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Dear Graduate Teaching Assistants:

The Center for Teaching and Learning is sponsoring an interdisciplinary GTA conference focusing on both pedagogical and professional development topics. All GTAs across the University are encouraged to attend and/or to present a paper, poster, symposium, or panel discussion.

The conference provides an opportunity not only to share pedagogical ideas, but also to gain conference experience while enhancing your vita. In years past, GTAs have shared best teaching practices and attended sessions on topics ranging from syllabus development, to best practices in the college classroom, to assessment. We anticipate having presentations from GTAs, Fellows of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, and other faculty.

The conference will be held Friday, April 2 from 9:30 to 4:00 in the Student Center with a catered lunch and guest speaker. We will be running concurrent sessions throughout the day with a break for a lunch. If you are interested in attending and/or presenting, please RSVP on the CTL website at www.gsu.edu/CTL.

Proposals should be submitted in MS Word format via email to CTL@langate.gsu.edu. We especially encourage sessions pertaining to professional development, lower-division teaching, and graduate pedagogical development. Presentations can be either discipline specific or interdisciplinary. The deadline for submitting a proposal is January 25, 2010. Please see the call for proposals for information to be included in your proposal. All proposals will be reviewed and presenters will be notified by February 26, 2010.

The deadline to RSVP as an attendee only is March 2.

This conference is open to past, current, and future GTAs. If you know of a GTA who did not receive this message, please share the message with the GTA and encourage him/her to contact the CTL to be included in all conference announcements.

We look forward to seeing you in April!

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Call for Proposals for the 2010 GTA Conference

Types of submissions:

Papers. Papers are 20-minute individual oral presentations. Individual papers will be combined into paper sessions of 2 or 3 papers. Papers can present empirical research if the research is too complicated to present in a poster. In addition, papers can present conceptual, theoretical, historical, philosophical, or methodological issues. The presenting author of one of the papers in the session will serve as chair of the session by introducing all the papers in that session.

Posters. Posters are visual displays of empirical research. Poster presentations will be grouped and presented during one of four, one-hour sessions. The presenters will stay with their posters during the session while attendees view posters and ask questions of the presenters. The poster should include title and author(s), an introduction or background information, a brief method section, results, and discussion. You will need to bring your poster mounted on a tri-fold display board that will stand on a table.

Symposia. A symposium is a series of 20-minute addresses organized around an empirical, conceptual, historical, philosophical, or methodological theme. A discussant offers comments intended to highlight and integrate the contributions of the different speakers. A symposium is 80 minutes with three, 20-minute addresses and a discussant. It is organized by a chairperson who moderates the session.

Panels. Panel discussions include 3 or 4 speakers responding to a question or issue with time included for interaction among the speakers and the audience. A panel discussion is organized by a chairperson who is the session's moderator and is scheduled for 50 minutes with 3 panelists or 80 minutes with 4 panelists.

Preparing the Proposals

Please prepare your proposal in MS Word and submit it electronically to the Center for Teaching and Learning at CTL@langate.gsu.edu. Begin each proposal by indicating the type of presentation you are proposing—paper, poster, symposium, or panel—then provide the information requested below based on the type of presentation you are proposing. Proposals must be received by the CTL by January 25, 2010. Letters indicating acceptance or rejection of proposals will be e-mailed by February 26, 2010.

Proposals to present papers must include:

1. Title
2. Author(s), their departments, and their email addresses
3. Name of the presenting author—if no presenter is listed, it will be assumed that the first author is the presenter
4. A statement of whether or not your paper presents empirical research
5. A 150 to 200 word abstract
6. A statement that you will be present to deliver your paper if it is accepted.

Proposals to present posters must include:

1. Title
2. Author(s), their departments, and their email addresses
3. A 150 to 200 word abstract
4. A statement that you will be present to share your poster if it is accepted.

Proposals to present symposia must include:

1. Title of the symposium
2. Chair of the symposium, the chair's department and email address
3. A 150 to 200 word abstract of the overall symposium
4. The discussant, the discussant's department and email address
5. For *each* address to be presented during the symposium
 - a. The authors (their departments & email addresses) of the individual address with the presenting author's name in capital letters
 - b. A 150 to 200 word abstract of the individual address
6. A statement that you will be present to deliver your symposium if it is accepted.

Proposals to present a panel discussion must include:

1. Title of the panel
2. Chair of the panel, the chair's department and email address
3. A 150-200 word abstract of the question, issue, or topic of the panel
4. Speakers, their departments and email addresses
5. A statement that you will be present to participate in the panel discussion if it is accepted.