

The Graduate Teaching Academy *Developing Tomorrow's College Teachers...Today!*

The **Graduate Teaching Academy (GTA)** is a graduate student-led organization supported by the Office of Graduate Studies and the Center for Teaching Excellence. Our mission is to provide professional development opportunities to equip graduate students in the area of college teaching.

All GTA programs are FREE for graduate students enrolled at Texas A&M University.

Flexibility of attendance: participate in any or all of the GTA programs as your schedule permits. For example, you may choose to attend one or any number of our Fall Seminar Series presentations. Or you may choose to enroll in our one-year voluntary program that can be entered into at the beginning of either the fall or the spring semester. Those who successfully complete the one-year program obtain a Certificate of Completion from the GTA and receive the designation of "GTA Fellow."

To accomplish our mission, the GTA provides the following:

- **Fall Seminar Series**

- Thirteen interactive seminars on a variety of important teaching-related topics.
- Faculty from Texas A&M University and beyond are invited to share with you their wisdom and experiences on topics related to college teaching.

- **Teaching Mentor Program**

- Enter into a teaching mentor/mentee relationship with a faculty member recognized for excellence in and commitment to teaching.
- Exchange teaching ideas one-on-one with your mentor.

- **Teaching Portfolio Workshop**

- Receive assistance in creating a teaching portfolio that will enhance your academic job applications.
- Develop your statement of teaching philosophy.

- **Wakonse Travel Awards**

- The GTA sponsors three all-expenses-paid travel awards to attend the annual Wakonse Conference on College Teaching in Stoney Lake, Michigan.

For more information about the GTA program and activities contact:

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All GTA programs are FREE for graduate students enrolled at Texas A&M University. If you are interested in receiving future emails with information about our program and activities, please subscribe to our listserv. To join the listserv, send an email from your preferred email address to listserv@listserv.tamu.edu and in the BODY of the message put: SUBSCRIBE **gta** yourfirstname yourlastname. Or visit <http://listserv.tamu.edu> and use the web interface to subscribe to the "gta" mailing list.

THE 2008 FALL SEMINAR SERIES
PRESENTED BY THE GRADUATE TEACHING ACADEMY
(As of August 18, 2008)

Sept. 1 – GTA Program Introduction (learn more about what the GTA offers, including our “GTA Fellow” certificate program)

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Dr. Debra Fowler** (Associate Director, Center for Teaching Excellence, TAMU)

Sept. 8 – Teaching Large versus Small Classes

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Dr. Stephen Daniel** (Department of Philosophy, TAMU)

Sept. 15 – Diversity in the Classroom

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Dr. Fred A. Bonner, II** (Education Administration & Human Resource Development, TAMU)

Sept. 22 – Divided We Fall Video Presentation Special Event

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-8:30 PM

Speaker: **Video**

Sept. 29 – Using Technology in the Classroom

Room 601 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Jeff Kurtz** (Senior Information Technology Consultant, TAMU)

Oct. 6 – Teachers as Leaders

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Dr. Christine Townsend** (Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications, TAMU)

Oct. 13 – Teaching at Different Colleges Panel

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Panelists: **Mr. Richard Moore, Dr. Robert Webb, additional speakers TBA**

Oct. 20 – Selecting Course Goals

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Dr. Ludy Benjamin** (Department of Psychology, TAMU)

Oct. 27 – Topic TBA

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Speaker TBA**

Nov. 3 – Inquiry in the Classroom

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Dr. Bruce Herbert** (Department of Geology, TAMU)

Nov. 10 – Teaching Critical Thinking Skills

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Dr. Alan Pepper** (Department of Biology, TAMU)

Nov. 17 – Topic TBA

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Speaker TBA**

Nov. 24 – Topic TBA

Room 301 Rudder Tower, 5:30-6:30 PM

Speaker: **Speaker TBA**

Dec. 4 – Special Event – Dudley Herschbach

Room TBA, 3:30-5:30 PM