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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!**

Sept 9. Deadline for submitting/receiving religious observances notification form.

Sept 12. Last day to elect or rescind pass/fail or audit grading option.

Sept 19. Classes dropped by this date will not appear on the transcript and are not included in the calculation of tuition charges.

Sept 28. Mid-Semester Progress Report begins.

**SU Events Calendar**

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

Around Syracuse Events :  
[www.syracuse.com/events/](http://www.syracuse.com/events/)

**An Open Letter from the New GSO President**



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Hello graduate students and SU community! I would like to welcome all of you to (or back to) SU!

This year the GSO will continue to focus on providing graduate students with useful and affordable services and activities that enhance the graduate student experience at SU. We support programs like Student Legal Services, the Early Education and Childcare Center, the Bernice M. Wright Nursery School, Drumlins Country Club and the Inn Complete in order to provide graduate students with free and reduced-priced access to these services. Also, this year will be the third year of our Travel Grant Program, which has already awarded thousands of dollars to traveling graduate students for both professional and academic conferences. In addition to the above services, we will be working with the Inn Complete and the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services to provide graduate students with places, spaces, and activities to relax, unwind, and mingle with your fellow grads. And finally, we will continue funding graduate student organizations across campus as well as programming from the Graduate School and Career Services.

We also have a new administration this year: Melissa Welshans (President), Jack Mayernick (Comptroller), Patrick Neary (Vice President), and Melissa Kizina (Recording Secretary). Together, we bring many years of GSO experience to the executive board and are excited to continue serving graduate students in our new positions.

Please email us at [gso@syr.edu](mailto:gso@syr.edu) if you have any questions or would like to get involved with our organization, and please visit our website (<http://gradorg.syr.edu>) for more detailed information about our new executive board, our mission, graduate student events, and the services listed above.

Thanks and have a great year!  
Melissa Welshans, GSO President

**“Strategies for Success in Your Doctoral Program”: A Conference for 1st- and 2nd-Year PhD Students, September 30**

For the first time ever, the Graduate Student Organization, the Graduate School, and Career Services are hosting a one-day conference exclusively for 1<sup>st</sup>- and 2<sup>nd</sup>-year PhD students. Our goal is to provide you with candid advice and insider tips that will help you navigate the sometimes choppy waters of a doctoral program. We expect that the advice you’ll get, from both advanced PhD students and faculty, will make you more strategic in approaching the remainder of your doctoral studies.

Advice will focus on two areas of great concern to PhD students: your relationship with your advisor and other faculty, and the important issue of funding your entire graduate education. Come learn how to avoid the common pitfalls of doctoral study, while picking up valuable information. Panels will be divided into STEM and non-STEM areas.

We also are very excited to be welcoming back to Syracuse University our keynote speaker, Hinda Mandell, a recent PhD alum who has just started as an assistant professor at RIT. You’ll meet doctoral students from other departments and be our guest for lunch. Don’t miss this event!

We look forward to seeing you on **Friday, Sept. 30**. The conference will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Schine Student Center 304ABC. Registration is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis, so *register now* (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2Z8Y5GD>) and put this event in your calendar!



# Upcoming Events

Sept 8th. "A Magnificent Obsession: Selections from the Hamilton Armstrong Collection of Prints" exhibition opening. SuArt Galleries, 5:00-7:00pm.

Sept 9th. "Campus Resources for Grad Students" panel. HL 207, 2:00-3:30pm.

Sept 11th. "9-11 Syracuse Remembers: Service of Remembrance and Hope." Hendricks Chapel, 2:00-3:00pm.

Sept 12th. "(En)countering Plagiarism: The Cultural Settings." FPP Religion Department Fall Mini-Series. HL 504, 2:30-3:30pm.

Sept 19th. "(En)countering Plagiarism: Presumptions and Practices." FPP Religion Department Fall Mini-Series. HL 504. 2:30-3:30pm.

Sept 23rd. "How to Build Relationships at Conferences." Dr. Catherine Maritan. HL 107, 1:00pm.

Sept 23rd. FPP Kickoff Event. Goldstein Faculty Center, 4:00-5:30pm.

