ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- **November 30**: Recommended deadline for applications for May 2023 graduation
- **December 9**: Fall classes end; last day to withdraw from Session 1 and Session 3 classes (grade W assigned)
- **December 10**: Deadline for electronic submission of doctoral dissertations to ProQuest for December 2022 graduates
- **December 10-16**: Final exams
- **December 16**: Deadline for electronic submission of masters’ theses to ProQuest for December 2022 graduates
- **December 17**: Fall Commencement Exercises and degree conferral date
- **December 19**: All Fall grades due by 5pm
- **December 23 – January 2, 2023**: Holiday Break; University closed
- **January 7, 2023**: Spring classes begin
- **January 14-16, 2023**: Martin Luther King Holiday – no classes

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**Graduate & Honors Research Symposium**

Announcing the Call for Abstracts for the 2023 Research Symposium co-hosted by the A&S Graduate Center and the Charles Center for Academic Excellence at William & Mary.

**March 30-April 1, 2023**

We invite doctoral and masters students in Arts & Sciences disciplines from Virginia universities to present their research at this interdisciplinary symposium in at William & Mary in Williamsburg.

Learn more about the 2023 GHRS here.

The Abstract Submission Portal is now live. Graduate students interested in presenting their research in a talk or poster session must submit an abstract using the Portal by no later than **December 11, 2022** (11:59 p.m. ET). The GHRS webpages contain details about requirements for submitting an abstract to present. The Portal contains instructions.

We have waived all registration fees for the 2023 Symposium. Individuals whose abstracts are accepted to the Symposium may also be eligible to submit a research paper to vie for awards recognizing excellence in scholarship.

Questions may be directed to Sarah Glosson (sgglos@wm.edu) or to grs@wm.edu.

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**Alumni News**

**Jim Redick** is a 2009 graduate of the ODU MPA Program and one of our fabulous adjunct instructors (PADM712: Emergency Management and Policy; PADM780 Local Government, pending approval for Spring 2023). Jim has been appointed by FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell to the National Advisory Council for a three-year term.

Best wishes on your continued success, Jim!

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GRAD Day Poster Competition

The Graduate School will host the 13th annual (4th Virtual) Graduate Research Achievement Day (GRAD) Competition during Graduate Student Appreciation Week, which spans from April 3 to April 7, 2023. GRAD is a great opportunity for students to showcase their research to the campus community while learning about the great diversity of research and scholarship at Old Dominion University.

GRAD 2023 is a virtual poster event. Students interested in participating must submit a poster proposal that consists of the graduate student’s name, any co-authors, a project title, and a 300-word maximum abstract. The poster proposal must be submitted no later than Tuesday, February 21, at 5:00 p.m. to https://digitalcommons.odu.edu/graduateschool_achievementday2023/. Proposals that do not follow the formatting requirements or are submitted late, run the risk of not being accepted.

A committee appointed by the Graduate School will review each proposal and accept those to be included. Students with accepted proposals will be notified by Friday, March 10th.

Those selected to be presented during GRAD will follow the guidelines below to prepare their final posters:

- A final abstract with a 300-word maximum that is free of external graphics. It will be placed in ODU Digital Commons, our institutional repository.
- A digital E-Poster in PowerPoint or PDF format (up to 3MB) that we can upload into Microsoft TEAMS for judging and then into the ODU Digital Commons. (A template that you can use is attached.)
- A zip file containing any additional images, videos, or other media that you would like to include on your Digital Commons GRAD poster page. If possible, we additionally ask that a voice recording of each poster be supplied to increase their accessibility.
- E-Posters received in the correct format by the deadline are to be judged between April 3rd and April 7th. Results and feedback will be available by Friday, April 14th.

Be sure to obtain faculty permission for all language and data included on and with your poster. If you have sensitive data or privacy concerns, let us know. By submitting your poster, you agree to have it placed in ODU Digital Commons where it will be available openly on the Internet. You also warrant that you and your co-authors hold the copyright or have the copyright holder’s approval and that the work does not infringe any copyright.

