



Graduate Center Newsletter

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From Across the Graduate Enterprise, Bidding Farewell to a Rocky Year -- While Recognizing the Good Moments, Too

For the vast majority of us, it has felt like 2020 yanked the rug out from under our feet. The uncertainty and instability of this year have presented a huge number of challenges, but our amazing graduate community has forged ahead despite it all. Look back on the year and celebrate wins wherever you found them! [Reflections from students and staff highlight the ways in which they adapted and succeeded over the last two semesters; to read about their experiences, click here.](#)

Looking Ahead: UA Events for Graduate Students & Postdocs in Spring 2021

Writing Efficiency Sessions

A weekly virtual program to help attendees complete their writing projects. The program includes timed writing sprints, a short discussion about improving your writing productivity, and the opportunity to meet 1:1 with a writing consultant.

ABD to PhD Writing Workshops

A participatory workshop series focused on dissertation writing. Registration to open in January 2021.

Graduate College Career Advising

The Graduate Center supports graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in their career endeavors, with a focus on the transition to industry, government, business, and non-profit employment sectors. Support includes identifying opportunities, conducting searches, networking, drafting application materials, and interviewing. You can schedule a 1:1 career advising appointment using Handshake (select Graduate College Career Advising and follow the prompts) or by emailing Dr. Joel Muraco or Ryan Sermon directly.



For This Fellow, Community is Crucial

University Fellow Mario Alberto Aguilar Buenrostro came to UArizona from Jalisco, by way of California and Washington. His life experiences as a farmworker and a first-generation Latinx student shaped his academic trajectory, and now he's working to better understand, better educate, and better prepare the next generation of his community. [For more on his life, research, and goals, click here.](#)



The Possibilities and Pitfalls of Open Access

Open access, or OA, is not a new movement, but it has achieved new momentum and prominence during the past year as universities slash budgets and academics find themselves with less or even no funding. The principles and practice of OA focus on online distribution of research from across disciplines, free of cost or other access barriers. [To learn more about the reputation of OA publications, UArizona professors' experiences with OA, as well as](#)

postdoctoral scholars who are thinking about careers outside the academy. This free, fully online (D2L) program teaches strategies to help you successfully navigate your career beyond the academy, while presenting your most professional self. If you have questions or want to reserve your spot, please email Dr. Joel Muraco or Ryan Sermon. A new cohort begins every month.

Preparing for Faculty Job Applications Series

A participatory workshop series focused on the academic job market. Website link coming soon.

“Fighting Feeling like a Fraud: An Interactive Workshop to Combat Impostor Syndrome” with Dr. Laura Hunter

This workshop will provide an overview of Impostor Syndrome, common thoughts associated with the phenomenon, and examples of how it impacts careers. Strategies will be offered to overcome imposter anxiety, and there will be time for discussion among participants. Date and time to be announced.

Grad Slam Presentation Competition (learn more and register at <http://bit.ly/UAGradSlam>)

- Information sessions
 - January 27 through February 24, Online via Zoom
 - January 27, 9 AM to 10 AM
 - February 9, 4 PM to 5 PM
 - February 22, 12 PM to 1 PM
- February 25: Registration Deadline
- March 25: Video Recording Upload Deadline
- April 1: Semifinal



Seven Reflection Questions to Inform Your Career Goals

From the Graduate Center Office of Career Support

By Ryan Sermon

With the end of the year approaching and a new one within reach, many of us will start to develop goals for 2021. Goal setting and looking towards the future is critical to accomplishing goals; however, the key process of reflection is often glossed over. Taking the much needed time to reflect on the semester will help you to acknowledge your accomplishments and summarize them on your supporting documents for your next professional opportunity. [For ideas to prompt reflection, click here.](#)

Grad Slam Public Speaking Workshops

Open to all students regardless of competition participation. Learn more and register at <http://bit.ly/UAGradSlam>. Provided via Zoom. Registration will open in January 2021.

Funding Workshops with Dr. Shelley Hawthorne Smith and campus partners

A series of workshops on funding opportunities and strategies for application writing.

Engaging Students in Learning Through Interactive Teaching -- featuring UArizona Master Teachers

Date and time to be announced.

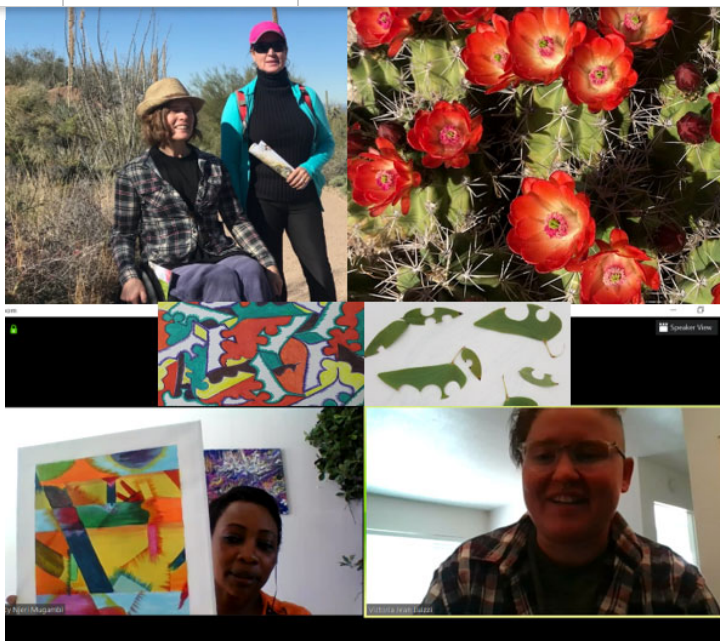
“Communication Skills That Make a Difference” with Jack Harris

This workshop is for people who want to communicate more effectively, build better relationships, and learn practical skills they can apply to everyday, real-life situations. Registration link coming soon.

AAUW Start Smart Workshops on Establishing Salary Goals and Effective Negotiation

A set of workshops that help attendees understand the impact of the gender pay gap, establish salary goals, and effectively interview for and negotiate a job offer. Date and times to be announced. More information coming soon.

For a full calendar of events related to professional development opportunities, visit the [Graduate Center calendar](#).



Gathering STEAM

While the arts and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) are sometimes purported to exist on separate sides of a creative and academic divide, projects across disciplines demonstrate over and over that such a division is tired and overly simplistic. Here at UArizona, four graduate students have been working to exemplify the exciting potential of collaboration between arts and STEM fields. [To learn about the graduate students' projects, click here.](#)

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