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The Graduate School publishes the Graduate Scholar annually to recognize and honor those who have achieved excellence in graduate study at Eastern Illinois University.

Awards Ceremony | April 17, 2008

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Ms. Alisha Goode, President of the Graduate Student Advisory Council and Mistress of Ceremonies

Dr. William L. Perry, President

Dr. Blair M. Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Robert M. Augustine, Dean of the Graduate School

Distinguished Graduate Student Awards

College of Arts and Humanities

Announced by Dean James Johnson

Koeli Goel- Communication Studies

Presented by Dr. Melanie Mills

Jessica Pickering- English

Presented by Dr. Chris Hanlon

Michael Swinford- History

Presented by Dr. Lynne Curry

Catherine Carman- History (Historical Administration)

Presented by Dr. Nora Pat Small

Timothy J. Schmidt- Music

Presented by Dr. Parker Melvin

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

Announced by Dean Diane Hoadley

Martin Adams- Business Administration (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Cheryl Noll

Laura Ware- Business Administration (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Cheryl Noll

Cora Polarek- Family & Consumer Sciences

Presented by Dr. Frances Murphy

Cheryl Rozela- Family & Consumer Sciences (Dietetics)

Presented by Dr. Frances Murphy

Kristin Born- Gerontology

Presented by Dr. Jeanne Snyder

Gabe Grant- Technology (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Luke Steinke

Paul Bierman- Technology (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Deborah Woodley

College of Education and Professional Studies

Announced by Dean Diane Jackman

Jason Goldfarb- College Student Affairs

Presented by Dr. Charles Eberly

Marilyn Ridgway- Counseling

Presented by Dr. Gloria Leitschuh

Phillip Cox- Educational Administration (Master's)

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford

Debbie Poffinbarger- Educational Administration (Specialist's)

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford

Kyle Snyders- Elementary Education

Presented by Dr. Joy Russell

Christopher Ryan- Physical Education

Presented by Dr. Stacey Ruholl

Kenneth Coffey- Special Education

Presented by Dr. Kathlene Shank

College of Sciences

Announced by Dean Mary Anne Hanner

William S. Beatty- Biological Sciences

Presented by Dr. Chuck Costa

Dilani Gamage- Chemistry

Presented by Dr. Gopal Periyannan

Stacey Raj- Clinical Psychology

Presented by Dr. Anu Sharma

Jamie Towne- Communication Disorders & Sciences

Presented by Dr. Tina Veale

Darrin Johnson- Economics

Presented by Dr. Mukti Upadhyay

David Hovorka- Mathematics

Presented by Dr. Keith Wolcott

Karianne Hendrix- Mathematics (Math Education Option)

Presented by Dr. Marshall Lassak

Robert Glazier- Natural Sciences

Presented by Dr. Jim McGaughey

Sharlin Aldao- Political Science

Presented by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson

Michael Maier- School Psychology

Presented by Dr. Mike Havey

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Williams Travel Awards

Announced by Dr. Lisa Taylor, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Awards Committee

Presented by Dr. Thomas Nelson, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Awards Committee and

Dr. Kathlene Shank, Member, Awards Committee; Chair and Graduate Coordinator, Special Education

Fall 2007 Recipients

William S. Beatty, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Zhiwei Liu
Jennifer Blitsch, Communication Disorders and Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tina Veale
Cassie Flack, Communication Disorders and Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Brenda Wilson
Jeff Fore, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Robert Fischer
Lee Gross, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Stephen Mullin
Corinna Hanson, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Thomas Nelson
Vincent Hustad, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Andrew Methven
Marissa Jernegan, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Janice Coons
Darrin Johnson, Economics
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Hui Liu
Brandon Jutras, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Zhiwei Liu
Yi Lin, College Student Affairs
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Eberly
Uros Marjanovic, Technology
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Samuel Guccione
Jason Minard, History
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Edmund Wehrle
Carolina Pelaez-Morales, English
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Terri Fredrick
Alexandra Quinones, College Student Affairs
Faculty Mentor- Dr. James Wallace
Kyle Snyders, Elementary Education
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Linda Reven
Donna Vitale, College Student Affairs
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Eberly
Stephen Warner, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Robert Fischer

Spring 2008 Recipients

Sharlin Aldao, Political Science
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Barbara Poole
Alexandra Baluka, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Steven Daniel
Jeremy Bowling, Political Science
Faculty Mentor, Dr. David Carwell
Danyelle Dehner, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Robert Fischer
Peter Frey, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners
Michael Kleen, History
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Edmund Wehrle
Laura Ladwig, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners
George Lesica, Economics
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Mukti Upadhyay
Rachel Lutz, English
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Anne Zahlan
Christine Schaffer, Political Science
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Jeffrey Ashley
Shannon Schwab, Family and Consumer Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Lisa Taylor
Whitney Sturm, Communication Disorders and Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Angela Anthony
Corey Taylor, English
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Christopher Hanlon

