Thursday, March 5, 2020
Tangeman University Center
Greetings to our attendees from the University of Cincinnati and beyond,

We invite you to join us in exploring what graduate education is, and what it could mean for you.

We hope you approach this conference with curiosity. That is the starting point for discovery, and these are both essential features of graduate education. Whether you are interested in why our country decided to fight a war in order to abolish slavery, how consumers make decisions about what to purchase, or how to design a better building, graduate education provides the portal to learn deeply and improve society.

Advanced education beyond the bachelor’s degree propels you into a realm of curiosity, discovery, and personal challenge that can reshape your life expectations. It can change your perception of yourself—what you can do, and how big to dream—and alter your world by imprinting your environment with a legacy to outlast you. It can take a well-rounded, educated adult and transform her into a professional ready to serve communities both local and global, and it can do this in fields ranging from sociology and musicology to epidemiology, the law, and physics.

The conference we have organized today seeks to acquaint both current undergraduates and college alumni from our region with the possibilities of graduate study and with the practical know-how and savvy needed to navigate admissions, financial aid, and the job market. Through today’s events, we hope to demystify graduate school: to walk you through what it can give you, how to get there, and how it can help you to serve others and to contribute to something larger than yourself.

Whether you attend a graduate degree program at the University of Cincinnati or elsewhere, we hope that today’s discussions inspire you to imagine what studying a field in depth and becoming a professional practitioner of it can do for your future and for the work you will advance. Education is simultaneously a personal and a social good, and today you can take the first steps toward both of these benefits of advanced study at a university.

With best wishes for continued learning,
Lauren Inouye is Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs for the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). In this role, she leads the association’s federal policy and advocacy portfolio on issues related to higher education, research, immigration, tax, and diversity and serves as CGS’s representation in the legislative and regulatory arenas. Prior to joining CGS, Lauren served as the Director of Government Affairs for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. She received her Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Michigan. She serves as adjunct faculty teaching policy courses for the School of Nursing & Health Studies at Georgetown University.
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**Boxed Lunch Classic Fair—Great Hall**

- "Tips for Applying to Graduate School" PowerPoint

### 11:15 AM-12:00 PM

**Keynote Speaker, TUC 4th floor—Great Hall**

- Lauren Inouye — Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Council of Graduate Schools

### 12:00-12:45 PM

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Presenter:
Cindy Bachurski—Co-Director, Office of Graduate Education UC College of Medicine

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Presenter:
Marilyn Kershaw—Chief Diversity Officer and Director, UC College Arts and Sciences

UC to a Higher Degree
Session 1, EXPLORE

“Non-Traditional” Student Panel—400A
Moderator: Megan Tischner—Conference Assistant Chair, Program Manager, UC Graduate School
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“Traditional” Student Panel—400B
Moderator: Yonatan Eyal—Director of Graduate Studies, UC Graduate School
This University of Cincinnati Graduate Student Panel consists of those who are classified as “traditional” students. They are currently full-time UC graduate students earning a Master of Arts degree, Master of Science degree, or doctoral degree. They are invited to share their graduate education experience and answer questions relevant to University of Cincinnati graduate programs.

Assessing Skills and Interests—400C
Presenter:
Shannon Lehwald—Career Coach and Peer Career Coach Manager, UC Experience-Based Learning and Career Education
This session introduces participants to the assessment of skills and interests using a simple skills inventory and the John Holland Code, the foundational model for a number of popular career assessments. Participants will assess their own skills and interests, and use their insights to evaluate potential graduate school options.

What You Need to Know about Graduate School—417
Presenters:
Theresa Culley—Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Biological Sciences
Cheri Westmoreland—Director, McNair/CPG Support Services, Division of Student Affairs
Debbie Brawn—Director, University Honors Program
Are you trying to decide if graduate school is right for you? Do you know how to navigate the application process? Come learn what graduate school is all about, how to find the right program and faculty advisor, and learn other valuable tips that will help you begin a successful application for graduate school.

1:00–1:25 PM

Health Professions School Panel; Advice from Students Who Got In—419
Presenter:
Doe Gavin—Senior Academic Advisor, Pre-Professional Advising
Learn how “the experts” do it! This panel will consist of both undergraduate and graduate students aiming for a career in health care. Undergraduate students who applied and were accepted to a health professions program will talk about what they did to be successful. The graduate students who are currently in professional school will talk about what it’s like, and provide some insight and advice from their perspective.

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Presenter:
Frank M. Gerner—Senior Associate Dean Professor, UC College of Engineering & Applied Science

Dr. Gerner discusses what is new within the college, the current application requirements, why a graduate application is beneficial, and answers questions of attendees interested in continuing their graduate education in the field of engineering.

