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Congratulations SEC Emerging Scholars!

**Joseph Carlton Barry**, a Ph.D. candidate in the UK College of Education Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation

**Makram Bou Hatoum**, a civil engineer from Beirut, Lebanon, currently pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Civil Engineering in the UK College of Engineering, with an emphasis on construction management.

**Alyssa Donawa**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Computer Science in the UK College of Engineering.

**Phyllis Johnson**, a University Research Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Anthropology in the UK College of Arts and Sciences.

**James Murray**, a second-year doctoral student in the Department of Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation in the UK College of Education

**Marlee (McCloud) Northcutt**, a Ph.D. candidate and instructor in the Department of Hispanic Studies Department in the UK College of Arts and Sciences.

**Anna Pasternak**, a third-year Ph.D. candidate in the Department of in the UK College of Food, Agriculture and Environment.

**Gavin Rienne**, a graduate student in the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Ph.D. program in
Week of Action with the VIP Center

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and The VIP center is hosting a Week of Action October 18-22, 2021. All events will be posted to our BBNvolved page. The events below are tailored towards faculty, staff, and graduate/professional students.

- **Trauma Informed Yoga** is based on a particular understanding of Trauma, one that emphasizes its impact on the entire mind and body. The VIP Center along with the Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives (CGPDI) and Graduate Student Congress (GSC) will host Trauma Informed Yoga on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. EST.
- The VIP Center along with the Office of Residence Life will host a **Survivor Solidarity event** on Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST. Students are encouraged to pick up a purple LED tealights to display in their window the evening of the 21st and 22nd. The color purple is a salute to survivors and those we have lost to domestic violence. Pick up locations will include Gatton College of Business, the Kentucky Clinic, Gatton Student Center, Woodland Courtyard, and the Donovan/Johnson Hall Courtyard.
- Thursday, October 22, 2021 is **National Wear Purple Day**. As we approach this day, everyone is encouraged to wear purple with us and take a picture every Thursday during the month of October. Tag our Instagram page @VIPCenter using hashtag #1ThingUK with your pictures.
- Happy Halloween from the VIP Center! We are hosting a **Pet Costume Contest** via Instagram. When survivors of domestic violence seek to escape their abusive homes, they are not only faced with the challenge of finding shelter for themselves and their children, but also for their pets. Unfortunately, many shelters do not have the means to house companion animals and many survivors are left facing the difficult decision to either leave their pets behind or remain in the abusive environment. Sadly, many survivors stay in abusive homes for fear of subjecting their animals to continued abuse, if left behind. During the week of October 25-29, contest participants are encouraged to post pictures of their pets and tag our Instagram page @VIPCenter using hashtag #1ThingUK. The animal with the most likes will win a VIP swag bag.

CGPDI Free Professional Headshots
OSU Virtual 2021 Autumn Postdoctoral Recruitment Event

Monday, October 25, 2021
Application Deadline: September 30, 2021
Contact Person: postdoc.office@osumc.edu

The Office of Postdoctoral Research at The Ohio State University College of Medicine is excited to announce a Virtual 2021 Autumn Postdoctoral Recruitment Event on October 25! Interviews will occur October 26-29. This event will provide an excellent opportunity for outstanding postdocs and PhD students from leading graduate programs to meet our research faculty, interview for open postdoctoral positions, and discover the exciting and innovative research taking place at The Ohio State University and the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH). Application for this event is open to postdocs or senior graduate students who have completed or expect to complete their PhD by December 2021. Click here for more information. Please review the Application Procedure to ensure you have everything you need to apply. A selection committee will review completed applications, and notification of acceptance will be sent via email.
NAGAP offers the Graduate Education Research Grant to encourage and support exploration of topics specific to graduate education and the field of graduate enrollment management (GEM). Topic areas include (but are not limited to) alumni outreach, student retention, campus support services, underrepresented student experiences, diversity and inclusion, faculty advising, technology, leadership, financial aid, internationalization, holistic admissions, recruitment, etc. The NAGAP Research Committee will select up to two Gold Awards and two Silver Awards for the 2022-23 award year. See a list of previous recipients and their research topics [here](#). More information, eligibility requirements, and the application are available [here](#).

