

PSM News for August 2020

President's Message

The Fall 2020 semester is almost upon us. At my institution that means teaching face-to-face, hybrid, or virtual depending on the course. Unless we suddenly move to fully remote, which is seeming more likely by the day. Classes will be socially distant, faculty and students will wear masks, we will disinfect our spaces compulsively, and everything will be different and strange. But we will still teach, we will still meet with our students, and we will still provide them with high quality experiential learning opportunities.

The NPSMA is here to assist you. Instead of our annual conference we will host monthly virtual sessions to help you navigate the semester. We have a Slack channel filled with experts (like you!) who can provide direction and answer questions. We will host a virtual graduate fair to assist your recruiting efforts. We will lead the way in developing Master's-level IDPs for our students. Let me know what else we can do for you, and we will try to make it happen. Wishing everyone a great, healthy, and safe semester!

Tim L. Born
NPSMA President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy L. Born".

ASK NPSMA Webinar

Best Practices for The PSM In The Time Of Coronavirus and Beyond

How do we address the needs of virtual and remote culminating experience of a PSM program? Thursday August 20 at 3:00 p.m. EST. The traditional internship model is difficult to implement when the institution has few relationships with industry or when capstone projects are conducted virtually. Join Teresa Macklin, Program Director for the CSUSM Cybersecurity Professional Science Masters and Jennie Willis, Program Director for the Colorado State University PSM in Zoo, Aquarium and Animal Shelter Management for a discussion of the challenges in, and solutions for, working to arrange and complete remote PSM culminating experiences.

Save the date: Preparing students for a remote working world. Thursday September 17 at 3:00 p.m. EST. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, employers will be increasingly looking to hire employees working remotely. In this NPSMA Virtual session learn how PSM graduates could thrive in the remotely working world and get better at virtual professionalism.

Click on the direct link <https://zoom.us/j/179420452> at the date/time listed to join any discussion.

NPSMA & CGS NSF-sponsored IDP Survey: Available Now!

A unique link to the IDP survey was emailed to your address from the NPSMA & CGS IDP Workshop Planning Team (via research@cgs.nche.edu) in the first week of August, to be completed by August 31, 2020. If you are a PSM program director and did not receive a survey invitation, please e-mail research@cgs.nche.edu, so we may send you a link to participate.

INNOVATOR Submission Deadline Extended: *New Call for How PSM Graduates Have Helped Meet Pandemic Challenges*

Have students or alumni of your program been involved in a response to the coronavirus pandemic? If so please submit a paragraph to Editor Natalie Bosecker (natalieb@illinois.edu) describing how they have helped in our national or a global response to the pandemic. Submissions will be collected into a special feature article for the fall 2020 issue.

The submission deadline to the NPSMA peer-reviewed publication for this new request and other articles has been extended to **September 30, 2020**.

Recruit Student to YOUR PSM Program

This NPSMA-organized online event is free to Prospective Students interested in learning more about innovative graduate degrees -- Professional Science Master's that offer technical and scientific research combined with professional skills. The fall Virtual Graduate Fair featuring PSM programs is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2020.

Affiliated member institutions may sign up at: <https://CareerEco.com/Events/PSM> by Friday, September 14, 2020 for the \$295 *Early Bird pricing!* Recruiting just one student from this event will more than cover the cost to participate!

To learn how to become an affiliated PSM program, contact NPSMA President Tim Born (bornti@gvsu.edu) or Affiliation Committee Chair Avril Robertson (a.robertson3@uq.edu.au)

ADVANCED DEGREES IN STEM

PSM
PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS

NPSMA
NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS ASSOCIATION

October 16

GRAD SCHOOL VIRTUAL FAIR

Leverage the power of this Virtual Fair to efficiently recruit applicants to your Professional Science Master's Programs

Benefits of Participating

- Communicate with applicants both domestically & internationally
- Utilize multimedia broadcasting and presentation features
- Interact live with prospective applicants in your own chat room using group chat and private chat formats
- Flexible hours with the option to involve faculty and current students
- Reach sought-after applicants in this unique cost-effective way

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virtual events
the new career ecosystem

Register at CareerEco.com/Events/PSM

For more details: 770.980.0088 | PSM@CareerEco.com

Feature YOUR Students in NPSMA's Virtual Student Presentation Session

In lieu of our in-person annual conference, NPSMA is planning a virtual opportunity for PSM students to present internship or other capstone project results. More details on format and submission for the November event will be available next month. It's never too early to begin planning with your students!

Nominate an NPSMA Member for the Board of Directors

Do you know someone who should be on the NPSMA Board of Directors? Or would you like to serve on the Board for a three-year term? If your answer is YES, submit a nomination package no later than September 18, 2020. A letter of nomination and a curriculum vitae of the nominee (not to exceed 3 pages) should be submitted as a single PDF document to npsma@npsma.org.

The letter of nomination must include: 1) Name and affiliation of nominator; 2) Name and affiliation of nominee; 3) Statement of nominee qualifications; 4) Statement of nominee's willingness and ability to commit time required for Board service.

Read the [Call for Nominations Letter](#) for the details.

Advertise YOUR PSM Program Successes

Share program or student success stories by sending us a link or a few descriptive sentences (npsma@npsma.org). In addition to including in the PSM NEWS we will amplify your messages through NPSMA/PSM social media.

In case you missed it...

- **Annual Conferences delayed by one year.** NPSMA events previously scheduled for November 2020 in Tampa, Florida, will now take place in Tampa on November 3-5, 2021. Our planned November 2021 event in San Diego, California, will now take place in San Diego on November 2-4, 2022.
- **Share your ideas about PSM Program challenges resulting from the coronavirus pandemic.** In lieu of its annual in-person events, the NPSMA will host several monthly presentations and discussions around PSM program issues and responses related to challenges resulting from the pandemic. Please contact [Amber Bloechle](#) with your solution stories, ideas for panel discussion topics, interest in participating as a presenter, and any suggestions on what could work best (abloechle@uwf.edu). We would love to hear from you!
- **Make sure your PSM Affiliation and NPSMA Memberships are current.** To take advantage of certificates of completion, virtual recruitment, new logos and many other community benefits, make sure your annual fees are up to date. Contact President [Tim Born](#) for a comprehensive list of benefits to help you make your case for new or continued membership (bornti@gvsu.edu).
- **New PSM and NPSMA Logos Available.** Remember to update your websites and social media sites. Affiliated PSM programs may contact coordinator@npsma.org for the new PSM logo and NPSMA members may request NPSMA logos.
- **National Service Opportunity.** Boost your resume by volunteering for an NPSMA committee. Email for more information (coordinator@npsma.org).

NEXT PSM NEWS. Send contributions for the next PSM News to coordinator@npsma.org by **September 10, 2020**.

Join the PSM community on social media: NPSMA members are also encouraged to display our member logo on their social media pages. [Membership Logo](#).
