



# Announcements & Updates

## Student Updates:

- **Congrats to Kellie Schaefer** who passed her comprehensive exam recently!
- **Student Seminar** dates are as follows. Lunch will be provided. Read [abstracts](#).
  - January 23, 2017 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 2189 MERF
  - February 20, 2017 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 2189 MERF
  - March 20, 2017 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 2189 MERF
  - April 17, 2017 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 2189 MERF
  - May 22, 2017 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 2189 MERF
- **Updates from Graduate College**
  - Upcoming Photo Booth - Graduate students/postdocs can [sign up](#) to have a professional photo taken.
    - January 19, 2017 (Thursday) at 1pm-4pm in 423 Gilmore Hall

Online Identity Workshop - Rescheduled! Do you appear as a professional online? Want to take control of your online presence? This workshop provided by the Graduate College will cover the basics of maintaining an online presence and online networking with other professionals. Time will be given to set up accounts with guidance provided by staff from the Graduate College.

- January 26, 2017 (Thursday) at 1pm-2pm in Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building, w240 [Registration link](#)

### Jakobsen Conference

The 19th Annual Jakobsen F. Memorial Conference seeks to engage graduate students across campus and across disciplines in conversations about Trends and Transformations their work has identified, explored, and questioned. We welcome both research and creative works presentations from all graduate students at the University of Iowa, and encourage everyone to take this opportunity to present their research! You can find the application portal and submissions guidelines [here](#), deadline is Monday, January 30. Following the scheduled poster and panel sessions, we will hold a reception with free food, one free drink ticket for presenters, and announce the winners of the paper prizes! Any questions you might have can be directed to Conference Committee Chair [Jan Faith](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

Time Management - Thriving in Graduate School: Learn to minimize distraction, analyze your workload, implement expert time management strategies, and maximize your productivity.

- February 2, 2017 (Thursday) at 12pm-1pm in UCC 1117 [Registration link](#)

### Speed Friending - Want to meet new people?

A gloriously platonic approach to meeting friends and colleagues, Speed Friending works like speed dating but less awkward. You hang with one person for three to five minutes and then switch partners till you meet everyone in the room. Come and enjoy appetizers, a warm atmosphere, and a fun social game!

- February 10, 2017 (Friday) at 7pm-8pm at The Vine, RSVP to [natalie-e-brown@uiowa.edu](mailto:natalie-e-brown@uiowa.edu)

### NIH Fellowship Workshop - Looking for tips as you apply for your next grant?

The ability to write successful grant applications is a valuable skill for graduate students to develop and hone throughout their careers. These workshops are designed to offer a brief, but informative introduction for students who are unfamiliar with grant writing and the application process. This presentation will include the basics of thinking about and writing a grant proposal.

- February 24, 2017 (Friday) at 11:30am-1pm at CBRB 2189 [Registration link](#)

### Parenting in Academia - A panel discussion on the joys and challenges

Join us for an open forum discussing the joys and challenges of parenting in academia. Hear from faculty members, a post-doc researcher and a graduate student, all with very different parenting experiences. Bring your questions — this event will be question and answer format after a brief introduction.

- March 9, 2017 (Thursday) at 12noon-1pm at UCC 1117 [Registration link](#)