

**Department of Society & Environment
Update
September 25, 2009**

Thanks! To Chantae Rudie and Katherine Olsen-Flaate for offering to share their Truman Experience with prospective students at the Sept 26 Showcase! And to Deb Engen for getting all the other materials ready on time!

ADVISING NOTES

DEADLINE FOR MAY GRADUATES:

If you're graduating in May 2010, the deadline to turn in your "Intent to Graduate Form" is **October 1, 2009**. Click here for the [online form](#).

It would be a good idea for May 2010 graduates to visit with their Advisors before this deadline to make sure you're on track to graduate. Remember that with the curriculum change, we may need to do a few substitutions – your advisor can help you identify these within the major and get them in the pipeline.

OTHER ADVISING NEWS:

The Undergraduate Council has passed a resolution permitting the double counting of courses for the LSP and other requirements. What does that mean for you? Sociological Inquiry or Anthropological Inquiry can be used for your Social Science Mode course even if you're also using them for your major! Other courses in a major or minor program can be used to fill other areas of the LSP. Visit with your advisor about whether this changes what courses you should take!

ANYONE INTERESTED IN A DEPARTMENT FRATERNITY?

Adam Speak has been exploring the idea of starting a department fraternity like many other departments on campus have as an organization for all students in the department to engage and participate in the activities of the department. There are a few ways this could be organized – affiliated with national honor fraternities, or not. If you're interested in exploring this idea – let us know when would be a good time:

Use this doodle poll to vote for a good time.

<http://www.doodle.com/mp9ppzm6693umpvn>

NEWS 36 STORY ON DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE:

William Regot from News 36 interviewed faculty for a story on the change to "Society and Environment" for the story see:

<http://news36.truman.edu/play.asp?id=421>

THINKING ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL?

CAREER CENTER HAS PROGRAMS FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL WEEK September 28-30

Monday, September 28th

Ask the Experts Graduate School Panel

6:00-8:00 SUB Georgian Room C

Register at <http://pdi.truman.edu>

A panel of graduate schools admissions experts will share advice on:

1. How to stand out from the sea of applicants
2. Hints and Tips for writing a winning personal statement
3. Entrance exams do's and don'ts
4. Application Pitfalls

Visiting Graduate Programs

Stop by the following table locations to speak to the graduate programs of your choice.
10:00 am-2:00pm

VIOLETTE HALL:

[Webster University- Masters of Business Program](#)

SUB MAIN FLOOR:

[University of Tulsa- All Graduate Programs](#)

[University of Missouri-Columbia- Master of Public Health Program](#)

[ATSU- Osteopathic Medicine](#)

McCLAIN Hall:

[Aquinas Institute- Theology](#)

[Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs- Sociology, Psychology, Political Science](#)

Tuesday, September 29th

Personal Statement Writing Workshop by Donald Asher

3:00-6:00 p.m.

(Ask a professor for a nomination due to limited seating)

How to Attend Graduate School for Free or Minimum Cost- Donald Asher

6:30-7:30 p.m. VH 1010

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10:00 am-2:00pm

MAGRUDER HALL:

[Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medicine](#)

SUB MAIN FLOOR:

[Truman State University- Communication Disorders](#)

McCLAIN Hall:

[School of Professional Psychology at Forest Institute- Psychology NOT CONFIRMED](#)

Wednesday, September 30th

Personal Statement Writing Workshop by Donald Asher

2:30-5:30 p.m.

(Ask a professor for a nomination due to limited seating)

For Underclassmen: How to Prepare Now for Grad School- Donald Asher

6:00-7:15 p.m. SUB Alumni Room

Register at <http://pdi.truman.edu>

Visiting Graduate Programs

Stop by the following table locations to speak to the graduate programs of your choice.
10:00 am-2:00pm

SUB MAIN FLOOR:

[Truman State University- All Graduate Departments](#)

[Truman State University- Communication Disorders NOT CONFIRMED](#)

MORE SUPPORT IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT GRAD SCHOOL:

If you are the first in your family to go to college or if you're from another underrepresented group in graduate programs, the **McNair Program** might be for you. McNair helps with advising, mentors, paid research internships, presenting at conferences, GRE preparation, pays for graduate school visits and helps waive graduate school application fees for qualified students.

Talk to your advisor about whether McNair might be a good match for you.

Truman's McNair Program has informational meetings on **Monday October 12 in the SUB Conference Room 3000 at 2:30 pm or 5:30 pm.**

FUN/ INTERESTING PROGRAMS NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday, 30 September 2009 at 6:45pm

Downtown Cinema 8 <http://rcp.truman.edu/internationalfilm.htm>

Waltz with Bashir

One night at a bar, an old friend tells director Ari Folman about a recurring nightmare in which he is chased by 26 vicious dogs. Every night, the same number of beasts. The two men conclude that there's a connection to their Israeli Army mission in the first Lebanon War of the early eighties. Ari is surprised that he can't remember a thing anymore about that period of his life. Intrigued by this riddle, he decides to meet and interview old friends and comrades around the world. He needs to discover the truth about that time and about himself. As Ari delves deeper and deeper into the mystery, his memory begins to creep up in surreal images. Israel, 90 minutes. In Arabic, Hebrew, German, and English with English subtitles. Directed by Ari Folman. [Trailer](#).

The next **Global Issues** session follows right away and features our Baldwin speaker. ***In The Beginning: Peace Corps***. Alan Guskin was among the University of Michigan graduate students who helped to found the Peace Corps, and served in Thailand in 1961. In addition to hearing about those early days, we will also hear about the Peace Corps experiences of Truman faculty & others who have served: Mark Campbell (Agricultural Science); Karen Keck (Kirksville public school teacher); Bob Matthews (Math and Computer Science); John Quinn (Political Science); and Mary Shapiro (English & Linguistics). [The Career Center will present information on applying to the Peace Corps](#). Note the unusual date: **Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm MG 2001.**

On **Saturday October 3rd**, the **Missouri Archaeological Society is having its Fall Symposium on Paleoindians** at Thousand Hills State Park from 9 a.m.–3 p.m at Thousand Hills State Park in Kirksville, Missouri (660-665-7119). The Symposium is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided, but those attending will be responsible for their own lunch and/or dinner. Please let Dr. Johnson know if you're planning to attend! ajohnson@truman.edu

ENJOY THE FIRST WEEKEND OF FALL!