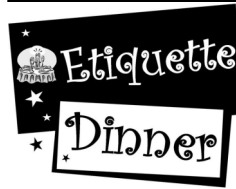
Steps for your final semester and procedures of defending a thesis or dissertation
<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/Steps.pdf>

Thesis Format Guidelines
<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/FormatGuidelines.pdf>

Deadlines
<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf>

Help with dissertation writing
Dr. Dennis McGuire
dennismcgr@att.net

Graduate School Etiquette Dinner



This year's Graduate Student Etiquette Dinner will be held at the Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center on Thursday, October 27th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Graduate Etiquette Dinner is an opportunity to learn the do's and don'ts of dining in a professional setting. Which fork do I start the meal with? What do I do with my napkin when I leave the table?

Our speaker, Dr. Linchi Kwok, Assistant Professor of Hospitality Management in the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics, will provide an overview of proper etiquette, answer your questions and prepare you for success at your next high-stakes meal.

Check your email Monday, October 10, for instructions to register. The Graduate Student Etiquette Dinner is sponsored by the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Career Services, The Graduate School, L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science, Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE), and the Maxwell Career Development Center.

GSO Increases Its Web Presence

In 2010, the GSO website received a makeover and we are continuing to improve its functionality based on student needs.

Recently we added a Google Calendar to the home page of our website, gradorg.syr.edu, which not only lists our meetings but also social events submitted by graduate students.

If you would like to advertise an event on our calendar, please email gso@syr.edu two weeks in advance of your event. Also, we now have a Facebook (http://on.fb.me/SU_GSO) and a Twitter (<http://bit.ly/SUGSO>) page to help keep graduate students informed of our meetings, events, and deadlines. Please 'like' us, follow us, and stay informed!

Ford Diversity Fellowships

Starting September 1, 2011, applications will be accepted for the 2012 Ford Diversity Fellowships Program for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching. Full eligibility information and online applications are available on our website at: <http://nationalacademies.org/ford>

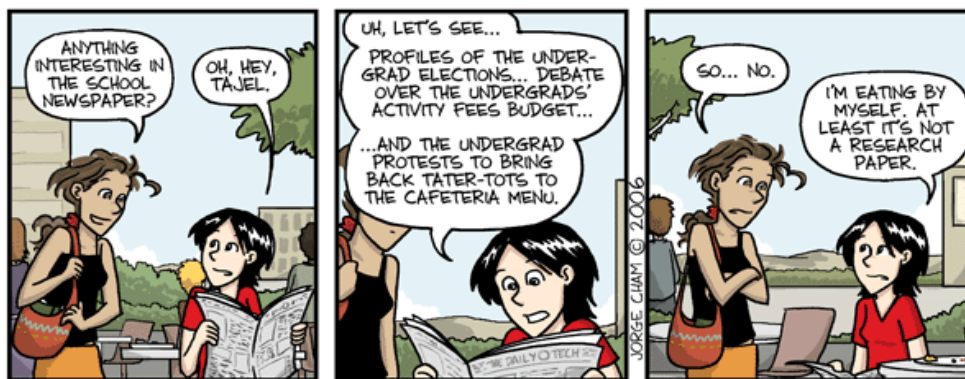
- Predoctoral--\$20,000
- Dissertation--\$21,000 for one year
- Postdoctoral--\$40,000 for one year

For further information please contact:

Fellowships Office
National Research Council
phone: 202-334-2872
email: infocell@nas.edu



PhD Comics



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