Graduate Council Minutes
The University of Southern Mississippi
January 23, 2017

The Graduate Council met at 3:00 p.m. on January 23, 2017, in McCain Library, Room 203 with Dr. Janie Butts, Chair of the Graduate Council, presiding.

The following voting members were present: Dr. Laurel Abreu, Dr. Wendy Atkins-Sayre, Dr. Bret Becton, Dr. Leisa Flynn, Dr. YanLin Guo, Dr. Grant Harley, Dr. Tom Lansford, Dr. Jennifer Lemacks, Dr. Sarah Morgan, Dr. Bonnie Nicholson, Dr. Ras Pandey, Dr. Kyna Shelley, Dr. Amy Slagle, Dr. Teresa Welsh and Dr. Chaoyang Zhang.

The following voting members were represented by proxies to constitute a quorum: Dr. Bonnie Nicholson for Dr. Jonathan Barron and Dr. Eric Tribunella for Dr. Vanessa Murphree.

The following non-voting members were present: Dr. Karen Coats, Dr. Diane Fisher for Dr. Ann Blackwell, Dr. Douglas Masterson for Dr. David Hayhurst, Mr. Greg Pierce, Dr. Eric Tribunella for Dr. Maureen Ryan and Dr. Kathy Yadrick for Dr. Michael Forster.

The following guests were present: Dr. Amy Arrington, Ms. Desira Bailey, Ms. Jennifer Culley, Dr. Dan DeMott, Ms. Kathryn Lowery, Dr. Ray Newman, Ms. Dawn Porter, Dr. Bob Press, Dr. Leah Fonder-Solano, Dr. Joseph St. Marie, Dr. Marek Steedman and Dr. Kyle Zelner.

1.0 Call to Order
Dr. Butts called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda
Dr. Butts presented the agenda for approval. Dr. Nicholson moved and Dr. Shelley seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

3.0 Approval of Minutes
Dr. Butts presented the November 21, 2016 minutes for approval. Dr. Nicholson moved and Dr. Morgan seconded a motion to approve the November 21, 2016 minutes for approval. The motion passed.

4.0 Course and Program Proposals
4.1 College of Arts & Letters
   Department of Communication Studies
Dr. Butts presented the request to suspend the Communication Studies Graduate Certificate (Organizational Communication GR). Dr. Morgan moved and Dr. Flynn seconded a motion to approve the suspension of the Communication Studies Graduate Certificate (Organizational Communication GR). The motion passed 18-0.

Dr. Butts presented the request to modify the Communication (Communication Studies) M.A. program. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Morgan seconded a motion to approve the modification of the Communication (Communication Studies) M.A. program. The motion passed 18-0.
Department of Foreign Languages and Literature
Dr. Butts presented the request to add SPA 540. Dr. Abreu moved and Dr. Becton seconded a motion to approve the addition of SPA 540. The motion passed 18-0.

Department of History
Dr. Butts presented the request to suspend the History (International Studies) M.S., the History (International Studies) M.A., the History (Latin America) M.S. and the History (Latin America) M.A. programs. Dr. Shelley moved and Dr. Flynn seconded a motion to accept these programs as a group. The Motion passed. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Abreu seconded a motion to approve the suspensions of the History (International Studies) M.S., the History (International Studies) M.A., the History (Latin America) M.S. and the History (Latin America) M.A. programs. The motion passed 18-0.

Dr. Butts presented the request to modify the Public History Graduate certificate. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Morgan seconded a motion to approve the modification of the Public History Graduate certificate. The motion passed 18-0.

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
Dr. Butts presented the request to add IDS 560. Dr. Atkins-Sayre moved and Dr. Becton seconded a motion to approve the addition of IDS 560. The motion passed 18-0.

School of Music
Dr. Butts presented the request to modify the Music (Performance: Piano Accompanying) M.M. program emphasis name. Dr. Flynn moved and Dr. Shelley seconded a motion to approve the modification of the Music (Performance: Piano Accompanying) M.M. program emphasis name. The motion passed 18-0.

Dr. Butts presented the request to modify the Performance and Pedagogy D.M.A. program. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Morgan seconded a motion to approve the modification of the Performance and Pedagogy D.M.A. program. The motion passed 18-0.

