

# A MESSAGE FROM Division of Graduate Studies

Graduate Student Newsletter - November 8, 2024



Sanjula Rajat with three other Oregon graduate students at the 2nd International Trans Studies Conference at Northwestern University.

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## Event Recap: 2024 Oregon Postdoc Symposium



The UO Postdoc Association (UOPA) hosted postdoctoral scholars from the Oregon Health & Science University and Oregon State University for the 3rd Oregon Postdoctoral Research Symposium, a full day of research presentations, networking, and community.

"The opportunity to network and socialize with like-minded researchers was invaluable to our growing postdoctoral community," said Rolf Skyberg, UOPA co-chair and treasurer. "It was

particularly nice to see the diversity of research topics and interests within our community across the state of Oregon. We hope to continue growing and have an even more successful symposium next year!"

## Funding, Opportunities, and Support

### Opportunity: Graduate Writing Program

Receive small-group instruction on scholarly thinking and writing techniques that will accelerate your productivity through the Graduate Writing Program. In this workshop series, designed to improve the effectiveness of graduate student writers, graduate students will learn tools and techniques for writers, most of which you will not find in "how to" books on academic writing.

For more information, email [Mike Murashige](#), writing consultant for the Center on Diversity & Community (CoDAC).

Use the [online application](#) to indicate interest.

### Support: Mandatory GE Training

The [Collective Bargaining Agreement](#) (CBA) between the UO and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation (GTFF) requires that all GEs complete the required employment training via MyTrack: [Graduate Employment at the UO: An Overview of Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines for GEs](#). A parallel training is available to all GE supervisors. These trainings were a collaborative effort by DEI, the division, and human resources.

If you are currently in your first GE position, please do not forget to complete this training before the end of fall term.

### Funding: College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Diversity and Inclusion Grants

CAS is accepting proposals from CAS faculty, staff, and students for their [Diversity and Inclusion Grants](#). Cross-unit and interdisciplinary

## Events

November 9

[Diwali](#)

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November 12

[Disabled and Neurodivergent Graduate Students Time Together](#)

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November 14

[Revising the Dissertation and Other First Book Problems](#)

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November 14

[How to Manage Stress, Rejection, and the Haters in Your Midst](#)

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November 15

[International GE Time Together](#)

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November 15

[The Academic-Adjacent Job Search](#)

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November 21

[Three Minute Thesis](#)

collaborations in CAS are welcome. Priority review begins November 11, 2024.

## Funding: Open GE Positions

### #gradflock Kudos



Sanjula Rajat at the 2nd International Trans Studies Conference, pictured with UO graduate students Alex Colombo, Gonzalo Bustamante Moya, and Emily Beatty. Emily also won a Professional Development Award to attend and present their research at this conference.

Sanjula Rajat, a doctoral student in philosophy, was awarded a Professional Development Award to attend the 2nd International Trans Studies Conference at Northwestern University, where they presented their original research, attended presentations, and networked with like-minded scholars, including three other Oregon graduate students and an author they cite in their research!

## Division Professional Development Award

The division's Professional Development Award is aimed at empowering students to become well-rounded professionals, capable of thriving in relevant fields within industry, government, non-profit, and academia.

Funding of up to \$2,000 can be applied to professional development opportunities during winter term and spring term 2025. Deadline to apply is December 1, and the application requires two recommendation letters.

## Policy Highlight

### GE Absences and Leave Policies

Paid Sick Days: GEs accrue three work days of paid sick leave for every term of paid GE work.

Learn more about [paid sick days](#), [short- and long-term absences](#), and [GE family and medical leave](#) to stay informed.

## 2024-2025 Future Stewards Spotlight

### Kiyava Deville

Kiyava is a law student studying environmental, Tribal, and Indian law. After graduation, she seeks to use her law degree to help those in need, especially those from marginalized tribal communities.



### Kes-e-loh McQuillen

Kes-e-loh is pursuing a master of arts in language teaching studies. She aims to return to her community and continue her work with the Yurok Language Department to develop curricula, nourish language development, and teach various levels of Yurok in high school and community classes.

The [Future Stewards Award](#) was created by the UO in cooperation with the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon and Native American tribes that had traditional and customary tribal boundaries in parts of the state of Oregon or that ceded or reserved lands within the state of Oregon to make graduate education more accessible for their members.

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