

# GRC NEWSLETTER

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## ABOUT THE GRC

The Graduate Research Center's mission is to transform the graduate student experience. We cultivate a dynamic academic environment in which graduate students engage in innovative research, receive tailored academic support, and leverage resources for both academic and professional development. We are dedicated to nurturing emerging scholars, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and empowering individuals to excel in their academic pursuits through mentorship, fellowship opportunities, and transformative services.



## JUNE EVENTS

- June 1: First Day of the Summer Session (for sessions I and III)
- June 5: Last Day to Add/Drop Courses (for sessions I and III)
- June 19: Juneteenth Observance Day (no classes)
- June 19: Last Day to Withdraw with a grade of 'W' (for session I)



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# FALL 2026



**GRAD STUDENT  
CLASS  
REGISTRATION  
IS OPEN!**

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**TRANSFORMATIVE  
SYNERGIES**

ARTS, BUSINESS, STEM, HEALTH & EDUCATION FOR A  
CHANGING WORLD



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## HARMONIZING THE FUTURE: INTERDISCIPLINARY PATHWAYS FOR A RESILIENT SOCIETY

**NOVEMBER 8 - 10, 2026**

### IMPORTANT DATES

Proposal submission  
**August 1, 2026**

Proposal acceptance notification  
**September 1, 2026**

Conference  
**November 8-10, 2026**

#### Hotel at the University of Maryland

**7777 Baltimore Ave 4th Floor, College Park, MD 20740**

*Discounted rates are available for conference attendees*

In an era defined by rapid technological shifts, political instability, global health challenges, and social evolution, the traditional silos of academia are no longer sufficient. To build a truly resilient society, we must find the "Transformative Synergies" where the precision of STEM, the soul of the Arts, the necessity of Health, the strategic scale of Business, and the foundation of Education converge.

This conference serves as a dynamic forum for faculty, scholars, and graduate students to showcase cutting-edge research that transcends disciplinary boundaries. We invite submissions that explore how these diverse fields can harmonize to create innovative solutions for the complex problems of the 21st century.

### REGISTRATION FEE

**Bowie State University \$100**

Students, Faculty, and Staff Conference and Gala

**Conference Only \$75**

**Gala Only \$50**

**Registration & Submission  
Portal Opens Mid June**

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**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL  
AT BOWIE STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

# SPOTLIGHT

## JACOB LANDIS

### Mental Health Counseling

Meet Jacob Landis, a graduate student in the Mental Health Counseling program at Bowie State University whose academic interests center on the intersection of substance use disorders and behavioral addictions. Through his studies and professional experiences, Landis is exploring the complex ways addictive behaviors impact individuals and communities, with a particular focus on improving access to treatment and support services.

Landis has already made meaningful contributions to the field. In 2019, he presented at the Hearing Loss Association of America Convention, where he led a seminar examining the relationship between hearing loss and substance use disorders. His presentation highlighted accessibility barriers often encountered by individuals with hearing loss in treatment facilities and twelve-step recovery programs, bringing attention to an important yet often overlooked issue within behavioral health services.

Beyond the classroom, Landis is committed to supporting individuals on their recovery journeys. He currently serves as a Treatment Aide at Hope House, an inpatient substance use treatment facility, where he works directly with individuals seeking recovery and healing. This hands-on experience allows him to connect academic theory with real-world practice while deepening his understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the mental health and substance use treatment fields.

Landis has also demonstrated leadership and service in both his local community and the broader disability advocacy space. He serves as President of his community homeowners association and is the founder of Jacob's Ride, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals obtain cochlear implants and access life-changing hearing resources. Through this work, he continues to advocate for greater accessibility, inclusion, and quality of life for those with hearing loss.

Through his dedication to research, service, advocacy, and community leadership, Landis exemplifies Bowie State University's commitment to creating positive change. His work reflects a passion for advancing mental health awareness, expanding access to care, and empowering individuals to overcome barriers and thrive.



*GRADUATE WRITING SERVICES*

# ARE YOU WORKING ON A SUMMER PROJECT?

The GRC is here to help!  
**EXTENDED HOURS OFFERED  
JUNE-AUGUST**



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Here!**

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**Grants**  
**Scholarships**  
**Guidance on navigating  
databases & research tools**  
**Fellowship applications**  
**Personalized sessions**  
**Conference proposals**  
**Journal article support**  
**Group Writing Sessions**  
**Research design feedback**  
**& more!**

# Tailored Academic Support

## GRADUATE WRITING SERVICES



Research editors at the Graduate Research Center focus on helping graduate students grow as academic writers and scholars across disciplines. We support students at any stage in the writing process. We provide feedback on a range of work including research papers, literature reviews, dissertation chapters, grant proposals, and conference presentations.

### Offerings:

#### Brainstorming Consultations

Students talk through approaches they are considering for starting an assignment, drafting sections of longer manuscripts, or even working through structural issues in a current draft. The consultation focuses on using dialogue to explore ideas, ask questions, and gain clarity. Brainstorming consultations are scheduled 24 hours in advance and require an assignment sheet or a short project description.

#### Read Ahead Consultations

Students will identify a specific challenge that they are facing in a current draft. An editor will read student work before the consultation. The consultation centers on using dialogue to provide constructive feedback, potential strategies, and resources for overcoming the challenge. Consultations are scheduled 48 hours in advance. Requirements for making the appointment include an assignment sheet or a short project description in addition to 5-8 double-spaced manuscript pages or slides.

#### Thesis/Dissertation Support Groups:

Weekly, noncommittal groups will offer a supportive, flexible space for writers to meet the demands of revising manuscripts and take advantage of dedicated writing time. Sessions will also feature brief workshops focused on enhancing your writing process, trying new revision strategies, using feedback effectively, maximizing writing time, and more.

