Graduate Skills Seminars 2010-2011 Grad Student Panel

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Grad Student Panel

- Introduction
- What was your motivation to come to grad school? What is the motivation to stay?
  - If you have an exceptional offer today, would you stay?
  - What is your favorite part of grad school?

15 minutes: 3 minutes each panelist

+5 minutes discussion

Grad Student Panel

- What are some problems that you have struggled with during grad school?
  - How have you handled them?
  - Would you do anything differently today?
- Have you ever thought of changing direction?
  - Change supervisor, topic, school, or quit entirely?
- If you had a chance to go back and change one thing in your life as a graduate student, what would that be?

10 minutes panelists + 5 minutes open discussion

Grad Student Panel

- Do you have a success strategy?
  - If so, what are the things you think a graduate student should keep an eye on?
  - What do you think/How do you feel about your own research? What about your research area in general?
    - How did you choose the topic?

  10 minutes panelists + 5 minutes open discussion

Grad Student Panel

- How did you manage your time as a graduate student? (research, TAship, courses, …)

  – How about leisure, exercise, … how did you spend time on these?

  – How did/do you interact with other people in grad school, conferences, …?

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Grad Student Panel

- Final thoughts
  - Best piece of advice you can offer you fellow graduate students!

Up to 2 minutes each panelist