Upcoming Workshops

There are no workshops next week.

News and Announcements

Promotion and Tenure Review – Notice of Solicitation
The Promotion and Tenure Committee will conduct a review of promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and Granting of Tenure for Professor Nirav Mehta and a review of promotion to the rank of Professor for Professor Salvador Navarro. Anyone wishing to make a written submission can do so until the files close. It is anticipated this will occur by Friday, September 14, 2018.

Copies of the research dossiers for Professors Mehta and Navarro are available on the Department Intranet.

Main Office Hours
The Main Office will be open for usual business hours 8:30-4:30 p.m. as of September 4, 2018.

Sabbatical Applications
Sabbatical Applications are due to the Chair on September 4, 2018. The online / paper forms are found on the Faculty Relations website.

Reminder- Fall Departmental Meeting
The Fall Departmental Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in room 4161 SSC at 3:00 p.m. All Faculty and staff are invited to attend.

New Academic Year – Start Dates
Undergraduate classes begin Thursday September 6, 2018, Graduate and MFE classes begin on Monday September 10, 2018.

Fall Prospectus Meeting
The Fall Prospectus Meeting will take place Friday, October 5th from 10:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. in SSC 4161. Please mark your calendars.

Tuesday Coffee Hour
Tuesday Coffee Hour will resume on September 18, 2018. Coffee Hour takes place at 2:40 p.m. in the 3rd floor faculty lounge (SSC 3036). Faculty, staff, and graduate students are welcome.
Parking Changes
There are a few changes to parking:

- The Social Science visitor lot will now have a 2-hour maximum. Those who stay longer will be charged for the full day at the rate of $21. This does not apply for visitors passes approved through the main office.
- Parking and Visitor Services is implementing License Plate Recognition technology. To avoid ticketing, valid parking permit holders need to ensure their vehicle and license information is updated. Instructions here.

New Smoking Restrictions in Place
Western has established 6 new designated smoking areas as part of the plan to make Western smoke-free by July 1, 2019. Western's Board of Governors approved changes to Western's Smoking Policy 1.16, found here. The map of the location of these areas can be accessed here. For help with smoking cessation, see here.

The Joanne Goodman Lecture Series
Elaine Tyler May, Regents Professor of American Studies and History at the University of Minnesota will be presenting a series of talks as part of the Joanne Goodman Lecture Series from October 2-4 in the Great Hall at Somerville House, room 3326. All are welcome to attend.

OECD Conference – Call for Papers
The OECD and CEPII and its partners have announced that the 8th Annual International Conference on Immigration in OECD countries will be held in Paris December 10-11, 2018. Papers examining immigration in OECD countries from an economic perspective are welcomed and are due September 16, 2018.

Biennial Conference on Consumer Finance and Macroeconomics – Call for Papers
The conference will take place November 16, 2018. Papers in the area of consumer finance and macroeconomics are welcome, and should be submitted as a PDF via email by September 4, 2018.

Research Notices

Research Grant Applications – Department Procedures
*Please submit a paper copy or email a pdf of all internal and external research grant applications, including contracts, to Karin for review and subsequent Chair approval/signature prior to submitting your application electronically. Completion and submission of the ROLA is also required in order to obtain institutional approvals for research grant/contract applications. Please see Karin if you need assistance.

Policy Changes – Travel and Expense Procedures
Western Financial Services revised the MAPP 2.16 Travel and Expense Policy effective July 1, 2018. Please refer to the Department Intranet for updates.