Department of Political Science, International Development and International Affairs
Dr. Butts presented the request to modify PS 528. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Slagle seconded a motion to approve the modification of PS 528. The motion passed 18-0.

Dr. Butts presented the request to modify PS 571. Dr. Slagle moved and Dr. Flynn seconded a motion to approve the modification of PS 571. The motion passed 12-6.

Dr. Butts presented the request to modify PS 599. Dr. Morgan moved and Dr. Slagle seconded a motion to approve the modification of PS 599. The motion passed 18-0.
Dr. Butts presented the request to add PS 555. Dr. Abreu moved and Dr. Slagle seconded a motion to approve the addition of PS 555. The motion passed 18-0.

Dr. Butts presented the request to modify the International Development Ph.D. program. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Flynn seconded a motion to approve the modification of the International Development Ph.D. program. The motion passed 18-0.

4.2 College of Business
*Department of Finance, Real Estate and Business Law*
Dr. Butts presented the request to modify BA 699. Dr. Flynn moved and Dr. Slagle seconded a motion to approve the modification of BA 699. The motion passed 18-0.

*Department of Marketing and Merchandising*
Dr. Butts presented the request to add MKT 670. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Shelley seconded a motion to approve the addition of MKT 670. The motion passed 18-0.

4.3 College of Education and Psychology – No Business

4.4 College of Health
*Department of Nutrition and Food Systems*
Dr. Butts presented the request to modify NFS 622, NFS 713, NFS 774 and NFS 780. Dr. Shelley moved and Dr. Morgan seconded a motion to approve these modifications as a group. The motion passed. Dr. Welsh moved and Dr. Abreu seconded a motion to approve the modifications of NFS 622, NFS 713, NFS 774 and NFS 780. The motion passed 18-0.

*Department of Public Health*
Dr. Butts presented the request to modify DPH 611, DPH 626, DPH 657, DPH 670, DPH 716, DPH 727, DPH 737, DPH 747 and DPH 757. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Slagle seconded a motion to approve these modifications as a group. The motion passed. Dr. Nicholson moved and Dr. Becton seconded a motion to approve the modifications of DPH 611, DPH 626, DPH 657, DPH 670, DPH 716, DPH 727, DPH 737, DPH 747 and DPH 757. The motion passed 18-0.

Dr. Butts presented the request to modify the Public Health (Health Policy and Administration) M.P.H. emphasis area. Dr. Becton moved and Dr. Abreu seconded a motion to approve the modification of the Public Health (Health Policy and Administration) M.P.H. emphasis area. The motion passed 18-0.

4.5 College of Nursing – No Business

4.6 College of Science and Technology – No Business
5.0 Officers Report
   5.1 Chair – Dr. Janie Butts
       No report.
   5.2 Chair-Elect – Dr. Leisa Flynn
       No report.

6.0 Standing Committee Reports
   6.1 Bylaws Committee – Dr. Leisa Flynn
       No report.
   6.2 Credentials Committee – Dr. Janie Butts
       Dr. Butts submitted the Credentials report for January 2017 for approval. The report was approved. (see attached)
   6.3 Election Committee – Dr. Chaoyang Zhang
       No report.
   6.4 Policies and Procedures Committee – Dr. Bonnie Nicholson
       6.4.1 Limitations on University Faculty Members
           The Policy and Procedures Committee recommendation is attached.
       6.4.2 Accelerated Master’s Options
           Dr. Nicholson’s report is attached.
   6.5 Program Review Committee – Dr. Kyna Shelley
       No report.

7.0 Liaisons to University Committees
   7.1 Assessment Committee- Dr. Leisa Flynn
       No report.
   7.2 Teaching Evaluation Committee – Dr. Bonnie Nicholson
       No report.
   7.3 Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Bonnie Nicholson
       No report.
   7.4 Online Learning Steering Committee – Dr. Jennifer Lemacks
       No report.

8.0 New Business
   8.1 Graduate Student Senate Report
       No report
   8.2 Dean’s Report
       Dr. Coats presented a report to Council. (See attached)
9.0 Announcements

10.0 Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2017 at 3:00. The deadline for submitting materials to the Graduate School for the Agenda is Friday, February 3, 2017.

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Greg Pierce, Recording Secretary   Dr. Janie Butts, Chair
College of Arts and Letter

Department of Communication Studies

Suspend: Communication Studies Graduate Certificate (Organizational Communication GR). Effective summer 2017.

