NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION (Format)

Department of Philosophy

Late August

In-Person Meeting in MH 105

9:00-9:30 Breakfast (provided) in Commons

9:15-9:30 Signing contracts (I-9) with Tom Marek (students on financial aid only).

9:30-10:00 Welcome, Round of Introductions

10:00-11:00 Year-to-year program overview and requirements (all students)
   - Who’s who?

11:00-11:30 Break-Out Session I: MA Students

11:30-12:00 Break-Out Session II: PhD Students
   - Year-by-year overview
   - DPPF/MAPF
   - Financial aid, GAs
   - Program requirements
   - Course credits, transfer opportunities, curriculum for PhD, MA revisions in process
   - MA tracks (HIST, SOAP)
   - Courses at other institutions (new restrictions)
   - Independent studies (new restrictions)
   - Language(s), logic
   - Auditing courses
   - Dissertation credits
   - DQP/MQP/MA comps
   - Continuous enrollment
   - First year seminar on teaching philosophy plus shadow

12:00-1:00 Lunch (catered); Union Post Office Station for MU ID

1:00-1:15 Welcome by Dr. Jessica Wolfendale, Chair of Department
         Maria Cooper, Administrative Assistant

1:15-2:00 Philosophy Graduate Student Association and Philosophy/MAP

2:00-3:00 Program requirements/opportunities continued
• Program opportunities
• Brown bag series
• Reading groups
• MAWP (Milwaukee Area Women in Philosophy)
• PFFP (Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals)
• Center for Teaching and Learning
• Funding (PhD students): fellowship opportunities—Schmitt, Smith, Raynor; diversity fellowships
• Graduate student travel funding—some small budget; graduate school matching;
• Advising
• First year DGS, then switch
• End of semester review letters
• Meet with advisors before registration
• Placement Service & Seminar
• Professional development expectations/opportunities
• Department colloquium
• Aquinas lecture
• Summer Aristotle, Aquinas and the Arabs, Philosophers in Jesuit Education, Loyola-MU Phenomenology workshop, others?
• Language Reading Groups
• Conferences—listservs—Philos-el, APA
• Publications
• MA non-ac; MA academic

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-3:30 Sarah Framnes-De Boer: Graduate Student Organization

3:30-3:45 Jordan Mason & Katie Ruetz: Graduate School

4:00 Tour of the Raynor Library

6:00 Informal Gathering at Estabrook Beer Garden (TBA).

Next Day: All Department Picnic