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**GradResearchLive!: Prelim Video Submission Deadline**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST**

UK GradResearch Live! offers you the opportunity as a current graduate student, professional student, or postdoctoral scholar/fellow to showcase your research and presentation skills to the university community. Communicating research succinctly and engagingly, especially to general audiences, is a critical but rare skill that can give you a boost in the competitive job market inside and outside academia. Participants will have 3 minutes and 1 slide to tell an appealing story about their research to a non-specialist audience. Check out the Graduate School's [website](#) for more information!

**Coming up next...**

1. **Finals**: Wednesday, November 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. EST (Worsham Cinema, Gatton Student Center)

**CESJ Event: Inclusivity after Graduate School – Individuals with Disabilities**

*Friday, October 29, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. EST*

*Location: Alumni Gallery in WTY Library*

The [Center for Equality and Social Justice](#) (CESJ) has invited Dr. Phillip Rumrill to speak regarding inclusivity for individuals with disabilities after graduate school. Dr. Rumrill will speak to the current state of inclusivity efforts of workplaces for individuals with disabilities and how allies can make a workplace more inclusive for their coworkers. Food will be provided.
Humanities Without Walls Call for Applications

**About the Fellowship:** Humanities Without Walls (HWW) is inviting applications from doctoral students pursuing degrees in the humanities and humanistic social sciences for the two-week summer workshop.

The workshop utilizes a cohort-based approach to assisting humanities PhD students with the development of their careers. It is designed for doctoral students interested in learning about diverse careers for humanists. Through a series of workshops, talks, and site visits, participants will learn how to imagine possible futures and leverage their skills and humanities training towards careers in the private sector, the nonprofit world, arts administration, public media and many other fields.


**Fellowship Award:** Each Fellow from outside the Ann Arbor/Detroit Metro area will receive a $4,500 award; Ann Arbor resident Fellow will receive a $3,500 award.

**Where:** Ann Arbor, Michigan will serve as the primary location for workshop activities. The location will provide students with the opportunity to experience the vibrant humanities ecosystem that exists in the region, including Detroit.

**When:** June 17 - July 1, 2022. Students selected as fellows are expected to arrive Friday, June 17 and by 4:00 pm (EDT) and depart no sooner than Friday, July 1 after 4:00 pm (EDT).

Please note that eligible doctoral students must be nominated for this fellowship by their home institutions and each university can submit only one nomination to HWW for consideration. At this stage, we are seeking submissions to select an institutional (University of Kentucky) nominee.

To apply complete this submission form. You will need to submit the following:

1. A narrative (1,000 words maximum) explaining your intended career trajectory and addressing the following questions:
   - What does “career diversity” mean to you and what do you know about career diversity in graduate education?
   - Why are you interested in attending the workshop?
   - What kinds of knowledge and skills are you seeking from the workshop?
   - How do you envision sharing what you learn at the workshop with your colleagues, department, campus, and beyond?
   - What experiences have you had in applied or public humanities or public engagement?
   - What do you hope to achieve as a result of attending the workshop?
2. CV or resume (two pages maximum)

Deadline for internal applications is November 1. Application Form: [https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d73vQP8mv1w2w8m](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d73vQP8mv1w2w8m)

If your application is selected, you will be notified by November 12. You will then need to submit additional documents including two confidential letters of recommendation. One letter should be from your primary adviser/dissertation chair; both should emphasize your strengths and fit for this workshop.

If you have questions, please email Dr. Morris Grubbs at morris.grubbs@uky.edu.
Postdoctordor scholar to pursue specialized research training and experience under the guidance of a scientific mentor in a research laboratory within the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism; collaborates, designs and conducts research on adrenal hormones, diabetes and cardiovascular disease under the guidance of a faculty mentor; participates in research activities; performs analysis of data and prepares results of research for publication; actively participates in the recruitment and interview of prospective study participants; plans and designs research to test hypotheses; creates materials and performs testing of human subjects; assists PI with grant proposals to obtain outside funding from state and federal agencies; develops, adopts and implements new research methods. Ph.D in Epidemiology, Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Physiology or related program required; strong computer skills preferred; Requires successful completion of a background check. Qualified candidates may be asked to complete a pre-employment physical, including a drug screen.

