NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION AGENDA
Session 2: August 25, 2017

**Entire Program will take place in Rudder Theater except for Breakout Sessions and Lunch**

**Rudder Theater**

8:00am Registration in Rudder Exhibit Hall
8:50am Welcome - Dr. Michael Stephenson
9:00am Graduate and Professional Studies at Texas A&M University - Dr. Mark Zoran
9:10am Overview of the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies - Dr. Rosana Moreira
9:25am Safety and Security - Lt. Bobby Richardson
9:35am Aggie Honor Code - Tim Powers
9:45am C.L.E.A.R - Dmitri Westbrook
10:05am Community of Respect - Dr. Marisa Suhm
10:25am Scholarships and Financial Aid - Natalie Shaw

**Rudder Tower, Koldus, Memorial Student Center**

10:45am Breakout Session I
- Tips for Grad School Success – Cherise Castille
- Establishing Your Scholarly Identity as a Graduate Student – Dr. Sheila Green
- Financial Management During Graduate School – David Roach
- Resources for Distance Education Students - Donna Mancuso
- The ‘Other’ Education: Professional Development Beyond the Classroom – Dr. Leonard Bright
- Welcome to Aggieland - Traditions Council

11:40am Breakout Session II
- Tips for Grad School Success – Cherise Castille
- Establishing Your Scholarly Identity as a Graduate Student – Dr. Dong Joon Lee
- Financial Management During Graduate School – David Roach
- Veteran and Military Dependent Student Resources – Clay Bassham
- The ‘Other’ Education: Professional Development Beyond the Classroom – Dr. Leonard Bright
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12:30pm Resource Fair w/ Lunch in Bethancourt Ballrooms (MSC 2300)

**Rudder Theater**

1:50pm Student Business Services - Jacki Brossman-Ashorn
2:00pm Student Counseling Services - Dr. Erika Epps
2:10pm Graduate and Professional Student Council - Matthew Etchells
2:20pm Graduate Student Panel
3:05pm Closing Remarks and Giveaways
**Break Out Sessions**

**Establishing Your Scholarly Identity as a Graduate Student:** This session will cover the basic aspects of creating a scholarly identity. In this session, we will talk about researcher information systems, such as ORCiD, that allow scholars to track their citations and create research networks. This session will be of interest to all graduate students.

*Target Audience: Students interested in researcher information systems.*

**Financial Management During Graduate School:** Keeping track of your money as a graduate student can be stressful. Find out how to establish an easy and effective money management system to help reduce your stress about your finances while you pursue your academic degree.

*Target Audience: Students interested in personal financial management.*

**Resources for Distance Education Students:** This presentation provides an overview of academic advising, professional development opportunities, and other resources offered by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies as well as other campus offices for distance education students.

*Target Audience: Students completing their graduate coursework through distance education.*

**Tips for Grad School Success:** Learn strategies to help you excel in graduate school, such as forming study groups, networking, time management skills, and getting to know the culture of your academic program.

*Target Audience: Students interested in the secrets to graduate school success.*

**The ‘Other’ Education: Professional Development beyond the Classroom:** Graduate education is about so much more than advanced coursework! This session will summarize some of the experiences and activities to support your development into a highly qualified professional and your transition the best positions in your field. These include research-oriented experiences, professional development workshops, and more.

*Target Audience: Students interested in professional development.*

**Veteran & Military Dependent Student Resources:** This presentation is for all current or former military Service members or military dependents who are (or may be) eligible for military education benefits. The session will provide information about military educational benefits and numerous other resources available to all military-affiliated students. Texas A&M is dedicated to serving well those who have served…Join us for this session to find out how to connect with other veterans and resources!

*Target Audience: Veterans and military dependent students.*

**Welcome to Aggieland:** Are you new to Texas A&M? This session will give you an overview of life in Aggieland, introducing you to time-honored traditions on campus and exploring recreational activities available in the Bryan/College Station area. Being a new student in an unfamiliar place can be overwhelming. Let us help you get acclimated to your new home!

*Target Audience: Students new to Texas A&M University or the Bryan/College Station Area.*