

Calendar of Events

January 15, 2025
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Southeast Regional Meeting: Emerging Trends in Career Development
09:30 AM - 04:30 PM EST

Please join us for our Southeast Regional Meeting, showcasing our members and their work as well as discussing emerging career trends.

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Time: 9:30 EST/8:30am CST - 3:30 EST/2:30pm CST

Location: Zoom (Link sent the day before/January 14)

Agenda

9:30-10:10 Breakfast/Guided Discussion/Fun Committee

10:15-11:15 Keynote: Marla Bruner: "Daring Leadership: Training & Development for Grad Students & Postdoc Scholars"

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12 Breakout Session #1: Alumni Engagement

11:30-11:45: Kate Stuart: "A Holistic Approach to the Invited Speaker: How to Enhance the Content of Your Career-Related Speaker with More Than Just Their Talk"

11:45-12:00: Patrick Brandt: "Using Phantom Buster to Scrape LinkedIn Profiles of Your alumni for Career Outcomes Reporting."

12:00-1:00 Lunch + Fun Committee Activity (Optional)

1:00-1:45 Breakout Session #2: Industry and Recruitment

1:00-1:15: Laura Cotts: "Enhancing Graduate Career Development with 2 AI-Assisted Tools: An Industry Guide and Job Search Competency Rubric"

1:15-1:30: Andrew Crain/Leslie Fox: "ORISE: STEM Recruitment Roundtable"

1:30-1:45: Ashley Brady: "ASPIRE on the Road: Opening Doors for Biomedical Graduate Students and Postdocs at Vanderbilt University Through a BioPharma Industry Site Visit Program"

1:45-2:00 Break

2:00-2:30 Breakout Sessions: Advising and Engaging

2:00-2:15 Jessica Velez: "Coping, caring, and grieving: how to support trainees and yourself when the world is on fire"

2:15-2:30 Abbie Wood: "Engaging First-Year Graduate Students with Career Services: Strategies for Early Awareness and Utilization"

2:30-3:15 Executive Committee Update and Wrap Up (time until needed)

About our Keynote Address

Marla Bruner, Assistant Dean and Director of Graduate Student Services, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Marla Bruner has been working in higher education for over sixteen years and in graduate education for thirteen years. She has served in administrative leadership roles in graduate education overseeing student services, academic affairs, and admissions. In the Graduate School at UT, Bruner provides leadership for daily operations related to serving enrolled graduate students. This includes overseeing the degree audit and academic standing processes, thesis and dissertation submission, curriculum management, and managing select events such as Graduate Hooding and Orientation. She works with students, faculty, and staff in offices across campus to ensure quality and high standards in graduate education, to resolve academic and policy issues facing graduate students, and to provide services and administration of activities that foster an inclusive and healthy learning community and ensure that all students feel welcomed, supported, and equipped to succeed.

In previous roles, Bruner has served as the director of graduate education and academic professional faculty at the Georgia Institute of Technology, director of graduate student services for the College of Graduate Studies, adjunct faculty, and the manager of internal communications at Georgia Southern University. Prior to her career in higher education, she worked in marketing, communications, and public relations.

Bruner's scholarship focuses on intervention measures and the prevention of stress, dissent, and burnout in graduate students, transnationalism and colonialism in Irish literature, and Irish women writers. She regularly speaks on graduate student stress and advocacy in shaping student experiences, retention, and engagement. She earned her EdD in educational leadership, holds an MA in English, and a BA in communication arts, all from Georgia Southern University. She has taught both graduate and undergraduate courses in English composition, British literature, and Irish literature & culture, first-year experience, global engagement, and communication studies.

February 7, 2025
- February 7, 2025

New England & Eastern Canada Regional Meeting 2025

Zoom TBD

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EST

Graduate Career Consortium (GCC) Regional Meeting: New England & Eastern Canada 2025

Join us for an interactive half-day GCC Regional Meeting designed to foster meaningful connections, spark ideas, and explore forward-thinking solutions in graduate career and professional development frameworks. This dynamic event will feature engaging talks, panels, collaborative idea generation, and practical case studies—all presented in a flexible "choose your own adventure" format to meet your professional interests—and final details about the agenda will be sent in the future.

Event Agenda

Welcome & Kickoff

Get energized for the day with a warm welcome from our event organizers.

Session Block 1: Icebreaker & Show & Tell

10:00am - 10:50am

Connect with peers in small groups (5-6 people) as you share innovative projects, programs, and strategies that excite you.

30 minutes: Small group introductions and project/program sharing.

15 minutes: Group debrief—one representative reports out key trends and observations to the larger group.

Session Block 2: Deep Dives #1

Choose from three focused sessions designed to inspire and provide actionable insights:

Assessment – High-impact practices for assessment and case study around practical applications of assessment

Policy Implementation – Discuss practical approaches to implementing new policies effectively.

Pathways for Professional Development/Growth – Discover opportunities and frameworks to support your career growth in graduate career services.

GCC Executive Board & Lunch

Enjoy a lunch break while hearing updates from the GCC Executive Board. Includes a 15-minute buffer to refresh before the afternoon sessions.

Session Block 3: Deep Dives #2

Managing a Team / Upskilling to Manage – Tackle challenges and strategies for

leading effective teams.

Anticipated Changes in Higher Ed – Examine emerging trends and prepare for shifts in the graduate education landscape in 2025.

Forward-Thinking Programming – What are strategies to get students to engage with their career and professional development during later years of their degree program and beyond? Two strategies discussed: Alumni Engagement & Generative AI

Closing & Wrap-Up

Reflect on key takeaways, complete the post-event survey, and celebrate a productive day of collaboration.

This meeting promises to be a mix of community-building, hands-on learning, and idea exchange—empowering us to drive innovation and impact in our roles. We look forward to seeing you there!

Event Details:

? Date: Friday, February 07, 2025

? Location: Zoom (Link TBA)

? Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm EST

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with your GCC colleagues and leave with actionable ideas for your work! Register now below to secure your spot.

February 21, 2025

Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

GCC

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST

Schedule to come!

February 27, 2025

South Central Regional Meeting 2025

GCC

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EST

Raquel Salinas,

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South Central Regional Meeting 2025

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Format: Virtual

Agenda: Coming Soon!

Please refer any questions to Raquel Salinas at raquel.y.salinas@uth.tmc.edu