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**Postdoctoral Research Opportunities in Science (PROS) at Baylor**

*November 2021*

**Location:** online

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021

**Contact:** postdocaffairs@bcm.edu

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Postdoctoral Research Opportunities in Science (PROS) allows students to explore the options for postdoctoral training and learn about the resources at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM). We facilitate the matching of students with faculty who have aligned interests and provide guidance and support to students through the exploration process. A list of interested faculty who are currently seeking postdoctoral candidates is here. Selected candidates will be invited for a virtual visit during November 2021 to learn about resources at BCM designed to help postdocs reach their professional goals and meet with faculty and lab groups. Candidates are expected to meet with at least 3 prospective faculty mentors. Baylor College of Medicine provides:

- Collaborative basic, clinical and translational research
- Access to state-of-the-art resources throughout the Texas Medical Center
- Extensive career development services
- Dedicated Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and active Postdoctoral Association for the 500+ postdocs at BCM

All of this while living in Houston – an affordable and highly diverse city.

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**CGPDI Outgrads**
Nature has these past two years imposed a new order on humanity in a way that we have not seen before. While we here at UK are holding in-person classes, aggressive variants of the Coronavirus continue to wreak havoc locally and across the world. Global climate change has not only generated nearly unimaginable catastrophes over the past few years, but also it is creating a distinct anxiety among our students who will see some of its worst effects decades from now. Any progress we have made confronting these sorts of profound environmental problems forcing themselves upon us feels, at best, tentative. To help us understand what we have been through, indeed, what we are going through, how we can survive and even flourish in this new normal, the Environmental Humanities are more important today than ever. The trans-disciplinary approach pioneered by artists, critical and cultural theorists, philosophers, historians, and humanistic scientists of all stripes provides the most robust and necessary means by which to analyze and to imagine, even, the social and moral landscape ahead of us.

My name is Bob Sandmeyer, and I am an Assistant Professor of Philosophy here at UK. I am a founding member of the Environmental & Sustainability Studies program and an original member of the Faculty Sustainability Council (FSC). While these initiatives were brought forward by UK administrators, the EH Initiative that I am proposing would, on the contrary, be driven and shaped by grassroots faculty and graduate student efforts here at UK. This is, indeed, why I am contacting you.

A short-term goal articulated in my draft proposal is to form an Environmental Humanities Faculty Cluster. Such a cluster would bring together faculty from all around campus who currently work in or have a desire to work in the Environmental Humanities. At this preliminary stage, I am writing to ask if you would be interested in joining this EH faculty cluster.
cluster. To be clear, indicating an interest does not entail any commitments on your part now.

If you have any interest in or, even, curiosity about establishing an Environmental Humanities Initiative here at UK, please contact me (bob.sandmeyer@uky.edu). FYI, I'd like to arrange a meeting of interested faculty by the end of October.

Thank you for hearing me out. I'm very excited about this idea. I hope you also find it an enthralling prospect.

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**Academic Services & Records Reminders**

**Master Students – Master Final Examination Committee Composition**

The examining committee should consist of **at least three** qualified faculty members recommended by the Director of Graduate Studies and appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School. At least two committee members (including the chair or co-chair) must be members of the Graduate Faculty, and at least one of the two must be a Full member of the Graduate Faculty. It is expected that at least two members of the committee will be from the student’s program/department.

**Doctoral Students – Advisory Committee Composition**

The advisory committee has **a core of four members**. This core must include a minimum of two faculty members from the graduate program (with one being the major professor as chair or co-chair), and one representative from outside the graduate program. All members of the core must be members of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Kentucky and three (including the major professor) must possess full Graduate Faculty status.

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**Graduate Student Success Pathways**
Graduate Student Success Pathways is a new initiative designed for students in all stages of graduate study to optimize their educational experience by taking full advantage of the spectrum of professional enhancement and wellness assistance available to them. To help you along your path, we have created an online portal with resources, initiatives, and actionable steps you can take in each of these four dimensions, at any stage of study, to optimize your graduate experience. Click here to get started!

**Key Dates for Fall 2021**

**October**

- **Monday, October 11 through Monday, October 25** – Midterm Grading window is open until midnight on October 25.
- **Monday, October 25** – Midterm of 2021 Fall Semester (end of ninth week of classes).
- **Monday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 26** – Fall Break (Academic Holiday)

**November**

- **Monday, November 1** – Last day for filing an application for a December 2021 undergraduate or graduate degree online in myUK.
- **Monday, November 1 through Tuesday, November 23** – Priority registration for the 2022 Spring Semester.
- **Wednesday, November 3** – Last day to withdraw from the University or reduce course load, except for “urgent non-academic reasons.”
• **Thursday, November 11** – Last day candidates for a December 2021 graduate degree can schedule a final examination in the Graduate School.
• **Wednesday, November 24** – Last day candidates for a December 2021 graduate degree can sit for a final examination.
• **Wednesday, November 24 through Sunday, November 27** – Thanksgiving (Academic Holidays)
• **Monday, November 29, 2021, through Sunday, January 9, 2022** – Registration for new program graduate students for Spring 2022.
• **Monday, November 29, 2021, through Sunday, January 9, 2022** – Add/Drop for registered students and for students who have not registered for Spring 2022.

