Announcements

Don’t forget – FREE Writing Assistance at Biltmore Park. Get help with brainstorming, prewriting, drafting, and revising. Mondays from 1-7pm and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm in study room 350. Make an appointment by visiting walc.wcu.edu or calling 828-227-2274. Drops in are available on a first come, first served basis. (Cherokee students can receive help at the Writing and Learning Commons on the main campus during regular operating hours.)

MBA Leadership Speaker Series – Tuesdays at 6pm, Biltmore Park room 346.

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GBSA Activities

GBSA Semester Kick-Off Social – Tuesday, January 28 from 4:45-5:45 at Biltmore Park (specific room TBD). Come meet your GBSA leadership team as well as other fellow students in a variety of cohorts! Pizza from Asheville Pizza and Brewing will be provided (first come, first serve!).

Calendar of Events

GBSA Social – Tues, Jan 28, 4:45-5:45

Opportunities

WNC Lessons in Leadership -- Harry (The FISH! Guy) Paul, co-author of the phenomenal worldwide bestselling book FISH! who will talk about bringing passion, excitement and FUN into everything you do. At just $20 per person, Lessons in Leadership is a GIFT to the community by bringing world-class leadership training to Western North Carolina at a fraction of what you’d usually have to pay to hear a speaker of this caliber. PLUS, our opening presenter is former Asheville resident KEITH CHALLENGER, whose new book Leap Life is a must for anyone who has ever felt like there are just not enough hours in the day to get everything done! For more details or to register, visit www.wncleaders.com.

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2014
Venue: Thomas Wolfe Auditorium, Asheville, NC
Time: Networking from 5:30pm. Event from 6:30pm - 8:45pm
Price: $20 per person (registration required)
The 22nd Annual Graduate Research Symposium – Thurs, March 27 at Western Carolina University (Cullowhee Campus). Graduate students are encouraged to present their research at concurrent sessions between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM at the University Center in Cullowhee. All submitted abstracts and papers will be evaluated by faculty reviewers to highlight the high-quality research and creative activities of our graduate students.

Basic information and submission deadlines:
- All presenters must submit their application materials via the web link below no later than THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
  1. an electronic application form is found at the following link
  2. an abstract (250 to 300 words) clearly describing the research project, question, or argument.
- We also encourage students to submit a completed research paper for the Graduate Research Paper Competition, also by the THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 deadline at the same web link above.
- Prizes will be awarded for the paper competition at the reception.
- A Three-Minute Thesis Presentation Competition will be held and registration and presentation details will be provided by January 10, 2014.
- Please plan to join us at the Awards Reception at 5:00 p.m. on March 27th, at the University Center. Student awards in various categories including research, thesis, teaching, academic discipline, and the Chancellor’s Fellowships will be presented. Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Additional details and contact information are available at the following link. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact, Brian Kloeppele, Associate Dean of the Graduate School at 828-227-7398 or 800-369-9854 or bkloeppel@wcu.edu.

2014 Summer Graduate Research Assistantships
The Graduate School has announced that funds are available to support summer graduate research assistantships at $3000 each for summer 2014.
- PURPOSE: Support continuing resident credit graduate program student research during the summer to assist in timely completion of the graduate degree.
- AMOUNT: Stipend of $3000.00
- WORK REQUIREMENTS:
  1. 30 hours per week with a start date of MAY 12, 2014/end date of JUNE 30,2014. The last pay date will be JUNE 30, 2014.
  2. Students cannot work beyond the assistantship contract end date of JUNE 30, 2014.
- ELIGIBILITY:
  1. Continuing resident credit program graduate students not enrolled for the 2014 summer term but enrolled for the 2014 spring and 2014 fall terms.
  2. Continuing resident credit program graduate students enrolled for the 2014 summer term.

Keep an eye on your student email for the application and rubric – due February 1, 2013.

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