Modify: Communication (Communication Studies) M.A. program. Traditional thesis only option.

To: Communication (Communication Studies) M.A. program. Traditional thesis and major applied project option. Effective fall 2017.

Department of Foreign Languages and Literature

Add: SPA 540 Survey of Latin American Literature. 3 hours. Effective fall 2017.

Department of History


Modify: Public History Graduate certificate. Add LIS 605, LIS 646, NPS 506 and NPS 507 as options for the certificate requirements. Effective fall 2017.

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

School of Music

Modify: Music (Performance: Piano Accompanying) M.M. program emphasis name.

To: Music (Performance: Collaborative Piano) M.M. program emphasis name.
Effective fall 2017.

Modify: Performance and Pedagogy D.M.A. (All emphasis areas)

To: Performance D.M.A. (All emphasis areas)
Effective fall 2017.

Department of Political Science, International Development and International Affairs

Modify: PS 528 Special Topics in Political Philosophy.

To: PS 528 Special Topics in Political Science.
Course description. Effective fall 2017.

Modify: PS 571 Public Personnel Administration.

To: PS 571 Politics and Business.
Course description. Effective fall 2017.

Modify: PS 599CA Seminar in British Politics.

To: PS 599CA Study Abroad in Political Science.
Course description. Effective summer 2017.

Add: PS 555 Women and Human Rights.
3 hours. Effective summer 2017.

Modify: International Development Ph.D. (Gulf Coast campus)
Remove the degree requirement of passing the qualifying exam as
a program requirement.

College of Business
Department of Finance, Real Estate and Business Law

Modify: BA 699 International Business Administration Research Abroad. 3 hours.

To: BA 699 International Business Administration Research Abroad. 1-3 hours.
Course description. Effective summer 2017.
### Department of Marketing and Merchandising

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TO: Graduate Council
FM: Graduate Credentials Committee
RE: Graduate Faculty Recommendations

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Credentials Committee
Dr. Teresa Welsh, Chair
The committee recommends that this policy be deleted from the graduate bulletin.

**Limitations on University Faculty Members**

Members of the faculty of The University of Southern Mississippi above the rank of instructor cannot become candidates for a doctoral degree at the institution. They may, however, enroll for graduate courses as a non-degree student. Faculty members of the rank of instructor may become candidates for doctoral degrees at The University of Southern Mississippi on the same terms as any other advanced graduate student candidate.
Accelerated Master’s Options at The University of Southern Mississippi (INITIAL PROPOSAL)

**Audience:** Highly qualified undergraduate students classified as seniors

**Description:** An Accelerated Master’s Option (AMO) provides students with the possibility of earning both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in as few as five years. Students admitted to a pathway can take up to 12 hours of 500- or 600-level graduate credit during their senior year. Such coursework can apply to both an undergraduate and a graduate degree.

**Graduate School Admission Requirements:** Students will meet the following criteria. Individual programs may establish additional requirements, such as standardized test scores, the completion of specific undergraduate courses, a higher undergraduate GPA, a statement of educational goals, etc. Interested students should contact the specific department offering an accelerated master’s option.

1. Completion or near completion of general education curriculum requirements (GEC 01-06)
2. Completion of a minimum of 90 hours graded undergraduate coursework before beginning the first graduate course (an application can be submitted before the completion of 90 hours)
3. Minimum and maintenance of a 3.0 undergraduate grade point average
4. Completion of at least 15 hours of appropriate DEG coursework in the undergraduate major
5. Submission of a graduate application and payment of the application fee
6. Submission of Undergraduate Request to Enroll in Graduate Courses form

**Additional Information - Students**

- Students engaged in an AMO will be charged the undergraduate tuition rate.
- AMO students will retain their eligibility for financial aid at the undergraduate level provided they maintain a full-time student classification.
- AMO students are limited to 13 hours of combined undergraduate/graduate coursework during a semester.
- Advanced master’s option in programs that do not carry the expectation of an undergraduate degree in the same field are possible.
- Students may opt out of an AMO at any time and complete the required undergraduate degree plan. Any graduate credit earned to that point can be applied to the undergraduate degree plan.
- AMO students retain an undergraduate classification until they have completed all the requirements of their undergraduate degree plan. It is expected that a student will complete the undergraduate degree within two years of being accepted into an Accelerated Master’s Option.
- The graduate degree cannot be awarded until an AMO student meets all requirements for the undergraduate degree.

