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The Graduate School Newsletter

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News from the Office of Research

Graduate students are vital partners in UM's quest for new knowledge, and the Office of Research at the University of Miami is here to help facilitate your scholarly activities and scientific discoveries. We provide an integrated network of administrative support and educational opportunities and are pleased to report that there's never been a more exciting time for graduate student research!

One of the most critical components of a graduate experience is understanding what it takes to be a successful professional in your area of study. Central to success in academic pursuits is obtaining funding for your research. There are many ways to search for funding for your studies. The system researchers at University of Miami use to find funding is called SPIN-Plus. Visit <http://velostest.med.miami.edu/ORIM/html/Training/index.html> for a tutorial about the three SPINPlus modules: SPIN, GENIUS, and SMARTS.

The new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) may also provide a source of support for your projects. Check out the University's new ARRA site, www.miami.edu/research/recovery for announcements, agency requests for applications (RFAs), and reporting requirements.



**Richard Bookman,
Vice Provost for
Research**

"Take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity—an unprecedented infusion of \$21.5 billion dollars into federal research and development," encourages Dr. Richard Bookman, Vice Provost for Research.

Graduation Ceremony Information



Spring 2009 Commencement for Graduate Degrees will be held May 14, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Bank United Center.

Regalia distribution for all graduates will be at the Toppel Career Center on the Coral Gables campus on Tuesday, May 12, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Thursday, May 14, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All graduating students are required to report to the Graduate Lineup Site at the Bank United Center one hour prior to the start of the ceremony. This is important because the academic procession actually begins fifteen minutes before the start of the ceremony. For more information, please visit <http://www.miami.edu/commencement>

There will be a Hooding Rehearsal and Reception for doctoral students participating in the spring ceremony. The rehearsal will be held May 13, 2009 at 4:30 pm at the Graduate School. We will be sending out invitations via email so be sure to RSVP!

Master of Fine Arts: Art Exhibition

The Graduate School has created an online art exhibition featuring students enrolled in the MFA program here at the University. The Graduate School currently displays art from students enrolled in the program and here is a look at the students in action. View the exhibition [here](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wC4uMI25ZiQ): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wC4uMI25ZiQ>

Master of Fine Art students at the University of Miami:

Tutua Boshell MFA: Painting, 2009
Courtney Johnson MFA: Photography, 2009
Sean Smith MFA: Painting, 2011
Runcie Tatnall MFA: Painting, 2009
Karla Turcios MFA: Electronic Media, 2009

Visit the Graduate School to see the ongoing exhibition of Master of Fine Art student work!



Student Discounts at the Actor's Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre



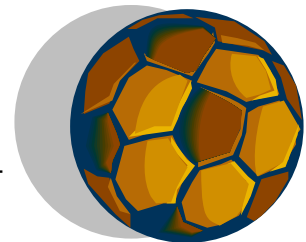
Graduate students, ages 25 and under, are being offered a special student discount at the Actor's Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre in Coral Gables.

Student rush tickets are available for \$15 at 15 minutes before curtain on Wed.-Fri. Nights, based on availability. The Actor's Playhouse also sells a 6-show season subscription package at \$101 for students. Subscriptions are being presold for next season now. All that you need to purchase tickets or a package is your Cane Card and drivers license.

For more information please visit <http://www.actorsplayhouse.org/>

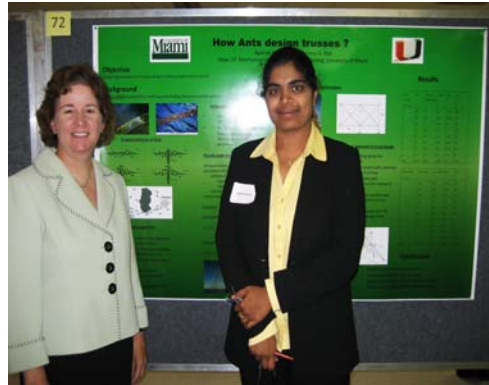
BUDGETBALL: A Brand New Fiscal Sport

The University of Miami will be host the first ever **Budgetball Tournament on Saturday, April 18th on the Intramural Fields**. This new sport is designed to let players learn about the fiscal crisis and encourage wise economic decisions by buying their strategy. Modeled after Ultimate Frisbee, the goal is to score touch-down points, but in Budgetball players spend money to buy advantages or earn money by taking disadvantages. Each player gets a custom t-shirt, sunglasses, a Zipcar membership, and free lunch and dinner and there will also be free giveaways and big prizes! The winners will receive a trip to Washington, DC! Teams should be between 6-10 players and must be coed. **Register today!** For more information, please visit the [Grad School blog](#)



Research And Creativity Forum

The Research and Creativity Forum took place April 7, 2009 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Flamingo Ballroom in the University Center. Students from all disciplines were encouraged to present their topics of interest and to share projects in an atmosphere of diversity. Congratulations to the students who received awards!



