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A Newsletter for the University of Charleston, South Carolina at the College of Charleston

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Warm Welcome for Newest Graduate Students at Fall Orientation



Orientation for new graduate students takes place at the start of the Fall and Spring semesters every academic year to acquaint students with Graduate School personnel, services, policies and procedure. Our Fall Graduate Orientation was held on August 13, 2014 in the Stern Center Ballroom. New students had the opportunity to mix and mingle with program directors, graduate school staff, and experienced graduate students and to chat with them about a variety of topics, such as living in Charleston, being a non-traditional student and writing in Graduate School. Our goal was to share information and advice to ease the transition and enrich their experience at CofC. We believe that Orientation is the great way to begin University of Charleston, South Carolina at the College of Charleston. Best of luck this year!



Meet the Child Life Program Director, Dr. Susan Simonian

We caught up with Susan Simonian, the program director for the new MS Child Life program to talk with her about plans for the Child Life program this year. Dr. Simonian is a clinical psychologist by training and has worked as a professor of psychology at the College of Charleston for twenty years. Creating a Master of Child Life program has been a project ten years in the making, Simonian explained. The MS Child Life program is unique because of the academic and practical approaches the students are offered. In their second year, students will be required to complete a practicum to showcase their academic and hands-on knowledge. Dr. Simonian is urging her new students to begin thinking about internship opportunities early, since they must apply to at least five internships, with a minimum of two being out-of-state. Simonian wants to utilize her extensive network within the field of pediatric psychology and child life to secure internship opportunities for her students across the country. The field of child life has grown significantly in the past few years with a high percentage of job satisfaction among professionals. Once they graduate with their Master's, our graduates will be able to be work as child life specialists in pediatric units of hospitals, assist children in hospices, at funeral homes or in community health facilities. Dr. Simonian is extremely excited to see her years of work and collaboration come to fruition with such a bright class of incoming students. Thanks for chatting with the Grad School, Dr. Simonian!

Diversity Spotlight



Natalie Bao Tram Le is a first-year student in the Master of Public Administration program. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a Concentration in Politics, Philosophy, and Law from the College of Charleston, where she was the president of the Asian Students Association and the Objectivist Club. She works in development for the Independent Women's Voice - a nonprofit that is dedicated to promote limited government, free markets, and personal responsibility and to ensure women's voices are heard in the media. Her involvement in the pro-liberty movement inspires her to research policies that foster economic freedom and prosperity in the US. As a graduate student, she hopes to get involved in extra-curricular activities on campus and meet other students in the graduate program.



Upcoming Events

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Meeting
5:00 pm, Friday, September 5th
Stern Center, Room 409

Graduate School Information Session #1
3:00-4:00 pm, Tuesday, September 16th
Multicultural Center Conference Room
Multicultural Center (Next to Addlestone Library)

Graduate Student Professional Development Series:
Choosing a Ph.D. Program
3:00-4:00 pm, Tuesday, September 22nd
Tate Center, Room 202

Dinner with the Dean
5:30 - 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 23rd
Tate Building, Room 202

Graduation Application Deadline
Wednesday, October 1st

Graduate Student Professional Development Series:
Using Social Media for Professional Development
12:00-1:00 pm, Wednesday, October 1st
Avery Research Center



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