



END OF SEMESTER GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FALL 2023

THANK YOU! FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Greetings from the Graduate School! We hope you've had a great fall semester!

As the semester concludes, we want to highlight the events the Graduate School hosted over the fall semester. We also include a highlight of our students' accomplishments.

We have enjoyed getting to know our new students and keeping up with our returning students this fall. We wish you luck with your final projects and exams and hope you have a fantastic winter break! Make sure to visit family and friends as you celebrate the holidays and relax all you can! You deserve it!

Thank you for all you do as you continue your education. Please reach out to our team if you have any questions. Our contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter!

FALL 2023 IN REVIEW

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GRADUATE ASSISTANT ORIENTATION



To kick off the semester, we hosted our usual Graduate Assistant (GA) Orientation to help GAs become familiar with the different resources available for them at CSU. We also covered how the different types of GAs function and how/when they receive their stipends. To get our GAs familiar with each other, we played an icebreaker game in the form of signature bingo. The three winners of the game received gift cards to the CSU Bookstore.



GRADUATE ASSISTANT MEET & MINGLE

To have our graduate assistants meet each other and make connections within CSU, we hosted a mixer event with pizza and drinks on September 12th. Assistants were able to talk in a more open environment, and it was a great way to kick off the semester!

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT LUNCH & LEARN FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

To give graduate students an insight into the different study abroad opportunities offered at CSU, we hosted a Lunch & Learn event with Global Engagement on September 28th. We had two speakers at the event. Ms. Brooke Quarterman, the coordinator of International Programming at the Center for Global Engagement discussed how to look for study abroad opportunities on CSU's website and how to apply for grants through several programs. Dr. Victor Salazar, the director of The Ivey Center and faculty at the COEHP, spoke about a trip to Reading, England, that he will be hosting during the summer of 2024.

GRADUATE RESEARCH & WRITING BOOT CAMP

We hosted our virtual Graduate Research and Writing Boot Camp on October 7th. The event featured several faculty presentations on various aspects of research to assist students with all levels of the research process. If you want to view the presentations from this semester's event, please check them out at the website below. You can also find previous semesters' lectures on the Graduate School's YouTube page.

[View the Presentations!](#)

FACULTY AND GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCES

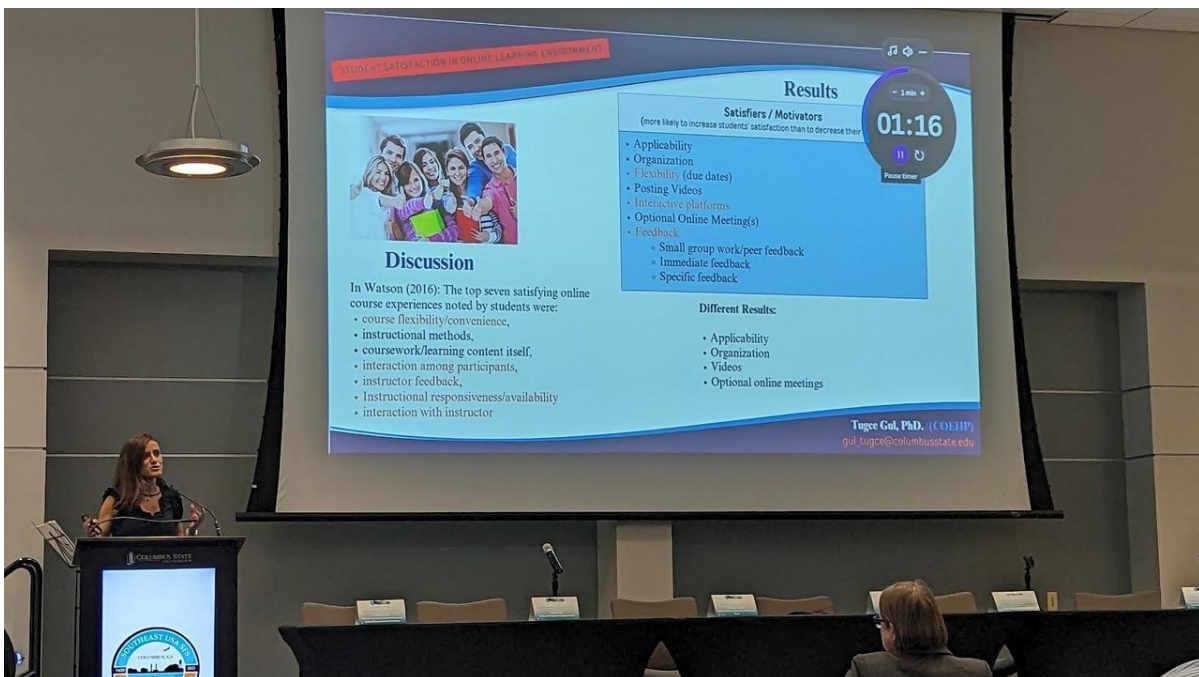


The thirteenth annual Dr. Gregory P. Domin Graduate Research Conference and sixth annual Faculty Research Conference were huge successes! Approximately 100 registered presenters, faculty, students, and guests attended the conference over two days of events. Sixteen presentations occurred at the Faculty Research Conference on November 8, with faculty representation from CSU, University of North Georgia, and Clark Atlanta University. The 15 presentations at the Graduate Research Conference on November 9 included graduate students from CSU, University of Georgia, University of North Georgia, Clark Atlanta University, and Georgia College and State University.