Biological Sciences

1st Place: Erin Kuprewicz
Lucero Sevillano
2nd Place: Ana Ibarra
3rd Place: Yousuf Ali
Adrienne DuBois

Physical Sciences

1st Place: Antonio De Luca
2nd Place: Dinah Baria
Abdel Fattah Hasan
3rd Place: William Komaromi

Arts & Humanities

1st Place: Sara Duncan

Social, Behavioral and Administrative Sciences

1st Place: Dongran Sun
2nd Place: Adrienne Milner
3rd Place: Coryell Virginia

Online Course Registration



Registration for Fall 2009 begins Monday, April 13, 2009. Most of you will be able to register for your courses online. The first step in this process is for you to meet with your advisor. Once you have agreed on your course selection, your academic advisor will provide you with an Advising PIN Code.

Once provided with your PIN, you will be able to use MyUM to register for the courses your advisor has approved. If you have any questions regarding online course registration, please contact your graduate program director.

PFF: Preparing Future Faculty

On Saturday March 28, 2009, the Graduate School hosted the second in a series of Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Workshops for doctoral students. Preparing Future Faculty is a developmental program designed to educate and prepare doctoral students for academic careers as faculty. The Spring workshop focused on Teaching and Pedagogy and included topics such as developing a teaching philosophy, syllabus development and course management, and teaching creativity in the classroom. Twenty-nine PFF participants and Teaching Assistants attended the three-hour workshop. The Graduate School will be soliciting applications for additional doctoral students to participate in PFF next August for the 2009-2010 academic year. For more information about PFF, please visit the Graduate School website.

Still looking for housing?

Graduate Housing Information

Looking for a roommate? [Try the Roommate Finder!](#)

Here is a listing of [off-campus apartments](#). This is updated monthly to reflect changes in rent or policy.

Please contact Nora Villegas, the Off-Campus Housing Coordinator, if you need assistance in finding a place to live.
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Earth Hour 2009

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University of Miami named as Flagship campus

to participate in Earth Hour 2009

UM to turn out lights for Earth Hour. At 8:30 p.m. on March 28, 2009, millions of people will demonstrate concern for the impact of climate change on our planet by turning out their lights for one hour. Earth Hour reminds us that we all have a role to play in fighting anthropogenic climate change.

More than 50 million people participated in 2008, as lights went dark at the Empire State Building, Golden Gate Bridge, and the Sydney Opera House. Even Google went dark. Earth Hour 2009 will be even bigger with more than 1,700 cities in 80 countries participating.

As a Flagship campus, the University of Miami will join the cities of Miami, Coral Gables, cities around the world, and hundreds of other college campuses by participating in Earth Hour, a worldwide effort to raise awareness of global warming. This voluntary initiative asks businesses, communities, and individuals to take simple steps to reduce energy consumption on an ongoing basis by shading off lights for one hour starting at 8:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 28, 1:00** in local time at the Physical Research

The Graduate School Blog!

Have you visited The Graduate School Blog? The blog features information about the Graduate School, events, and topics that we feel are important and relevant to the graduate community at UM. We encourage comments and questions! Please visit us at <http://miamigrad.wordpress.com>

Twitter

The Graduate School is on Twitter. Follow us at <http://twitter.com/UMGradSchool>

Grad School Website

We've made a few changes to our website by making it easier to put a face to a name. Check out our friendly staff [here](#).

Dates to Remember

- Registration for Summer and Fall 09:** April 13
- Last Day to Defend Thesis and Dissertations:** April 17
- Classes End:** May 1
- Final Exams:** May 6-13
- Theses and Dissertations due to the Graduate School:** May 13
- Hooding Rehearsal and Reception:** May 13
- Spring Commencement:** May 14



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