



The Graduate School and our partners offer many professional development events specifically tailored to graduate students. Up to date information on registration is available on the Graduate School website at <https://luc.edu/gradschool> and in weekly Graduate School Announcements emails. Email [gradschool@luc.edu](mailto:gradschool@luc.edu) with any questions.

**9/19 Careers Beyond Academia: A Discussion with Dr. Laura McEnaney**  
**1:00-2:00 PM Zoom**

Dr. McEnaney is an acclaimed historian and author. She will share her career path from a PhD in History to a faculty position, and to currently a leader at a world-renowned independent research library. She will discuss:

- The steps graduate students can take now to prepare to be career flexible
- How to translate and highlight your graduate school skills to employers
- Using your graduate degree to land a position in a research and learning institution

Presenter: Laura McEnaney, PhD in History (University of Wisconsin-Madison); Vice President for Research and Education, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL

**9/24 Networking to Gain Competitive Advantage in Your Job Search and Career Journey**  
**1:00-2:00 PM Zoom**

Landing a job can be a challenging process, but networking is one way to manage your career throughout your lifetime. Gain insights on:

- Identifying potential alumni and industry professionals to contact
- Preparing for networking events
- Cultivating meaningful connections with industry professionals
- Incorporating networking into your career management and job search strategy

Presenters: Dori L. White MA, Graduate Career Community Coordinator and Julie A. Sells, MPH, Assistant Director and Career Advisor of Career Services, Loyola University Chicago

**10/1 Understanding the Academic Job Search**  
**1:00-2:00 PM Zoom**

For student pursuing faculty positions after completing their PhD, understanding the nuances of this academic search and hiring process can be complex, challenging and/or overwhelming. Join LUC Career Services' graduate student career advisors and a panel of Loyola faculty to gain insights on:

- Recommended resources to support your progress on your academic job search and career goals
- Specific professional materials you will need to prepare, apply and compete as a strong candidate
- Discipline-specific insights and personal stories from faculty (see panelist guests below) sharing experiences, tips, and solutions for navigating your academic job search

Panelists: Angélica Marquez-Osuna, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of History; Manisha Ray, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Career Services Staff, Loyola University Chicago

## **10/17 Introduction to Graduate Writing**

**1:00-2:30 PM Damen Student Center 214**

This Graduate Writing workshop introduces students to three elemental areas of scholarly writing: organizing around a complex and worthwhile purpose, framing paragraph structure, and reassessing the source relationships. This 90-minute writing workshop (held in person on the Lakeshore campus) is specifically geared to graduate students. It is open to graduate students from all disciplines and schools at Loyola.

Presenter: Michael Meinhardt, PhD;  
Senior Lecturer, Department of English

## **11/7 Alum Highlight: A Discussion with Erik Decker, MS**

**1:00-2:00 PM Zoom**

Mr. Decker will share his career path from an MS in Information Technology to VP/Chief Information Security Officer at a multi-state healthcare integrated delivery network. He will also detail his career interests from initially studying biology to eventually becoming a national cybersecurity expert.

He will discuss:

- Analyzing the ways your graduate school experience can be leveraged for a wide range of careers
- Following your passion, transferrable skills and the steps students can take now to prepare for a non-academia career

Presenter: Erik Decker, MS Information Technology;  
VP/Chief Information Security Officer,  
Intermountain Health, Salt Lake City, UT

## **11/8 Academic Grant Writing for the Humanities/Social Sciences**

**11:00AM-12:30PM Zoom**

Dr. Hopwood will discuss different types of fellowships and grants, such as short-term archival fellowships and dissertation-completion fellowships, including where to find them and how to compose a successful grant application.

Topics discussed include:

- Demystifying the grant process
- Locating grants
- Developing budgets
- Effectively framing research questions
- Designing work plans and managing time

Presenter: Elizabeth Hopwood, PhD;  
Director, Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities

*\*No grant-writing experience necessary. Open to all students in The Graduate School. The main focus will be toward the Humanities with best practices useful for all disciplines.*

## **12/5 Making a Statement**

**1:00-2:00 PM Zoom**

The Graduate School is offering a virtual workshop for graduate students applicable for personal, research, and teaching statements that can be used for job searches, fellowships, assistantships, and scholarships. This workshop will include tips and strategies, followed by a Q&A. This program is open to Master's and Doctoral students from all disciplines and schools at Loyola.

Presenter: Heather Sevener, Associate Dean,  
Student Academic Services, The Graduate School,  
Loyola University Chicago