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The University of Maine Graduate School

Faculty Senate

12-12-12

Dan Sandweiss

Dean and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies
• The Graduate School articulates a vision of excellence for The University of Maine graduate community. The School is charged with serving as an advocate for graduate education within and outside the campus community, ensuring quality and equity across all graduate disciplines, supporting the academic and non-academic interests of graduate students, promoting the synergy between graduate education and research, teaching and outreach, and ensuring that all graduate students are prepared for future professional pursuits.
Graduate School Mission

• Promote and facilitate interdisciplinary graduate programs and research

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)

Interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy (IPh.D.)
Graduate School History

- First Masters Degree: 1881
- Graduate School Founded: 1923
- First Ph.D.: 1960
- 10 Deans and Directors
Graduate School Numbers

- AY 12: 64 doctorates granted (UMaine record)
- AY 13: 463 doctoral students enrolled (UMaine Record)
- AY 13: 384 new masters students (10+ year record)
- AY 13: 41 new doctoral students (10+ year record)
- AY 13: 655 graduate students supported on assistantships and fellowships
- AY 13: 2123 graduate student headcount
Graduate School Units

- The Graduate School
Graduate School Units

• The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Engineering
Graduate School Units

• The School of Policy and International Affairs
Graduate School Units

• The Hudson Museum in Collins Center for the Arts

INCIDENTS OF TRAVEL IN LATIN AMERICA
AN ARCHAEOLOGIST’S IMAGES

Dan Sandweiss has traveled annually in Latin America since 1977 to carry out archaeological projects. This exhibit offers images from his collection of life along those roads, in Honduras, Guatemala, and Peru. Sandweiss has been a member of the UMaine faculty since 1993 and is currently serving as Dean and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies.
Graduate Faculty

- 6 Graduate Faculty Statuses:
  - Full: 588
  - Associate: 160
  - External: 418
  - Emeritus/a: 12
  - Instructor: 261
  - Ex Officio: 3
Graduate Board

• Oversight of grad policy and programs
• Representative faculty body
• Executive Committee

Graduate Board-Senate Relations

- Since AY 10, Faculty Senate President invited as ex officio member of Grad Board
- PCRRC also reviews new grad programs
- Grad Dean’s Recognition Award
Graduate Board

- Non-graduate units invited to participate in graduate studies

Political Science

Photos from www.umaine.edu
Graduate Student Govt

- Independently chartered; close partner with Graduate School
New Graduate Degree Programs

- PSM (Engineering and Business, Bioinformatics)
- PhD in Communication (in process)
- MS in Spatial Informatics (in process)
- MS in Bioinformatics (in process)
New Graduate Certificate Programs

Graduate Certificate in Classroom Technology Integrationist*
Graduate Certificate in Education Technology Coordinator*
Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Teacher*
Graduate Certificate in Response to Intervention for Behavior*
Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education*
Graduate Certificate in Digital Curation*
Graduate Certificate in Innovation Engineering
Graduate Certificate in Innovative Communication Design*
Graduate Certificate in Environmental Economics, Law, and Regulation
Graduate Certificate in Gerontology* (in process)

* = online
Recruiting

• Second Annual Open House (October 17)

• Virtual Open Houses

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Recruiting

- Communications Template
- Fact Sheets
- Standardized response to inquiries
- Paperless processes
- Recruiting plan (Blue Sky)
Students in the Spotlight

Bess Koffman, Doctoral Student in Earth Sciences, Receives National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Award

Posted December 3, 2012

Doctor of Philosophy in Earth Sciences Student Bess Koffman recently received a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship award. Her research will "test the hypothesis that young soils from New Zealand were a significant source of dust to the Southern Ocean and hence West Antarctica during the Last Glacial Maximum." Next June, she will begin work at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University and at Cornell University, investigating the role of New Zealand dust in global climate during the Last Glacial Maximum. The project will take place over the course of two years, and will include field work in New Zealand, geochemical analysis of samples from New Zealand and Antarctica, and a global climate modeling component. In 2012 Koffman also received: first place in the Oral Presentation division of the Grad Expo, under the Physical Sciences and Technology category, for her presentation Winds of Change: Ice Core Evidence for the Role of the Southern Hemisphere Westerly Winds in Regulating Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide; the Teaching Assistant Award from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Assessment; and the University of Maine Dissertation Research Fellowship. For more information on Koffman's NSF award and research, please go here.
SPIA STUDENTS HAVE A LIVELY DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY COHEN & GENERAL JONES

Maine’s Cohen Center for International Policy and Commerce hosted General James Jones for the bi-annual William S. Cohen Lecture series this past November. General Jones is the former National Security Advisor to President Obama, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Commander of NATO and American Forces in Europe and Africa.

His visit to UMaine started with a breakfast with Secretary William Cohen, hosted by the graduate students studying Global Policy in the School of Policy and International Affairs (SPIA). The students had a lively - not attributable - discussion that covered the gamut of US Foreign Policy.

According to General Jones, speaking with SPIA students was a highlight of his visit. The students also appreciated the frankness of the discussion. One Master of Arts in Global Policy student, Sara Randall, even had a photo of herself with a much younger Secretary Cohen after she had won a poetry contest in third grade. Secretary Cohen signed the photo, read her third grade poem and then recited one of his own favorites. General Jones opted to pass rather than follow his former boss with a sample of his own poetry.
Challenges

Great Faculty, Great Grad Students, Innovative Programs, but... $$$
Skeletal Remains of Early Politician

http://bestdemotivationalposters.com/tag/skeleton/