

Minutes for 5th Meeting

11/4/2010

Start 5:33

- Clinical Grad Student: Mary-Madison Eagle
 - 1st year clinical
 - Graduated from Vanderbilt in Tennessee
 - Advisor: Dr. Vincent – Forensic psych
 - Jury behavior study
 - Factors that influence juror's decision making in sexual harassment civil litigation
 - Escape study: children of divorce
 - Any risk factors for developing maladaptive behaviors?
 - Interests
 - Majored in business and Spanish
 - Internship for a psychologist at juvenile detention center in Nashville
 - Things you can do after undergrad
 - Masters in clinical or counseling
 - PhD
 - Different careers with bachelors
 - Jury consulting
 - Assessing adults to see if competent to stand trial
 - Expert witness testimony
 - Psychological autopsies
 - After death, investigate mental and family history to determine suicide or homicide
 - After grad school
 - Clinical path
 - Academic field - PhD
 - Professor
 - Researcher
 - Clinical or forensic practice
 - Insider's Guide to Graduate School or Graduate Schools in Psychology by APA
 - Tips for personal statement
 - Sound confident, competent, clinically astute, and cool (interests outside of school, etc)
 - Tips for recommendation letters
 - Someone who knows you best
 - Some programs require that 2 have psych background
 - Work ethic and personal skills

- Time off:
 - Majority of grad students in her group took time off
 - Depends on person
 - Work or research experience?
 - Burnt out?
 - Still have energy and motivation to go on?
- Differences between Masters and PhD
 - Both take classes, see clients, do research, write thesis
 - Masters
 - 2 years
 - Can go back later for PhD
 - PhD
 - 4 years with 1 year practical
 - More research
 - Write dissertation
 - Opens more opportunities for career
 - Can see a larger range of clients
 - Get Master's on the way
- Research
 - Convey the depth of your experience in your personal statement (if not long period of experience)
 - Faculty research interests listed on website, so decide which faculty members you'd be interested in working under
 - Write your personal statement leaning towards specific faculty members' interests
 - Indicate 2 advisors you'd like to work with
 - Email the professors for RA position if need more experience
 - Look into a program you are not interested in applying to, because some professors do not want to accept grad students that they have already worked with as an undergrad
 - Look into taking grad classes as an undergrad
 - They just want to see that you know how to do studies; it is okay if you have experience in one program and you're applying to a different program
- Applying
 - Recommendation letters
 - CV – resume for grad school
 - Personal statement
 - Research interest in general
 - Interested research for future
 - Research experience
 - She applied to 5 schools, which is a little low compared to the norm

- Other people in her program applied to between 13-16
 - They interviewed at about half the places to which they applied
 - Email the professor you want to work with and see if they are accepting new students
 - Forensic programs
 - UH
 - UNT
 - Sam Houston State
 - UTEP
 - Tuscaloosa (in Alabama)
 - UT
 - Fordham (in New York)
 - UVA
 - UT – Southwestern
 - Apply to clinical program and see which faculty member is researching in forensics
 - Contact
 - Email the professor you want to work with in August or September
 - Then they know whether they are accepting
 - It also helps, because they will see your name again on the application and know you are really interested and motivated
 - GRE scores
 - Some schools post stats on their websites
 - Some PhD programs have a cut off of 1000
 - Do not let the score mean discourage you
 - If you are prepared to accept an offer from them, convey that in your personal statement
 - Contact Mary-Madison
 - Via email: marymadison.eagle@gmail.com
 - Via office: 1038 PRSC
 - Inductions
 - When: Monday, November 15, 2010 from 6-9pm
 - Where: Houston Room, upstairs in the UC
 - Inductees – please be there at 5:15
 - Bring up to 3 guests
 - If you need to RSVP, do so via the following link:
 - <https://spreadsheets.google.com/embeddedform?formkey=dFI4d2JJdEhmeTBlaGZ4cXo3Q0FiQnc6MQ>
 - Instructions can be found in the attached power point. PLEASE READ!!!!
 - After Psych Club is inducted, seniors get their graduate materials
 - Dress: Business Casual

- Volunteers needed to make this a nice event!
 - 15 points/hour to be applied to next semester's dues
 - Meet at 4 outside of Houston Room
 - If being inducted, you can help until 4:45
 - Email us at uh.psichi@yahoo.com if you can volunteer
- Dues
 - Due today, Thursday, November 4, 2010
 - Must be paid to participate in inductions or order graduate materials
 - Any points accumulated during the rest of this semester will apply to the Spring semester's dues

End 6:25