Sept 26th. "(En)countering Plagiarism: Transnational Differences." FPP Religion Department Fall Mini-Series. HL 504. 2:30-3:30pm.

Sept 27th. "Making the Invisible Visible." Maria Hinojosa. University Lecture Series. Hendricks Chapel, 7:30pm.

Sept 30th. "Strategies for Success in Your Doctoral Program: Advice for 1st- and 2nd-Year PhD Students." Schine Student Center 304ABC, 9:30am-3:00pm.

## Coming Next Month

Oct 1st. Graduate School Mixer for those who live North or West of Campus. GSO and Off-Campus and Commuter Services. Inn Complete, 6:00-9:00pm.

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.

## Campus Resources for Grad Students Panel

Are you worried about your career prospects? Need a little help with your writing? Have questions about leasing an apartment? Don't stress out!

Instead, learn how you can access the programs and services on campus that provide support and help to the Syracuse University graduate student community.

The Graduate School invites you to an upcoming panel highlighting the offices, organizations, and programs available to address your needs and concerns!

Join us for "Campus Resources for Grad Students" on **Friday, Sept 9th, 2:00-3:30 in Hall of Languages 207.**

Panelists will include:

**Rosanne Ecker**

Associate Director, Career Services

**Patrick Neary**

Vice President, GSO

**Carolyn Ostrander**

Editor, Graduate Editing Center

**Darya Rotblat**

Director, Off-Campus and Commuter Services

*Come with questions, leave with solutions!*



## All About Conference Networking!



Especially for doctoral students...

**How to Build Relationships at Conferences That Will Move Your Career Forward (and other tips on networking)**

**Dr. Catherine A. Maritan**  
Whitman School of Management

**Friday**  
**Sept. 23**  
**1 p.m.**  
**HL 107**

Everyone talks about the importance of "networking" or "relationship building" at conferences — but why is it so crucial? And exactly how do you do it?

Dr. Catherine A. Maritan, Associate Professor at the Whitman School of Management and an award-winning SU teacher and researcher, will help you understand the process of building professional relationships at conferences and the impact that these relationships can have on your professional career.

Please **register** in advance:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZG5P77B>

## 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.



## Introducing the Auburn GED Tutoring Program

The Auburn GED Tutoring Program is now accepting applications for volunteers! This program, organized and led by SU students, is the only GED tutoring program at Auburn prison. It's a great opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and community members to get involved in social justice initiatives. This is also a great choice for students interested in education, community engagement, criminal justice, public administration, or even for those looking to fulfill community service requirements.

### Tutoring Details

- ◆ Seeking students, faculty and staff
- ◆ Leave campus at 5:40 on Thursday evenings, return around 10:15.
- ◆ If you can't make tutoring every week, we'd still love to have you!
- ◆ Your security is always assured.
- ◆ Follow application procedures to start (proof of TB test, application, brief orientation)



If you are interested in volunteering, contact Missy Watson ([mewatson@syr.edu](mailto:mewatson@syr.edu)) or Ben Kuebrich ([bdkuebri@syr.edu](mailto:bdkuebri@syr.edu)) for more information. The first round of applications is due **September 12th**.

### Did You Know?

Over 40% of the state prison population doesn't have a high school diploma or GED?

At least 95% of all state prison inmates will be released— **Today's prisoners are tomorrow's neighbors**. Help give them a chance to succeed!

Studies have found that a GED can reduce re-arrest rates from 46% to 24%.

## Big Changes in SU's Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity director Dr. Gary Pavela has spent recent months working with an advisory committee to overhaul the current university academic integrity policy. Dr. Pavela recently announced the following changes to the academic integrity policy for both graduate and undergraduate students at SU.

[1] Academic dishonesty is distinguished from academic negligence (deficient academic work without intent to deceive). Only academic dishonesty is subject to disciplinary sanctions.

[2] A new system is implemented to report academic negligence.

[3] The revised Policy adds new language protecting the professional autonomy of faculty members to award grades: "Regardless of administrative or hearing panel findings in academic integrity cases or referrals, grades for deficient academic work (distinguished from penalties and disciplinary records for findings of dishonesty) fall under the purview of referring faculty members."

