

May 2024

A message from Dean Ashby:

Graduate Students,

T.S. Eliot opened *The Waste Land* with this pithy banger: “April is the cruellest month.” He had a lot on his mind back in 1922, but every April I think of that line in the context of life here at UM, where we feel the cruel turns of weather, the cruel convergence of workload with the desire to move out into the world, and the cruel goodbyes as we graduate folks out into a bright future.

I wish you the best in this season of emerging green, of new fields, of water flowing onward and outward. I hope your summer is full of what you need: time in the field, time away, time in the lab or in the house with family. If you are graduating, I hope to see you May 11th in the fair field full of folk walking the stage.

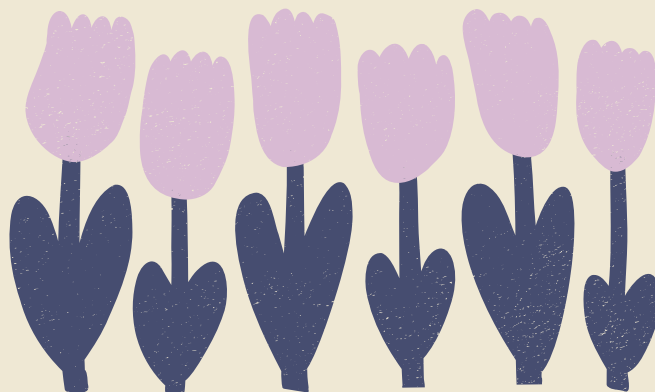
If you are returning next fall, I hope you return full of the vim and vigor that drives this great institution.

Cheers, and happy trails!
Ashby

The Waste Land

By T.S. Eliot

April is the cruellest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.
Winter kept us warm, covering
Earth in forgetful snow, feeding
A little life with dried tubers.
Summer surprised us, coming over the Starnbergersee
With a shower of rain; we stopped in the colonnade,
And went on in sunlight, into the Hofgarten,
And drank coffee, and talked for an hour.
Bin gar keine Russin, stamm' aus Litauen, echt deutsch.
And when we were children, staying at the archduke's,
My cousin's, he took me out on a sled,
And I was frightened. He said, Marie,
Marie, hold on tight. And down we went.
In the mountains, there you feel free.
I read, much of the night, and go south in the winter.



Experiential Learning and Career Success

Did you know that 80% of people get their next job through networking? Networking can happen through online resources like LinkedIn and the Griz Career Network, but it also happens naturally through the activities you are already doing as a grad student. After the semester ends, keep in contact with peers and professors to build a network that will support your future endeavors.

Need help building a strong professional network? A good strategy is to reach out for informational interviews to have meaningful career-focused conversations with people working in your field of interest. When more people in your field are aware of your ambitions, they are more likely to send wonderful opportunities your way. Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach at ELCS to learn more career-readiness strategies.

Graduating this spring? Let us know what you're up to next by completing the UM Graduation Survey (submit it by May 12 for a chance to win prizes worth up to \$300!). **Continue to use ELCS's alumni services for two years** after graduation for help navigating your post-grad career.

A message from the Writing Center:

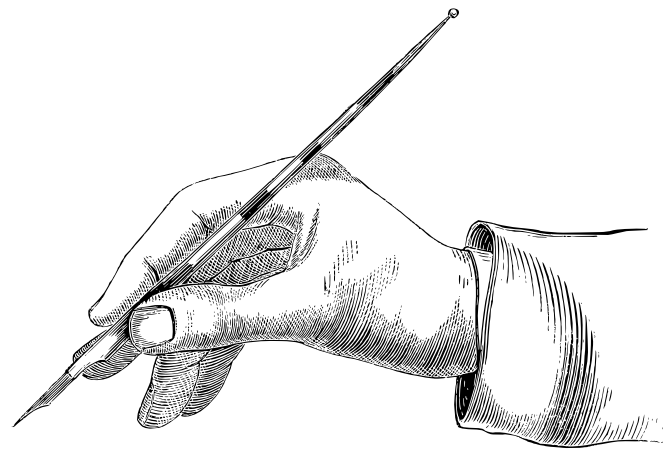


Summer Writing with the Writing Center.

Getting writing done in the summer can be tricky. (So many distractions!). May we humbly suggest that you make some plans?

- Jump Start Your Summer Writing, May 20nd, 9am-12pm. In this 3-hour workshop and planning session Writing Center staff will lead a discussion about goal-setting and scheduling followed by a chance to map out your summer writing and take steps to put your plan into action! Attend in-person or online. Register HERE.
- Drop In Summer Writing Groups, May 21nd through June 20th, 9am-11am. Flexibility! Accountability! Community! These 2-hour drop-in writing groups will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday starting May 21nd and going through June 20th (no writing group May 27). Show up for one hour or both, and for whatever days and weeks fit with your schedule. Attend in-person at the Mansfield Library or online via zoom. Register HERE.

Questions? Check our [writing.groups.page](#) or email writingcenter@umontana.edu



MAKING DOCUMENTARY

GS 591

Fall 2024



DON'T JUST WATCH DOCUMENTARY – MAKE ONE!

ATTENTION SCIENCE GRAD STUDENTS - Would you like to learn valuable production skills and incorporate a video component into your thesis or dissertation? A media project can expand access to your work and reach viewers inside and outside of academic circles. This class will teach you the basics of production and guide you through the process of making a short documentary.

There is no previous production experience necessary and students from all disciplines are welcome.

Instructors: Sean O'Brien and Antonio Torres
Fri from 9-11:40 a.m

For more information contact Sean O'Brien at (406)493-8342 or e-mail sean.o'brien@mso.umt.edu.

Examples of documentaries made in O'Brien's previous classes:

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Postdoctoral Training with Stanford Programs

Are you considering continuing your training as a postdoc? Applications are now open for two Stanford programs committed to supporting a thriving, diverse postdoc population. Eligible applicants may apply to either or both programs. Please see below for further details.

- The Propel Postdoctoral Scholars Program is for incoming and early postdocs in the biosciences at Stanford who have a strong desire to become faculty.
 - The Propel Postdoctoral Scholars Program empowers outstanding researchers, prepares future faculty leaders, and creates a community of promising bioscientists from backgrounds historically underrepresented in academia who are interested in becoming faculty. Propel is a 2-year cohort-based program that provides a \$85,000 annual salary with benefits and \$5,000 supplemental research funds.
 - Propel is designed to help you thrive in your postdoc and faculty career with programming that supports community-building, career development to navigate the transition to a faculty career, and professional skills like grant writing, science communication, networking, and mentoring.
 - Eligible applicants are encouraged to contact the Propel team for guidance on preparing a successful application, including connecting with potential mentors.
 - Apply today! Application deadline is June 2, 2024.