

May 11, 2015

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EAPS MEETINGS & EVENTS



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE COMMENCEMENT DATE

Elliott Hall of Music

May 17, 2015

2:30 PM

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### SPRING FLING

Córdova Recreational Sports Center

**May 21, 2015**

*(Business office/Main office will be closed from 12:00-5:00 PM)*



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FALL 2015 FACULTY & STAFF RETREAT

Beck Agricultural Center

(Room 111)

August 19, 2015

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



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### FALL WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Happy Hollow Park

Shelter #4

**August 20, 2015**

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## EAPS NEWS

### FACULTY INVITED TO LEAD OR PARTICIPATE IN STUDIES RELATED TO PURDUE STUDIO TEACHING AND LEARNING TOOLS



Professor Jon Harbor believes all students should learn how to communicate effectively, which is why he incorporates multiple writing assignments into his classes. But with nearly 250 students in his online introductory geography course, administering writing assignments and providing adequate constructive feedback seemed impossible.

That's why Harbor turned to **Gradient**, an online writing and peer assessment tool developed by ITaP, which turned a daunting educational endeavor into a manageable course staple. Now, Harbor is one of five professors participating in research to measure the effectiveness of one or more tools in the **Studio by Purdue** suite, which is designed to optimize student success.

ITaP and the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Effectiveness (OIRAE) are inviting other faculty members to either lead or participate in various studies, or simply try out the tools in their courses. Harbor decided to explore how Gradient affects students' writing skills throughout a course after implementing the application in 2014. He expects to engage graduate students in the research as well as IT staff.

*"I know a lot about course content and goals, but I'm not an expert in online learning, which is why I worked with ITaP to develop my first online course in 2014," Harbor says. "This is a great collaboration, and I encourage anyone to reach out to the folks at ITaP to explore how their tools can enrich the teaching and learning experience."*

Gradient, for example, provides an organized and structured digital platform for students to evaluate each other's work, thereby making writing assignments a viable option for large enrollment courses. Using Gradient, Harbor now incorporates multiple writing assignments into his course each semester. In addition to encouraging students to learn from their peers, Gradient fosters connections between assignment instructions and the criteria used to evaluate students' work. Continued...

"The vast majority of students in my class are not majoring in earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences," Harbor says. "Many of them will forget content specifics, but analysis and writing skills will stick with them. Communication will be crucial to almost every career they pursue after college, and I believe this is an important part of what we can do to help students overall."

To read the full article, please click here:  
<http://goo.gl/JIWqM6>

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**EAPS WELCOMES NEW COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR JILL WABLE**

EAPS is happy to announce that Jill Wable is the new *Communications Coordinator*, as of **April 27, 2015**. Her office is located in HAMP 2169C. Her email is: jwable@purdue.edu. Welcome Jill!

**UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE
STUDENT INFORMATION**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MAY 2015 EAPS
UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION**

Joseph L. Bauer *Shanna M. Haley*

Stephanie C. Buehler *Tyler D. Heckstall*

Samuel J. Childs *Bryan S. Kuhn*

Steven E. Chun *Victoria A. Leffel*

Drew D. Cultice *Lewis S. Connor*

Steven L. Dunkum *Allison A. Main*

Huan Fang *Basil F. Maroney*

Robert R. Fridley *Ashley C. Murray*

Victoria J. Gruber *Patricia M. Webber*

College of Science Commencement is **Sunday, May 17, 2015**, at **2:00 p.m.** in the *Elliott Hall of Music*. Overflow Commencement viewing will be available in Fowler Hall, Stewart Center, for each ceremony; guest tickets are not required for Fowler Hall. The ceremony will also be offered via live webcasts/live stream. The URL will be activated nearer the date and time: **Sunday, May 17, 2015**-Division V.

Congratulations to All Graduates!

