

Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

Spring 2015

A message from the Dean

We are excited about the start of a new year that is full of new possibilities for graduate students and alumni. Graduate Studies has many important activities planned or ongoing in 2015, including the expansion of offerings of transferable skills (such as leadership, communication skills, critical thinking, problem solving, etc.) to our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. We will also be launching a new certificate program in "Leadership, Transferable Skills and Outreach," and expanding our interactions with our alumni through our newly launched Graduate Studies Alumni Chapter. I hope you enjoy this issue of Graduate Posts - and be sure to watch for more information about our upcoming activities.



- H. Dele Davies, M.D.
Dean of Graduate Studies

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Alumni Association

The UNMC Graduate Studies Alumni Chapter aims to engage alumni in keeping in touch with their alma mater, including supporting and mentoring current graduate students.

Being a member of the Alumni Chapter allows graduates to stay informed about campus life, engage with their school or department and classmates, and receive discounts on events and activities.

[Join today.](#)

Convocation by the numbers



Dean Davies and Krupa Savalia

The accomplishments of 35 M.S. and Ph.D. candidates were celebrated at the Graduate Studies Honors Convocation ceremony held in December at Omaha's historic Durham Museum.

For more information about the event, and to take a quiz to win UNMC merchandise, just [click here](#).

Avoiding dissertation disasters: Seven tips

Pamela K. Carmines, Ph.D., compiled these seven pieces of advice for Ph.D. candidates as they prepare to face the dissertation committee.

[Read more](#)

MSIA's flexibility helps students forge path



Regina Robbins, Ph.D., at center with mentors Melissa Tibbetts, Ph.D., left and Michelle Desmarais, Ph.D., right.

Regina Robbins, Ph.D., came to UNMC with a bachelors in psychology, emphasis on exercise science, a master's in Christian spirituality and a master's in Spanish language. She was planning to study yoga and wellness. Then she found the MSIA program.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Mentors wanted

It's not easy to find a career mentor who can provide insight and guidance about the challenges that lie ahead. The Graduate Studies Mentoring Program matches students with alumni or other professionals who share the same career interests.

For information on joining the program, [click here](#).

Upcoming Events

April 15:

Summer and fall registration opens

Contact Us

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[UNMC Graduate Studies](#).

Student news: Graduate students net grants

Duy Ha, an M.D./Ph.D. student in Cellular & Integrative Physiology, was awarded \$52,000 from the American Heart Association to fund his research on peripheral arterial disease.

Peter Pellegrino, an M.D./Ph.D. student in Cellular & Integrative Physiology, relinquished an American Heart Association fellowship in order to accept \$116,199 in NIH funding to study molecular mechanisms underlying brain dysfunction in cardiovascular disease.

Heather Talbott, a Ph.D. student in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, received \$64,000 in USDA funding to study progesterone production in cattle, of importance to Nebraska farmers who hope to reduce cattle pregnancy losses.

Have news to share? Let us know!

Please email your news items (and photos, if available) to **Graduate Posts** with the subject line "Graduate Studies Student News."

Alumni news: Share your accomplishments!

Each issue of Graduate Posts will feature news from alumni: new positions, exciting promotions, life events -- all are welcome.

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