



# The Grad Review

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## Dean's Message



Your Graduate School is eager to kick off the new academic year and this edition of The Grad Review features a report on one of our fine graduate programs, the Master of Arts in Social Sciences, as well as focusing on some exciting changes for the Graduate School. Responsibility for graduate admissions has returned to our office and we anticipate that the advent of our very knowledgeable new admissions specialist, Michelle Emrick, will add efficiency to the process and convenience for our applicants. Similarly, convenience for our students and efficiency of effort are themes which continue with regard to new procedures now in place for applying to graduate school and completing a graduate program. These processes, along with the new use of ProQuest for thesis preparation, are overseen by Angela Ross in our office. Finally, a word of congratulations is extended to our Graduate School Director, Dr. Susan Maxey, who received her Ed.D. degree this past spring. Well-deserved and well-done, Dr. Maxey!

## Grad Admissions: A Welcomed Addition



The Graduate School is pleased to welcome Michelle Emrick to our team! Michelle first began work at MSU in 2011 and then was later hired for the Graduate Specialist position in July of 2013. She is an alumni of Morehead State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting. Michelle's background includes working as a real estate closer for ten years as well as working for several law firms in Charleston, South Carolina. In 2009, she moved back to Morehead where she now lives with her daughter, Rachel, who attends Rowan County Middle School. Michelle works with potential and current graduate students regarding their successful admission to MSU's graduate programs as well as providing information on program admission requirements.

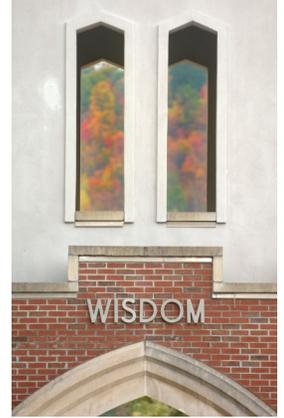
With the addition of Michelle to our office, the Graduate School is now, literally, a one-stop shop for graduate students. Dr. Mike Henson, Dean of the Graduate School, is pleased with the higher degree of efficiency that comes along with this new initiative, adding that "The addition of Michelle to our staff is another important component of our plan to make graduate education at MSU available to an increasing number of qualified students. We are certain that she will be very successful in her role".

With all facets of graduate education (recruitment, admission, retention, and completion) working together, we will be able to work more effectively to serve our graduate students. Michelle can be reached by email at [m.emrick@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.emrick@moreheadstate.edu).

## Featured Program: Master of Arts in Social Sciences

In the fall of 2011, MSU introduced the Master of Arts in Social Sciences graduate degree program. The master's degree is an innovative program in interdisciplinary social sciences which offers classes that address broad topics such as globalization, race, and culture from the point of view of sociologists, political scientists, historians, and geographers. The program draws on the talents of many faculty members from several disciplines which include:

- \* Ann Andaloro, Communications with a focus on feminism and television audience studies.
- \* Bernadette Barton, Sociology and the author of *Stripped: Inside the Lives of Exotic Dancers* and *Pray the Gay Away: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays*
- \* Ric Caric, Political Science and focusing on American politics, African-American thought, and the history of popular culture.
- \* Verdie Craig, Geography and focusing on rural and community development, the impact of development policy, and local empowerment.
- \* Kristina DuRocher, History and the author *Raising Racists: The Socialization of White Children in the Jim Crow South*.
- \* Daryl Privott, Education and the author of *Military Recruiting on College Campuses: Legal, Theoretical and Practical Implications of Rumsfeld v. FAIR*.
- \* Suzanne Tallichet, Sociology and the author of *Daughters of the Mountain: Women Coal Miners in Central Appalachia*.



The Master of Arts in Social Sciences program is designed with several types of students in mind. Students who plan to apply to Ph.D. programs may further their efforts by seeking a social sciences degree. Social Studies teachers can use the degree as part of their qualification for a Rank I or Rank II position with approval from the Education Professional Standards Board. Likewise, because of the convenience of the online program, college graduates who have an intellectual interest in the social sciences but are not able to change locations can further their education as well.

In addition, the MA in Social Sciences program seeks to maximize student flexibility by providing the option of a fully online program or taking a combination of traditional and online classes. Thesis and non-thesis options as well as internship opportunities are also available. For more information on the [Master of Arts in Social Sciences](#) program, please contact Dr. Ric Caric by email at [r.caric@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:r.caric@moreheadstate.edu).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS

### [MSU Fall 2014 Career Fair](#)

Tuesday, October 7, 2014 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Adron Doran University Center (ADUC), Morehead, Kentucky

### [UK Grad School and Professional Showcase](#)

Wednesday, October 20, 2014 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Student Center Grand Ballroom, Lexington, Kentucky

The \$30 application fee will be waived for any student who submits an application to the graduate school representative.

# What's New in Grad School

## Applying for Graduation Has Never Been Easier

It's the beginning of a new academic year at MSU and the Graduate School has implemented a few new things as well. As of this past July, the Office of the Registrar rolled out a new online graduation process for fall registration. The new graduation form, which is now located within the [mymoreheadstate](#) student portal, will allow students who are completing a master's, education specialist or doctoral degree the opportunity to apply for graduation and pay the graduate fee all online.

"The new process for applying for completion of a graduate program makes it more convenient for our students since it is now housed within the online student portal. This then allows the student to complete the form anytime without a call or visit to campus" stated Angela Ross, completion coordinator for the graduate school.

Angela, in collaboration with the Registrar's Office worked diligently on this process so that it would be up and running for the fall semester. Complete details are available on our [web site](#).

## The Advantages of ProQuest

Since fall of 2013, MSU students have been using ProQuest, an online database resource, for submission of their theses, applied projects, and doctoral capstones. The process before was quite cumbersome and costly to both students and the university. However, students now have the convenience of submitting their scholarly work electronically via the ProQuest web site in a more expedient and timely manner.

Still, there are even more advantages for students who use ProQuest. One major advantage is the increased visibility for students within the scholarly community made available to researchers through the Dissertations and Theses Global Database. Students may also perform their own searches for scholarly content using the ProQuest Research Library. Another important advantage is that ProQuest provides students with the option to electronically copyright their theses or dissertations, which wasn't an option previously.

The Graduate School is pleased to provide this new process for submitting scholarly work which is now more convenient and less complicated. Additionally, the advantages of enhanced research visibility to other scholars as well as copyright capability are just a few of the ways that we continue to strive to bring better customer service to our students. Visit our [web site](#) for more information on ProQuest.

## Graduate School Staff

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