

We are pleased to announce our call for submissions for the 19th Annual James F. Jakobsen Memorial Conference to be held in the IMU on Saturday, March 25th 2017!

The James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference was established in 1998 (known at that time as the Jakobsen Forum) and is an event unique to the University of Iowa. Thanks to generous contributions from the Jakobsen family, the Graduate College, and local businesses, the Graduate Student Senate is once again able to provide this exciting opportunity for graduate students to present their research.

Held each Spring semester, the Jakobsen Conference provides a well-attended public forum for oral and poster presentations. The Jakobsen committee has experienced yearly growth in Conference participation and attendance, and we anticipate the same trend for the future.

The theme for this year's conference is "Trends and Transformations." We make sense of the world around us by characterizing patterns and identifying shifts in them. Understanding the past and present yield predictable outcomes for the future, and opens up a space for positive change. Cultural movements, historical events, data and measurement of phenomena, theoretical modelling, thought and behavior, technical and scientific innovation, and much more seek to better understand relationships and how they can change. The 19th Annual Jakobsen F. Memorial Conference seeks to engage graduate students across campus and across disciplines in conversations about *Trends and Transformations* their work has identified, explored, and questioned. What kinds of relationships has your work found? How can a better understanding of them inform research and practice? Under what circumstances do systems, individuals, and objects change? How can we utilize this knowledge to further our own research and scholarly discourse across disciplines and communities?

Submissions are due by Monday, January 30th. We welcome both research and creative works presentations from all graduate students at the University of Iowa, and encourage everyone to take this opportunity to present their research! You can find the application portal and submissions guidelines here: <https://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/jakobsen-conference/application-and-guidelines>. Following the scheduled poster and panel sessions, we will hold a reception with free food, one free drink ticket for presenters, and announce the winners of the paper prizes!

Any questions you might have can be directed to Conference Committee Chair Ian Faith (ian-faith@uiowa.edu). We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
The Jakobsen Conference Committee