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Stephanie Ryan, graduate coordinator for the MA in Art at Fresno State, realized as an undergraduate at Washington University in St. Louis that pursuing a bachelor in fine arts wasn't just a silly dream. "It wasn't a crazy idea that I could become an artist and somehow make a living," she said. "I would never have gotten into art had it not been for that program and the people I worked with."

Ryan, after a break during which she apprenticed for a screen printer, earned a Master of Fine Arts at the University of Arizona in Tucson where she discovered a love for teaching. At the time, she said, teaching as a graduate student was a way to help pay the bills, but as she got into it, she came to understand it as much more. "I realized I absolutely love teaching," she said. "I felt like I got some excellent training in that MFA program."

Whereas many of Ryan's friends were moving to New York City and Los Angeles to pursue the "art path," Ryan herself took jobs teaching at community colleges all over Arizona, along with a sabbatical replacement position in northern Missouri. She also spent the better part of five years applying for faculty positions all over the country, scouring the listings and going to conferences until she came upon the opportunity at Fresno State.

"Fresno seemed really interesting," Ryan said. "The faculty were all engaged in creative production [and] I became intrigued by this university."

When given the opportunity to join the Art Department here, Ryan seized it. It was a chance to be a teacher and a professional contemporary studio artist, to do research and "participate in all aspects of the studio artist career path," she said.

"MA in Art grad students need to hear that it is possible to do both," she added.

Within her program, Ryan said there is a "balance of contemporary art theory and traditional and contemporary art instruction in studio production." Graduate students in the MA program get a healthy dose of theory and contemporary ideas. "We help students learn how to make work but there's also an emphasis on how contemporary artists think about work." With between 40 – 50 students in the graduate program, many from the local area, it's nimble enough to be individualized and provide a sense of community.

Faculty work with students really closely, Ryan said, and push them further than they may go on their own. "It's that personal element that makes it such an interesting and strong program," she said. Ryan added that during a recent program review, one of the reviewers wrote that the graduate program in Art was "one of the best kept secrets in the Central Valley." More and more people are finding out about the program, Ryan said, and the program keeps growing.

"I've had students tell me they've grown and they can't believe how much they've accomplished in the program," Ryan said. "It's very satisfying for me to be a part of it."

Take a look at Stephanie Ryan's website here: www.stephaniejryan.com

Important Dates, Spring 2012



Admission Period is OPEN - APPLY!

Fall 2012 admission applications are now being accepted. View our admission section for additional information. Apply online via www.csumentor.edu. Some programs have deadlines earlier than the university's. Check the individual program criteria sheet for deadline details www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies

February

2/1 – Graduate Coordinator Breakfast

2/3 - The Spring 2012 graduation application (Graduate Degree Application) is due in the Division of Graduate Studies office

2/10 - CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) application Deadline

2/27 - Deadline for the Petition of Advancement to Candidacy to be turned in to the Division of Graduate Studies office for graduate students intending to graduate in Summer 2012 or Fall 2012

April

4/1 - Fall 2012 Graduate program admission application deadline

4/19 – Graduate Coordinator Breakfast

4/30-5/4 Graduate Student Recognition Week



March

3/9 – California Pre-Doctoral Program application deadline

3/12 - Thesis final submission deadline

3/23 - Graduate Student Research & Creative Activities Support Award application due

3/29 - President's Graduate Scholars Fellowships nomination deadline

3/29 - University Graduate Medal nomination deadline

May

5/3 – Graduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium

5/17 – Graduate Equity Fellowship application deadline

5/18 – Graduate Degree Clearance form deadline for students graduating in Spring 2012

5/19 – 101st Commencement Ceremony



GRADUATE WRITING STUDIO-SPRING 2012

The Graduate Writing Studio's Spring 2012 hours of operation are M-Th, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and F, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 278-8304. Come see us in the Madden Library, room 1131.

Graduate Student Student Success Series - Spring 2012

***Registration is not required for these events.**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Thesis Workshop (Chuck Radke)	Semester	24hrs.	<u>Online</u>
If you are a graduate student and you are writing a thesis, this online tutorial will help you learn all about the thesis process, policies, and procedures for submission. http://www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies/thesis/index.shtml			
EndNote (Ross LaBaugh)	Feb. 10 Friday	3:00 p.m.	HML 2127
EndNote (Ross LaBaugh)	Feb. 21 Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	HML 2127
EndNote (Ross LaBaugh)	Mar. 7 Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	HML 2127
EndNote (Ross LaBaugh)	Mar. 22 Thursday	12:00 p.m.	HML 2127
EndNote (Ross LaBaugh)	Mar. 24 Saturday	11:00 a.m.	HML 2127
Keeping track of all those articles, papers and books for your thesis or project can be a challenge. This workshop will show you how Endnote (bibliographic software) can help you organize all those citations, manage documents, and even create bibliographies, footnotes, and works cited lists. Bring your laptop if you've got one.			
Communicating Research (Oral & Poster Presentations) (Saeed Attar)	April 19 Thursday	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	HML 2134
Dr. Saeed Attar from the Department of Chemistry will conduct a workshop on presenting your research findings clearly and professionally. All graduate students are invited to attend. THIS WORKSHOP IS EXCELLENT PREPARATION FOR THE GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM ON MAY 3, 2012! (Note: A major portion of the presentation is "hands on", so it would help if attendants bring their laptop equipped with PowerPoint software.)			
Graduate Student Recognition Week	April 30- May 4 Mon.-Fri.	All Day	University
The week of April 30-May 4, 2012 has been set aside by the Division of Graduate Studies for special recognition of our over 2,000 master's and doctoral degree-seeking graduate students.			
Graduate Research Symposium	May 3 Thursday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Henry Madden Library
This great event will showcase oral/poster presentations and creative works, including art, music, recitation, and more.			

Watch the website for updates: www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies

Do you have suggestions for additional topics?

Contact Dr. Sharon Brown-Welty at 278.2448 or sharonb@csufresno.edu

GRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNITION WEEK

APRIL 30-MAY 4, 2012

If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?

Albert Einstein

Research is creating new knowledge.
Neil Armstrong

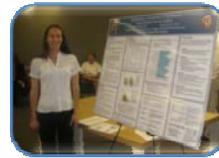
I never see what has been done; I only see what remains to be done.
Marie Curie

April 30 – May 4, 2012 marks **Graduate Student Recognition Week**, a time when the campus community is encouraged to acknowledge the many contributions of the university's graduate students.

"The Division of Graduate Studies is putting out a call to all departments with graduate programs to recognize their graduate students during this special week," said Dean Sharon Brown-Welty, Division of Graduate Studies. "These students are actively involved in creating knowledge and contributing to the university's mission, and for that, they should be recognized." Dean Brown-Welty also encourages departments to host receptions or colloquia for students to present their research or read their creative works.



The highlight of the week comes on Thursday, May 3, with the **Graduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium**, to be held from 1-8 p.m. in the Henry Madden Library. The symposium will feature poster and paper presentations of student research in addition to examples of student creative work, leadership, and community service. The call for nominations has already gone out.



"This is an excellent opportunity and an honor for students to showcase their work," Dr. Brown-Welty said. "It's also a chance for the university community to see what innovative and exciting research our graduate students are doing." Events like the **Graduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium** also encourage students to participate in regional and national meetings of professionals in their respective fields, she added.

The **Graduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium** is free and open to the public. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for your attention and support in the success of this important graduate student event! More information about Graduate Student Recognition Week can be obtained from Tony Diaz in the Graduate Office, 559.278.2448. This year encourage undergraduate to attend to a get a glimpse of what could be there future.

Related link:

www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies/symposium

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