

**“Collaborating on Areas for Improvement” in
NAGPS Northeast Graduate Student Associations
Regional Conference April 21-23, 2011**

In contrast to the many things we often do well as Graduate Student Associations (GSAs) at our Universities, we often know that there are things we do poorly and would like to improve as a service to the students whom we represent. At the upcoming regional conference, we will be introducing a collaboration session designed to tackle problems that an individual school or a small number of schools may share.

Schools are invited to submit topics for discussion/brainstorming which can be used in this session. These can focus on any area of your work in or through a GSA. Please provide a thorough synopsis of the problem by addressing the following points (which should serve as a loose guideline):

1. Provide a statement of the problem.
 - This should be a brief statement of the topic or problem that will be addressed.
2. Provide a description of the current situation.
 - Describe what you do currently at your institution.
 - What motivates you to think this issue is a problem?
 - Have you tried alternatives before?
3. Why is improving this situation important to you?
4. How could this collaboration session benefit you?
 - What type of feedback might you like from other attendees at the conference?

Please submit all documents to the Northeast Regional Chair Angela Jia (nerc@nagps.org) via e-mail no later than 6 pm Sunday, April 10. Topics will be circulated prior to the regional conference.