Comment [WP1]: TBD. Arizona State allows 12 hours, while at least some Mississippi State programs limit the number to nine hours.

Comment [WP2]: A proposed GPA. The current University GPA requirement for admission to a master’s program is 2.75. Mississippi State, for example, requires a 3.5 GPA for admission into an accelerated master’s. Arizona State requires a 3.30.
A graduate course successfully completed to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements will be graded as Pass, which will not affect the student’s undergraduate grade point average. The letter grade for the course will be included in the master’s program GPA.

Additional Information – Academic Programs

- Graduate programs desiring to establish an Accelerated Master’s Option will provide the following to the Graduate Council for approval:
  - A memo of request providing the college, department, and program information, to include a rationale for the AMO, including an academic justification for the option, and a proposed date of implementation
  - A sample plan for completing both the undergraduate and the graduate degree
    - For master’s programs without a ‘lead-in’ undergraduate degree, the plan must include how a student would complete an undergraduate degree in a different field.
  - Statements of support from the department chair and college dean, in addition to the normal curricular approval processes
  - Any additional or more stringent admission requirements
  - For an Accelerated Master’s Option that would have less than 150 hours of combined undergraduate and graduate coursework, a detailed explanation and an acceptable academic justification for the program length of such combination degrees (SACSCOC). Implementation of such an AMO could be delayed until SACSCOC approval is received.
  - A revised Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletin narrative that includes an overview of the option for qualified undergraduates

N.B. The Admission section of the Graduate Bulletin would have to be edited if Accelerated Master’s Option is approved.
Soaring to New Heights: Graduate Education at Southern Miss

Graduate Dean’s Report (January 2017)

Student Spotlight

School Psychology Doctoral Student Wins National Dissertation Award
John Lum, doctoral student in the School Psychology program was selected as winner of the 2017 Ron Edwards Dissertation Award (REDA) of the Behavioral School Psychology Interest Group (BSPIG) of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). The award will be presented to John on February 23 at the BSPIG meeting of NASP in San Antonio, Texas. Selected from among other exceptional dissertations, John’s work was recognized by the awards committee as impressive with “many positive features” that impact the field of behavioral school psychology. John was nominated for the award by his major professor, Dr. Daniel Tingstrom. Dr. Tingstrom remarked, “John’s work, writing, critical thinking, attention to detail, and very tight methodology made my job easy.” John’s dissertation, is entitled “Tootling with a Randomized Independent Group Contingency in a High School Setting.” Coined in 1998 by Dr. Christopher Skinner, Professor of School Psychology at the University of Tennessee, the term “tootling” (the opposite of tattling because students report good behavior rather than bad), plays on the phrase “tooting your own horn.” John examined how tootling classmates’ positive and prosocial behavior impacted “disruptive and academically engaged behavior in three general education high school classrooms,” using a randomized independent group contingency procedure. Students anonymously wrote tootles and placed them in marked containers. Teachers randomly selected students who were tootled about and those who submitted tootles and rewarded those students. In the classrooms evaluated, “decreases in disruptive behavior and increases in academically engaged behavior during intervention phases” occurred. John’s results suggest that such a modified tootling procedure can be an effective intervention for teachers to improve the behavior of students in a high school setting.” An additional accomplishment is that John’s master’s thesis research was accepted for publication and will soon appear in the journal Psychology in Schools as an article entitled “The effects of tootling on disruptive behavior and academic engagement in high school classrooms.” Coauthored by D. Tingstrom, B.A. Dufrene, K.C. Radley, and S. Lynne, it is the first peer-reviewed report that shows this intervention works with high school students, not just elementary and middle school students. A citizen of North Vancouver, British Columbia, John completed an M.A. in School Psychology from Southern Miss in summer 2015 en route to the Ph.D. John is currently completing a school psychology internship and expects to graduate this May.
Speech and Hearing Sciences Graduate Student Awarded Prestigious Internship

Janette Hreish, a master of science student in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, was one of only two students nationwide to be selected to intern with the Inpatient Rehabilitation Department of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, ranked by U.S. News and World Report as “among the nation’s best pediatric Hospitals.” Janette began her internship this month and hopes to apply the knowledge she learned in her academic program “to best serve the children at the hospital” and to enhance her clinical skills so she is well prepared to serve future patients and clients. Her career goal is to work with pediatric patients in a hospital setting. Janette is a native of Columbus, Mississippi. She is expected to graduate this May. For complete article by Hanna Knowles, see Southern Miss Now at http://news.usm.edu/article/southern-miss-student-selected-competitive-internship.

