Funding Opportunities

A number of funding opportunities for grad students are highlighted on the SDSU web site [http://grad.sdsu.edu/funding/funding_opportunities](http://grad.sdsu.edu/funding/funding_opportunities). Visit their webpage to find info on the Graduate Equity Fellowship (applications due September 14) and travel funds for conducting research or presenting findings. Note that the Student Success Fee travel applications are reviewed on a weekly basis and awarded until funds run out (so earlier is better).

Graduating Students

*Diplomas:* If you haven't already, please inform the DLE office whether you will pick up your diploma or prefer that it be mailed. Make sure both webportal and the DLE office have your current mailing address. Diplomas typically mail 4-6 weeks after grades post. (If you failed to apply for graduation, then you will need to file now and your diploma will be evaluated for Winter graduation.)

New and Continuing Students

1. Please join us for our MA/Certificate Meet the Professors event from 5-6p.m. at SDSU in EBA 258 on Wed. 8/22. This is a great chance to meet your on-line professors in person, get your paper back if you were in ED 690 over the summer, celebrate the start of the semester and ask questions.

2. Useful Information: the Graduate Affairs web site "Orientation and Handbook for New Graduate Students" includes a Graduate Handbook and flyers with important deadlines for registration, graduation, etc.: [http://grad.sdsu.edu](http://grad.sdsu.edu)

3. Graduate Student Association Orientation and Social event September 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Montezuma Hall. Gather and learn what to expect out of graduate student life at SDSU, while building a close-knit community. We will review important information and milestones to prepare for, and things to avoid while completing your degree.

For Thought

Take some time to ponder the following from Antonia Darder . . .

Positivist thought . . . points to an epistemology where objective reality or the material object is privileged in the construction of knowing. As such, the body, feelings, and intuition are either maligned or marginalized. It is this dichotomous worldview that bolsters false conditions of separation, by dismissing the role of human subjectivity. In direct contrast, Freire argues: One cannot conceive of objectivity without subjectivity. Neither can exist without the other, nor can they be dichotomized. What this means is that in order to transform the world, we should not fall in subjectivism, where objective reality is denied and only the individual subjective experience prevails. Nor should we fall into objectivism, which strips objects of their context and connection to humanity. [Both must be united for effective action.]