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March 31 - April 4

**Join the University Graduate School
and the Graduate and Professional Student Committee (GPSC)
in Celebrating GSAW 2014**

GSAW 2-day Scholarly Forum and Research Conference

Monday, March 31 & Tuesday, April 1, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in CBC 232-235

The Scholarly Forum is a two-day event that provides graduate and professional students the opportunity to present their research to the FIU community. Grouped by similar research topics, oral and poster presentations will be judged by panels composed of faculty members. This year's forum includes over 100 presentations in a number of disciplines including but not limited to the Health Sciences, Biology, Teaching and Learning, Religious Studies, Chemistry, and Engineering, to name a few. To view the forum schedule or to access presentation abstracts, please visit us at <http://gsaw.fiu.edu>. There is still time to sign up to be a **faculty judge** for the scholarly forum. For more information, please contact Magnolia Hernández at mehernan@fiu.edu.

GSAW Symposium

Wednesday, April 2, Noon in the MARC Pavilion

We are excited to welcome our keynote speaker, Adam Ruben, PhD, who will kick off this year's GSAW Symposium. Author of [Surviving Your Stupid, Stupid Decision to Go to Grad School](#) (Random House, 2010), a satirical guide to the low points and, well, lower points of post-baccalaureate education, Adam Ruben is a writer, comedian, storyteller, and molecular biologist. Adam earned a Bachelor of Arts in Molecular Biology with minors in Engineering Biology, Creative Writing, and Theater & Dance at Princeton University (2001), and a Ph.D. in Biology at Johns Hopkins University (2008). For ten years, Adam has taught an undergraduate stand-up comedy class, one of the most popular January "Intersession" courses at Johns Hopkins University. He currently teaches storytelling with [SpeakeasyDC](#), writes the humor column "[Experimental Error](#)" in the otherwise respectable journal *Science*, and has been seen and heard on the Food Network's [Food Detectives](#), the Science Channel's [Head Rush](#), and NPR's [All Things Considered](#). In addition to his day job developing a malaria vaccine at [Sanaria Inc.](#), Adam travels the country, performing his show as part of anti-bullying programs and talking about his book to audiences of disaffected grad students.

Adam's talk will be followed by an **Industry Panel**, beginning at 1:00 pm in the MARC Pavilion. The industry panel, which will include professionals in business, the non-profit sector, the sciences, and academia, will provide students with the opportunity to learn about how graduate education impacted the lives of the panelists and what today's graduate students need to know about the job market and their careers. At 2:30 pm, students will be joined by a panel of research and funding experts for a **Funding and Fellowships Panel** discussion. Panelists will share lessons, advice, and strategies for securing graduate fellowships and funding opportunities. The day will wrap up with a **yoga session** at 4:00 pm.

GSAW Graduate Student Social

Thursday, April 3, 3:00 pm at the Chili's Too Patio (ticket required)

Free food, live entertainment, and great company make this event a special edition of the regular GradsKellar, the graduate student social. Bands will begin to play at 3:00 pm. The event is **free** but ticket is required for entry. Keep an eye out for tickets, which will be distributed to graduate students through their departments and programs.

Provost Awards Recognition Reception

Friday, April 4, 4:00 pm at the Frost Art Museum Café

The signature event of the week, the Provost Awards Recognition Reception celebrates the outstanding achievements of FIU graduate students and faculty mentors who are committed to the development of the next generation of scholars. This year's event will recognize the outstanding work of graduate teaching assistants, faculty mentors, graduate program directors, graduate student engagement, graduate students creativity, and graduate student research.

The GSAW schedule of activities does not end here! Graduate students are invited to visit Student Health Services for free massages on April 2, attend a GSAW Florida Panthers game on April 4, and much more! For a full listing of GSAW activities, please visit <http://gsaw.fiu.edu>

Graduate Events

Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) Schedule at a Glance

Scholarly Forum, March 31-April 1,
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
CBC 232-235

Graduate Student Social, April 1,
BBC campus

GPSC Funding Workshop, April 2,
11:00 am
MARC Pavilion

Graduate Symposium, April 2,
Keynote Speaker, Adam Ruben, Ph.D.
Noon
MARC Pavilion

Industry Panel, April 2,
1:00 pm
MARC Pavilion

Fellowships and Grants Panel, April 2,
2:30 pm
MARC Pavilion

Student Wellness Yoga, April 2,
4:00 pm
MARC Pavilion

Graduate Student Social, April 3,
Chili's Too Patio
3:00 pm

Provost Awards Reception, April 4,
Frost Art Museum Café
4:00 pm

Florida Panthers Hockey
7:30 pm

For more **GSAW** updates, click [here](#).

UGS Deadlines

McNair Fellowship Deadline
Friday, March 21, 2014

Deadline to Defend Thesis or Dissertations for Spring 2014 Graduation
Friday, March 28, 2014

Latin American and Caribbean Fellowship Deadline
Tuesday, April 1st, 2014

Final ETD Approval Form Deadline
Friday, April 18, 2014

UGS Graduate Admissions Deadlines
Please click [here](#)

