CELEBRATING ABBY!
On Thursday, April 25, from 1:00-2:00pm in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Old Library 1142, there will be a celebration to honor Abigale Vercauteren. Abby won UW-Eau Claire’s 2013 Distinguished Master’s Thesis Competition with her thesis entitled “Beyond the Binary: Azar Nafisi’s Reading Lolita in Tehran as a Product of ‘Hybridity.’” Abby graduated last summer with a Master of Arts in English Literature and Textual Interpretation. She received a $500 award for winning this competition. Dean Wick has forwarded Abby’s paper to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools for their thesis competition. We are excited that Abby has offered to return to campus to give a summary of her winning thesis, which she will present at this celebration! Please join us for a little graduate camaraderie and to congratulate Abby!

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

| Jan 22 | Classes Begin |
| Jan 29 | Deadline to apply to graduate this semester (Go to My Blugold CampS to apply online) |
| Jan 29 | Deadline to file an application with Graduate Studies to take the written comprehensive exam this semester |
| Feb 7  | Priority registration for Summer Session; $100 deposit required; PACs not required |
| March 1 | Deadline to submit application to Graduate Studies for Graduate Assistantships, Foundation Fellowships, and AOP grants for the 2013 Summer Session and the 2013-2014 Academic Year |
| March 18-22 | Spring Break |
| April 1 | Priority registration for 2013 Fall Semester; $100 deposit required |
| April 5 | Deadline for programs to hold the written comprehensive exam this semester |
| May 3  | Deadline for programs to hold the oral comprehensive exam this semester |
| May 8  | Deadline for submission of unbound copy(ies) of the final thesis or research paper to the graduate dean (See “Thesis Submission Options”) |
| May 10 | Last day of classes |
| May 13-17 | Final examinations |
| May 18  | Commencement |
| June 4 | Deadline for submission of two hard bound copies of thesis or research paper (only pertains to students who select Option 3) |

*For information about drop and withdrawal deadlines, please contact the Graduate Student Support Office.

Thesis Submission Options

There is now a new and simplified way to submit your final thesis or research paper. Please review your options below, discuss with your thesis adviser, and complete the Thesis Dissemination Consent Form. The final unbound copy(ies) of your paper are due to Graduate Studies by May 8. Here are your options:

Option 1 (Electronic Submission):
- Submit ONE unbound copy of your final paper, including original signatures.
- Use standard 8-1/2” x 11” white paper.
- Graduate Studies will deliver your unbound copy to the library, where they will digitize and upload your paper to Minds@UW.

Option 2 (E-Submission w/Embargo Time):
- Exactly the same as Option 1, only you can select an embargo time to delay the distribution of your paper. Graduate Studies will deliver your unbound paper to the library, where they will digitize and upload to Minds@UW. However, your paper will not be searchable until your embargo time expires. The standard embargo time is two years, but you can specify longer, if you wish.

Option 3 (Traditional Hard Bound):
- Submit TWO unbound copy of your final paper, including original signatures.
- The two unbound copies MUST be printed on high-quality (at least 20 lb. bond), acid-free, 8-1/2” x 11” white paper.
- You will be contacted once the Graduate Dean has approved and signed your papers.
- You will be responsible for getting signed papers to
DON'T FORGET!
APPLY FOR ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS BY MARCH 1

The priority deadline for applying for a Graduate Assistantship for the 2013-2014 academic year, and/or a Graduate Foundation Fellowship or Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP) fellowship for the 2013 Summer Session and the 2013-2014 academic year is March 1, 2013. Graduate assistantships and fellowships are not automatically renewable from one academic year to the next. You must reapply for subsequent years. Your application will be considered on a competitive basis. If you would like to use previously submitted letters of recommendation for the graduate assistantship application, you are allowed to do so, but please make this clear on your application.

The Application for Graduate Assistantship and/or Fellowship may be downloaded from the Admissions Web site. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies.

Kinko’s for hard binding, and returning to Graduate Studies.
- Graduate Studies will deliver your two bound copies to McIntyre Library where they will be catalogued and placed on the shelves.

Some programs may require a bound copy for their departmental library. Please check with your adviser!

DID YOU KNOW?
WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER!
Those who are required to write a thesis or research paper may appreciate hearing that a more user-friendly Thesis and Research Paper Manual is coming soon! We hope to get the revised manual approved this semester. This updated manual will include:
- New Thesis Submission Options
- Sample Formatting of Important Pages
- Simplified Page Formatting
- YouTube Videos of Page Formatting
- A "Need Help?" Section

YOU MAY APPLY FOR GRADUATION ONLINE VIA MYBLUGOLD CAMPS.
ALL GRADUATE FORMS MAY BE FOUND ON THE GRADUATE STUDIES WEBSITE.
WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL OR EMAIL NANCY AMDAHL IN GRADUATE STUDIES.
HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER! 😊

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