UC Lindner College Business Presentation—400B
Presenter:
Jason Dickman—Director Graduate Admissions and Recruitment, UC Lindner College of Business

Learn more about the diverse portfolio of graduate business programs University of Cincinnati Lindner College of Business has to offer and how a graduate degree can take your career to the next level.
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UC College of Allied Health Presentation—400C
Presenter:
Shauna Acquavita—Associate Professor, School of Social Work

This session will discuss the field of social work, a brief profile of the School of Social Work at University of Cincinnati and the Master of Social Work (MSW) program options. Information on travel abroad, interprofessional opportunities, student fellowships and scholarships and program activities will be reviewed. It will conclude with information on the MSW application process.

UC College of Pharmacy Presentation—411
Presenter:
Corey Bjarnson—Associate Director – Graduate Programs, UC College of Pharmacy

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UC College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH) Presentation—417
Presenter:
Scott Peña—Graduate Enrollment Services Advisor, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH)

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UC College of Design, Architecture, Art, and, Planning Presentation—413
Presenter:
Lora Alberto—Program Director, Graduate Studies & Research, College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning

The top ranked College of DAAP offers ten graduate programs (8 Master’s and 2 PhD). Each program and dual degree opportunities will be discussed. The Portfolio submission will be explained and current updates and application requirements will be highlighted. Several of our graduate programs do not require an undergraduate degree in the specific field and offer an extended option to obtain licensures and/or certifications. Find out how to navigate the application system and make your application stand out.

UC College of Medicine Presentation—423
Presenter:
Cindy Bachurski—Field Service Associate Professor, Co-Director, Office of Graduate Education, UC College of Medicine

Prepare yourself for a biomedical PhD degree: Importance of undergraduate research and the application process.

UC College Arts and Sciences Presentation—427
Presenter:
Marilyn Kershaw—Chief Diversity Officer and Director of the UC College of Arts and Sciences Office of Diversity and Access

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Dr. Shauna P. Acquavita is an Associate Professor and Director of the Master of Social Work Program at the School of Social Work, University of Cincinnati. She has nearly a decade of professional experience providing counseling services to individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. She completed a Pre-Doctorate Fellowship in Maternal and Child Health at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Dr. Acquavita also completed a Post-Doctorate at Johns Hopkins University in the Behavioral Pharmacology Research Unit in the School of Medicine. Her academic career in the field of social work has focused on the area of substance use disorders, maternal and child health, and interprofessional education and collaboration. She has received behavioral health workforce development grants for SAMHSA and HRSA. She has received awards at the college and university level for her research and teaching endeavors. She is a licensed clinical social worker supervisor in the state of Ohio.

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Lora Alberto  
**Program Director, Graduate Studies & Research - College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning**

Lora Alberto is the Program Director for Graduate Studies and Research in the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP). She advises graduate students and works with faculty in all four schools of the college to assist them in meeting University policies and procedures within ten graduate programs. She has a Master of Community Planning degree from UC and a B.S. from Miami University. Previously, Lora was the Education Director for Groundwork Cincinnati - Mill Creek, working with the Cincinnati community to protect and restore the Mill Creek Watershed. She also spent two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines.

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Corey Bjarnson  
**Associate Director – Graduate Programs, James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy**

Corey Bjarnson is the Associate Director for Graduate Programs within the James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy. He is a recent addition to the University of Cincinnati but comes with over 10 years of experience in higher education. Corey is active in promoting the UC College of Pharmacy Graduate Programs to prospective students and is also dedicated to ensuring that these students achieve academic and career success within their UC program.

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Cindy Bachurski  
**Field Service Associate Professor, Co-Director Office of Graduate Education, UC College of Medicine, Pediatrics**

Cindy Bachurski, PhD, is an associate professor of pediatrics at the UC College of Medicine, co-director of the Office of Graduate Education, and director of Student Pipeline Programs at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. From 2009 to 2015 she served as the scientist recruiter for postdoctoral fellows and research associates at Cincinnati Children's and as the assistant director for the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs. Dr. Bachurski was PI of a research laboratory from 1994 to 2010 in the Division of Pulmonary Biology. Her lab studied transcriptional control of the establishment and maintenance of the pulmonary type II cell. She used sophisticated transgenic mouse technology and molecular and biochemical analysis methods to ask mechanistic questions about transcription factor interactions during lung development, and in response to injury. Dr. Bachurski has a long-term interest in mentoring young scientists. She organized a Research Explorer Scout Troop for high school students (1997 to 2001). She currently directs the Summer Internship Program at Cincinnati Children’s, for graduating high school students to work with clinician-mentors, and the Biomedical Research Internship for Minority Students (BRIMS) Program for young high achieving minority students to gain research experience. She also co-chairs the Cincinnati Children’s High School Science Symposium honoring outstanding, local high school students and their teachers. Starting in February of 2015, Dr. Bachurski joined the Office of Graduate Education at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine as the co-director of graduate programs for student recruiting and outreach.
Debbie Brawn
**Director, University Honors Program**

