The American Mathematical Society announces:

The AMS Graduate Student Blog

Now in its second year, this blog will serve as a tool for graduate students in mathematics, providing them with information from fellow graduate students.

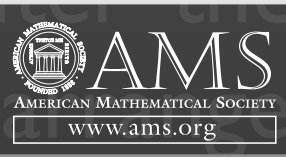
AMS Vice President Frank Morgan (Williams College) is managing the blog. He will be assisted by the Graduate Student Editorial Board, comprised of current graduate students, in content control of the blog.

The blog covers topics of importance to graduate students, offering advice on subject matter relevant to each stage of their development. Each writer brings a personal perspective based on experience, while keeping content broad enough to deliver valuable points to all those seeking assistance.

From the entry **"Finding an Advisor"** …
"After passing my qualifying exams, I went to a couple professors and asked them, if I were to be their advisee, what kinds of problems would I work on. They gave me papers and books to read on a variety of topics and we set up additional meetings so I could tell them if any of these subjects interested me or ask them more questions."

From the entry **"Navigating Seminars—A First Year's Perspective"** …
"The student seminars are often the most fun because they are talks given by your peers. Also you often get to see some of the intuition or 'how I think about it' that is sometimes left out in other seminars … If your afternoon seminars don't involve dinner afterward, try to get a group together yourself. It's a lot of fun."

From the entry **"Stick to the Content"** …
"A common pitfall I've seen among speakers—especially student speakers—is to apologize during the talk for such choices, or to make self-deprecating jokes. This is nearly always a bad idea, as it distracts from the point of your talk."

Student readers are invited to join the discussion by posting questions, comments, and further advice on each entry. Further, they may nominate themselves or a fellow graduate student to the Graduate Student Editorial Board. Please visit the blog at:

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