[4] The presumptive sanction for any act of academic dishonesty for an undergraduate student is the *XF grade penalty*, accompanied by the transcript notation: "Violation of the Academic Integrity Policy." The transcript notation may be removed for a first offense if the student successfully completes the AIO academic integrity seminar. A lesser sanction may be imposed by the instructor (e.g., reduced grade in the course) if accompanied by a written explanation. The written explanation is dispositive and not subject to appeal.

[5] *The presumptive penalty for any act of academic dishonesty by a graduate student is suspension or expulsion from the university.* Accordingly, all academic dishonesty allegations involving graduate students must be referred to a hearing panel for resolution.

[6] Appellate review by committee has been replaced by automatic review by the Associate Provost for Academic Programs of any recommended suspension or expulsion.



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Beginning this fall, the scope of services provided by the R.A.P.E. Center has officially expanded to include relationship violence. As a result of this broadening of services, as well as feedback from students, staff, and faculty about the R.A.P.E. Center name creating a barrier to accessing services, the center has been renamed [The Advocacy Center: Sexual and Relationship Violence Services, Prevention and Education](#). "We believe our new name reflects what we have learned from the students who shared their stories with us, and the work of the inspiring volunteers who take action to bring about positive change," says Janet Epstein, associate director of The Advocacy Center.



In 2010, the Division of Student Affairs determined there was need for a campus resource to provide confidential advocacy, support, and prevention/educational programs related to the issue of relationship violence. It was decided that the R.A.P.E. Center would be that resource. "As the influence of the center has grown over the years, it is only appropriate to rename the center in a way that explains to the community the important work of this vital campus resource," says Thomas V. Wolfe, senior vice president and dean of student affairs.

Over the course of six months, the R.A.P.E. Center staff engaged various stakeholders throughout the campus and into the community in the name-changing process. This collaboration resulted in a significant amount of input that helped guide the process. "We thank all who participated in the process and are truly grateful to the students, staff, faculty, and community members who partner with us in supporting the mission of the center, and assist us in creating a community of empowered bystanders," says Epstein.

The new name, The Advocacy Center, meets the goal of reflecting both the services traditionally provided by the R.A.P.E. Center, and the prevention programming and caring-community aspects of the center's work. It is welcoming and empowering, and will hopefully increase student comfort in accessing the center's services.

The Syracuse University R.A.P.E. Center (Rape, Advocacy, Prevention and Education) was established in 1990, as a result of the recommendations from the Task Force on Rape created by Chancellor Melvin Eggers. Among the recommendations from the Task Force was that SU adopt the policy on rape and sexual assault presented by the group and establish a center to develop and continue comprehensive sexual assault prevention programs, as well as provide counseling and support services for sexual assault victims. At the time the R.A.P.E. Center was established, no comparable center existed on a college campus in the United States.

Student, staff, and faculty volunteers have always been key members of the R.A.P.E. Center team, and their involvement has led to the continued growth of the center. Over the years, the R.A.P.E. Center has responded to the identified needs of students and has provided advocacy and education related to all forms of interpersonal violence.

The following are important points to for you to know: Students can call us at 315-443-7273, twenty-four hours a day; our services are confidential; students can come directly to the center (in the lower level of Health Services, 111 Waverly Avenue) during office hours; a TA can call us anytime for assistance and can walk a student over. There is information on our website that is specifically for individuals who are in a position to assist students in connecting with us at <http://advocacycenter.syr.edu/staff-faculty/assisting-students.html>



## Changes in SU's Religious Observances Policy



This fall is the first semester in which SU will not have non-instructional days for any religious holiday and the first semester in which students must notify instructors by the end of the 2nd week of classes when they will be observing their religious holidays.

SU's religious observances policy, found at [http://supolicies.syr.edu/emp\\_ben/religious\\_observance.htm](http://supolicies.syr.edu/emp_ben/religious_observance.htm), recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holy days according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance *provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes*. Due to the early date of Eid this year (August 30th), Muslim students will not have the opportunity to register their religious observance for that particular day. Instructors are asked to take their religious needs into consideration.