As an educator, Debbie believes strongly in the power of transformative learning. She joined UC’s University Honors Program (UHP) in 2004 as an assistant director and academic advisor. That same year, she transitioned into her current role of administrative director. Debbie’s responsibilities include implementing the vision and mission of the program through development and management of the curriculum, academic advising, international experiences, budget and day-to-day operations. Debbie was a recipient of UC’s Just Community Award in 2010. Prior to working at UC, Debbie worked in Orientation and First Year Experience at James Madison University, where she was an All Together One honoree in 2002. In 2001, she was named the Outstanding New Professional by the National Orientation Directors Association. Debbie has presented on the regional and national levels and is a member of ACPA, NASPA and NACADA.

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Debbie Brawn
**Director, University Honors Program**

As an educator, Debbie believes strongly in the power of transformative learning. She joined UC’s University Honors Program (UHP) in 2004 as an assistant director and academic advisor. That same year, she transitioned into her current role of administrative director. Debbie’s responsibilities include implementing the vision and mission of the program through development and management of the curriculum, academic advising, international experiences, budget and day-to-day operations. Debbie was a recipient of UC’s Just Community Award in 2010. Prior to working at UC, Debbie worked in Orientation and First Year Experience at James Madison University, where she was an All Together One honoree in 2002. In 2001, she was named the Outstanding New Professional by the National Orientation Directors Association. Debbie has presented on the regional and national levels and is a member of ACPA, NASPA and NACADA.

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Joseph Cunningham
**Educational Advisor, AES-Learning Assistance Center**

Dr. Joseph Cunningham is coordinator of the University of Cincinnati’s Academic Writing Center. In addition to coordinating AWC services and teaching courses in English composition, he has published a number of articles in education, literature, and Marxism.
Session Presenters

Jason Dickman  
Director, Graduate Admissions & Recruitment UC Lindner College of Business

Jason’s professional background includes over ten years of working with college students at the University of Cincinnati. Currently, he is the Director of Graduate Admissions and Recruiting at the Lindner College of Business. He promotes the college to prospective students, matching their career goals with the diverse portfolio of degree options the Lindner College of Business offers. Jason is a two-time University of Cincinnati alumnus, earning his Bachelor of Business Administration in 2002 and his Master of Business Administration in 2006.

Doe Gavin  
Senior Academic Advisor, Pre-Professional Advising Center

Doe has been employed by the University of Cincinnati for seventeen years. Her experiences include career advising in the Career Development Center, proactive/intrusive advising in the Center for Access and Transition, exploratory (undecided) advising in the Center for Exploratory Studies, and pre-health and pre-law advising in the Pre-Professional Advising Center. She has also designed and instructed introductory courses in career and major exploration, public speaking, interpersonal communication, and college success skills. She is very committed to student development and experiential learning, particularly service learning.

Frank Gerner  
Senior Associate Dean Professor, UC College of Engineering & Applied Science

Dr. Frank M. Gerner is the Senior Associate Dean for the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Cincinnati. In this capacity, he is responsible for graduate studies, personnel, and college computing. He is also a Professor of Mechanical Engineering and has worked in the areas of MEMS and Microscale Heat Transfer. He has worked in the areas of condensation heat transfer, heat pipes, micro heat pipes, loop heat pipes and microelectronics cooling for the past quarter century. Dr. Gerner has received support from NASA, NSF, AFOSR, DARPA, GE Global Research, and has published over 150 technical articles in these areas, including co-editing a research monograph on Microscale Energy Transport. He has advised numerous MS and PhD students, was a Visiting Professor of Heat Transfer on the Microscale at the University of Tokyo, and is co-inventor on four U.S. patents on loop heat pipes.

Gabrielle Golden  
University Service Associate, One Stop Student Center

Gabrielle Noel Golden is a University Service Associate with the University of Cincinnati’s One Stop Student Service Center. She also serves as the Presentations Committee Lead for the University of Cincinnati’s Money Management Task Force. Gabrielle is an alumna of The Ohio State University and earned her Master of Arts from University of Cincinnati where she focused her research on the leadership development and well-being of young women in relationship to education.

