

## Graduate Students Present at the Illinois Reading Council Conference



This year, two graduate students pursuing their Master's in Elementary Education with an Emphasis in Reading presented at the Illinois Reading Council Conference in Springfield on October 1-4<sup>th</sup>. Abigail Schmitz and Britney Whitehead, who both have Bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education from the department and are currently working on their graduate degrees, titled their presentation: "Content Connections: Literacy Strategies in the Social Sciences." Abigail and Britney discussed current instruction in reading while meeting the expectations of the Common Core State Standards. They also shared reading resources across the content areas particularly in relation to informational text. Their presentation fell perfectly in line with this year's conference, titled, "Harvesting the Fruits of Literacy." They were proud to be accepted to present at a state conference which had featured presenters such as Richard Allington, Jay Asher, Steven Kellogg, and Chris Crutcher.