

Important Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

Please check English Department Calendar for up-to-date information:

http://english.rutgers.edu/news_events/calendar/index.html

ORALS EXAMS are taken within the first seven weeks of each semester.

DISSERTATION PROPOSALS are due during the first three weeks of the semester following the orals exam.

PRE-ORALS STATEMENT AND CONFERENCE for students in the penultimate semester must be completed before the end of the penultimate semester. Conferences must be held within the first 10 weeks of the semester; pre-orals statements and pre-qualifying examination forms must be submitted to the Graduate Office within four weeks thereafter.

MAY GRADUATION INFORMATION – Diploma Application must be submitted online at: <http://gsnb.rutgers.edu/diss.php3> by March 15, 2008. Defenses and paperwork must be completed by April 15, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Sirman by phone 732.932.8122 or via email sirman@rci.rutgers.edu.

January 25, 2008 **Foreign Language Exam – Registration Deadline for February 16, 2008 Test Date**

For more information visit:

<http://languageinstitute.rutgers.edu/proficiency.htm>.

January 28, 2008 **The Transliterations Project** will offer courses in reading knowledge for the following languages: French, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish. The courses are open to Rutgers-registered graduate students in the Humanities and Social Sciences, with first priority going to students in literature. Receiving an “A” in a Transliterations summer course will fulfill your foreign language requirement.

Registration will begin January 28, 2008 on a first-come-first served basis. In-person registration in the office of Alex Bachmann, Graduate School, 25 Bishop Place, College Avenue.

February 8, 2008 **School of Criticism and Theory** – Application deadline
For more information regarding the application process, please contact Cheryl Robinson at carobin@rci.rutgers.edu
SCT web site: <http://www.arts.cornell.edu/sochum/sct/>

February 8, 2008 **Graduate School-New Brunswick Dissertation Teaching Award**
Students completing their doctoral work are in an excellent position to provide superb undergraduate courses in the general area of their dissertation research. The Graduate School’s Dissertation Teaching Awards provide a summer stipend for graduate students interested in developing an advanced undergraduate course in the general area of their dissertation research. For more information visit:
<http://gsnb.rutgers.edu/opportunities.php3>

February 8, 2008 **Annual Report for Dissertation Writers**

Please note that this is now a requirement for all students who have passed their oral examinations (with the exception of students who will have taken their exams in the first seven weeks of the spring semester). Registrations will be blocked if these forms are not filed each year by the deadline. For more information visit:
<http://english.rutgers.edu/graduate/students/documents/dissertationwritersreportstudentupdated010807.doc>

- February 15, 2008 **Conference Travel Support**
Submit your application to Cheryl Robinson with appropriate documentation (letter of invitation, copy of program showing your name, etc.) Conference Travel Application:
http://english.rutgers.edu/graduate/students/awards/documents/2007-2008conferencetravelapplication_001.pdf
- February 16, 2008 **Foreign Language Exam**
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Location: Van Dyck Hall, Room 211, College Avenue
For more information visit:
<http://languageinstitute.rutgers.edu/proficiency.htm>
- February 18, 2008 **Special Study Opportunity and Pre-Dissertation Awards**
For more information visit:
<http://english.rutgers.edu/graduate/students/documents/specialstudies12008emailtograduatestudents.pdf>
- February 20, 2008 **Louis Bevier Graduate Fellowship**
All application materials, including letters, are to be submitted to the Graduate Office. For more information, please stop by the Graduate Office. To obtain an application visit:
<http://gsnb.rutgers.edu/awards/bevier2008-09.pdf>
- March 1, 2008 **Annual Teaching Assistantship Application**
Applications will be distributed to all Graduate Students on February 1, 2008.
- March 1, 2008 **Mellon Summer Fellowships for Dissertation Writers**
In order to apply for a Mellon summer Dissertation-Writing Fellowship, please submit a cover letter describing your progress and aims for the summer, a brief (2-3 pg.) abstract, and an outline of projected chapters to the Graduate Office. Application information forthcoming.
- March 1, 2008 **Mellon Summer Research Grants**
Applications for these grants should include a cover letter, a description of the program to which the student has applied or will apply, and a detailed budget describing the uses to which this money will be put. Students will also be required to submit a report at the end of the summer describing what they were able to accomplish with this funding.
Application information forthcoming.
- March 3, 2008 **The Daniel Francis Howard Travel Fellowship**