Let us work together and show everyone the outstanding research and scholarship taking place at Old Dominion University! Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please contact Liza Flores, Administrative Assistant in the Graduate School at lmflores@odu.edu.

Graduate Student Center and Professional Development Survey

Dr. Wie Yusuf, Director of the ODU Career Pathways Program is conducting a survey of ODU graduate students’ experiences with and needs for career and professional development. This survey is intended to better understand graduate student needs, and inform and improve delivery of services to and support for graduate students’ career and professional development. Your answers will be used to evaluate and improve existing activities and programs for career and professional development, and to design additional programs as appropriate.

The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. When completing the survey, please answer based on your perspective as a graduate student at ODU. Your participation in this study is voluntary, and you can stop taking the survey at any time. Responses to the survey are anonymous.

To access the survey, simply click on this link [https://odu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0kxR1EFTPaVH382] or paste it into your browser.

After completing the survey you will be entered into a drawing for a $50 gift card to the ODU bookstore or $50 in Monarch Plus Points.

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NASPAA is pleased to officially announce the 2023 Student Simulation Competition, which will take place on February 25th and on March 4th, 2023, and will feature the Forio Wildfire Simulation designed by Professor Matt Koschmann of the University of Colorado Boulder.

The simulation competition is open to graduate students and will teach them communication and negotiation skills as they balance their roles against their team goals to collaborate on a joint wildfire mitigation plan for the fictional town of Westmount. In addition, as part of NASPAA’s initiative to improve how we embody diversity, equity, and inclusion as an organization and as an essential part of public service education; NASPAA is working with Forio to update the simulation to incorporate DEI facets of wildfire mitigation and public service decision-making as core elements of the learning experience. [https://www.naspaa.org/2023-wildfire-simulation-competition](https://www.naspaa.org/2023-wildfire-simulation-competition)

If you are interested in participating in the Simulation, please contact Dr. Carnegie via email (vcarnegi@odu.edu)

We are looking for Faculty, Student, Alumni news. Any recent publications, conferences, awards? We want to know about it! Contact: Dr. Carnegie Email: vcarnegi@odu.edu

Interested in an ASPA (American Society for Public Administration) membership? Contact Dr. Carnegie (vcarnegi@odu.edu).

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The City of Virginia Beach is partnering with Old Dominion University to select an MPA student for their Management Analyst Internship position. The intern will be housed at the City’s Office of Performance and Accountability (OPA), where they will get exposure to organization-wide initiatives. OPA works closely with the City Manager’s Office as it leads the City’s corporate and departmental strategic planning, stat programs, and a host of special projects.

Key Priorities
- Shadow OPA staff for mentorship and attendance with OPA staff
- Assist with the development, analysis, & use of performance measures
- Assist with collecting, preparing, analyzing, synthesizing, reconciling, & translating qualitative & quantitative data into strategic recommendations & action plans
- Develop data visualizations using Microsoft products
- Perform in-depth research & analysis of program efficiency & effectiveness
- Assist with special projects and the analysis of survey data
- Perform a variety of professional and technical duties in support of the City’s efforts

The Ideal Candidate
- Dynamic & Results Oriented
- Skilled Communicator
- Problem-Solver
- Motivated by Challenges
- Improvement-Driven
- Collaborative
- Independently Productive
- Innovative and Engaged
- Passionate about Public Service

Apply by Friday, December 16th
Contact:
- Dr. Carnegie at vcarnegi@odu.edu
- Dr. Carlee at carlee@odu.edu

The internship pays $15/hour on a bi-weekly basis. This position requires that you earn credit hours for your work to be applied toward your MPA. Availability to work outside every Thursday will strongly enhance the candidate’s exposure and learning experience. Other work hours are subject to discussion with OPA, with the expectation of 16 hours a week. The internship may extend beyond the spring semester, but may not exceed 789 hours.

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