

Survey for ASLE Graduate Student and Recent Graduate Student Members

The ASLE Graduate Student Working Group and the ASLE Executive Board seek your opinions on how ASLE can best serve the needs of its graduate student members. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey below. Remember to include your name, as the names of all respondents will be entered into a drawing for 10 prizes at the upcoming ASLE conference in Eugene, OR, in June 2005. Prizes may include free and/or autographed texts from ASLE authors and visiting publishers, a free one-year ASLE membership, conference memorabilia, and other ecocritically resonant goodies.

Please respond by **November 15, 2004**. Email electronic copies to grattang@bc.edu with the subject line "Survey Response," or mail hard copies to George Grattan, 12 Elko Street, Apt 10, Boston, MA 02135.

1. Please circle the services ASLE currently provides to its graduate student members that you're aware of:

- A) Mentoring Program B) Graduate Student Handbook C) Online Bibliography
D) Listserv E) Syllabi collection on ASLE Website F) Other (please specify)

Comments:

2. Which of these services, if any, have you used?

Comments:

3. Where did you hear about these services, whether or not you've used them?

- A) ASLE Website B) ASLE Newsletter C) ASLE listserv
D) At an ASLE Conference or panel at another conference E) Other (please specify)

Comments:

4. Please briefly describe your impression of the quality and helpfulness of the service you used, if any, and offer any specific suggestions you may have for improving it.

Comments:

5. What kinds of programs would you like to see ASLE provide to graduate student members and to recent graduate student members? (Please circle all that appeal to you.)

- A) Formal job postings at the biennial conference.
B) Travel stipends for presentations at ASLE or other ecocritical conferences.
C) Formal standing committees of outside readers for dissertation drafts.
D) Professional development workshops aimed specifically at graduate students offered during conferences or in other venues.
E) Special issues of ISLE dedicated to graduate student scholarship.
F) Establishment of an endowment for an eventual ASLE Dissertation Fellowship Fund.
G) Other (please specify).

Comments:

6. Do you think ASLE's annual dues (which include subscriptions to the ASLE Newsletter, the ASLE directory, and ISLE) for graduate students are reasonable, especially as compared to those of the MLA and its regional groupings? (Current ASLE graduate student dues are \$20 per year.)

A) YES

B) NO

How much would you be willing to pay in ASLE dues per year as a graduate student? \$25? \$30? Other?

Comments:

7. What would you like to see at ASLE's upcoming conference (Eugene, OR, June 2005) specifically for graduate student members? (Please circle any that appeal to you; note that professional development panels and social events are being planned and will be available at the conference.)

A) Job interview sessions and job postings in ecocritical fields.

B) General meeting of graduate student members (in addition to general membership meeting) to assess needs and propose ideas.

C) Some mechanism for receiving feedback on work in progress, whether dissertation chapter drafts or other materials, from other graduate students.

D) Designated Grad Student Room (similar to the Book Fair Room) that would be open at designated periods throughout the conference for informal graduate student conversation.

E) Prize/Award for best grad student paper/session at an ASLE conference.

F) Other (please specify)

Comments:

8. Do you have any specific speakers or topics in ecocritical studies, perhaps especially at the graduate level, that you'd like to see presented or be addressed at the May 2007 Conference? (Plans for June 2005 are near being finalized.)

9. Do you have suggestions for keywords that should be added to the ever-evolving online ASLE bibliography, to better help represent fields and subfields in which you're working? (If so, please list them here.)

10. What do you think is the best method for ASLE graduate students to facilitate regular contact with each other? Email listserv? Website? Other?

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME FOR THE PRIZE DRAWING.