Hello,

My name is Yolanda Cooper, and I’m Deputy University Librarian at the University of Miami Libraries. Graduate students can discover the Libraries in person or through our virtual gateway at www.library.miami.edu. The library is an interdisciplinary neutral space for intellectual discovery and development containing high quality information, resources, and tools to assist you with your research, projects, and teaching.

Specialized research and resource assistance is available through Ask a Librarian services and individual contact with subject librarians. We can assist you with your specific areas of study and provide the tools and services you need for citation tracking, style guides, copyright, and to access materials. If you are a teaching assistant, our subject librarians can develop specialized instruction and library guides to assist your students in obtaining their learning objectives, and help you design effective library assignments. The Digital Media Lab, located on the first floor of Richter Library, can assist with the submission of your electronic thesis or dissertation. Specialists are also available for technology training to help you develop relevant new media for your research or teaching.

We know that finding quiet study space is especially difficult, so we have recently opened the faculty reading room in Richter Library to students writing doctoral dissertations. Students writing dissertations should request a letter or email from their advisor or department chair and submit it to the Access Services Manager at the Richter Library circulation desk to gain electronic access. I would also suggest that you and your students explore our Special Collections Department, University Archives, and the Cuban Heritage Collection, and utilize their primary source materials. The Libraries are currently developing graduate research fellowships with stipends for research associated with the Cuban Heritage Collection. This unique collection crosses disciplines and may be relevant to your research. For more information contact Maria Estorino at mestorino@miami.edu.

This is only a sample of what we have available to support your scholarly activities and development. We encourage you to contact us with your input and suggestions. Feel free to contact me personally at ycooper@miami.edu, or through the suggestion box.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Yolanda
Tackle Global Problems with Practical, Innovative Solutions

Each year the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) hosts a meeting for students, university officials, and national youth organizations to discuss solutions to pressing global issues. Last year more than 1,000 students representing 318 schools, 60 countries, and all 50 states attended the CGI U meeting, along with nearly 100 university administrators and almost 70 leaders of national youth organizations.

The third annual CGI U meeting, which is hosted by former President Bill Clinton, will be held at UM from April 16-18, 2010. At this meeting, nearly 1,500 attendees will come together to make a difference in CGI U’s five focus areas: Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health.

As the meeting host, we will play an important role, not only through UM students selected to be meeting representatives with proposed commitments to action but also through the participation of graduate students who will serve as table facilitators. CGI U is seeking graduate students with knowledge of one of the five global challenge areas to lead discussions.

For more information on how to apply to become a Table Facilitator, Click here

To learn more about the CGIU application process, visit www.miami.edu/cgiu

The final application deadline is February 1, 2010.

UM / FIU Agreement

The UM/FIU agreement is open to all Doctoral students as well as Master’s students in the Latin American Studies program. This agreement allows students to take up to 6 credits at the partner institution, while students pay tuition at their home institution. The courses do not count as transfer credits.

If you are interested in this program or have any questions, please contact Bryan Jones at bjones@miami.edu or (305) 284-4154

New Graduate Student Orientation
Spring 2010

The new Graduate Student Orientation for Spring 2010 will be held on Thursday, January 14th, from 2:00 to 5:30p.m. at the Whitten Learning Center, Room: LC 130.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

2:00 pm - Graduate School Introduction; Honor Code
2:30 pm - Brief Presentations on UM Resources
The Atlantic Coast (AC) Social, Behavioral and Economic (SBE) Sciences Alliance is comprised of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Howard University; the University of Florida; the University of Maryland, Chapel Hill; and the University of Miami. The goal of the AC SBE Alliance is to increase by 25% the number of underrepresented minority Ph.D. recipients in SBE fields who will enter the professoriate. The grant provides us with a number of ways to provide support to our underrepresented minority Ph.D. students in Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Economics, Sociology, and International Studies.

For more information please contact Isis Artze-Vega at i.artze@umiami.edu or (305) 284-4154

Have you started planning your academic job search? This webinar will discuss several aspects of the academic job search that are common across disciplines: the importance of planning out your search, the questions you should ask yourself, revising your CV, and the on-campus interview. Come join UM faculty, Graduate School Dean Terri A. Scandura, and an academic-job-seeking graduate student for a roundtable discussion on the various topics! The session will be facilitated by Isis Artze-Vega, The Graduate School and Edward Cruz, Toppel Career Center.

To RSVP for this event please email Edward Cruz at ecruz2@miami.edu
Congratulations New Members of Alpha Epsilon Lambda!

UM’s Beta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Lambda (AEL), an honor society for graduate and professional school students, would like to congratulate all their new members from the Spring and Fall 2009 semesters! AEL was founded in 1990 by former officers of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) specifically to honor academic excellence and leadership by graduate and professional school students. There are now thirty chapters across the United States. The mission of Alpha Epsilon Lambda is to:
- Confer distinction for high achievement
- Promote leadership development
- Promote scholarship and encourage intellectual development
- Enrich the intellectual environment of graduate educational institutions
- Encourage high standards of ethical behavior

For more information about AEL, please visit http://www6.miami.edu/ael/ or contact AEL ael@miami.edu

To see a list of the new AEL Tappees, please visit http://www6.miami.edu/ael/congratulationTappees.htm

Housing Available for Graduate Students For the 2009 - 2010 Academic Year

We are pleased to be in a position to now offer a limited number of housing spaces to full-time graduate students for the 2009-2010 academic year. We have set aside 20 spaces within five, 3-bedroom apts. in the Apartment Area. All of the units/buildings are adjacent to Walsh Avenue just down from the BankUnited Center. Each apartment is fully furnished with a kitchen and living/dining room area. The dates of availability run from August 19, 2009 through May 15, 2010.

For more information please visit our website at www.miami.edu/housing

Student Health and Counseling Centers Fee for Fall Semester 2010

Beginning in the Fall Semester 2010, all NEW students (undergraduate, graduate and law) will be required to pay the Student Health & Counseling Centers Fee (formerly called the University Fee), regardless of credit load. The Fee will cost $100 per semester and will cover the following services:

**Student Health Center**
- Primary Care Visits (open access/ online appointments, 24-hour on-call service, Sunday hours)
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!

Counseling Center

- Short Term Counseling
- Group Counseling/Therapy with themed focus and general process focus
- Substance Abuse and other Addiction Counseling
- Crisis Intervention (including Sexual Assault and 24-hour on call psychologist)
- Case Management via a Social Worker
- Mental Health Education via individual counseling and therapeutic outreach programming

For additional information about the services provided by the Student Health Center, please visit [www.miami.edu/student-health](http://www.miami.edu/student-health) or call (305) 284-9100. For the Counseling Center, please visit [www.miami.edu/counseling-center](http://www.miami.edu/counseling-center) or call (305) 284-5511.

Important Dates to Remember

- Last Day to Apply for Spring/Summer I and II Graduation: March 5
- Spring Break: March 13 - 21
- Last Day to Defend Dissertation/Thesis for Spring 2010 graduation: April 16
- Committee-approved dissertation/thesis draft must be submitted to the Dissertation Editor for formatting review by this date if graduation is expected in the Spring 2010 semester: May 3
- Deadline for Completion of Dissertation Thesis: May 12

The Graduate School Blog

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UM GradWire is a quarterly publication. Questions or comments? Email us at graduateschool@miami.edu or call 305.284.4154.