**2015 COLLEGE OF SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARDS**
Deadline: June 2, 2015
(For travel between **July 1, 2015** and **December 31, 2015**)

Prerequisites:

- must be a full-time PhD student within a Department in the College of Science
- must be making an oral or poster presentation at an international conference

Priority will be given to:

- travel to make an oral presentation at a conference
- attendance at an interdisciplinary conference
- students who have passed their prelims

To apply, please send electronically as one file:

- CV (2 page limit)
- brief summary of research (1 page limit)
- brief statement of purpose for attending conference specifying whether your presentation is oral or poster
- provide web link to conference
- letter of support from research advisor

Please see attached announcement for more information. Send applications to: *Ranae Wetli* at rjwetli@purdue.edu

OTHER NEWS

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE STAFF PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION**

It is time to request nominations for the **Fall 2015 Staff Professional Development Fund**. These applications should be for professional development opportunities that will take place during the fall months.

College of Science Professional Development Fund:

In order to support staff professional development activities, the College has created a Professional Development Fund to financially assist with participation in trainings that involve fees or the purchase of training materials.

Professional Development Fund Guidelines:

- Professional Development funds are to be used to support College of Science staff's participation in activities that will assist them in developing skills that will prepare staff to advance at Purdue or to perform their current duties more effectively.
- Award applications will be requested three times annually with approximately 10 awards per call. Funds requested may be used to defray costs associated with attending professional meetings or seminars, to participate in workshops, or to enroll in professional-oriented courses related to employment responsibilities. The funds must be utilized within two application cycles (Spring awards utilized by the end of Fall, etc.).
- Applications for amounts of up to **\$1000** will be accepted.
- Individuals are eligible for one award per calendar year.

Application Deadlines:

- **Spring Application Call** – application due by first Monday in October; decisions made by **November 30**
- **Summer Application Call** – application due by first Monday in March; decisions made by **April 30**
- **Fall Application Call** – application due by first Monday in June; decisions made by **July 3**.

To apply, please completed the attached application and return it to Angie Teel (teel@purdue.edu) by **Monday, June 1st**. A committee of fellow CoS staff members will then meet to evaluate the applications and make the final funding decisions.

Please see attached for more information.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is used as the primary information source for current and upcoming events, announcements, awards, grant opportunities, and other happenings in our department and around campus. Active links to additional information will be provided as needed. Individual email announcements will no longer be sent unless the content is time-sensitive. We will continue to include our publications, presentations and other recent news items as well. Those using paper copies of the newsletter should go to our newsletter archive on the EAPS website at www.purdue.edu/eas/ and **Click on News** to access active links as needed. Material for inclusion in the newsletter should be submitted to Fallon McQuern (fmcquern@purdue.edu) by **5:00pm on Thursday** of each week for inclusion in the Monday issue.

If it is in the newsletter, we assume you know about it and no other reminders are needed. For answers to common technology questions and the latest updates from the EAPS Technology Support staff, please visit http://www.purdue.edu/eas/info_tech/index.php.

Also, as an additional resource for information about departmental events, seminars, etc., see our departmental calendar at <http://calendar.science.purdue.edu/eas/seminars>.



PURDUE

S C I E N C E

2015 College of Science Graduate Student International Travel Awards

Deadline: June 2, 2015

For travel between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015

~ 2 or 3 awards ranging up to \$800 for international travel will be awarded~

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College of Science
Staff Professional Development Information
Established - 2013

In 2012, the University created a performance evaluation policy for staff which included a focus on capturing the professional development activities of staff throughout the year. The College of Science firmly believes that participation in professional development provides long lasting benefits to both the individual staff member and their department. As such, the College desires to support these activities.

College of Science Professional Development Philosophy:

- Professional development participation should be available to all full- or part-time, permanent staff– clerical, service, administrative/professional and managerial/professional.
- Professional development should focus on developing skills that will prepare staff to advance at Purdue or to perform their current duties more effectively.
- All supervisors are strongly encouraged to allow appropriate amounts of time for each staff person throughout the year to attend trainings that will help them accomplish their professional development goals. Approval for participation in such activities should be based on the business needs of each area.

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