Events & Deadlines

Teaching Mentor Information Sessions

Jan 20– Thursday 9:30-10:30, Bowne Hall 218 Jan 25– Tuesday 2-3, Bowne Hall 218 Jan 25– Tuesday 2-3, Bowne Hall 218 Jan 27– Thursday 9:30-10:30, Bowne Hall 218

Jan 31– Returning Teaching Mentor Application Deadline

Feb. 4— New Teaching Mentor Application Deadline

Feb 4– Outstanding TA Nomination Deadline

Feb 25– Excellence in Graduate Education Deadline

Ouestions?



Please Contact:

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Or

Check out our website!

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"Super-Size" Your Programs with Graduate School \$\$

Are you planning—or planning on planning—a departmental FPP event that would be of general interest and benefit to FPP participants across

campus? You can apply for grants of up to **\$500** from the Grad School to support departmental programming open to the FPP community.



Some possible uses include speaker honoraria, travel reimbursement, food, room fees, publicity, and costs associated with video recording or encoding for web upload. Creative thinking about other kinds of services or projects of value to aspiring academics is likewise encouraged.

PFLs, Faculty Teaching Mentors, or FPP participants can make proposals using the easy online <u>Departmental</u> <u>Funding Request Form</u>, or email Glenn Wright (<u>glwright@syr.edu</u>) with a description of the event and its relevance to a general audience of FPP members; a tentative date and location; and a budget or explanation of how the money will be used.

The Graduate School is now accepting proposals for Spring 2011—Super-size your program!



Professional Development Series – Your Future, plus Veggie Wraps

The Graduate School hosts programming throughout the year to encourage professionalization of grad students, whether as teachers and academics or along another career path. This year the GSO has chipped in some funds to support a series of mid-day talks featuring that most popular of grad student enticements, *free lunch*!



Programs may introduce effective techniques and strategies, explore the implications of recent research or emerging trends, or offer guidance on various aspects of the transition from graduate student to practicing professional. If you have information, skills or experience relevant to the goals of the FPP, you can bolster your c.v. while earning the admiration of grad students across campus! Solo presentation, panel, moderated discussion, and roundtable formats are welcome.

FPP participants and faculty can apply to present in this series using the <u>easy</u> <u>online form</u> or by emailing Glenn Wright (<u>glwright@syr.ed</u>) with a description of the program and its value to grad students. Proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis, but funds are limited so apply now before the money runs out!

Fill out <u>this easy form</u> to apply!

Wanted: Teaching Mentors, Excellent Faculty

'Tis the season for applications and nominations! The Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the 2011 <u>Excellence in Graduate</u> <u>Education Faculty Recognition</u> <u>Award</u>, honoring faculty members whose dedication to graduate students and to excellent teaching and mentoring have made a significant contribution to graduate education at SU.

Most often, graduate students initiate a nomination; however, because only one faculty member from a given department may receive the award each year, a letter of endorsement from the department chair is required. The nomination deadline is *Friday, February 25*.



FPP participants are also invited to apply for

the position of <u>Teaching Mentor</u> with the Graduate School. Teaching Mentors staff the TA Orientation Program in August, serving as

FPP Website Up and Running

While some cosmetic improvements lie ahead, the much-anticipated revamped <u>FPP website</u> (www.syr.edu/gradschool/gsprograms/fpp) is now available for surfing, consulting, and bookmarking. Highlights include

- a calendar of FPP and related events
- a list of participating programs with links and contact info
- a page for PFLs, including the new PFL handbook and all FPP-related forms
- all about the Certificate in University Teaching
- information on the annual FPP Conference, including previous years' programs
- an extensive Resources page with links to documents, websites, and videos (including past Graduate School/ Career Services programs) to help improve your teaching, facilitate your job search, and enhance your understanding of issues in higher education.

Check it all out online — and put your upcoming events on the calendar by emailing Dina Ioannidis (kioannid@syr.edu).

Save the Date(s): FPP Conference at White Eagle, May 19-20

Spring may seem a long way off, but it's not too soon to begin planning for the annual FPP Conference, Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 (the week after Commencement). Once again our venue will be the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY, less than an hour's drive from Svracuse. The conference focuses on teaching, job search preparation, and other aspects of academic professionalization, and is free: all expenses (registration, room, food) are covered by the Graduate School, as is round-trip bus service from

campus. The mix of disciplines and relaxed, retreat-style environment make this a very popular event. See the new FPP conference web page for more information and past programs.

Space is limited. If rationing is



necessary, spots will be allocated to departments in proportion to their total number of FPP participants. session planners and presenters as well as small-group leaders and mentors to SU's new TAs. Prospective Teaching Mentors *must* attend one of four information sessions in January and submit an application, including a teaching portfolio, by *Friday, February 4*.

Click on the links at left for more information on the application and selection processes. Questions about the Excellence in Graduate Education Award can be directed to Dina Ioannidis (<u>kioannid@syr.edu</u>) and about the Teaching Mentor position to Shawn Krause-Loner (<u>scloner@vahoo.com</u>).

Explore our new and Improved <u>Future</u> <u>Professoriate Program</u> <u>Website</u>!

However, *you can guarantee yourself a space by proposing a session* (panel, workshop, or solo presentation) at the conference. Departmental contributions to the conference programming are strongly encouraged. Email your ideas to Glenn Wright (glwright@syr.edu) by March 1. This

is a great way to build your c.v., gain confidence as a presenter, and share your skills, knowledge and insight with faculty and grad students from SU and beyond.