

**SPRING 2018**

Graduate Student  
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# Message from GSAC President

“Hello fellow graduate students! I hope that you are working hard during this spring semester!

I would like to reflect briefly on how much the GSAC has grown in just the Fall semester and what we have planned for the spring! During the fall 2017 semester, GSAC established a weekly feature of a graduate student as well as a monthly feature of a graduate faculty member. This has been received very well and it helps to promote the awesome things that you, graduate students, and graduate faculty are doing! Next, we have increased our graduate student representation across all graduate level organizations on campus! This is super great for GSAC because it continues to give graduate students a voice. We had a great turn-out for the Graduate Network for Undergraduates (GN4U) event that took place as a mentoring project! Each fall semester we hope to generate even more undergrads to attend this event, plus there is free pizza and giveaways as an incentive if needed! In connection to networking, graduate students also dedicated their time to helping out in the community through various volunteer activities. We even competed in the Pumpkin Painting with the Prez Contest in hopes to win but fell short.

By far the biggest accomplishment of the fall semester was receiving a prestigious national award. Sarah Dodoo, Graduate Student Dean, and I attended the National Association for Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) Conference in Syracuse, New York and were able to have been chosen and honored as the Midwest Region Members of the Year! We humbly accepted the plaque and it sits in the Graduate School Office if you should ever want to take a gander at its beauty. A huge thank you to previous GSAC President, Samantha Young, for nominating EIU GSAC for this award.

So here we are, now fully immersed into the spring 2018 semester and we have great things to accomplish! We have one of EIU’s very own Alumni, Habeeb Habeeb, coming to speak at our meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>! It is a sure not-to-miss event! Along with our various professional speakers that will discuss such topics as financial aid, diversity, poverty, health, inspiration, and career tips, we have continued our outreach in the community. We plan to volunteer at the Newman Food Pantry, the Coles Count Animal Shelter, and make crafts for the Volunteer Office as a Service-To-Go project.

Next, we are launching our GSAC Scholarship this semester! It has been three years since the scholarship has been in action, but we are bringing it back full throttle! Committee members have met to discuss the award amount, criteria, and selection process. I encourage you to apply! The biggest event we have for this semester is the Graduate Student Expo! If you would like to showcase your research or are receiving an award, we encourage you to attend! GSAC is starting a new annual event called the Graduate Student Network Night in which all graduate students and faculty are invited to attend and network together. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other in an informal format.

And finally, we hope you would think about attending one (or all!) of our social events to keep that positive, up-beat energy going in to the end of the semester! See our calendar for details!”

-Charity Huwe, Graduate Student Advisory Council President



*Pictured: Sarah Dodoo, Graduate Student Dean, and Charity Huwe, GSAC President, with the NAGPS Midwest Region Members of the Year Award*

# Spring 2018 Schedule

All meetings begin at noon.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Topic/ Guest of the Week</b>
January 19, 2018	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	GA, Office of Financial Aid
February 9, 2018	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Dr. Davenport, Minority Affairs Jessica Ward, GSD
February 23, 2018	Martinsville Room, MLK Union	Michael Gillespie, Poverty Issues
March 2, 2018	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	HERC
March 23, 2018	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Alumni Speaker, Habeeb Habeeb
April 13, 2018	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Voting for New President; Constitutional Changes
April 27, 2018	Rathskeller Loft, MLK Union	Paper Meeting; Career Tips w/ Mr. Stevens

**Meetings are streamed live on the GSAC Facebook Page! Check our page on meeting days to watch if you can't attend!**

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**Want to read the meeting minutes? Contact your representative! They have access to all meeting minutes through D2L.**

# Important Dates & Deadlines

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Link</b>
Wednesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.	GSAC Networking Night 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Underground Dinner Provided!	<a href="http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/machform/view.php?id=12523">http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/machform/view.php?id=12523</a>
Friday, February 9 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.	Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant Application Deadline	<a href="http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_awards_competition/graduate.php#research_activity">http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_awards_competition/graduate.php#research_activity</a>
Friday, February 9 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m.	Williams Travel Grant Application Deadline	<a href="http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_awards_competition/graduate.php#williams">http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_awards_competition/graduate.php#williams</a>
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Graduate School Scholarships Application Deadline	<a href="http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_awards_scholarships.php">http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/students_awards_scholarships.php</a>
Thursday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	GSAC Scholarship Application Deadline	<a href="http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/machform/view.php?id=27">http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/machform/view.php?id=27</a>
Thursday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Scholarship Search Engine Application Deadline	<a href="https://eiu.academicworks.com/users/sign_in">https://eiu.academicworks.com/users/sign_in</a>
Friday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Graduate Expo Research Exhibit Poster and Digital Presentation Deadline	<a href="http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/gradexpo_exhibitform.php">http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/gradexpo_exhibitform.php</a>
Friday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2018 Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity Application Deadline	<a href="http://library.eiu.edu/award_sforexcellence/">http://library.eiu.edu/award_sforexcellence/</a>
Monday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	LIFE Center Spring Conference: Financial Fundamentals	<a href="http://castle.eiu.edu/life/pdf/LIFE%20Newsletter%20Jan_Issue%205.pdf">http://castle.eiu.edu/life/pdf/LIFE%20Newsletter%20Jan_Issue%205.pdf</a>
Wednesday, April 4 <sup>th</sup> 3:30 p.m.	Graduate Expo Research Poster and Digital Presentation Exhibit Doudna Fine Arts Center	<a href="http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/gradexpo.php">http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/gradexpo.php</a>

# Thesis Research 101

Booth Library faculty Steve Brantley, Kirstin Duffin and Ellen Corrigan, in cooperation with the Graduate Student Advisory Council, will again offer three Thesis Research 101 workshops.