Research/Creative Activity Awards

Announced by Dr. Sace Elder, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Awards Committee

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Awards Committee; Chair and Graduate Coordinator, Educational Leadership and Dr. Tina Veale, Member, Awards Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Communications Disorders and Sciences

Fall 2007 Recipients

Alexandra Baluka, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Steven Daniel

Catherine Carman, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Angie Drews, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Sarah Elm, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Alisha Goode, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Dan Grzesiak, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Laura Ladwig, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners

Kristen Lundquist, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Alyson Mazzone, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Laurie Stein, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

Tiffany Taylor, Historical Administration
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart
and Dr. Debra Reid

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William S. Beatty, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Zhiwei Liu

Danyelle Dehner, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Robert Fischer

Brandon Jutras, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Zhiwei Liu and
Dr. Jeff Laursen

Rachel Kleinschmidt, History
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Debra Reid

Graduate Scholarships

Announced by Dr. Steve Conn, Vice Chair, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Scholarship Committee

2008 Mary Bear McClay Scholar

Karla Waymoth, Mathematics Education
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Marshall Lassak

2008 Betty Wright Downing Scholar

Jessica Matthews, Community Counseling
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Richard Roberts

2008 Frances Meyer Hampton Scholar

Jodi Dyke, Communication Disorders & Sciences
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Tina Veale

Graduate School Leadership Award and Award of Excellence

Presented by Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean of the Graduate School

2008 Graduate School Leadership Awards

This award goes to all graduate programs earning First Choice distinction in academic year 2007-2008.

**History and Historical Administration; English; Communication Disorders and Sciences;
and College Student Affairs**

2008 Graduate School Award of Excellence

Dr. Will Hine, Dean and Staff of The School of Continuing Education

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Thesis Award Winners

Announced by Mr. Chris Kahler, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Thesis Committee;
Graduate Coordinator, Art

Honorable Mention

Cassie Flack, Communication Disorders and Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Brenda Wilson

Award of Excellence

Shauna Cromwell, English
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Timothy Shonk

Distinguished Master's Thesis Award and Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Thesis Nomination

Joanne Crawford, Biological Sciences
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Thomas Nelson

2008 Graduate Faculty Nominees and Honoree

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Nominees and 2008 Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Announced by Ms. Kristen Lundquist, Vice President, Graduate Student Advisory Council

Dr. Ronan Bernas, Clinical Psychology
Student Nominator: Koyeli Sengupta
Ms. Lynn Calvert, Communication Disorders & Sciences
Student Nominator: Whitney Sturm
Dr. Sace Elder, History
Student Nominator: Michelle Lashley
Mr. Frank Goldacker, Communication Disorders & Sciences
Student Nominator: Colleen Slattery
Dr. Marko Grunhagen, Graduate Business Studies
Student Nominator: Monica Rogoz
Dr. Samuel Guccione, Technology
Student Nominator: Uros Marjanovic
Dr. Christopher Hanlon, English
Student Nominator: Emily Ramage
Dr. Heidi Larson, Counseling and Student Development
Student Nominator: Sarah Petsch

Dr. Andrew McNitt, Political Science
Student Nominator: Justin Sinner,
Kerry Krutsinger, and Travis Bounds
Dr. Thomas Nelson, Biological Sciences
Student Nominator: William S. Beatty
and Joanne Crawford
Dr. Anu Sharma, Clinical Psychology
Student Nominator: Koyeli Sengupta
Dr. Jeanne Snyder, Gerontology
Student Nominator: Lori D. Smith
Dr. Tina Veale, Communication Disorders & Sciences
Student Nominator: Courtney Bosco
Dr. Jeff Willardson, Kinesiology and Sports Studies
Student Nominator: Russell Koenig
Dr. Brenda Wilson, Communication Disorders & Sciences
Student Nominator: Cassie Flack
Dr. Melody Wollan, Graduate Business Studies
Student Nominator: Ivana Milosevic

2008 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor

Ms. Jean Smitley, Communication Disorders & Sciences
Student Nominator: Julie Pline



**Distinguished Master's Thesis Award &
Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Thesis Nomination**

Joanne Crawford, Master of Science in Biological Sciences
Thomas Nelson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Mating, Kinship, and Population Structure in Illinois Beaver Populations