#### Dissertation Workshop Series:

The Dissertation Workshop Series guides doctoral students through writing and refining key sections of the dissertation. Workshops will focus on writing a clear problem statement, crafting a comprehensive literature review, describing research methodologies, presenting findings, and highlighting a study's significance.

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## ACADEMIC ADVISING



Academic advisors at the Graduate Research Center support new and continuing graduate students through the enrollment and registration process, help them understand program requirements, and provide ongoing guidance throughout their academic journey.

### Offerings:

In-person and online advising sessions by appointment only.

**New Student/Doctoral/Certificate Program Advising:**  
Ms. Oji

**New Student/Master's Program Advising:** Ms.  
Bradford-Yancey

## STATISTICS ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE



Statisticians at the Graduate Research Center provide academic support to graduate students by assisting with statistical concepts, data analysis techniques, and software applications. We help students understand probability, hypothesis testing, regression analysis, and other advanced statistical methods. Services include one-on-one or group sessions, guidance in applying statistical methods to research projects, and clarification on complex topics to enhance comprehension and confidence.

### Offerings:

One-on-One or Group Sessions to address challenges directly related to coursework.

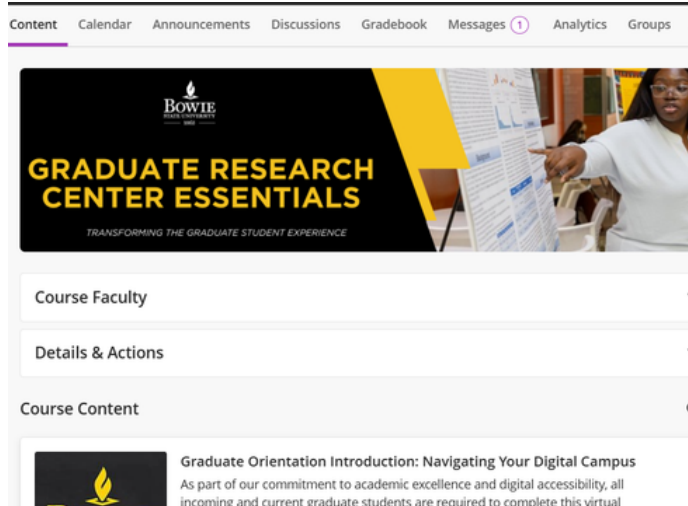
## Need to Print?

Graduate programs or students in need of printing large images for conference presentations, abstract presentations, posters, etc., may complete the request form below. Materials will be ready for pickup on Mondays and Wednesdays in room 1185 of the Thurgood Marshall Library.

[Print Services Submission Form](#)



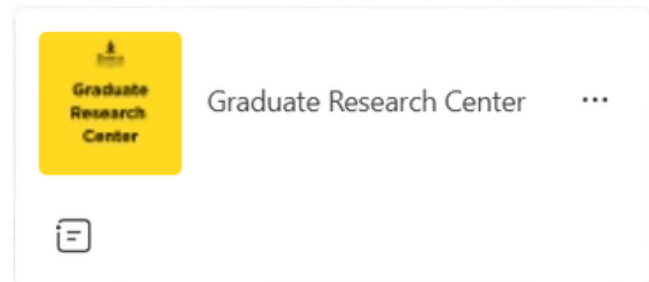
# GRC ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE ON NEW PLATFORMS



The Graduate Research Center (GRC) Essentials Blackboard organization is now open to all graduate students. This module is designed to orient students to GRC services while also providing access to essential Graduate School resources.

Students can easily access the organization by visiting [Blackboard](#), logging in, and selecting “organization” on the navigation pane located on the left. Within the GRC Essentials module, students will complete a brief orientation and earn a digital badge to recognize their participation.

The module will remain available throughout the academic year, serving as a convenient point of reference for all things related to the Graduate Research Center and the Graduate School.



In addition to Blackboard, we are excited to announce the launch of the GRC Team Hub, now available to all graduate students and faculty. The hub serves as a centralized resource, offering easy access to pertinent information about GRC services, university personnel, policies, and more. By streamlining these resources into one convenient space, the Team Hub is designed to support academic success, strengthen communication, and foster engagement across the graduate community.

**JOIN THE  
HUB  
HERE!**



# MEET THE GRC STAFF: MS. BRADFORD-YANCEY



**Title:** Master's Program Management Specialist

**How long have you been with the GRC?** A little over a year

**What is your role in supporting graduate students?** I advise masters students, plan our events, and track our data.

**What do you enjoy most about working with graduate students?** Being able to help make their load a little lighter. Whenever a student logs off a call and says "thank you so much this was so helpful" it's the most rewarding part of my day.

**One piece of advice for graduate students:** Prioritize yourself and your well-being over your accomplishments.

**Coffee or tea?** Coffee.

**Favorite way to spend a weekend:** Resting, preferably on a beach. Or at Disney World.

**Favorite book:** I love Kennedy Ryan books and can watch literally anything.

**Dream travel destination:** Greece but also Brazil.

**Fun Fact:** I've been to 5 Beyonce concerts.

**Early bird or night owl**

**Sweet or savory**

**Virtual meetings or in-person**

**Beach or mountains**

*Matthew 6:33*



# VISIT THE GRADUATE LOUNGE!

Looking for a space to study, collaborate with peers, or work on assignments? Visit the Graduate Lounge in **Thurgood Marshall Library (Room 1185)**. This modern space features seating for 30, 7 computers, 3 private study pods, and a large 80" interactive screen with virtual and touchscreen capabilities.



Thurgood Marshall Library, Room 1185



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