

Graduate School Advisory Council

Friday, February 24th, 2023 11 a.m.- Buzzard Room 1302 (in-person and ZOOM).

I. Next meeting- March 24th in the Arc/Tuscola Room.

II. Guest Speaker

Amy Odwarka: EIU librarian!

- “Know Your Library” Kahoot!
 - o 802,000 books in the library.
 - o Booth Library offered students over 148,000 e-journals for research in 2022.
 - o 14 faculty librarians ready to aid students with research.
- “Empowering the Student Researcher” presentation:
 - o aodwarka@eiu.edu
 - o Chat with a librarian from the Booth home page on the school website.
 - o Walk-up help at the research desk on 3rd floor.
- Research Librarians can help students-
 - o Design research topics and questions
 - o Find sources and meet project requirements
 - o Keep track of your sources
 - o Best practices for citations
 - o Develop lifelong research strategies
- Helpful Resources-
 - o Resources all over the world, including articles, books, chapters, videos, and dissertations.
- Citation Management Tutorials-
 - o Zotero and Mendeley organize your citations with one click
 - o Inserts in-text citations
 - o Creates footnotes, bibliographies or works cited
 - o Free and sharable with others
- Booth Institutional Repository- The Keep
 - o Open access where previous work is available to other researchers
 - o Great for mining resources

III. Executive Reports

- a. Tea Wheat: Remember to apply for graduation if you’re a second year!
- b. Ruby Oboro-Offerie: No update!
- c. Gabe King: Remember to contact the Graduate School Office if you’re a scholarship/grant recipient for the annual Student Expo!
- d. Justin Richards:

- i. Totally 80's, Totally Murder Murder Mystery Party- March 1st at 5 p.m.
 - ii. Financial literacy- tentative late March
 - iii. Game night- tentatively Monday or Tuesday prior to Spring Break
 - iv. Graduate Student Appreciation Week
- e. Jessica Meadows:
 - i. Mental Health Self Check-In
 - 1. How am I feeling today?
 - 2. What's taking up most of my headspace?
 - 3. When did I last eat a whole meal?
 - 4. Am I tired?
 - 5. What can I engage in today that will bring me joy?
- f. Elian Mackey:
 - i. Marketing committee members needed to help create posters.
 - ii. Member of the Week undecided- may be moved to the fall!
- g. Attainea Toulon:
 - i. March is National Disability Awareness Month! Dr. April Jackson will be making a presentation at our GSAC meeting on 3/24.
 - ii. EIU Pride BINGO night is 3/06 (time TBA).
 - iii. Record player- \$84.30- voting needed

Decision: Yes!
- h. Myra Taylor/ Dr. Timm:
 - i. Please be sure to check out the GSAC & Grad School social media pages (FB, Insta) and interact when you can!

IV. Department Updates

1. **CSA**
 - a. students are beginning to defend their theses, apply for jobs, and participate in conferences.
2. **Human Services**
 - a. Conference for Illinois Family Relations
 - b. April event about interacting with children
3. **Aging Studies**
 - a. Proposals submitted and awaiting approval!
4. **Communication Studies**
 - a. First years are being selected
 - b. Theses being worked on/defended
 - c. Second years preparing to defend their prospectuses
5. **Clinical Psychology**
 - a. First years are applying for internships!
 - b. Second years applying for Doctorate Programs, defending theses, etc.
6. **Counseling and Higher Education**

- a. Today is interview day for the upcoming class!
- b. First years are in practicum, looking into summer internships!
- c. Second years are preparing to graduate!

V. Upcoming Meetings

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Theme: Mythical Creatures!