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We want to also make you aware that the Graduate School has created a page that includes COVID-19 Resources. This not an exhaustive list, but an aggregated list of other resources for you as a student, a resident of Louisville (if that’s you), a professional, and just a person with a family and friends, all of whom might need interaction.
Dear Advocate Reader,

We’re in the home stretch! This spring semester, has proven to be… interesting to say the least. While we may not physically be on campus right now, you are always in my thoughts. The COVID-19 pandemic has COVID-19 has repositioned our lives for sure. Here in the Graduate School, your safety and well-being is our number one concern, and our entire staff wants to continue to be a resource to you. Our mission is to advocate and provide support for graduate education, graduate students, and interdisciplinary programs, and to promote the advancement of knowledge through the teaching and training of post-baccalaureate students. The Advocate newsletter serves as an informational means to keep readers up to date with developments and happenings in the Graduate School, at the University, and in the community, as related to diversity, inclusion and scholarship. In this issue, we share some COVID-19 resources, the new library space solely dedicated to graduate students, scholarship opportunities, ways to stay connected virtually and professional development opportunities. One of the ways that we plan to continue engaging with you all are through our Graduate School Chit Chats, Staff from the Graduate School are available for live chats to just talk, answer any questions or hear any concerns that you may have due to COVID-19 or anything related to your graduate studies.

This is just another way to stay connected, while we all are away from campus. Join us live by using this link.

https://us.bbcollab.com/collab/ui/session/guest/c18e5f40f9034b77a1b9f50975f52eb9

The April schedule for the live chats are below:
Tuesday April 14, 9:30-10:30 p.m.
Thursday April 16, noon-1 p.m.
Monday April 20, 5-6 p.m.
Thursday April 23, 2-3 p.m.

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NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ROOM
EKSTROM LIBRARY

The Graduate Student Room is a dedicated graduate student research area with seating for 27 researchers. The room requires ID card access obtained through the Dean of Libraries Office, Ekstrom 2nd floor or application form found on the University Libraries website.

The space is also equipped with 150 assignable lockers that allow students to store research materials when not in use.

Location: Third Floor Room 308
I am Malcolm Muhammad, a native of Inkster, MI, proud alum of Florida A&M University, and current PhD student of Entrepreneurship in the College of Business. My research focuses on the environment that surrounds entrepreneurs, and how it helps them generate and grow their business ideas. I've strived to identify and leverage the value of an entrepreneurial community in my research and teaching, in practice with my family business, and in community work in the Louisville area.

My research projects explore the specific role of coworking spaces in entrepreneurial environments. These spaces are rapidly increasing in popularity, but their effectiveness in enhancing the progress of entrepreneurs is still in question. That basic premise has inspired me to examine the way coworking spaces are organized by the managers and owners, and how that impacts the way entrepreneurs collaborate in these spaces. This is suggesting that the true value of coworking rests upon diverse entrepreneurs working together. I also aim to develop this collaborative environment in the classroom. I currently teach the introductory course to the entrepreneurship minor in the College of Business, Creativity & Innovation, where we cover the generation and refinement of business ideas. I encourage students to talk through their ideas, and engage each other in classroom discussions to create new ideas together.

Back in Michigan, my family owns a bakery that operates out of a commercial kitchen and services local restaurants and grocery stores. My introduction to entrepreneurship was the delivery rides with my father, when the business was just beginning. Now, I've been able to apply the ideas I've learned to the further growth of the business. I've also applied my ideas on entrepreneurship to benefit early-stage entrepreneurs in Louisville.

As part of the organizing team for the Louisville chapter of Startup Grind, a Google organization the builds supportive entrepreneurial communities around the world, I've been able to identify the needs of growing entrepreneurs and foster valuable connections. Additionally, I've worked with Louisville Scoop, an online media outlet, to reach diverse entrepreneurs that are often neglected. I am grateful for my Louisville experiences that have helped me hone in on my purpose, to spread the value of entrepreneurship.
Women’s Center Scholarships

College can be expensive. We have several scholarships to help!

- Ann T. Allen Endowed Scholarship $500
- *NEW* Women’s Club of the University of Louisville Lelia Sublett Scholarship $1,000
- *NEW* Women’s Club of the University of Louisville Scholarship $6,000

Apply and learn more at louisville.edu/womenscenter
The University Writing Center will host its ninth annual Dissertation Writing Retreat from May 18–22, 2020. We encourage all writers currently working on their dissertations to apply.

Applications are due by April 17, or until all spots are filled. (Deadline extended)

To apply, participants must submit the following items to writing@louisville.edu:

1. A letter written by the writer stating the reasons for applying for the Retreat and goals for the week.
2. A letter of support written by the writer’s adviser/director.
3. Any documents related to the dissertation (i.e. drafts, proposals, etc.).

Completed applications will be considered, and accepted, in the order in which they are received. There are 14 openings for this year's retreat. Once those openings are filled, other applicants will be placed on a wait list. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously participated in a Dissertation Writing Retreat. If you have questions about the retreat, contact the University Writing Center at 502-852-2173 or writing@louisville.edu.
LGBTQ STUDENTS & ALLIES

SCHOLARSHIPS

DEADLINE MAY 1, 2020

Bernard M. Trager Family Foundation Scholarship for Equality

Bourke DeLeon Endowed LGBT Catholic Scholarship

Brian Buford Endowed Pride Alumni Scholarship

Dawn Wilson Scholarship for LGBTQ+ Students of Color Derby City Bears Scholarship

Johnson-Campion Alumni Scholarship

Applications and more information please visit https://louisville.edu/lgbt/resources-for-students-and-employees/resources-for-students/scholarships
ONLINE M.A.G.S WRITING GROUPS

Join us on ZOOM!
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/106560270
Virtually support others on graduate papers!

