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“More than Surviving, Thrive in Graduate School in STEM”
Presented by Abbe Herzig Ph.D.
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
12:00-1:30pm
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There’s no way around it. Pursuing a graduate degree, particularly in STEM fields, is challenging work for anyone. But some students, particularly women and students of color, face additional obstacles to those faced by their classmates. In this talk, we will quickly review those obstacles (although most of you already know what they are!). We will then focus on strategies you can adopt to help you navigate through graduate school and build an optimal experience for yourself. If you are a current graduate student, these strategies will help you survive and thrive in your current program. If you are considering graduate programs, you will also learn some tips for how to select a graduate program that is likely to work best for you.

“Strategies for Successfully Navigating the Dissertation Process”
Presented by LaRae Jome Ph.D.
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
11:30-1:00pm
Campus Center 375

Getting through the dissertation process may not always be easy, but it can be accomplished! Learn tips for developing your dissertation idea, navigating the relationship with your chairperson, making steady progress on the document, and managing the anxiety or other issues that often impede your dissertation progress.

“Plagiarism”
Presented by Lee Bickmore Ph.D.
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
12:00-1:30pm
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Graduate students are required to submit numerous written assignments. To ensure that you properly cite your sources and are never guilty of any kind of plagiarism, we invite you to a workshop facilitated by Professor Lee Bickmore.

“Searching for a Postdoctoral Position”
Presented by Robert Osuna Ph.D.
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
12:00-1:30pm
Campus Center 375

In this workshop we will address several questions concerning the experience of searching for a postdoctoral position that may facilitate this important process: Who should we consider for a postdoctoral position? When should we begin to look? Where should we look? What areas should we consider? How should we apply? How should you prepare for the interview? What criteria should you consider in making your final decision?