*Find more key dates for the rest of the semester on the [Registrar's website](#).*

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**Thomas D. Clark Graduate Study Open**

The Thomas D. Clark Graduate Study is a dedicated study space exclusively for graduate students (master's and PhD/EdD) and postdoctoral fellows/scholars! The study includes six desktop computers, sixteen study bays, and twelve private study "pods" with outlets for your personal devices, along with eight lounge chairs for reading, a large table for group work, and a stunning view looking west over the campus. Visit the Clark Study on the fifth floor of William T. Young Library, in the west wing. The Clark Study is accessible via UK ID card tap. All graduate students’ and postdocs’ IDs should be programed to grant access. If your ID does not work or you have any trouble accessing the study, please contact [Melissa Barlow](mailto:Melissa.Barlow@uky.edu) with UK Libraries for assistance.
New Students Admitted with Conditions

Students who need to provide official transcripts to remove conditions on admission may choose one of the following methods:

1. Students may send transcripts through the National Student Clearinghouse, or electronically from the sending institution to gradtranscripts@uky.edu

2. Students may mail physical transcripts to:

   Graduate Admissions
   202 Gillis Building
   Lexington, KY 40506-0033

   *If you are mailing your transcripts please include a cover sheet with your name, mailing address, and Student ID and if you need your hard copy transcripts returned to you.

3. If you wish to drop off your transcripts, please set up an appointment with your assigned admission officer.

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Essential Campus Resources
Below are links to some essential campus resources for graduate and professional students and postdocs:

- Academic Ombud
- Admissions Officers
- Big Blue Pantry
- Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives (CGPDI)
- Center for Support and Intervention
- Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT)
- Counseling Center
- Disability Resource Center
- Graduate Student Congress
- International Student & Scholar Services
- Main UK COVID-19 Page
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Office of Graduate Student Professional Enhancement
- Office of Institutional Equity & Equal Opportunity
- Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
- Office of Student Conduct
- Stuckert Career Center
- Student Organizations & Activities
- UK Healthcare COVID-19
- UK Libraries Graduate Student Survival Kit
- University Health Services (UHS)
- Veterans Resource Center
- VIP Center
- Wildcat Wardrobe

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Seeking Mentors for Start-to-Finish Mentoring Program

The Start to Finish mentoring program is a joint effort between the Graduate Student Congress (GC), the Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives (CGPDI) and the Graduate School (GS) as a multi-tiered intervention and support strategy for the University of Kentucky’s historically underrepresented populations in undergraduate, graduate, and professional fields of study. The first tier of the mentoring program includes graduate and professional students paired in either a small group with a faculty fellow or partnered with a faculty member for a one-to-one experience. The second tier of the program affords graduate and professional students the opportunity to practice mentorship by mentoring undergraduate URM. If you are interested in being a faculty or graduate/professional student mentor, please email Edward Lo and David Robinson for more information.

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International Student Concerns Committee Scavenger Hunt

Friday, October 15, 2021, @ 4:30 p.m. EST
All graduate students are invited to join members of the International Student Concerns Committee of the Graduate Student Congress for a photo scavenger hunt on the UK campus. Participants should meet at 4:30pm on Friday, October 15 in front of Bradley Hall where they will then be divided into teams and sent on their way to engage in this fun competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

In case of inclement weather, the scavenger hunt will begin at C229 in the Gatton Student Center.

__Trauma Informed Yoga with the VIP Center__

*RSVP on BBNvolved*

*Wednesday, October 20, 2021, @ 12:00 p.m. EST*

Trauma Informed Yoga is based on a particular understanding of trauma, one that emphasizes its impact on the entire mind and body. The VIP Center along with the Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives and Graduate Student Congress will host Trauma Informed Yoga on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 12pm.