Marilyn Kershaw  
Chief Diversity Officer and Director of College of Arts and Sciences and Office of Diversity and Access

Marilyn Kershaw is the Chief Diversity Officer and Director of the University of Cincinnati College of Arts & Sciences Office of Diversity and Access. She directs the leadership and vision in the development of graduate recruitment initiatives, enhancing strategies for diversity recruitment.
Scott Peña
Enrollment Services Advisor, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH)

Scott Peña is the Graduate Enrollment Services Advisor with the College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services and Information Technology (CECH). He introduces CECH graduate level degrees and certificates to potential students who may wish to continue with their educational goals. He is a retired United States Naval Officer and earned his associate’s and bachelor’s degrees from the University of the State of New York and master’s degree from the

Sarah Hunter
Senior Academic Advisor, Pre-Professional Advising Center

Sarah Hunter’s experience includes fifteen years at universities in Kentucky, Texas, and Ohio, including four years at the University of Cincinnati. In her current role in the Pre-Professional Advising Center, she serves as the liaison for pre-medical, dental, veterinary, optometry, physician assistant, physical therapy, and occupational therapy areas. She created and now oversees the PPAC Ambassador and Mentor programs, and enjoys serving as the advisor for several pre-med student organizations on campus. She has designed and taught introductory courses in career and major exploration as well as currently teaches for the geology department at Northern Kentucky University.

Shannon Lehwald
Career Coach and Peer Career Coach Manager

Shannon Lehwald earned her MAEd in Leadership in Higher Education from Baldwin Wallace University (Berea, OH). Shannon serves as the Career Coach for students within the College of Nursing and College of Allied Health Sciences. She supports career development for undergraduate and graduate students and alumni by helping them develop professional documents, uncover career opportunities related to their degree and interests, and much more. Recently, she took over the Peer Career Coach program and oversees peer educators who help fellow students with career topics.

Amy Robinson Wheeler
2020 Graduate School Conference & Graduate Fair Committee Chair, Program Manager Graduate Recruitment, UC Graduate School

Amy has been employed by the University of Cincinnati Graduate School since 2008. She received her Bachelor’s degree from The Ohio State University, completed two Graduate Certificates from the University of Cincinnati in Human Resources Management and Diversity Management, then continued her education and received her Master’s degree in Human Resources from the University of Cincinnati, Lindner College of Business. Amy is a strong advocate for continuing education. She is a resource for undergraduate and graduate students, UC staff and returning adults interested in continuing their education at the graduate level.

Taylor Oetjen
Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education’s Bearcat Promise Career Studio

Taylor Oetjen serves as a Career Coach in UC’s Division of Experience-Based Learning and Career Education’s Bearcat Promise Career Studio. She assists students and alumni with the many facets of career planning and development. Taylor’s professional background is in college admissions and executive recruiting. Taylor earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication Studies and a Master’s Degree in Counselor Education from Clemson University.
Charlie Thornton
*Career Coach, Experience-Based Learning and Career Education Center*

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Megan Tischner
*Program Manager, Special Projects, UC Graduate School*

Megan Tischner, Program Manager/ Special Projects, has worked for the UC Graduate School since 2011. With a mission of supporting graduate student success, Megan manages the Graduate School’s award competitions and professional development programming. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Albion College (MI) and a master’s in English from the University of Cincinnati.

Cheri Westmoreland
*Director, McNair/CPG Support Services, Division of Student Affairs*

Cheri Westmoreland is the Director of McNair and CPG Support Services. The McNair Scholars Program is an undergraduate research program that provides assistance with the graduate school admissions process. She received her B.A. from Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, her M.S. from Miami University of Ohio, and her EdD from the University of Cincinnati.
3:00-6:30 PM, Graduate School & Health Professions Fair—Great Hall

- A.T. Still University
- Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine
- American University of Antiqua College of Medicine
- American University of the Caribbean
- Ashland University
- Bastyr University
- Bowling Green State University
- Butler University
- Campbell University
- CCHMC/UC College of Medicine
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- Drexel University
- Huntington University
- Illinois College of Optometry
- Indiana University
- Indiana University School of Medicine Anesthesiologist Assistant Program
- IUPUI School of Health and Human Sciences
- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
- Kettering College
- Life Chiropractic College West
- Logan University
- Loyola University Chicago - Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health
- Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
- Marshall University School of Pharmacy
- Midwestern University
- Mount St. Joseph University
- Murray State University
- National University of Health Sciences
- Northern Illinois University
- Northern Kentucky University
- Ohio University
- Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopath
- Ponce Health Sciences University
- Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science
- Ross University School of Medicine
- Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine
- Rush University- College of Health Sciences
- Rutgers School of Public Health
- Sherman College of Chiropractic
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- The Ohio State University
- The University of Queensland
- Uniformed Services University F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine
- University of Colorado School of Medicine
- University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry
- University of Evansville
- University of Findlay
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- University of Southern California School of Pharmacy
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James Mack, Associate Dean of the Graduate
Yonatan Eyal, Director of Graduate Studies

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