First Fridays is a new initiative to promote student development through conference-style workshops, sessions, and panels. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost and in collaboration with various offices* on campus. First Fridays is a unique opportunity to grow, learn, develop, and enhance student life.

**THEME: “Writing, Part 1”**

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Light Refreshments & Social Gathering: 539 Grace Dodge Hall 12:30-1:00 PM

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**“Writing the Literature Review”**

465 Grace Dodge Hall
1:00-2:00 PM

A review of literature is an essential step in the process of writing a thesis or dissertation, or any paper for publication. We will assist you in locating the sources you need to conduct your review of the literature.

Facilitators: Jennifer Govan & Allen Foresta (Senior Librarians, Gottesman Libraries)

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**“Writing the Personal Statement for Doctoral Applications & Job Searches”**

539 Grace Dodge Hall
1:00-2:00 PM

The personal statement is an important paper to write as you apply to doctoral programs. This statement tells about you and your future goals. This panel session will offer insights about applying to doctoral programs and the constructing a good application packet.

Facilitators: Tom Rock (Vice Provost of Student Affairs), Deanna Gregory (Admissions), Marti Jones (Postdoctoral Fellow), & Felicia Mensah (Associate Dean & Faculty MST)

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**“Starting an Academic Writing or Journal Group”**

545 Grace Dodge Hall
2:00-3:00 PM

Being part of a collaborative group allows students and faculty to learn with and from each other. In this session, learn about models for starting and sustaining an academic writing group to support learning.

Facilitators: Ioana Literat (Faculty MST) & Doctoral Students (MST)

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