



## Dean's Message



With the start of 2014, we report in this issue of The Grad Review on a number of the exciting innovations in graduate education that have been designed to facilitate the success of our students. Online orientation now provides a convenient and cutting-edge opportunity for new students to acustom themselves to the complexities of graduate education by answering important questions about everything from registration to program completion and commencement. In this and in future issues, we will spotlight individual graduate programs that add so much to the rich academic fabric of the University. This time we shine the light on our online Master of Arts in Communication, which serves so well to prepare students for advancement and leadership in many professions, and the Chair of the Department of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies, Dr. Keith Terry. Finally, we salute the first graduates of our Doctor of Educational Leadership (EdD.) program, a program that received a 2013 Innovation Award by the Appalachian Innovations Collaborative.

## New Grad Student Online Orientation



Today, grad students conduct much of their lives online. From business to entertainment, and everything in between, students are continually looking for services that are convenient and save time. With this in mind, the Graduate School has implemented a [new grad student online orientation program](#). The purpose of the program is to take the guesswork out of grad school and provide students with the tools to navigate through the, sometimes, technical aspects of acclimating to a new environment.

A significant aspect of the online orientation site is the informative video hosted by Carlie Preece, graduate recruitment and retention coordinator. The video educates and instructs students on what steps they need to take once they've been admitted to their academic programs. "Our graduate student orientation covers a wide range of topics: account setup, registration, payment plans, etc. We designed our orientation around questions we frequently receive from students. We realize graduate students are busy and often have time constraints so this orientation is a resource students can review at their own pace and return to any time for a refresher," stated Preece.

In addition, the site provides information on school resources such as advising and financial aid, and links to the most commonly used services at MSU. By encouraging students to be more prepared through the online orientation program, we are essentially preparing them to be more successful in graduate school.

## Featured Program: Master of Arts in Communication Now 100% Online



One of the first graduate programs in Communication in the state of Kentucky to be offered entirely online, the Master of Arts at Morehead State University continues its tradition of preparing persons for further graduate study and a range of professions.

Core courses in communication theory, research methods, and scholarly writing lay a foundation for advanced study of communication. Remaining elective hours may include media studies, and organizational communication and topical seminar courses. Coursework of up to 6 hours is encouraged in a related area outside the department. Students can choose

to complete their 30-hour program with or without a thesis. Participation in professional organizations is encouraged. For students able to come to the main campus, graduate assistantships provide valuable experience and tuition support.

### **Master of Arts in Communication faculty:**

- ⇒ Keith Terry, department chair (professor of communication)
- ⇒ Lawrence Albert (professor of speech communication)
- ⇒ Ann Andaloro (associate professor of mass communication)
- ⇒ Noel Earl (assistant professor of speech communication)
- ⇒ Jeffrey Hill (associate professor of mass communication)
- ⇒ Gary LaFleur (associate professor of speech communication)
- ⇒ John Modaff (professor of speech communication)

Courses are conducted entirely online, using MSU's Blackboard learning system. Collaboration is encouraged by all faculty, and academic advising is available 12 months a year. Please contact Dr. Keith Terry, [ke.terry@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:ke.terry@moreheadstate.edu) or you can find more details about this program in the [online graduate catalog](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS

### **[MSU Spring 2014 Career Fair](#)**

***Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m./Adron Doran University Center (ADUC)***

The Graduate School will be on site to visit with students who are interested in learning more about graduate school and the programs offered. The \$30 application fee will be waived for any student who submits an application to the graduate school representative. Please visit the [Career Services web site](#) to learn more.

### **[MSU Graduate School Open House 2014](#)**

***Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 3 - 5 p.m./Adron Doran University Center (ADUC)***

Graduate School Open House is an excellent opportunity for students to connect with faculty, staff and other students while exploring their options for graduate school. The \$30 application fee will be waived for any student who submits an application to a graduate school representative. Please contact [Carlie Preece](#) for more information on this event.

## More about Dr. Keith Terry



In addition to the new online master's program, the [Department of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies](#) welcomed a new department chair as well. Dr. Keith Terry assumed the role of chairperson in the department on July 1, 2013. He moved to Morehead after having spent 26 years at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he taught public relations, research, video production and new media classes. He was also the department administrator there for several years.

He has written three books; two of those merged his love of the outdoors with history. The other was done out of curiosity and was "just plain fun." He is currently researching newspaper coverage of Nebraska moonshining during Prohibition and hopes to finish his work on that this summer. Terry savors adventure racing, mountain biking and running.

You can reach Dr. Terry by calling 606.783.2134 or by email at [ke.terry@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:ke.terry@moreheadstate.edu). His office is located at 111 Breckinridge Hall.

## MSU Graduates Doctoral Students



It was not only an exciting year for MSU's Graduate School but a historic one as well. This past May, Morehead State University's Graduate School graduated the first 19 students from the Doctorate of Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) program.

The three-year program requires successful completion of a minimum of 60 post-graduate hours, written and oral qualifying exams, and successful defense of a capstone project. Additionally, the practitioner-doctorate model means that students work full time while they are engaged in completing the various program requirements. "It is indeed appropriate that the practitioner-based doctorate in Education for P-12 and technology leaders on the job is now offered by a College that has long been considered "A Light to and From the Mountains" in Eastern Kentucky. The Graduate School at Morehead State University is proud to be a partner in this vital educational outreach," stated Dr. Michael Henson, dean of the Graduate School. By offering the Ed.D. program, MSU is taking the next steps in meeting the needs of educators by ensuring that there is a quality leader in every school.

As education progresses into the 21st century, Morehead State University's goal of "preparing the very best teachers" to serve our communities and region is still ongoing and one that MSU strives to meet. Please visit the [College of Education's web site](#) for more information on the Ed.D. program.

## Graduate School Staff

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