

CRA-W Graduate Student Cohorts; March 27-28, 2009			
Friday, March 27, 2009			
Time	First Year Cohort	2nd Year Cohort	3rd Year Cohort
8:00 AM	Registration Begins (Convene Lobby)		
8:15 AM	Breakfast 8:15am-9:15am		
9:15 AM	Welcome (Convene Ballroom) <i>Lori Clarke (UMass), Lori Pollock (UDel), and Mary Lou Soffa (UVA)</i>		
	<u>Convene Ballroom</u>	<u>Engage Ballroom</u>	<u>Synergy 4 Room</u>
9:30 AM	What is Grad School All About: Goals and Skills <i>Margaret Martonosi (Princeton), Krasimiria Kapitanova (U. Virginia)</i>	Presentation Skills <i>Sandhya Dwarkadas (URochester)</i>	Preparing Your PhD Proposal <i>Lori Pollock (UDel)</i>
10:30 AM	Break (Convene Lobby)		
11:00 AM	Finding a Research Topic <i>Kathy Yelick (UCBerkeley), Tejinder Judge (Virginia Tech)</i>	Networking <i>Maria Gini (UMinn), Tauhida Parveen (Florida Institute of Technology)</i>	Ph.D. Academic Career Paths: Research, Teaching, Administration <i>Sheila Castaneda (Clarke College), Mary Lou Soffa (UVA)</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch - Breakout by Research Area (Inspire Ballroom)		
1:30 PM	Advisors & Mentors <i>Lori Clarke (UMass), Audrey Girouard (Tufts)</i>	M.S. Career Opportunities <i>Kelly Poon, Google, and Microsoft speaker</i>	Diverse Backgrounds in the Work Place <i>Patty Lopez (Intel), Vidya Setlur (Nokia Research)</i>
2:30 PM	Poster Session During Extended Break (Inspire Ballroom)		
3:30 PM	Finding Financial Support <i>Tiffani Williams (Texas A&M)</i>	M.S. Job Search + Resume Writing Clinic <i>Ellen Spertus (Google) Microsoft</i> Decision Points (MS, PhD) <i>Lori Pollock (UDel), Telle Whitney (Anita Borg Institute)</i>	Strategies for Finishing <i>Padma Raghavan (Penn State)</i>
4:30 PM	Being a Woman in Computing Technology (Convene Ballroom) <i>Lori Clarke (UMass), Gilda Garreton (SUN), Mary Lou Soffa (UVA)</i>		
6:30 PM	Google/Microsoft Reception (Inspire Ballroom)		
Saturday, March 28			
7:30 AM	Breakfast 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM (Convene Lobby)		
	<u>Convene Ballroom</u>	<u>Engage Ballroom</u>	<u>Synergy 4 Room</u>
8:30 AM	Balancing Graduate School and Personal Life <i>Chandra Krintz (UC Santa Barbara), Mirkeva Capellan (Pace University)</i>	Summer Internships <i>Dilma DaSilva (IBM Research), Maryam Ramezani (DePaul University)</i>	Ph.D. Non-Academic Career Paths: Industrial Research & Development <i>Gilda Garreton (SUN), Vidya Setlur (Nokia), Telle Whitney (Anita Borg Institute)</i>
9:30 AM	Break (Convene Lobby)		
10:00 AM	Transitioning to Graduate School <i>Soha Hassoun (Tufts), Bobby Simidchieva (UMass)</i>	Publishing Your Research <i>Holly Rushmeier (Yale)</i>	Ph.D.: Job Search <i>Kathleen Fisher (AT&T)</i>
11:00 AM	Building Self Confidence (Convene Ballroom) <i>Janie Irwin (Penn State), Carole-Jean Wu (Princeton)</i>		
12:00 PM	Lunch - Breakout by Cohort (Inspire Ballroom)		
1:00 PM	Wrap up (Inspire Ballroom) <i>Lori Clarke (UMass), Lori Pollock (UDel)</i>		