SNR Graduate Committee welcomes you!

Chair: Betty Walter-Shea
Vice-chair: Kevin Pope
Members: Martha Shulski
         Mark Burbach
         Paul Hanson
Graduate Student (TBA)
Tala Awada (Assoc Director, non-voting member)
Patty Swanson (secretary)
Role of Graduate Committee

- Approve applications for admission
- Award SNR state-supported assistantships
- Curricular changes in graduate courses
- Modify graduate degree programs and areas of specializations
- Guidance regarding graduate student policies and procedures
- Be available for graduate students who have concerns or issues they cannot resolve with their advisor(s) and committee members
Faculty are here to help you along the research path!
Advice

- Meet with your advisor early in the semester and often!

**HOW PROFESSORS SPEND THEIR TIME**

- How they actually spend their time:
  - Teaching 59%
  - Research 18%
  - Service 23%

- How departments expect them to spend their time:
  - Teaching 20%
  - Research 175%
  - "Service" 20%

- How Professors would like to spend their time:
  - Don’t tell me what to do

Source: Higher Education Research Institute Survey (1999)
Advice

• Check out Grad Studies web page
  – www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current

• Select supervisory committee

• Know your Graduate Program specialist
  – Terry Eastin – Master's Program
  – Eva Bachman – Doctoral Program
  – Cc pertinent emails to Patty Swanson

• Preparing Future Faculty
  http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current/pff
SNR Graduate Assistantships

• 3-4 state-supported assistantships awarded annually
• Additional T.A. opportunities in SNR
• Assistantships extensions are possible
• Can be used to assist students in exceptional cases
THE PHD GUIDE TO T.A. OFFICE HOURS

ATTENDANCE IS EXPONENTIAL:

OFFICE HOUR ATTENDANCE

THE DAY BEFORE THE BIG EXAM

DAY GRADES ARE POSTED

ACADEMIC TERM

BEST TIMES TO HOLD OFFICE HOURS.*

- FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
- CLASS TIME
- DAY AFTER HOMEWORK IS DUE

BEWARE THE PRE'S:

LIVES WILL DEPEND ON ME

CAN I GET AN "A" FOR "C" WORK?

MY TUITION PAYS YOU AS YOUR CUSTOMER, I DEMAND AN "A"!

I CAN'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MATERIAL COVERED DURING CLASSES I SKIPPED.

PRE-MED
PRE-BUSINESS
PRE-LAW
PRE-PHD

NEVER REVEAL TO STUDENTS...

YOUR CELL-PHONE #
YOUR HOME ADDRESS
YOUR PERSONAL LIFE

CON
students won't like you

PRO
students won't talk to you

BEING THE "EVIL" T.A. IS IT A BAD THING?

ANSWER: NO.

WWW.PHDCOMICS.COM

*ASSUMING YOU HAVE AN OFFICE

*SO NOBODY WILL SHOW UP
Fellowships/awards

• Travel
  – Nat Res Sci Doctoral Graduate Student Conference Grant (SNR Grad Comm)
    http://snr.unl.edu/employeeforms/index-forms.asp?formsearch=graduatestudent
  – SNR GSA Travel Grant
  – Larrick and Whitmore Student Support Funds
    • http://ard.unl.edu/awards

• Teaching
  – Milton E Mohr & Farmers National Fellowships (casnr.unl.edu/forms)
Fellowships/awards

• Research (ARD)
  – Widaman Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award Shear-Miles Fellowship
  – Hardin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship
    • http://ard.unl.edu/graduate-student-fellowships

• Recognition (SNR Grad Comm)
  – SNR Meritorious Student Award
    http://snr.unl.edu/download/employeeinfo/forms/SNRMeritoriousGraduateStudentAward04262013.pdf

• Announcements
  – http://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/ianrnews/1332/7813
Our Natural Resources in a Changing Environment

SEPTEMBER 4
Dr. Martha Shulski, High Plains Regional Climate Center, School of Natural Resources
*Delivering useful and usable climate information products*

SEPTEMBER 11
Dr. Larkin Powell, School of Natural Resources
*Conserving Nebraska's Biodiversity: Challenges and Opportunities on Private Lands*

SEPTEMBER 18
NO SEMINAR

SEPTEMBER 25
Dr. Don Willhite, School of Natural Resources
*The Applied Climate Science in SNR: Past, Current, and Future*

OCTOBER 2
Dr. Michael Hayes, Mark Svoboda, Dr. Cody Knutson, Dr. Tsegaye Tadesse, and Brian Fuchs
National Drought Mitigation Center, School of Natural Resources
*From Lewellen to Delhi: Drought Risk Management for the World*

OCTOBER 9
Dr. Dan Snow, School of Natural Resources
*Good Water – A story of Great Plains water quality*

OCTOBER 16 . . .