Space is limited for this opportunity, so please apply before the May 31, 2011 deadline.

Call For Nominations: 9th Annual Dissertation Proposal Workshop

Saturday, August 13, 2011, San Antonio

What it is: The Dissertation Proposal Workshop is a chance for students at the pre-proposal stage to draw on the wisdom and expertise of a group of OMT Executive Officers, distinguished scholars, and journal editors to develop a defensible dissertation proposal. Classes and preliminary exams usually have clear structures and guidelines, but we often get little sense of how to turn our vague but good ideas into dissertation proposals that will intrigue potential committee members, pass a defense, and grow into a high-quality dissertation. This workshop aims to address this gap by improving the focus and framing of research questions, identifying and addressing methodological issues, and/or constructively critiquing conceptual foundations. As well as these important content issues, discussions may also address process issues like managing your dissertation committee, and completing the dissertation. The workshop consists of roundtable discussions between faculty and doctoral students working on dissertation proposals in the scholar’s area of expertise.

Faculty:

- Linda Argote
- Joel Baum
- Henrich Greve
- Martin Kilduff
- Ann Langley
- Don Palmer
- Tim Pollock
- Pam Tolbert
- Jim Walsh
- Richard Whittington

Time and place: 8:30 to 11:30 AM, Saturday, August 13, 2011, San Antonio

Who should attend: The Dissertation Proposal Workshop is aimed at students who have completed preliminaries and have selected a dissertation topic but have not yet defended their dissertation proposal. If you have a 50-page proposal with data, well-defined hypotheses, and a committee, you are probably too late. On the other hand, if you have not moved past “I am interested in institutional theory,” you are probably too early.

How to apply: Doctoral students interested in participating in the workshop should have a faculty member send a short nominating email to Royston Greenwood (royston.greenwood@ualberta.ca). Nominees should also provide a 2-5 page abstract roughing out a research area, methodological approach, and potential contributions. These abstracts will form the basis of discussions during the workshop and will be shared with the group at the participant’s discussion table.

Deadline for Nominations: May 31, 2011. Attendance is limited to 24 students so early application is advised.