Our conference and anteroom in 117 Bond Hall help us to celebrate and showcase the rich tradition of exceptional research, conducted, both past and present, by graduate students at Notre Dame.

Join us in utilizing, promoting and sharing these two spaces:

**The Grad Defense Room: Defend your dissertation or thesis in Bond Hall**

Located in the magnificent space that formerly served as the Library’s Rare Book Room, the Grad Defense Room holds a conference table surrounded by 16 chairs, and is equipped with state of the art video-conferencing and projection technology. Light streams in from two large windows with extraordinary views of the Log Chapel and Saint Mary’s Lake. Coffee and water are available, and food may be catered in. Upon your successful defense, the Graduate School will recognize your achievement with an engraved commemorative pen that your committee can use to sign your reporting form and which you may have as a keepsake. Contact your departmental admin to reserve the Grad Defense Room.

**The Grad Research Room: Display an artifact of your dissertation or thesis**

We have designated the anteroom to 117 Bond Hall as the Grad Research Room. These wall-to-wall bookshelves will display artifacts of dissertations and theses completed at Notre Dame. We invite you to deposit an item or object between 6 and 18 inches square that represents your research - examples include a piece of equipment, a photo of a specimen, a work of art, poetry, or a figure. As long as it is non-toxic, inanimate, and able to be displayed in a public setting, the only limit is your imagination.

Each artifact will be displayed with a card that identifies you, the title of your dissertation or thesis (for masters-terminal programs), and a brief description of how the artifact relates to the central question of your research. You will also be asked to indicate whether you would like your artifact to be returned to you at the end of its public display. Visit graduateschool.nd.edu/grad-research-room to generate your display card and then bring your item to 117 Bond Hall. We will print out your card and set up your artifact. The artifact will be displayed for approximately 1 year.