February 2024

ALUMNI CAREER STORY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, NOON - 1 P.M.
Virtual

The Graduate School is pleased to welcome back Dr. Leti Cavazos (LCSW) for this spring's Alumni Career Story. Dr. Cavazos received a Master of Social Work from UTSA and Doctor of Social Work from the University of Tennessee. She is a clinical mentor, business coach, published author, and founded the Cannenta Center for Healing and Empowerment in 2021, for which Dr. Cavazos is the CEO. We are thrilled to kick off our College for Health, Community and Policy guest speaker series this semester with Dr. Cavazos; learn her career story and discover what lead her to establish her own foundation and non-profit.

DOCTORAL ORIENTATION: DISSERTATION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2 - 4 P.M.
UTSA Student Union - Mesquite Room (SU 2.01.24)

Intended for students who are at the beginning of their dissertation journey. This session will focus on available resources such as writing camps, micro credential badges and doctoral form completion. This session will also include review of dissertation writing process including advice and tips.

MAKE-UP DOCTORAL ORIENTATION: DISSERTATION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 3 - 5 P.M.
Virtual

Virtual orientation option for those unable to make it to Wednesday 2/14/2024 orientation. This is a make-up orientation only. If you are able to, please attend the in-person orientation.

WEEKEND WARRIOR WRITING CAMP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
UTSA John Peace Library - Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22)

The Dissertation Weekend Warrior program is a new initiative by the Graduate School and in partnership with the College of Liberal & Fine Arts, College of Health, Community & Policy, College of Education and Human Development, and the Alvarez College of Business to prepare doctoral students to begin the dissertation manuscript writing process. Each 6-hour stand-alone Saturday program will focus on one to two colleges. The program includes subject-matter expert guest speakers covering various aspects of the dissertation manuscript writing journey, and student engagement activities, along with breakfast and lunch for all attendees.

Please visit here to register for Graduate School events: graduateschool.utsa.edu/events.html
DOCTORAL ORIENTATION: DISSERTATION COMPLETION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2 - 4 P.M.
UTSA Student Union - Pecan Room (SU 2.01.26)

Intended for students in the last year or semester of their dissertation journey. This session will focus on available resources such as writing camps, career services and final submission of documents. The session will also include the review of dissertation completion requirements, available workshops, formatting and submission methods, and library training.

MAKE-UP DOCTORAL ORIENTATION: DISSERTATION COMPLETION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 3 - 5 P.M.
Virtual

Intended for students in the last year or semester of their dissertation journey. Focus is on available resources such as writing camps, career services and final submission of documents.

PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT - DATA SCIENCE AND AI

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, NOON - 1 P.M.
Virtual

Professional and Career Development session covering the basics of Data Science and A.I. presented by Dr. Ramin Sahba. Open to all graduate students and post-doctoral students.

CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND LEARNING (CIRTL)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, NOON - 1 P.M.
John Peace Library Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22)

Monthly recurring meeting for the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) at UTSA. Current members and graduate students interested in joining are welcome to learn and receive updates on the courses offered by MOOC (cross-network universities) and UTSA.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY: TIME AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 3 - 4 P.M.
Hybrid: Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow and Zoom

In this time management session, you'll learn to balance graduate school and other life responsibilities, structure priorities, overcome negative behavior patterns, and techniques to develop better time management skills.

March 2024

FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 9 - 11 A.M.
UTSA Student Union Denman Ballroom (SU 2.01.48)

Join us for the Graduate School First Friday networking and community-building event and get to know your fellow graduate students.
POSTDOCTORAL ASSOCIATION SESSIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 4, NOON - 1 P.M.
VIRTUAL
Immigration Education and Status Maintenance with Ashley Wallace of International Services.

GRADUATE SCHOOL DOWNTOWN SPRING FESTIVAL

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 4:30 - 6 P.M.
UTSA Durango Building - La Villita Room (DB 1.116)
Join the Graduate School for our monthly networking event of the year and celebrate the coming of spring with us!

ANNUAL REVIEW AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) REVIEW INFO SESSION (VIRTUAL)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 5 - 6:30 P.M.
Virtual
Join the Graduate School for an evening, virtual info session on the IDP/Annual Review Process and get your questions about submission answered by the Retention and Graduation Program Coordinator Team. The Annual Review and IDP is an assessment of scholarly activities, types of funding received and sources, milestone achievements and future goals for the upcoming academic year. Students will complete this form with their currently assigned graduate advisor and submit to the Graduate School for review.

ANNUAL REVIEW AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) REVIEW INFO SESSION (IN-PERSON)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, NOON - 1 P.M.
G.R.A.D. Space (Multidisciplinary Building 2.02.46)
Join the Graduate School for an lunchtime, in-person session on the IDP/Annual Review Process and get your questions about submission answered by the Retention and Graduation Program Coordinator Team. The Annual Review and IDP is an assessment of scholarly activities, types of funding received and sources, milestone achievements and future goals for the upcoming academic year. Students will complete this form with their currently assigned graduate advisor and submit to the Graduate School for review.
**Bi-Weekly Writing Group**

*Thursday, March 7, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M.*

GSR 2.106 & Virtual

The Graduate School is offering two hours of quiet dedicated writing time led by a UTSA Postdoctoral Fellow. This writing time is facilitated using the pomodoro technique and is open to graduate students and postdocs. If you can’t join us in person, join the meeting virtually [here].

