



## Fall 2018 Newsletter



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## **Welcome from GSAC**

The Graduate Student Advisory Council at Eastern Illinois University is the representative body of the graduate student population and presents graduate views on issues in a unified manner to the student government, administration, faculty, and staff. It is also involved in discussing, reviewing, and participating in any university decision that has a potential impact on the graduate population. It helps in facilitating communication and implementing continuous dialogue among graduate students and the administration, faculty, and staff of EIU.

GSAC aims at promoting greater interaction among the graduate student population and increased involvement and participation among all graduate departments on relevant issues.

GSAC has graduate student representatives on all university committees, councils or other functioning bodies concerned with the development and implementation of policies and procedures relevant to the graduate population.

## **Message from the President**

My name is Charity Huwe and I am the current President of the Graduate Student Advisory Council. The GSAC is the representative body for *all* graduate students at EIU. Each graduate program has two representatives who attend all general assembly meetings. That being said, **ALL** graduate students are invited to attend the meetings and both professional and social events! Our bi-weekly meetings provide opportunities to discuss issues in a unified manner to the student government, administration, faculty, and staff. In addition, each graduate program has the opportunity to provide updates about their program and share experiences to the rest of the group. Goals for each semester change according to the dynamic of the group. If you have any concerns or discussion topics you would like to bring to the attention of the GSAC, please attend a general assembly meeting or communicate with your program's representative. I am eager to meet many of you in the months to come! Let's have a successful semester together!

# Booth Library Thesis Workshop

GSAC and Booth library have set up some seminars for assisting in your thesis writing! The workshop is a three-step process. Please consider attending.

Online offerings of the information shared will be available as well. If you plan to attend in person, please register online on Booth library's website.

## Thesis Research 101

**Booth Faculty Librarians**  
offer **Thesis Research 101** seminars  
in cooperation with  
**Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC)**

Register here: [booth.eiu.edu/thesisreg](http://booth.eiu.edu/thesisreg)

Seminar 1:	Seminar 2:	Seminar 3:
<b>Researching the literature</b>	<b>Organizing your references using citation management software</b>	<b>Presenting your thesis (to the world)</b>
<p><i>What are your online research destinations?</i></p> <p><i>How do you know when you have enough?</i></p> <p><i>Identify key journals and key databases</i></p> <p><i>Learn controlled vocabulary and how it benefits your research</i></p> <p><i>Learn about Open Access and Open Research</i></p>	<p><i>Save your sources to one convenient location and access via the cloud</i></p> <p><i>Create formatted citations and your reference section in seconds (really!)</i></p> <p><i>Understand the software options and features in Mendeley and Zotero</i></p> <p><i>Export citation information using library databases</i></p>	<p><i>What happens to your thesis after you submit it?</i></p> <p><i>Common pitfalls to avoid when preparing your thesis</i></p> <p><i>How to optimize discovery of your thesis with metadata</i></p>
Wednesday, November 1, 7:00-7:50 pm  and repeating  Thursday, November 2, 10:00-10:50 am	Wednesday, November 8, 7:00-7:50 pm  and repeating  Thursday, November 9, 10:00-10:50 am	Wednesday, November 15, 7:00-7:50 pm  and repeating  Thursday, November 16, 10:00-10:50 am (meets in rm 4440)
Presented by Reference Librarian and Associate Professor Steve Brantley	Presented by Circulation Librarian and Assistant Professor Kirstin Duffin	Presented by Cataloging Librarian and Associate Professor Ellen Corrigan

**Seminars meet on the 4th floor of Booth Library, rm. 4450**

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Mark your  
calendars!

Please contact the Graduate School at 217-581-2210 or [graduate@eiu.edu](mailto:graduate@eiu.edu) with any questions.

## Follow GSAC on social media!

Stay updated with announcements, meeting reminders, and social events through GSAC social media.



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## General Meeting Schedule

Date	Meeting Location	Topic/ Guest of the Week
September 1, 2017	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Elections
September 15, 2017	Paris Room, MLK Union	Research, Grants, Publication- Dr. Bickford Writing Center- Dr. Kory
October 6, 2017	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	SACIS and EIU Counseling Center
October 20, 2017	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	LIFE Center- Amanda Falk
November 3, 2017	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Career Services- Bobbi Kingery
<b>*November 10, 2017*</b>	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Pathways to PhD panel
December 1, 2017	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Paper Meeting/ Dean Hendrickson

## **Executive Members**



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