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JOPE’s work is to help prepare PES graduate students for the job market with practical information, foster community among graduate students, encourage on-going membership in PES, and provide an opportunity for graduate students to meet faculty.

Instead of a pre-conference, this year we opted for a mentorship breakfast. We thought this would be more interactive, put less financial pressure on graduate students to come early, and ensure that other committees also had access to the pre-conference time slot. With the support of Ann Chinnery, we chose the Saturday morning breakfast slot to best accommodate busy schedules, create a network opportunity early in the conference, and have the meal covered. A host of faculty offered their time in support of this event. In addition to JOPE, we had support from the Membership Committee, the program chair, past, present, and future presidents of PES, and the mentors: AG Rud, Claudia Ruitenber, Doris Santoro, and Amy Shuffelton.

15 graduate students from many different countries and programs pre-registered for the program. Based on student responses to the event, JOPE will plan next year’s event. We are also working to determine the best way to get information out to graduate students about such activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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