This year, the second Faculty Research Celebration was held following the Faculty Research Conference on November 8. The highlight of the celebration was the rapid research presentations which included the Faculty Snapshots of Innovation presentations and SparkTalk discussion. Faculty members Dr. Lydia Ray, Dr. Lisa Oberlander, Dr. David Kieran, Dr. Molly Claassen, and Dr. Tugce Gul were challenged to describe their recent research endeavors in four minutes with the aid of only four slides. They then engaged in a roundtable discussion about research. It was a phenomenal event with excellent presentations and mind moving presentations!

Anyone interested in learning more about the Faculty Research and Dr. Gregory P. Domin Graduate Research Conference can visit our [website](#), or contact [Amber Dees](#), chair of the Faculty Research and Dr. Gregory P. Domin Graduate Research Conference.

We want to thank all the students, faculty, and staff who participated in, volunteered at, and attended conference events. The conference would not have been a success without you!



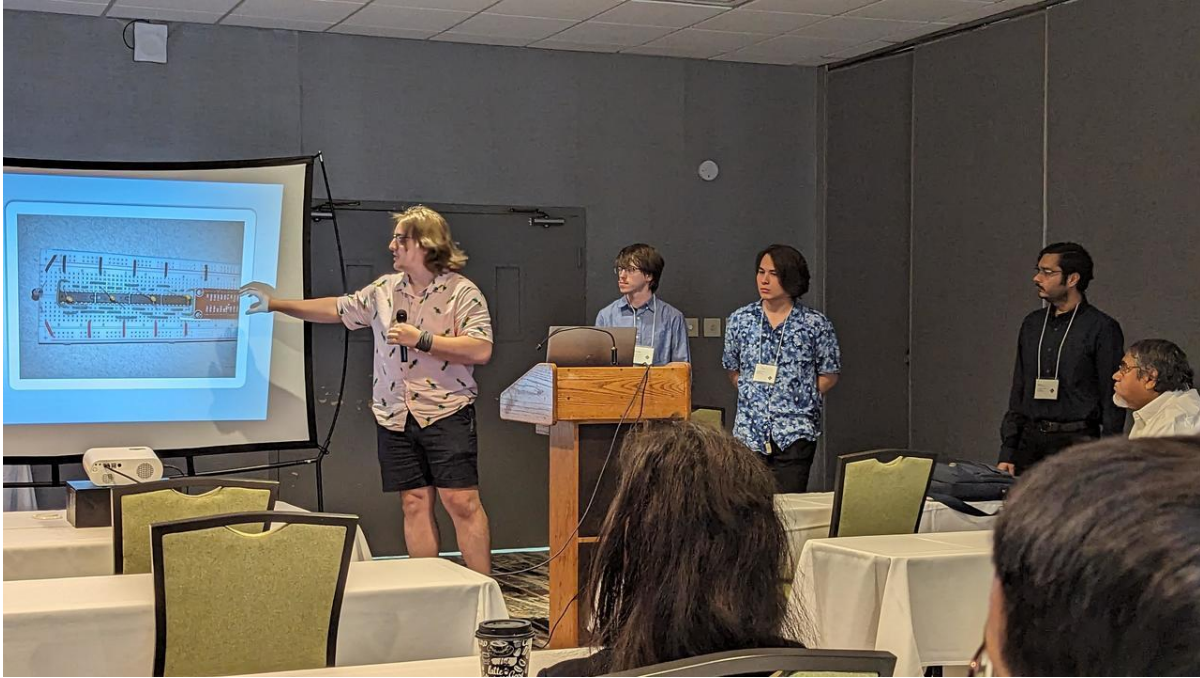
To round out the semester, we hosted one more social event with food. We invited all graduate students to come out and celebrate the end of classes on November 27th. It was great to see our students and talk about how their semesters went and how they prepare for finals. We wish everyone luck as they finish the semester!



GRADUATE STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



We would like to highlight the accomplishment of some of our students from this semester. Rahul Raj, a graduate student getting his degree in MS of Applied Computer Science, was accompanied by undergraduate students Luka Wilmink, Robert Gleason, and Jonathan Co at the ACM Mid SouthEast Conference that took place in Gatlinburg, TN on November 16th and 17th. The group received the "Best Presentation Award" for their project titled "Understanding Random Number Generators." The group worked with an expert at the National Institute of Standards and Technology ([NIST](https://www.nist.gov)) under Dr. Yesem Kurt Peker's mentorship to complete the project. Congratulations to all of you!



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OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apply for Graduate Student or Faculty of the Month

We want to feature the stellar people in our programs!

Do you know a graduate student or faculty member who deserves recognition for their achievements or research? We want to hear about them! We would like to include these highlights in future newsletters, and share their activities with colleagues! Apply to the proper form below to put them on our radar!

[Student Candidates](#)

[Faculty Candidates](#)

Join the Graduate Student Advisory Council

We are always looking for feedback from our students, here's your chance to be heard!

We are looking for dedicated and hardworking graduate students who are connected to their communities to join the Graduate Student Advisory Council! The intended purpose for this council is to give students of the graduate school a voice in how they feel the graduate school excels and how it could improve. This council will meet no more than two times a semester. If you are interested in joining, please don't hesitate to fill out the form below!

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