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**SPRING DISSERTATION WRITING CAMP**

UTSA John Peace Library - Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22)

The 4-DAY Dissertation Writing Camp provides intensive, focused writing time in a quiet and supportive environment to help you make significant progress through the difficult stages of writing your doctoral dissertation. This program is for doctoral students who are starting or have started the writing portion of their dissertation manuscript. It is strongly recommended that your dissertation proposal has been approved by your committee before taking part in this camp.

*Monday, March 11, 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.*
*Tuesday, March 12, 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.*
*Wednesday, March 13, 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.*
*Thursday, March 14, 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.*

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**CAREER TRAJECTORIES GUEST SPEAKER PANEL**

*Wednesday, March 20, Noon - 1 P.M.*

Virtual

As part of our Career Pathways guest speaker series this semester we focus on career opportunities, outside of academia, for our College for Health, Community and Policy graduate students and postdocs. Please join us as we welcome back two UTSA Alumni -- Dr. Karrie Elpers, Business Analyst for Digital Commerce in Data and Business Intelligence for H-E-B and Casey Perez (M.S.), Epidemiologist for the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.
ANNUAL REVIEW AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) REVIEW INFO SESSION (VIRTUAL)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, NOON - 1 P.M.

Virtual

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ANNUAL REVIEW AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) REVIEW INFO SESSION (IN-PERSON)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

G.R.A.D. Space (Multidisciplinary Building 2.02.46)

Join the Graduate School for an evening, in-person session on the IDP/Annual Review Process and get your questions about submission answered by the Retention and Graduation Program Coordinator Team. The Annual Review and IDP is an assessment of scholarly activities, types of funding received and sources, milestone achievements and future goals for the upcoming academic year. Students will complete this form with their currently assigned graduate advisor and submit to the Graduate School for review.

PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT: TIME MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, NOON - 1 P.M.

Hybrid: Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow and Zoom

Time Management and Organization for Graduate Students and Postdocs. Speaker Dr. Jesus Romo

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY: IMPOSTER SYNDROME

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Hybrid: Student Union 2.02.12 - Willow and Zoom

Join us as our partners from Wellbeing Services provide information about imposter syndrome and how to cope/reduce sense of self-doubt.
Join us for this special session: rounding out our career pathways guest speaker series for the College for Health, Community and Policy. For a national perspective, we welcome Mr. Clark Jensen, MPA. Clark has over 30 years of professional experience in non-profit management. For the last two decades he has held executive leadership positions as the Chief Operating Officer for American Red Cross, Los Angeles, United Cerebral Palsy, Exceptional Children’s Foundation, and Youth for Change. Clark’s vast non-profit leadership career found him managing complex organizations, diverse service delivery portfolios and multi-channel revenue streams through focused, strategic and data-informed decision making. Join us for this deep-dive perspective on executive leadership and operational management in the national non-profit sector.
BRUSH & SIP: MOCKTAILS AND PAINTING WITH THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 3 - 5 P.M.**
Student Union OLE Space (located outside Freebirds)

Join us for a creative and fun-filled afternoon at "Brush & Sip: Mocktails and Painting with The Graduate School"! Whether you are an experienced artist or just looking to try something new, this event is perfect for unleashing your inner creativity. Come unwind with a refreshing mocktail to satisfy your taste buds and a Graduate Student led painting adventure where every stroke tells a story. No painting or mocktail mixing experience is required – just bring your enthusiasm and a thirst for creativity! -- REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON! (Please check website for updates).

GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK - DOWNTOWN CELEBRATION

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 4:30 - 6 P.M.**
Durango Building - La Villita Room 1.116

Help us celebrate both Graduate Student Appreciation week and fiesta at our Downtown Campus social!

GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK - FIRST FRIDAY

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 9 A.M. - NOON**
LOCATION TBD

Join us for the last First Friday of the Spring semester and help us wrap up graduate student appreciation week! -- REGISTRATION LINK AND LOCATION COMING SOON! (Please check website for updates).

CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND LEARNING (CIRTL)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5, NOON - 1 P.M.**
John Peace Library Assembly Room (JPL 4.04.22)

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) at UTSA end of Spring semester meeting. CIRTL participants will receive their certification.

ANNUAL REVIEW AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) DROP-IN-PARTY

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, NOON - 1 P.M.**
G.R.A.D. Space (Multidisciplinary Building 2.02.46)

Join the Retention and Graduation Program Coordinator Team at the GRAD Space to go over any questions/concerns you may have before you turn in your IDP and Annual Review! The Annual Review and IDP is an assessment of scholarly activities, types of funding received and sources, milestone achievements and future goals for the upcoming academic year. Students will complete this form with their currently assigned graduate advisor and submit to the Graduate School for review.

ANNUAL REVIEW AND INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) DROP-IN-PARTY

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.**
G.R.A.D. Space (Multidisciplinary Building 2.02.46)

Join the Retention and Graduation Program Coordinator Team at the GRAD Space to go over any questions/concerns you may have before you turn in your IDP and Annual Review! The Annual Review and IDP is an assessment of scholarly activities, types of funding received and sources, milestone achievements and future goals for the upcoming academic year. Students will complete this form with their currently assigned graduate advisor and submit to the Graduate School for review.
DOCTORAL CONFERRAL CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 6 - 8 P.M.
Music Recital Hall

Celebrate graduating doctoral students with us at the Doctoral Conferral Ceremony.