



**The GAP  
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**GRA New Associate Dean**

We are pleased to announce that Radmila Prisljin, professor of psychology, will become Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs beginning July 1. Radmila will replace Chris Glembotski, who has held the title for nearly three years.

During that time, Chris has overseen academic reviews, brought to fruition two joint Ph.D. programs with three others close behind, improved the method through which non-resident tuition waivers are granted, created efficiencies in the Graduate and Research Affairs (GRA) budget processes, helped manage Graduate Council activities and represented SDSU effectively with our institutional partners and in the CSU. GRA is able to serve SDSU's needs more efficiently and at lower cost because of Chris's skilled leadership.

Radmila was trained at Zagreb University in her native Croatia. She served on the faculty at Texas A&M University from 1991-96, after which she joined SDSU as a social psychologist, and now graduate advisor for the Master's Program. Her vitae lists three co-authored or edited books and 72 refereed journal articles and chapters investigating social influence, attitudes and decision-making. Radmila brings a strong international presence to our office. In addition to her own European background, Radmila has former students on every inhabited continent. She has been named variously as outstanding professor (1998) and most influential professor (2002) in SDSU's Psychology Department.

We look forward to Radmila's contributions as GRA continues to serve SDSU's mission of training students at the post-baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels.

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Albert W. Johnson University Research Lecture**

Save the Date

James F. Sallis, distinguished professor of psychology, is the 2010 Albert W. Johnson University Research Lecturer. Dr. Sallis will present a lecture entitled, *Research that Drives Change: The Case of Physical Activity* on **March 12, 2010 at 3:00 in CAL-201**. The lecture will focus on three approaches used to improve the level of physical activity and associate health benefits. This lecture is open to the university and public.

## **Student Research Symposium (SRS) 2010**

The 2010 Student Research Symposium was a great success. We had 419 oral and poster presentations - a 42% increase since our first SRS in 2008. Students who receive the President's Award will represent SDSU at the CSU Student Research Competition on April 30-May 1 at San Jose State University. Please visit the DRA website for access to the SRS program and award winners <http://gra.sdsu.edu/grad/research/researchopps.html>

## **Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education**

<http://www.calstate.edu/PreDoc/forum.shtml>

**The 2010 Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education will be held at CSU Channel Island Saturday, April 17.** The Forum is the largest minority-oriented graduate forum and professional school fair held in the United States. There will be approximately 1200-1400 students in attendance. Invitations to qualified SDSU students went out in February, currently there are 154 SDSU students registered to attend. If you have students who might be interested in attending, please have them contact **Janet Rodgers** [jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:jrogers@mail.sdsu.edu)

## **Graduate Admissions Update**

File Completion Deadline Information – March 1

The file completion deadline was March 1 for fall 2010. All documents postmarked by the deadline will be accepted by Graduate Admissions. Applicants should be encouraged to continue to check their portal for updated information about their admission status.

Intent to Enroll Requirement

Graduate Admissions is now admitting students for fall 2010. Admission notifications will be emailed to students with information about the new intent to enroll requirement. To accept the offer of admission, applicants must complete the intent to enroll process on their portal by May 15, 2010. If they do not complete this step, it will be assumed that they do not plan to attend SDSU.

Students will be required to submit a \$400 deposit. The deposit will be applied towards their fall registration fees. The deposit is non-refundable. Please note that the intent to enroll process is required for main campus graduate programs only. Departments can view their intents by using the Graduate Apps Report on the portal.

Applicants who are receiving financial aid may qualify to defer their deposit. Eligibility will be based on financial need and estimated family contribution. If they do qualify, the portal will allow them to submit the intent without the deposit.

## **Thesis**

Beginning June 2010 thesis review will no longer be in the Graduate and Research Affairs office. The process will now be done through Montezuma Publishing for a fee of \$20. Students currently enrolled in thesis 799A/B will be notified of this change via email.

## **GRA Deadlines**

### **April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Final day for submission of thesis **without risk**: Your thesis will be reviewed in time for you to make any corrections and obtain final clearance to submit your thesis to Montezuma Publishing by the May 20<sup>th</sup> noon deadline. Submit thesis to the Graduate Division (SSE 1410). Thesis must be formatted and the signature page completed prior to submission.

### **April 6<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Thesis will be accepted on an **at-risk** basis. By submitting your completed thesis for review to GRA at-risk you are not guaranteed that your thesis will be reviewed in time to be submitted to Montezuma Publishing by the noon deadline of May 25, 2009.

### **May 20<sup>th</sup> - Noon Deadline**

For depositing thesis cleared by the Thesis Reviewer to Montezuma Publishing assuring Spring 2010 graduation. NOTE: If you do not meet this deadline, you will need to reapply for Summer 2010 graduation.

When submitting approved Doctoral Dissertations to the Graduate Division for Spring 2010 graduation, the Joint University's deadlines apply.

### **May 25<sup>th</sup> – Noon Deadline**

Final day to submit thesis to the Graduate Division without having to enroll in thesis 799B the following semester. You will still need to apply for Summer 2010 graduation if you do not meet the May 20<sup>th</sup> deadline listed above.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** Final day for submission of Incomplete and Report in Progress grade removals for graduation with an advanced degree. Grade changes can be confirmed via Web Portal.

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** Final day for departments to report successful completion of comprehensive examination to the Graduate Division.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** Final day to apply for Summer Graduation

Applications are available on-line and in the GRA office.

<http://gra.sdsu.edu/grad/appgradadvdgr.html>

## **Human Research Protection Program**

Effective March 2, 2010, the IRB standard operating procedure (SOP) specific to exempt research was revised to allow prospective data collection that employs focus groups and/or the collection of data from voice, video, digital, or image recordings to qualify for exempt review status when other requirements of 45 CFR 46.101 are met. This revised SOP pertains to all SDSU faculty, staff and students conducting human subject's research that meets criteria for exempt review.

## **Fall 2010 New Student On-Line Orientation**

As you know last year the Graduate and Research Affairs office created a new On-line Orientation website for the convenience of our new graduate students. To date the site has been

visited by 3,789 students. This site was not only created for new student orientation, but to help students throughout their academic career.

Please be sure and have your new students visit Graduate and Research On-line Orientation:

<http://gra.sdsu.edu/grad/orientation/>

Please be sure and have your new GA/TA students visit the GA/TA on-line orientation:

<http://gra.sdsu.edu/grad/orientation/gata.html>

### **Grad Fest information**

Grad Fest will be held on the Southside of the SDSU Bookstore April 13-15.

<http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/commencement/caps.html>