Applicants must complete a one page, single-spaced description of their dissertation project explaining how it requires traveling, and a projected budget. This description must be completed and delivered to the Graduate Office. For more information visit:

<http://english.rutgers.edu/graduate/students/documents/DanielFrancisHowardTravelFellowship.doc>

March 15, 2008

Diploma Application must be submitted online at

<http://gsnb.rutgers.edu/diss.php3> by 4:30 p.m. on March 15, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Sirman by phone 732.932.8122 or via email sirman@rci.rutgers.edu.

March 17, 2008

Mellon Fall Fellowship for Dissertation Writers: Problems in Historical Interpretation

In order to apply, please submit to Cheryl Robinson by March 17, 2008 a chapter from your dissertation that represents its developed, if not its final, draft form; a cover letter (no more than one page) describing the kinds of problems in historical interpretation you see this chapter as confronting; and brief descriptions of the other chapters in the dissertation.

March 17, 2008

Graduate Symposium Essay Submission

The Graduate Symposium to be held on Thursday, April 17th offers you the opportunity to share an 8-10 page excerpt from a dissertation chapter or a polished course paper with a very receptive audience. Submit your paper to Cheryl Robinson in the Graduate Office by March 17th along with a separate cover page that includes your name, email address, and the title of the paper. Only the title should appear on each page of the paper itself.

March 17, 2008

Graduate Prizes

This year the Marius Bewley Prize, the Catherine Musello Cantalupo Prize, the Catherine Moynahan Prize, and the Spencer L. Eddy Prize will be awarded at the Graduate Symposium on Thursday, April 17, 2008. For more information visit:

<http://english.rutgers.edu/graduate/students/awards/prizes.html>

March 24, 2008

Registration for Master's Examination

Contact Courtney Borack at cborack@rci.rutgers.edu to register.

March 31, 2008

Graduate English Open House

March 28, 2008

Foreign Language Exam – Registration Deadline for April 13, 2008 Test Date

For more information visit:

<http://languageinstitute.rutgers.edu/proficiency.htm>.

April 13, 2008

Foreign Language Exam

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Location: Van Dyck Hall, Room 211, College Avenue

For more information visit:

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- April 15, 2008 **Defenses and paperwork** must be completed. Diploma Application for May 1, 2008 graduation must have been submitted by March 15, 2008.
- April 17, 2008 **Graduate Symposium**
Paper Presentations will be held in Murray Hall, Writers House at 5:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards Ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Sophie's Bistro located in Somerset, NJ.
- May 5, 2008 **Second Fellowship Applications**
Students who have passed their orals and filed a dissertation proposal with the Graduate Office and thus have advanced to candidacy by the end of their fourth year (the third year for students who entered the Program with MAs) are eligible for Second Fellowships. Students may apply earlier for this fellowship—at the end of their 3rd or 2nd years respectively—but not later. Applications will be distributed February 1, 2008.
- May 19, 2008 **Conference Travel Support**
Submit your application to Cheryl Robinson with appropriate documentation (letter of invitation, copy of program showing your name, etc.) Conference Travel Application:
http://english.rutgers.edu/graduate/students/awards/documents/2007-2008conferencetravelapplication_001.pdf
- May 27, 2008 **Graduate Spring 2007 Course Work Deadline**
Course work that is not handed in by the May 27th deadline will result in a PIN (Permanent incomplete) for the course.
- June 10, 2008 **Final Grades and Evaluations** are due two weeks after papers are submitted. Papers were to be submitted by May 27, 2008.