

# Announcements & Updates

## Student Updates:

- **Congrats to Nikale Pettie & Matt Cring** who both passed their comprehensive exams 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**
  - StemProv - Communicating Science** - In the STEMprov Institute participants will learn techniques to talk about science research to a variety of audiences and to feel more comfortable making presentations and answering questions through playing simple improv theatre games. Dress comfortably and come ready to "yes...and" your way to improved communication skills.
    - January 10, 2017 (Tuesday) at 9am-4pm in IMU, Michigan Room [Registration link](#)

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](#)

19th Annual James F. Jakobsen Memorial Conference - Call for Submissions

**This is required for some students with Grad College fellowships, but strongly encouraged for all!**

We are pleased to announce our call for submissions for the 19th Annual James F. Jakobsen Memorial Conference to be held in the IMU on Saturday, March 25th 2017! The James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference was established in 1998 (known at that time as the Jakobsen Forum) and is an event unique to the University of Iowa. Thanks to generous contributions from the Jakobsen family, the Graduate College, and local businesses, the Graduate Student Senate is once again able to provide this exciting opportunity for graduate students to present their research. Held each Spring semester, the Jakobsen Conference provides a well-attended public forum for oral and poster presentations. The Jakobsen committee has experienced yearly growth in Conference participation and attendance, and we anticipate the same trend for the future. The theme for this year's conference is "Trends and Transformations." We make sense of the world around us by characterizing patterns and identifying shifts in them. Understanding the past and present yield predictable outcomes for the future, and opens up a space for positive change. Cultural movements, historical events, data and measurement of phenomena, theoretical modelling, thought and behavior, technical and scientific innovation, and much more seek to better understand relationships and how they can change. 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. What kinds of relationships has your work found? How can a better understanding of them inform research and practice? Under what circumstances do systems, individuals, and objects change? How can we utilize this knowledge to further our own research and scholarly discourse across disciplines and communities? **Submissions are due by Monday, January 30th.** 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](#). 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 [Ian Faith](#). We look forward to seeing you there!