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Please send your announcements and updates for the weekly newsletter to Nancy (npetitto2@unl.edu) by 5 pm on Thursdays

NEH has issued an RFP to host summer seminars. Proposals are due March 1. See guidelines at www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/seminars.html

Post your events to the online Arts & Sciences Events *Calendar*. For assistance, contact the office staff.

A&S Interdisciplinary Seed Grant proposals and the Enhancing Research Excellence program proposals are due to the Chair by January 15 for signature.

2012 NSF IGERT Competition

In preparation for the release of the NSF 2012 IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship) program solicitation, the Office of Research announces an internal competition to select one project team to develop an IGERT application. According to IGERT guidelines, UNL is limited to only one proposal to the NSF as either the primary or sub-award recipient.

The NSF IGERT program has been developed to meet the challenges of educating doctoral-level scientists and engineers who will pursue careers in research and education with interdisciplinary backgrounds, deep knowledge in chosen disciplines, and technical, professional, and personal skills to become future leaders and creative agents for change.

There is a two-step process to be considered for selection for the one UNL slot.

1.) Interested faculty must submit an online Notification of Intent to Submit form, which can be found at: http://research.unl.edu/facultyresources/limited_intent.php. The UNL deadline for submitting the Notification of Intent to Submit form is January 9, 2012.

2.) Interested faculty will need to submit a UNL pre-proposal. The template for this pre-proposal can be found at http://research.unl.edu/facultyresources/limited_sub.shtml. The instructions for completion are contained within the template. The completed UNL pre-proposal must contain an overview of the graduate training that will be provided through the IGERT program. UNL pre-proposals for internal competition are to be submitted electronically (in a single PDF file) to: unlresearch@unl.edu by 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2012. Pre-proposals must include the signatures of all investigators, their respective dean, and their respective chairperson.

For more information about the limited submission selection process, please visit the Office of Research website: http://research.unl.edu/facultyresources/limited_sub.shtml.

For questions, please contact Noah Clayton (402) 472-8031.

Deadline Reminders

Final Grades need to be completed in MyRed no later than Thursday, December 22. Detailed Final Grade Roster instructions can be found at <http://www.unl.edu/regrec/resources/forms/myred-facultyfinalgrades.pdf>.

Graduate Studies is now accepting Fellowship Applications for the 2012-13 academic year. If you are a current graduate student, please visit the *Graduate Studies website* for more information. Application materials must be submitted online by 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

NEED TO KNOW:

Faculty Updates

Faculty awards recognize excellence and promise. A limited number of awards are offered each year. Applications are due from the College Dean's offices on Monday, January 23, 2012. Recipients will be recognized at the annual All-University Honors Convocation in April.

Visit *Academic Affairs* to view more information regarding the Edgerton, Sorensen and College Distinguished Teaching awards.

YOUR BUSINESS:

Business Cooperative Announcements

For University Staff:
UNL will be closed Monday, December 26, through Monday, January 2, 2012, except for essential designated operations. The scheduled holiday closing dates and posting determinations are as follows:

December 26: Holiday
December 27, 28, 29, 30: Floating Holiday, Vacation or Leave w/o Pay
January 2: Holiday (January 1, New Year's Day)
January 3: Return to work

Please be sure these dates are reflected correctly in your time sheets.

WATER COOLER:

Office & Lab Notes



Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

From the DMLL Office Staff



DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR

12/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for proposals for the next College Curriculum Committee Agenda due Dean's Office
12/26-01/02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday Closedown (UNL Offices Closed)
01/06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for Harold & Esther Edgerton Junior Faculty Award due Dean's Office Nominations for Hazel R. McClymont Distinguished Teaching Fellow Award due Dean's Office Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award in the Humanities: The Annis Chaikin Sorensen Award due Dean's Office Nominations for College Distinguished Teachers Awards due Dean's Office

TROPOS 12th Annual Graduate Student Symposium

March 31, 2012

Borders & Intersections
Strategies and Tensions of Liminal States in Interstitial Spaces

The concept of 'borders' has been postulated beyond geographical discourse, going beyond tangible locations to encompass concrete and imaginary boundaries such as social margins, racial and ethnic delimitations, gender confluences, linguistics limits, transnational convergences, among others. Exclusionary by nature, borders have become central in thinking regions of segmentation where shifting identities are formed and ignite different strategies for engagement, contestation or appropriation that may result in cultural change.

The collisions and fusions of borders create spaces of contention in which the frictions result in new encounters, displacements and/or new forms of identity that may be inscribed in new cultural, social, political, sexual or racial frames. This symposium aims to discuss the results of encounters in concrete or imaginary borders and the effects of these contacts. Possible questions to consider include: What does it mean to live on borders in a globalized world? What are the characteristics of an intersectional space if seen as a systemic space? What are the conditions of/for a crossing?



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Professor Turner specializes in 19th century peninsular literature and is the author of *Fortunata y Jacinta*, *Textos y contextos*, *Toward a poetics of Realism*.

The TROPOS Symposium welcomes interdisciplinary and discipline-specific works in the fields of French and Francophone, Portuguese, and Spanish Linguistics and Literature, Cultural Studies, and Comparative Literature. Additionally, we accept proposals for papers on cinema, politics, visual arts, gender and sexuality studies, history, and new visual cultures.

Presentations in Spanish, French, or English should not exceed twenty minutes. Selected papers may be considered for publication in the forthcoming issue of the Tropos Journal. **Abstract Information:** Submit a 200-word abstract by **January 10, 2012**. Proposals for individual papers and complete panels should be submitted in English to tropos@msu.edu. Please include the following information on a separate page: title, name, e-mail, and institution.

Email notification will be sent within two weeks from the deadline. **Conference fee is \$20.00.**