

Announcements for the week of March 7, 2011



ISS/Academic Senate Elections this week

Election of graduate and professional student representatives to serve in the Illinois Student Senate and the campus Academic Senate will be held Tuesday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 9. Ballots will be available at <http://vote.illinois.edu/>. Don't forget to vote!

If you are interested in serving on the senate, it is not too late to run. For more information about the election process or to become a write-in candidate, see the [SEC website](#).



GradStudentNight@AliceCampbellAlumniCenter

Enjoy a relaxing evening meeting other grad students this Thursday, March 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Alice Campbell Alumni Center. Bring a friend! Free refreshments. [More info](#)



Deadline for May Degree List April 29

April 29 is the last day that students can add themselves to the May 2011 degree list using Student Self-Service. If you are having trouble adding yourself to the list, contact your department. [Academic Calendar](#)

Completing a Thesis Deposit for May Graduation

Students planning to deposit theses or dissertations for May 2011 graduation should note the following deadlines:

- April 22: Last day to complete a doctoral dissertation deposit
- April 29: Last day to complete a master's thesis deposit

Because deposit deadlines are firm, students are strongly encouraged to submit the thesis or dissertation to the Graduate College at least one week before the deadline in order to allow sufficient time to make and re-submit all requested corrections. For May graduation, any corrections requested by the Graduate College and all required deposit materials must be submitted to the Thesis Office no later than 4:45 p.m. on the day of the deposit deadline. [More info](#)



Employment Authorization Opportunities for Graduate Students on J-1 Visas

Assistant Director Robb Larson from the Office of International Student and Scholar Services will discuss employment authorization opportunities available to Illinois international students on J-1 visas. This workshop will give overview information on AT work authorization as well as information about how to apply. Co-sponsored by the Graduate College and the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. [More info](#)

Work It: Making Connections for Graduate Students

Learn to be comfortable in social and professional settings. This workshop will provide valuable tips and practice when interacting informally at meetings and conferences to make professional connections. Part of the Career Pathfinder series cosponsored by the Biotechnology Career Services Office and the Graduate College. [More info](#) or to [register](#)

Hear alumni and professional stories about career and leadership development

[Register](#) online for one of the Illinois Leadership Center's free workshops. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Asking for Help From Colleagues and Supervisors

Thursday, March 10 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in room 407 Illini Union.

Determining What You Want To Do With Your Life

Monday, March 14 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Illini Union General Lounge (room 210) .



The Savvy Researcher: Week 7

GIS 101: A Library Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

Curious about how Geographic Information Science (GIS) can enhance your research? Learn about GIS data types like tabular, vector, raster, and geodatabases; and GIS tools such as buffering, overlays, spatial analysis, geocoding, and modeling.

Where's the Money? Finding and Securing Grant Funding

Are you trying to find grant funding for a fellowship or scholarship? A research project? We can help you find private and federal funding by searching and setting up alerts in Illinois Research Information Service, IRIS. We'll also help to increase your chance of success by covering the top ten tips of how to get your funding approved.

ArcGIS 1 v9.3 (Geographic Information System): Introduction to ArcCatalog and ArcMap

ArcGIS allows you to uncover and analyze geographic trends and patterns in data and create high quality maps. This course serves as an introduction to ArcGIS software and will teach you how to make basic choropleth (color-shaded) maps.

Visualizing Your Data

Are you having trouble crystallizing your research results into effective images? When Excel's bar graphs and pie charts are simply insufficient, there are more powerful tools which can make your data sets pop and sizzle. This workshop will demonstrate just a few of the things that can be done with freely available visualization software.

For Savvy Researcher [workshop and registration details](#)



Campus Community Connections Expo

Stop by the Illini Union South Lounge March 8 between noon and 2:00 p.m. to find out about resources to help connect you to your community: Apartment shopping assistance, legal services, transportation, recreation, city services and more!

Come out and meet the University and City departments here to serve you. To learn more, email questions to [Trevor Eagle](#).

Inclusive Illinois Diversity Roundtable: March 16

The Office of Equal Opportunity and Access and the Native American House present 'Remembering the Past, Preparing the Future.' Come learn about ways to build a "Native-centered learning community" on Wednesday, March 16, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Illini Union rooms A&B. [RSVP by March 11](#)



IPRH Prizes for Research in the Humanities Application/Nomination

The Illinois Program for Research announces the second annual IPRH Prizes for Research in the Humanities. These prizes will recognize excellence in humanities research at the University of Illinois, with awards given at the undergraduate, graduate, and faculty levels. The awards will be presented at a reception at the IPRH on April 27, 2011. Submissions and nominations are invited from scholars in all sectors of the university with focus on the humanities and humanities-inflected research.

Application deadline: Wednesday, March 16, 2011

[For eligibility information and application guidelines](#)

Study Abroad Photo Contest

Have you recently studied abroad? Are you studying abroad now? Submit your photos to the International Photo Contest! Entrants must be current students or recent graduates who have studied abroad through a University of Illinois program or gone abroad with a University of Illinois RSO. Winners will receive prizes; winning photographs will be displayed during International Education Week (April 11-17). Deadline is Thursday, March 10. [More info](#)

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