

What is the Graduate School Doing For You This Summer?

Maymester/Summer classes are now under way, and our regular monthly meetings of the Graduate Student Advisory Board are no longer being held. You may wonder what the Graduate School is doing this summer and if anything directly benefits you. Following are a few of our summer efforts.

- The *Graduate School Newsletter* will continue to come to you every other week until Fall classes begin. If you have ideas or information you would like to see included, please contact either the Director (roberts_ellen@columbusstate.edu) or Brenda Ivey (ivey_brenda1@columbusstate.edu). We welcome your input.
- The Graduate School's meeting room (Tucker 104) and student lounge (Tucker 107) remain open for your use Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and until noon on Fridays through the end of July. It's a great, quiet space to study alone or with a study group. You can also use one of the computers, including the instructor workstation and data projector so that you can practice for any presentations you need to give for one of your classes.
- The exception to those hours will be for a short period of closing when new carpet is installed, new technologies added, and a little sprucing up completed. We have already added a few additional chairs to the meeting room.
- Unlike most committees on campus, the Graduate Council continues to meet monthly throughout the summer. A primary task will be to review and approve faculty for teaching at the graduate level. After the June meeting, we will have reviewed a total of 84 faculty for the 2018-2019 year. Most faculty are reviewed every three years. Approval gives them the ability to teach at the graduate level (or in some instances to supervise but not teach) and to serve on dissertation or thesis committees. In addition, the Council will continue to review changes to graduate programs of study and to admissions policies.
- Planning continues for the fall Graduate Research Conference (November 7-8), which gives students an opportunity to present research orally, through a poster presentation, or via a 3-Minute Thesis competition. Beginning this Fall, the conference will also include a Faculty Research Conference (November 7), at which faculty from CSU and elsewhere will orally present their research. You will be hearing much more about each of these but, for now, you can find more information at the Graduate School's conference site at: <https://gradschool.columbusstate.edu/gradconference/>
- Graduate Assistants are being hired for the Fall term. Currently, there are fewer than 30 GAs employed on campus. In the Fall there will likely be over 100. Information about these positions is found on the Graduate School website at: https://gradschool.columbusstate.edu/graduate_assistantships.php You might find the FAQs especially helpful. A part of our summer work will also be to plan the training for new Graduate Assistants in August.

Those are the highlights. We are also evaluating our work, having meetings about student recruitment, fielding questions from prospective students and from faculty examining the possibility of adding new programs or modifying what they have. I hope you know that the Graduate School is here to make your entire education experience at CSU the best it can be.



The 5 books Bill Gates Wants You to Read This Summer

Bill Gates wants you to contemplate a few of life's toughest questions this summer.

For his annual summer reading list, Gates has chosen five works that pose big, philosophical questions such as, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" and "Where does humanity come from, and where are we headed?"

The topics may be heavy, but "all these books are fun to read, and most of them are pretty short," Gates writes in his blog, *Gate Notes*. Click through to see the five books he wants you to pick up this summer—including the one he called "one of the best books I've ever read."

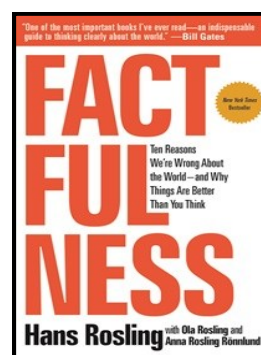
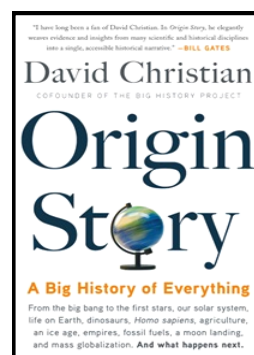
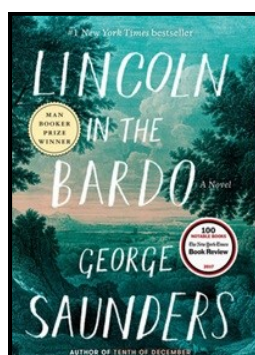
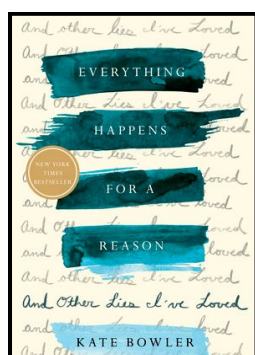
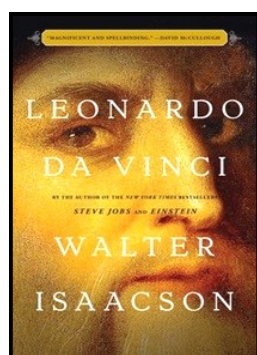
Book 5: *Leonardo da Vinci*, by Walter Isaacson. Gates has long been fascinated with Leonardo da Vinci. He even owns the 508-year-old *Codex Leicester*, one of Leonardo's 32 surviving journals. He's read many biographies about the painter, but Isaacson's 624-page-tome "does the best job" of weaving together disparate pieces of Leonardo's life to explain what made him so special, writes Gates. "When you look across all of Leonardo's many abilities and his few failings, the attribute that stands out above all else was his sense of wonder and curiosity" (Simon & Schuster site, accessed 5/25; Gates, [Gates Notes](#), 5/22 [1]; Gates, [Gates Notes](#), 5/21).

Book 4: *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved*, by Kate Bowler. In the only memoir on Gates' list, Bowler, a divinity professor at **Duke University**, wrestles with her diagnosis of stage IV colon cancer. Her memoir is a heartbreaking and funny meditation on faith and mortality. "It's inspiring to see this thoughtful woman face such weighty topics with honesty and humor," writes Gates (Random House [site](#), accessed 5/25; Gates, [Gates Notes](#), 5/21).

Book 3: *Lincoln in the Bardo*, by George Saunders. Saunders spins a national ghost story in which President Lincoln grapples with the death of his 11-year-old son, Willie. Saunders' work offers new insight into how Lincoln faced both great grief and responsibility. *Lincoln's* "blend of historical facts... with fantastical elements," makes it a fascinating book you'll want to discuss with a friend, says Gates (Penguin Random House [site](#), accessed 5/25; Gates, [Gates Notes](#), 5/21).

Book 2: *Origin Story: A Big History of Everything*, by David Christian. Christian created Gates' all-time favorite course, Big History. In *Origin Story*, Christian tells the story of the universe from the beginning: the big bang. Lifelong learners and anyone with an insatiable curiosity will appreciate this book, says Gates. It "will leave you with a greater appreciation of our place in the universe," he adds (Little, Brown, and Company [site](#), accessed 5/25; Gates, [Gates Notes](#), 5/22).

Book 1: *Factfulness*, by Hans Rosling. Rosling, a global health professor, offers a radical way to understand basic truths about the world. In his book, Rosling, who died in 2017, argues that there are 10 instincts that distort our perspective and lead us away from fact. But *Factfulness* won't judge you for any misconceptions or ignorance. Instead, Rosling "explains that these instincts make us human, and that overcoming them isn't easy," writes Gates. "It's a fitting final word from a brilliant man, and one of the best books I've ever read," he adds (Macmillan [site](#), accessed 5/25; Gates, [Gates Notes](#), 4/3).



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