An online notification process has been created. Students will have access to a notification form through MySlice for two weeks beginning the first day of class. On Monday, September 12, instructors will have continuous access via the religious observances icon under "Faculty Services/Faculty Center" to a list of students in each class they are teaching who have provided notification. Because of the tremendous variation in the start and end dates of classes during summer sessions, the online notification process will only be available for Fall and Spring semesters.

## Graduate Links from the Office of Enrollment Management

All about graduating  
[http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/current\\_whatyouneed.html](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](mailto:dennismcgr@att.net)

## Introducing: SU PhD Job Search Support Group

Are you on the job market this year? Are you concerned about the challenges you may face? Do you have questions and worries you would like to share? Career Services can help! This semester we are beginning a PhD job search support group for those of you who are on the academic job market. This group will allow graduate students to inform and support each other as they apply to and interview for academic positions. The group will meet Wednesdays, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., beginning August 31<sup>st</sup>, in 232 Schine Student Center.

Please contact Career Services at 443-3616 or via email ([careers@syr.edu](mailto:careers@syr.edu)) if you have questions. Although this group will meet

weekly, you are welcome to attend intermittently. I will be happy to bring in speakers as the group requests, although the basic function of the group is to provide a network of support for on-the-market academic job seekers.

Doctoral students have a great deal to offer each other. If you agree, put this group on your calendar and join us each Wednesday at 4pm.



## New "Articles To Go" Service at Library



The Syracuse University Library would like to announce a new option for accessing printed material. The **Articles to Go Service** will be offering free online delivery of scanned articles to all SU faculty, staff, and grad students.

The library staff will deliver articles from Library print or microfilm/fiche collections, as well as book chapters via email—usually within 2 business days. In order to place a request, faculty, staff and grad students must complete the appropriate request form in ILLiad, the interlibrary loan system. Make sure to include the complete citation, which can be accessed by exploring our catalog at <http://library.syr.edu/>.

Just as a reminder for those that don't have one yet, ILLiad accounts are quick and easy to set up following the "First Time Users" link on the ILLiad web page at <https://illiad.syr.edu>.

## Changes in Campus Bus Service

Changes in campus bus services include some new routes as well as the end of the Centro Free Fare Zone from Jamesville and Vincent. Starting Monday, Aug. 29, Syracuse University provides bus service to the James Street, Hawley Avenue, and East Genesee Street areas. The bus will leave College Place and make various stops along the route.

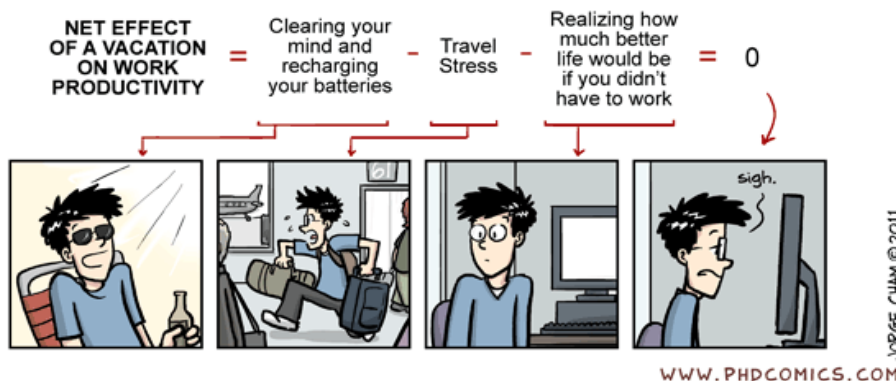
Service will operate Monday–Thursday from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m. to 2:50 a.m., and Saturday and Sunday nights from 5:30 p.m. until 2:50 a.m. Service will be provided by Caz Limo.

In addition, due to the success of the Caz Limo–operated Nob Hill service, the Centro Free Fare Zone from Jamesville and Vincent to campus has been discontinued as of August 1. Centro-operated bus times will not change, but rides now cost faculty, staff, and students \$2.00. As usual, all Caz Limo–operated buses will still be available and free to students.



For additional information including routing and times, visit Parking and Transit Services website at <http://parking.syr.edu>.

## PhD Comics



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