Coastal Sciences Graduate Student Receives Best Abstract Award

The abstract of Adam Daw, doctoral student in the Division of Coastal Sciences, was selected for the U.S. Aquaculture Society’s Tyson Best Abstract Award for his paper, “Evaluation of sodium hypochlorite immersion protocols for the disinfection of Acartia tonsa and Parvocalanus crassirostris cultures.” Adam will present his research at the Aquaculture America national meeting to be held in San Antonio, Texas February 19-22. The award includes $1500 cash, a plaque, recognition by the society, and reimbursement of meeting registration. Selection for the award was highly competitive with over 750 abstracts submitted for the meeting.
Faculty Kudos

Nurse Anesthesia Director Named Distinguished Fellow in National Academies of Practice in Nursing

Dr. Marjorie Geisz-Everson, Interim Program Director for the Nurse Anesthesia Program and Assistant Professor in the Department of Advanced Practice, was elected to the Distinguished Fellowship of the National Academies of Practice in Nursing. She will be inducted at a gala banquet to be held during the 2017 Annual Meeting & Forum of the National Academies of Practice in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in mid-March. According to Dr. Satya Verma, President of the National Academies of Practice, selection as a Distinguished Fellow recognizes outstanding achievements and leadership in the profession. She will join “the current outstanding healthcare leaders and practitioners of NAP who are working together as an interdisciplinary force to influence national health policy and legislation and promote quality healthcare through cooperative advocacy, practice, education, and research.” After earning a bachelor of science in nursing from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana and a master of science from the School of Nurse Anesthesiology at Xavier University in New Orleans, she worked for many years as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in New Orleans-area hospitals and as an instructor at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program. Dr. Geisz-Everson earned her Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia in 2010 and joined Southern Miss as an assistant clinical professor in the College of Nursing in 2012.

Education Faculty Member Receives Excellence Award

Dr. Javier Gomez, adjunct instructor in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education at the Gulf Park campus, was selected as the 2016 Mississippi Foreign Language Association (MFLA) Educator of Excellence. Dr. Gomez will represent Mississippi at the Southern Conference on Language Teaching (SCOLT) in Atlanta, Georgia in 2018 and will compete against other SCOLT state winners for the national-level award. Dr. Gomez completed his Ph.D. in Instructional Technology and Design in May 2016.

Dr. Javier Gomez, right, being presented the 2016 Educator of Excellence Award
College of Arts and Letters
Department of Political Science, International Development, & International Affairs


College of Health
Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences

- **Dr. Kimberly Ward**, Assistant Professor of Audiology gave two presentations at the annual meeting of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania last November. Her talks, entitled “Everyday leaders know Medicaid!” and “Medicaid experts provide answers to questions: what everyday leaders need to know,” were delivered as podium and poster presentations, respectively. Dr. Ward also was selected to participate in the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders Leadership Academy to be held April 18-19, 2017 in New Orleans. This academic leadership development program will be led by Dr. Jeffrey Buller, Dean of Florida Atlantic University’s Wilkes Honors College.

- The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences faculty and students participated in the Mississippi Legislative Day at the Capitol on January 13. Audiologists and speech-language pathologists partnered with the Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association to provide hearing screenings to Mississippi legislators. This was a valuable opportunity to advocate for clients with speech and language difficulties. For more information about services provided by the department, visit: www.usm.edu/shs.

College of Nursing

The Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and associated post-master’s certificate online graduate degree programs received the top ranking in Mississippi and were ranked 57th of 100 nationally by the U.S. News and World Report Online Graduate Nursing Program Rankings for 2017. The rankings are based on
faculty credentials and training, graduation rates, academic and career support services offered to students, and admissions selectivity. For the complete listing see: http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/nursing/rankings?page=3.

