Happy Graduation, 2018!

Foundational Course Initiative Design Showcase

The first cohort of the Foundational Course Initiative will launch their course design projects in the coming weeks. They want to share the exciting vision for each of these courses at the outset of our three-year FCI collaboration. Each course design team will present their vision and action plan at a Course Design Showcase on Monday, May 14 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in Forum Hall at Palmer Commons with a reception following from 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the atrium. Please share this event with interested colleagues and register here to help with planning the event. See the attached poster for a quick overview of the FCI.

Call for Nominations: Fall 2018 R&E Learning Community for GSIs

The College of Literature, Science, and The Arts (LSA) and The Center for Research on Learning & Teaching (CRLT) are calling on faculty for nominations for a fall 2018 Learning Community for LSA Graduate Student Instructors teaching courses that satisfy LSA’s Race & Ethnicity Requirement. The learning community will be led by Dr. Whitney Peoples, CRLT Assistant Director, Focus on Race & Ethnicity. GSIs in the R&E learning community will meet four times over the fall semester to discuss topics and readings focused on teaching about race, ethnicity, and inequality in University settings.

Participation is voluntary and is limited to 25 LSA GSIs. Each GSI selected for the program will receive a $200 stipend for their participation as well as virtual or hard copy access to any materials used in the program.

To Nominate: Faculty or departmental graduate or undergraduate chairs should submit nominations via this Google form. Nominations should include the student’s name, department/program, year in program, whether they have taught an R&E course at the University before, and a few sentences about why this GSI would be a valuable contributor to a learning community and what they might gain from this particular program. Faculty should submit all nominations by Monday, April 30.
Once nominations are received, nominated students will be contacted to request a short one-page statement of interest, explaining why they want to participate in the program and how they see it being useful in their future career paths. **Students’ completed statements will be due by May 22.**

Notifications of acceptance will be made by June 8. Please feel free to direct questions about the program or the nomination/selection process to Dr. Peoples at wpeoples@umich.edu.

**Discontinuing the IMP Degree Program**

The LSA Executive Committee has approved to request to discontinue the LSA Independent Major Program effective January 1, 2018. You can read Associate Dean Angela Dillard's official request attached.

**New Post from LearnSpeakAct: The LSA Blog**

"Limits on the Limited Public Forum" by Faith M. Sparr