

# The Graduate Gazette

Eastern Connecticut State University Graduate Newsletter



## In Case You Missed It...

The Graduate Division kicked off the Fall 2018 semester with an Orientation for new students on August 27th. We were excited to welcome so many Graduate students this year and look forward to seeing them complete their programs.



Assistant Dean Drewry acted as emcee for the evening, which featured welcome messages from Dean Scott and Dr. Salka, Interim Provost. Students enjoyed a buffet dinner, participated in an ice-breaker activity, listened to speakers from several departments on campus and went home with goody bags ready to tackle their classes.

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## From the Dean

Welcome to the new semester! The faculty is excited at the promise of every new term. I know this because just recently I was a member of the graduate faculty. I have taught 2-3 graduate courses at Eastern every semester for more than 15 years. I miss teaching and envy your teachers. Your enthusiasm for learning and willingness to explore new ideas can make each class rewarding and meaningful– for you, your

classmates, and for the faculty. Eastern’s graduate students are a special treasure because so many are working during the day and able to implement what they learn almost immediately. Even if you are not currently working, you will benefit from how your classmates applied theory to practice.

Make the most of each opportunity to learn, whether it is from your own research, assigned readings, group projects, discussions with your classmates, or faculty lectures. I encourage you to prepare carefully before each class meeting, participate fully in each class session, and follow-up with faculty and classmates on anything you don’t quite understand. Understand that graduate programs are more demanding than undergraduate programs, and plan your time accordingly.

I wish you all the best on your journey this semester– Dean Elizabeth Scott, Ph.D.

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*-Dean Elizabeth Scott*

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Graduate Hooding Ceremony May 2018

## MSOM Grad Opens New Business

Alum Jonathan Ayala is putting his education to good use with his new venture, Fresh Men Spa Lounge, in downtown New London.

Check out this [article](#) from the New London Day covering the opening.

*Organizational Management Graduate Jonathan Ayala poses with Dean Scott and Dr. RuJoub after receiving his degree. Ayala recently opened a new business in New London, Fresh Men Spa.*



### Calendar of Events Fall 2018

CARE Applications Due	10/1
Thesis Draft w/ Signature Due in Graduate Office	10/1
Registration Opens	10/15
Intent to Graduate Spring 2019 Forms Due	11/5
Thesis & Copies Due in Graduate Office	11/5
Final Exams	12/10-12/16
Semester Ends	12/23

## Department News

This year, the Graduate Division is rolling out a new education program. The **Educational Studies Master’s Degree with a Dual Language Learner Concentration (DLL)** is an appropriate option for any teaching professional who is interested in focusing on the needs of English Learners and their English speaking peers who study a second language in a dual language context. Mainstream and bilingual program teachers are invited to pursue this 31 credit course of study. For candidates who wish to pursue the State of Connecticut Cross-Endorsement in Bilingual Education all six required courses are offered online.

The Dual Language Learner concentration utilizes an asset-based approach to the education of children and families who value bilingualism, biliteracy and biculturalism. A culminating research project combined with a data literacy project allow for each candidate to tailor their studies to their interests and the needs of their classroom/district.

Contact the Education Department or visit our [website](#) for additional information on this exciting new opportunity.

## What Do You Think?

We want to hear from you! Please take a moment to share your thoughts about creating a Graduate Council and adding evening availability to the Dean’s office.

[Click here for survey](#)



If you are planning to participate in the upcoming commencement activities you must submit your intent to graduate form by November 5, 2018!



## In the News...

- ⇒ The credit limit for full time graduate students is increasing to 13 with the start of Spring 2019 registration.
- ⇒ Dr. Fabrizi hosted a CARE Presentation on September 20th in the Fine Arts Center. If you missed it and are planning on applying to CARE, please contact the education department ASAP.
- ⇒ Dr. John Murphy (Communication) will be presenting **"Community Engagement as a Path for Faculty Development"** on October 17th.
- ⇒ Dr. Ari de Wilde (Kinesiology & Physical Education) will be presenting **"Splinters, Snake Oil and Six Days: Collusion and Underworld Politics in Early 20th Century Professional Bicycle Racing"** on October 21st.