College of Science and Technology
Department of Human Capital Development
- Gizzatta Johnson, Ph.D. student, was awarded a 2016 Society of Human Resource Management Foundation Scholarship. The $5000 award is intended to support Human Resource professionals working towards a graduate degree.

Department of Geography and Geology
- Master’s students Bill Funderburk, Will Jeter, and Carlton Anderson each published their thesis research as their first peer-reviewed articles in scholarly journals:
- Master’s student Heather Nicholson will give an oral presentation of her research during the Imaging & Geospatial Technology Forum of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland to be held March 11-17. Her abstract is entitled “Detecting change in coastal marshlands from 1950-2014 using textural analysis of panchromatic imagery.”

Professional Development Opportunities for Graduate Students and Faculty

The following professional development events are rapidly approaching. More information on each session will follow.

Academic Integrity Workshop
Presenters: Drs. Sam Bruton and Michele Frasier-Robinson
Date: Friday, Jan. 27, noon to 1:00 PM
Cook Library 110
Co-sponsored by The Graduate School and USM Libraries
[http://lib.usm.edu/about_us/news/gradintegrity2017_news.html
Open to all graduate students and honors undergraduate students
Success Strategies for Graduate School: Roundtable and Luncheon

Discussion leaders: USM Faculty and Graduate Students
Date: Tuesday, Feb. 7, noon to 1:00 PM
Thad Cochran Center Room 218
Co-sponsored by The Graduate School and Office of Multi-cultural Programs and Services
Open to minority undergraduate students, McNair Scholars, and other interested students

Leadership: a Panel Discussion
Panelists: Drs. Amy Miller, Faye Gilbert, Ann Blackwell
Date: Friday, Feb. 10, noon to 1:00 PM
Union Hall of Honors
Limited to Professionals in Preparation participants only

Effective Mentorship Lunch & Learn Workshops
Discussion leaders: USM Graduate Faculty
Hattiesburg: Friday, Feb. 24 and Friday, Mar. 24, noon to 2:00 PM
Union Hall of Honors
Gulf Park: Tuesday, Feb. 14, noon to 1:00 PM
Location TBA
Co-sponsored by The Graduate School and Provost’s First Year Foundations New Faculty Development Program
Open to all university faculty and graduate students (RSVP)

News from the Graduate School

Graduate School Staff Changes

- **Dr. Roseanne Scammahorn** joined the Graduate School as Senior Graduate Admissions Specialist on January 3. She will provide leadership in all aspects of graduate admissions and assist with recruiting. Roseanne earned a Ph.D. in Human Sciences with a concentration in Agricultural and Extension Education from Mississippi State University in 2014. Her research assessed risks for high school agriculture teacher attrition in the southern region. While at MSU she held an assistantship with the Southern Rural Development Center & Extension Center for Technology Outreach where she assisted in the development of educational assessment tools, educational data collection and analysis, and conducted workshops. Dr. Scammahorn also holds a B.S. in Education with a concentration in Organizational Leadership from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio; an MBA with emphasis in Management, Innovation, and Change from Wright State, and an Educational Specialist in Counselor Education from Mississippi State University. The breadth of expertise she brings will be valuable in many aspects of Graduate School operations and will be used beyond the admissions office.
• Sharon Pool, Graduate Degree Auditor, resigned her position in The Graduate School effective February 1. Sharon and her family are taking advantage of a new career opportunities in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Sharon has held her position in The Graduate School for four years, serving as a liaison with faculty and students in the Colleges of Business, Health, Nursing, and Science & Technology. In addition to performing degree audits and monitoring student progress to degree, she advises the dean on policies and practices pertaining to student academic standing and degree progress. She has been a very effective member of the recruiting team, participating in on campus and off campus recruiting efforts. The Graduate School is advertising for a Degree Auditor Specialist. The position announcement is posted on the Human Resources Employment website with a closing date of January 24. Interviews are already ongoing.

Important Workshops on Hiring Graduate Assistants!
Graduate School staff Carolyn Cawthon, Director of Operations and Recruitment, and Shelby Flores, Coordinator of Business and Accounting Processes, will lead informational workshops on processing graduate assistant (GA) assignment paperwork in early February. It is essential that personnel who process GA paperwork attend. All workshops will be held in McCain 203. Space is limited to 30; please RSVP to Carolyn Cawthon at carolyn.cawthon@usm.edu. The schedule is as follows:

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