## Thesis 101 Seminar 1:

Researching the Literature with Steve Brantley will be offered from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. February 6<sup>th</sup> and again from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Thesis 101 Seminar 2:

Organizing Your References Using Citation Management Software with Kirstin Duffin will be offered from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. February 13<sup>th</sup> and again from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Thesis 101 Seminar 3:

Presenting Your Thesis (to the World) with Ellen Corrigan will be offered from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. February 20<sup>th</sup> and again from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. February 21<sup>st</sup>.

All sessions will meet in Room 4450 at Booth Library. Register for the free seminars here:  
<http://library.eiu.edu/instruction/thesis101.html>

For more information contact Steve Brantley, head of Reference Services, at 581-7542 or [jsbrantley@eiu.edu](mailto:jsbrantley@eiu.edu).

## 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)

# Thesis Research 101

### Seminar 1:

#### Researching the literature

*What are your online research destinations?*

*How do you know when you have enough?*

*Identify key journals and key databases*

*Learn controlled vocabulary and how it benefits your research*

*Learn about Open Access and Open Research*

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:00-7:50 pm

and repeating

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 10:00-10:50 am

Presented by Reference Librarian and  
Associate Professor Steve Brantley

### Seminar 2:

#### Organizing your references using citation management software

*Save your sources to one convenient location  
and access via the cloud*

*Create formatted citations and your  
reference section in seconds (really!)*

*Understand the software options and  
features in Mendeley and Zotero*

*Export citation information using library  
databases*

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7:00-7:50 pm

and repeating

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10:00-10:50 am

Presented by Circulation Librarian and  
Assistant Professor Kirstin Duffin

### Seminar 3:

#### Presenting your thesis (to the world)

*What happens to your thesis after  
you submit it?*

*Common pitfalls to avoid when  
preparing your thesis*

*How to optimize discovery of your  
thesis with metadata*

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7:00-7:50 pm

and repeating

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10:00-10:50 am

Presented by Cataloging Librarian and  
Associate Professor Ellen Corrigan

Mark your  
calendars!

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

# Alumni Speaker, Habeeb Habeeb

*Bibliography from Habeeb Habeeb's website: <http://www.habeebhabeeb.com/official-biography/>*

"Habeeb Habeeb is the CEO and Principal of BPC, an employee benefits administration firm. BPC is a repeat winner (4 times) of "Best Places to Work" in Illinois.

Habeeb is also the founder of the H-Squared Leadership Institute, an organization focused on helping people take the good in life to a higher level and to inspire them to pursue excellence while making the world a kinder, gentler, and more positive place. He is featured on the radio with his **Motivational Minute** featuring uplifting messages and with his **Devotional Minute** featuring scriptural messages.

Habeeb came to Illinois in 1973 from his home country of Lebanon to attend Olivet Nazarene University. After civil war broke out in Lebanon, Habeeb was separated from his family and had to remain in the US. He started working at Arby's in Bradley, Illinois starting from nothing. He later finished his education as an adult and earned his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from Eastern Illinois University. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the National Honor Society for Collegiate Schools of Business. Habeeb was named a Distinguished Alumnus of EIU in 2015.

Habeeb frequently speaks to organizations, businesses, and universities on topics such as overcoming adversity, ethics, and creating a service-based corporate culture, customer service, keeping the faith when things go bad, appreciating the goodness of America and more. He was the commencement speaker for Eastern Illinois University in 2014 and for Lincoln Christian University in 2017. He was a featured speaker for the Ronald Reagan Leadership Program at Eureka College, home of President Ronald Reagan.

Habeeb has held volunteer leadership roles in various community and industry organizations such as the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, The Illinois Chamber Healthcare Council and the Employer's Council on Flexible Compensation Board of Directors. He served as Conference Chairman for ECFC for multiple years. He previously served as board chairman for Champaign County First and as a member of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He was the first immigrant elected as Chairman of Champaign County Republican Party and has been active in advocating for flexible benefits legislation on Capitol Hill. Habeeb previously served as Chairman of the Elders for First Christian Church in Champaign. Habeeb currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, Illinois.

Habeeb and his wife Joy reside in Champaign, Illinois. They have two adult children."

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**Habeeb Habeeb will be speaking to GSAC at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting! Don't miss out!**

# Faculty Member of the Month

GSAC aims to give recognition where it is due. One way that our organization does this is by allowing graduate students to nominate and vote for a deserving faculty member for our Graduate Faculty of the Month Award! This award was created in September 2017 to recognize Dean Hendrickson for his work to advance graduate students' education here at EIU! Here are some of the previous winners! If interested in nominating a faculty member for Faculty Member of the Month, contact the GSAC representative for your program and let them know!



September 2017  
Dean Ryan  
Hendrickson  
Graduate School  
Nominated by GSAC



October 2017  
Dr. Angie Yoder  
Counseling and Student  
Development Department  
Nominated by Maliya Smith



November 2017  
Dr. Russel Gruber  
Psychology Department  
Nominated by Gianna White



December 2017  
Dr. Jay Bickford  
Early Childhood,  
Elementary, & Middle Level  
Education Department  
Nominated by Charity Huwe

**Read the nomination statements for the Graduate Faculty of the Month winners on our Facebook page!**

# Meet the

# GSAC Executive Board!



Charity Huwe  
President



Hanna Hobson  
Vice President of Administrative Activities



Sydney Menigoz  
Vice President of Programming



Kali Harris  
Vice President of Public Relations



Amber Webb  
Vice President of Member Recruitment and  
Retention



Sarah Dodoo  
Graduate Student Dean

**If you are interested in becoming GSAC President for the  
2018 – 2019 school year, please contact GSAC at  
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