Rackham Welcomes Study Groups

Graduate students may now reserve the Rackham 2nd floor West Study Hall South Alcove for study group meetings for the current semester, at least three days in advance.

The alcove seats 18 people at a boardroom style table and there is no cost to Rackham graduate student study groups. Reservations can be made online at http://ems.rackham.umich.edu/virtualems/. Follow the directions under “Graduate Study Groups.” Student organizations can book event rooms online at the above link as well. Follow the directions under “University Departments and Student Organizations.”

Academic Leadership in a Research University

Join Dean Janet A. Weiss for a conversation about academic leadership and what that means in a research university. Which people and which roles exercise influence about various topics? Who makes the big (and little) decisions that affect the lives of faculty, staff and students?

Pre-registration is required at https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/Events/wssel.php
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Monday, March 15, 2010
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, East Conference Room, 4th Floor, Rackham Building

This session, presented by Danielle LaVaque-Manty, Ph.D., discusses common technical issues related to using and acknowledging sources.

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Introduction to Leadership Concepts

Thursday, March 18, 2010
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, Assembly Hall, 4th floor, Rackham Building

Tailored for graduate students and postdocs, this session offers the opportunity to discuss and define leadership, and to articulate the ways in which you are already a leader in various aspects of your life. Panelists will share thoughts on leadership and their own paths to becoming effective leaders. There will be an opportunity for Q&A, discussion, and self-assessment.


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Refining Your Academic Writing: Social Sciences and the Humanities

Monday, March 22, 2010
10:00 am - 11:30 am, Assembly Hall, 4th Floor, Rackham Building

Paul Barron, M.F.A., presents this session on how to effectively formulate and support an argument throughout your papers and dissertation. Emphasis will be paid to style and coherence at the sentence, paragraph, and section levels.

Pre-registration is required at https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/Events/wssel.php

Business Dining Etiquette

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, Assembly Hall, 4th Floor, Rackham Building

With the ongoing season for job interviews and business dinners, there is great emphasis on sharpening business dining etiquette skills. A counselor from The Career Center will provide helpful guidance to effective business dining etiquette. Dinner will be provided. Space is limited.

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Tackling Your Taxes

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Amphitheatre, 4th floor, Rackham Building

Although most people don’t think about taxes until April, as early as possible, graduate students should consider what will be required to properly prepare their tax documents. This workshop will answer such questions as:

Are student scholarship or fellowship payments treated as wages for services rendered?

How can students reduce taxable income or taxes with
related expenses or credits?

If income is taxable, do students have a reporting requirement if they are a foreign national student or a teacher?

Tackling Your Taxes does not include filing forms for non-resident aliens. International students should contact the International Center for tax information relevant to their status. This workshop is appropriate for domestic students.

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Writing a Research Grant Proposal: STEM

Thursday, March 25, 2010
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Johnson Rooms, Lurie Engineering Center, North Campus

This session, presented by Alan Hogg, Ph.D., provides an overview of what is needed for a successful grant application. We will go over the process, the typical structure, and some common funding sources.

Pre-registration is required at https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/Events/wssel.php

Introduction to Personal Safety – Empower Yourself!

Thursday, April 01, 2010
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Assembly Hall, 4th floor, Rackham Building

This two-hour session will include risk assessment, information about the most common perpetrators and victims, and an introduction to many simple and effective physical, verbal, and emotional skills for empowerment and self-defense. We will learn techniques appropriate to both stranger and acquaintance danger. All participants will have the opportunity to practice physical techniques and to practice setting physical and verbal boundaries. This class is open to all genders, abilities, and identities.

You do not have to be physically fit or wear gym clothes (though you may if you prefer). Martial arts will not be taught.

Pre-registration is required at https://www.rackham.umich.edu/Events/wssel.php

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Community Service Day

Saturday, March 20, 2010
9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rackham Building

It’s not just about helping others. It’s about helping others feel better.

Whether it is organizing a supply pantry for homeless families, distributing brochures for an upcoming fundraiser or removing invasive shrubs at a local park, join other graduate students who are passionate about helping others.

Rackham’s Community Service Day is a great opportunity to give back to the community and it also gives you a chance to work with other graduate students. See the list below for participating organizations and to pre-register for the activity where you want to lend a hand.

Community Service Day is co-sponsored by Rackham Graduate School and Rackham Student Government (RSG). Refreshments will be provided. Check-in at Rackham Graduate School begins at 8:00 am. Shuttle will be provided. Supplies, if needed, will also be provided.

Space is limited. Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice on the registration form.

SOS Community Services is a non-profit organization that serves homeless families and others in crisis in Washtenaw County. Project example: help organize supply pantry and/or prepare a mailing.

Humane Society of Huron Valley supports the care of all animals. Project example: distribute brochures and hang posters to advertise an upcoming fundraiser. Distribu-
tion areas will be pre-determined. Volunteers will not be working with animals that day.

**Ozone House** helps young people lead safe, healthy, and productive lives through intervention and prevention services. Project example: help clean yard, replace stair runners (general maintenance).

**Natural Area Preservation** works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural parks. Project example: help remove invasive shrubs at a local park, if the weather permits.

**Hope Clinic** provides compassionate and practical help to those in need. Project example: help organize kitchen cabinets to maximize usefulness.

**Food Gatherers** exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in the community. Project example: stock and organize food items at the warehouse.

**Ann Arbor Art Center** engages the community in education, exhibition and exploration of the visual arts. Project example: help move and clean displays.

Pre-registration is required at https://secure.rackham.umich.edu/Events/comm_service_day.php