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SCHOOL EVENTS



University Graduate Exercises

Friday, May 01, 2009

1:00 pm, Hill Auditorium

University Graduate Exercises is the commencement ceremony for all master's and doctoral graduates and candidates who receive their degrees through the Rackham Graduate School. Held in Hill Auditorium, this program recognizes doctoral degree recipients individually and is formal in tone.

The speaker for University Graduate Exercises is Michael Posner, a world-renowned psychologist often credited with originating

the field of cognitive neuroscience. He will also receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree at Spring Commencement on May 2, 2009.

Detailed information concerning diplomas, commencement day instructions, academic attire and more is available at the U-M Graduate's Guide to Commencement website at <http://www.umich.edu/~gradinfo/exercises/>



ENRICHMENT

The Language of Art

River
Gallery
FINE ART

An Exhibit of Contemporary Artwork in all media by Michigan Artists.

Through June 15, 2009

4th floor, Rackham Building

A beautiful, architectural gem deserves and welcomes fine art. The Rackham Graduate School community has often expressed an interest and imagined the possibilities of exhibiting art at appropriate sites throughout the building. Our first exhibit brings front and center contemporary artworks created by artists living and working in Michigan. Some of these artists have exhibited nationally, some hold academic appointments, many have earned MFAs and a few are self-taught. The exhibit provides an opportunity to those already acquainted with the visual arts to enjoy examples of fine work in their favorite medium and style. Visitors and staff eager to discover what captures their eye, heart and mind will find in "The Language of Art" an excellent introduction to medium, style and subject matter.

The artworks on display have been carefully selected to serve as outstanding examples of oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, pastel, fiber, charcoal, prints, photographs, collage, mixed media, and re-cycled material. Style and subject matter is diverse and the exhibit travels the gamut from traditional landscape to collage to abstracted re-cycled x-ray film!

Brochures and an online guide will soon be available providing detailed information and images about the works on display. We invite you to join us in our salute to the visual arts and Michigan artists.

U-M Bouchet Graduate Honor Society

Named for the first African American doctoral recipient in the United States (in Physics from Yale University in 1876), the Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes diversity and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate. The Bouchet Society seeks to develop a network of preeminent scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster environments of support and serve as examples of scholarship, leadership, character, service and advocacy for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy.



Eligibility for the formation of an institutional chapter is limited to doctoral-granting institutions with a sustained record of training scholars who are traditionally underrepresented in the academy. Interested institutions must show evidence of prior reform efforts designed to promote diversity and excellence in doctoral education. The

Rackham Graduate School is pleased to announce the creation of its chapter of the Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

The U-M Bouchet Graduate Honor Society is committed to intellectual excellence and interdisciplinary work, but with the additional goal of using the knowledge gained at the academy in the service of society. In the spirit of Edward Alexander Bouchet and the scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy he exhibited, inductees into the honor society bearing his name should exhibit these same outstanding qualities. Members are scholars who are committed to contributing to the development of their field(s) of study and to the application of that knowledge into action to improve the lives and conditions of the community.

Membership in the Michigan chapter is available by application for doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows. Doctoral student members must have achieved candi-

dacy and be in high academic standing in their doctoral program.

The students inducted this year are

Haijing Dai (Social Work and Sociology)
Rashonda Flint (Pharmacology)
Tiffany Joseph (Sociology)
Sharon Lee (American Culture)
Jonathan Madison (Materials Science and Engineering)
Kristine Molina (Psychology and Women's Studies)
Joy Oguntebi (Industrial Operations Engineering)
Reginald Rogers (Chemical Engineering)
Flannery Stevens (Management and Organizations)
Krystal Williams (Center for the Study of Higher and Post-secondary Education)

The new members were formally inducted at the Sixth Annual Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity in Graduate Education on March 27 and 28.

The U-M Chapter of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society accepts applications and nominations for graduate student and postdoctoral membership annually.

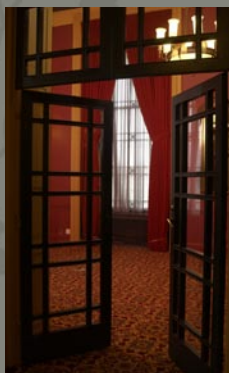
Postdoctoral Job Postings

Rackham is pleased to announce a new website for campus-wide postdoctoral contacts and resources now available at <http://www.rackham.umich.edu/postdoctoral/>. The site features postdoctoral contacts for the schools and colleges on campus, career resources, and information for postdoctoral applicants about living in Ann Arbor.



The site also features a user-friendly web interface that faculty can use to advertise open postdoctoral positions (in addition to official postings on the U-M Human Resources site.) The postings are open to students or postdoctoral scholars seeking positions, although the ability to post or modify openings is Kerberos password-protected. Postings are displayed for one, two, or three months before being automatically deleted.

Rackham Event Rooms



Student organization rental fees are waived for Rackham event rooms. Availability can be checked online at <http://ems.rackham.umich.edu/virtualems> or by sending an email to rackhamscheduling@umich.edu. To reserve a room for your oral dissertation defense, call 734-764-8572.