Welcome back to the New Year and a new semester. The Graduate College welcomes the new and returning students. We hope you all are refreshed and prepared for an engaging academic semester.

**Graduate Student Association (GSA)** – The Graduate College GSA will meet January 7th via Zoom. Students from all MS- and PhD-seeking programs are welcome and encouraged to join the monthly meetings! The GSA is planning on hosting a monthly virtual social event for the foreseeable future (until we can be in person again). Be on the look-out for the Zoom email invites. Visit our website [https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Graduate-Student-Association](https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Graduate-Student-Association) for more information!

**Postdoc Association (PDA)** – The OUHSC PDA will meet by Zoom in January for a Social Night and a Lunch Pickup at the Bird Library Patio January 22nd. Be on the look-out for the email with the Zoom link. All Postdocs are encouraged to join!

**Professional & Career Development Seminar** – January 22, 2021 at noon. Speaker Shaniqua Crawford, [Institutional Equity Officer](https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Graduate-Student-Association). Zoom link will be emailed.

**2021 MLK Jr. Celebration** – Wednesday, January 27, at 12:00PM via ZOOM. [RSVP Today](https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Graduate-Student-Association)!
Announcements Continued:

**Nature Masterclasses** – The Biomedical & Life Sciences Collection has four new open access interviews on the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit the Nature Masterclasses for more info. Nature Masterclasses has a new website and users need to register again on the new site, new users are welcome. Please visit [https://masterclasses.nature.com/register](https://masterclasses.nature.com/register) to register. Access to NMC is funded by the Bird Library and the Graduate College.

**L’Oréal USA for Women in Science Fellowship** - (Must be US citizen or permanent resident). Applications close January 29, 2021. Details at [https://lorealfwis.aaas.org/login/indexA.cfm](https://lorealfwis.aaas.org/login/indexA.cfm)

**MSKVIEW** - A Diversity recruitment event for the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) scientific laboratories February 4-5, 2021. This year we are accepting applications from:
- PhD and MD/PhD students who are within 2 years from defending their thesis
- PhD, MD, and MD/PhD researchers interested in a second postdoc position

The application deadline is January 20, 2021. More information about MSKVIEW [HERE](https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Forms-and-Guidelines)

**Biomedical & Life Sciences Lectures Collection** – New releases and lectures by leading world experts. Click here to access the collection, which is funded by the Bird Health Sciences Library.

**2021 Graduate College Awards!** Nominations are invited for:
- Graduate Student Paper of the Year (deadline February 5),
- Postdoctoral Fellow Paper of the Year (February 5),
- Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation (February 19),
- Outstanding Master’s Thesis (February 19),
- Robert M Bird Society Award (February 19),
- O Ray Kling Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership (February 19).

Instructions and forms will be posted by January 8 at [https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Forms-and-Guidelines](https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Forms-and-Guidelines)

The Graduate College announces the following Doctor of Philosophy Defenses:

**Bethany D. Williams**
Allied Health Sciences – Association between Health-Enhancing Community Environment and Early Childhood Education Classroom Health Practices
Committee in Charge: Susan B. Sisson, PhD; Dipti Dev, PhD; Janis Campbell, PhD; Denise Finneran, PhD; Jennifer Graef-Downard, PhD
Announcements Continued:

The Graduate College announces the following Master's Thesis and Defenses:

Nicole Bulman, Nutritional Sciences
Silas Day, Epidemiology
Erica Marxen, Neuroscience
Kellie O’Reilly, Nutritional Sciences
Emily Lynn Stinner, Nutritional Sciences

Upcoming Events

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