Mondays: 10am - 1pm
Wednesdays: 4pm - 7pm
Fridays: 10am - 1pm
Saturdays: 10am - 1pm
We all know you’re on social media. Did you know we are too?

One of the best ways to stay up to date on PLAN workshops, Student Awards, and other important announcements is to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Click on the icons below!

Upcoming Opportunities

Graduate Student – Graduate School Chit Chats
https://us.bbccollab.com/collabui/session/guest/c18e5401f09034b77a1b5f50975f52eb9

Monday, April 6, 2pm-3pm
Wednesday, April 8, 7am-8am
Tuesday, April 14, 9:30pm-10:30pm
Thursday, April 16, 12pm-1pm

Monday, April 20, 5pm-6pm
Thursday, April 23, 2pm-3pm
Monday, April 27, 7am-8am
Tuesday, April 28, 2pm-3pm

Join other graduate students and talk with UofL Graduate School staff in an informal chat, just to say hi, ask questions, or give feedback!

Communities of Practice, Learning Communities, and Other Groups

Joins groups of graduate students in virtual spaces to improve your practice, learn, and socialize!
(Can’t do these dates and times, but still interested in participating? More info coming soon on how!)

Teaching Community of Practice
Tuesday, April 7, 2pm-4pm, and Tuesday, April 28, 3pm-5pm
Initial Deadline for Sign Up HERE by Monday, April 6

Whether you’re teaching online or in person, with little teaching experience or significant experience, this is a group to bring ideas, challenges, and experiences to talk through, explore, and better understand as we learn and grow together. This is an informal group, but regular resources will be provided.

Career Exploration Learning Community
Friday, April 17, 10am-12pm, and Friday, April 24, 10am-12pm
Initial Deadline for Sign Up HERE by Monday, April 13

This group is designed for individuals who want to learn more about the career exploration process, various career fields for graduate students, tips, tools, and strategies. In this informal group, participants will be encouraged to do some outside exploration and then come to the group with specific questions. Approximately 15-30 minutes of content will be shared, but the focus of the session will largely be driven by participant questions and ideas.

M.A.G.S. Virtual Happy Hour
Every Friday, 8pm
See the flyer and join on Zoom!

Online M.A.G.S. Writing Groups
See flyer for more information about available flyers and how to join

Dissertation Writing Retreat!
Don’t miss the Monday, March 30 Deadline to sign up for this excellent opportunity for graduate students! Learn more o the attached flyer

Save the Date! Virtual Annual Dean’s Reception
Tuesday, April 21, Time TBD

While we may not be able to have the full annual Dean’s Reception, we are going to take some time to recognize those of you who’ve participated in leadership and professional development activities out of the Graduate School. Stay tuned for more details.

If you have questions about the Graduate School PLAN Opportunities, please contact Dr. Michelle Rodems, michelle.rodems@louisville.edu
Feedback Needed

The Learn 3 subcommittee of the President's Strategic Plan is seeking your input pertaining to student involvement of research here at the University of Louisville. As a graduate student, your input and perspective are very valuable toward the progress L3 aims to make in proposing meaningful research opportunities for students. Please complete this short (10 minute or less) form by April 6th. Click here: https://forms.gle/PV9xTskk9v8HCm9WFA

Resources

COVID-19 Resources for Graduate Students
In case you missed it, we’ve collected some resources that could be useful for graduate students during this time.

Sign Up for the New GradCard Professional Development Newsletter
The GradCard Professional Development Newsletter delivers (no more than once a week) email newsletters with great professional development information like links to current articles about professional development; resource recommendations for career planning, job searching, productivity, writing, mentoring; quick tips and strategies to try right away; and upcoming key events related to graduate student professional development at UofL. Click the link above to sign up! First issue coming in April!

Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
Application Deadlines: March 1, 2020 (preliminary) and April 15, 2020 (final)
This program provides opportunities for early-career scholars to work with ETS researchers on a variety of cutting-edge topics, including foundational research as well as research embedded in real-world testing programs. Selected fellows work on research projects and conduct independent research that is relevant to ETS’s goals under the mentorship of research scientists or psychometricians in Princeton, N.J. Candidates must have received their doctorate within the past three years. This year, ETS is seeking applications in the following areas of expertise: measurement, psychometrics and statistics; process data modeling and analysis; and artificial intelligence. If you have any questions about the programs, please send an email to internfellowships@ets.org.

Wellness & Resiliency

- University of Louisville Health Promotion will be leading live 10-minute guided relaxation practice from their Instagram Account every weekday at 2pm.

- The PhDBalance Instagram Account is a great community for supporting graduate students.

- Missing group fitness classes or going to the gym? University of Louisville online gaming club and livestreamed fitness classes. Additionally, Get Healthy Now will be offering virtual group fitness classes Mon-Fri at 12:00pm and 5:30pm. The classes will take place on Zoom, you can download Zoom for free at https://zoom.us/signup. The Zoom link will be posted daily on our GHN Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/UL.ghn. You can also check out the Planet Fitness Facebook page for live-streamed daily workouts several times a day. Is Yoga more your thing? Check out CorePower Yoga to keep up your practice from the comfort of your living room.

- For an introduction to mindfulness meditation that you can practice on your own, visit UCLA Health for downloadable guided meditations in both English and Spanish.

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INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE TO THE ADVOCATE?

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

• Article length should be approximately 500 words or fewer
• Include at least one picture (with a caption)
• Include (separately) information about the author (program, department, education, etc.)
• Please submit as either a Word (preferred) or PDF document
• Submit articles to sigsdiv@louisville.edu for our next issue
• Please note that submission DOES NOT guarantee publication