The North American beaver, *Castor canadensis*, is considered to be an ecosystem engineer because of its ability to modify riparian habitat and alter species composition. Beavers have historically been reported to be a monogamous species, living in discrete colonies that consist of an adult male and female, young of the year and juveniles from the previous breeding season. Yet monogamy is rare in mammals and molecular studies have not been conducted to confirm the purported mating system and colony composition of beavers. To that end, I developed 9 microsatellite markers specific to the beaver and used these to elucidate patterns of mating and kinship within and between colonies in 2 disparate populations in Illinois. Parentage assignments using CERVUS software revealed multiple paternity in 5 of 9 litters over both populations. Average relatedness assessed using Relatedness software varied widely in both populations, ranging from 0.037 to 0.636 in central Illinois and from 0.155 to 0.406 in southern Illinois. Colonies were composed primarily of first- and second-order relatives, but included unrelated individuals. Extra-pair mating frequently occurred between members of neighboring colonies in southern Illinois. Distance between colonies was not found to be a strong predictor of relatedness in either population. Finally, tests of genetic differentiation between populations revealed a significant F_{ST} value of 0.0676 ± 0.0119 , indicating moderate population subdivision. This study was the first of its kind to use molecular methods to investigate mating and kinship patterns in beavers and revealed that beavers are not always genetically monogamous as previously believed. Future research in other populations is needed to test predictions regarding ecological conditions, such as habitat, winter temperature, and colony density, which may influence mating patterns and colony composition.

Master's Thesis Award of Excellence

Shauna Cromwell, Master of Arts in English
Timothy Shonk, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, Faculty Mentor

The Interdialect Approach to Second Dialect Acquisition: Theory, Process, and Results

This project outlines the theory, process, and results behind an original approach to second dialect acquisition termed the "Interdialect Approach." To begin, the historical origins and development of the non-standard dialect African-American English (AAE) are outlined, focusing particularly on the evolution of the dialect and the importance of its historical examination in relation to current studies, research, and emerging non-traditional teaching methods for second dialect acquisition.

This multi-faceted approach is clearly defined and offered as an effective method for teaching non-standard English speakers. For the purpose of this work, the "Interdialect Approach" was used with AAE speakers as is noted in the discussion of two research studies of the non-standard dialect. What is more intriguing and valuable is that the "Interdialect Approach" to second dialect acquisition can be applied to all non-standard dialects of the English language, as it gives both educators and students the framework needed to identify the linguistic, phonological, and grammatical characteristics of non-standard English speaking students. The "Interdialect Approach" places these students in the "Interdialect Stage," or the stage between dialects; furthermore, students in this stage are recognized as developmental, showing identifiable patterns of transition and signs of improvement.

Not only does the "Interdialect Approach" give a framework to identify these progressive learners, but it also offers key teaching methods, which educators can use to bring non-standard English speakers to proficiency in the target dialect, Mainstream or Standard English. Beyond offering various methods for improvement, the "Interdialect Approach" also offers promising methods of evaluation to establish the validity and usefulness of this approach to second dialect acquisition. Through a discussion of the significant improvements made through this approach, the conclusion that the "Interdialect Approach" is valuable and unique in adding to existing research and providing practical and useful methods for teaching non-standard English speakers becomes evident.





Master's Thesis Honorable Mention

Cassie Flack, Master of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Brenda Wilson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communications Disorders and Sciences,
Faculty Mentor

Word Retrieval Treatment Using Collaborative Referencing

The use of collaborative referencing tasks as a supplement to traditional speech therapy for two individuals (one male and one female) with nonfluent aphasia due to cerebrovascular accident (CVA) was investigated. The participants' spouses served as communication partners for the collaborative referencing task. Stimuli consisted of three sets of ten pictures of individuals performing actions. Participants and spouses alternated serving as director and matcher for six trials each session. Each picture set was targeted until participants reached 80% accuracy across two trials at identifying pictures. Analysis of transcripts showed that participants and communication partners followed the three phases of the collaborative referencing model (initiation, refashioning, and acceptance) when they did not initially agree on a verb label for a picture. The participants in this study made gains in verb retrieval across each session. In addition, gains were shown to be maintained when picture sets were reintroduced. Cueing strategies were used by communication partners when the participant with aphasia was unable to name an accepted verb label. Descriptive analysis determined that sentence completion, description, and gesture cues were effective for eliciting correct responses for Participant 1 and phonemic and question cues were effective for eliciting correct responses for Participant 2. For these participants, collaborative referencing was a viable supplement to traditional speech therapy services. In cases in which therapy sessions are limited, this model may be an important way to supplement services provided by the speech language pathologist.



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Alexandra Baluka, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Evaluation of the Oxalate-Consuming Activities of Probiotic Microorganisms

Steven Daniel, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Danisco USA, Inc., Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

William S. Beatty, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

A Genetic Assessment of the Red Squirrel in Illinois: Natives, Immigrants or Exotics?

Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Research Partner



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award

Catherine Carman, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction

Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award

Danyelle Dehner, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Comparison of Life History Traits of the Central Stoneroller (Campostoma anomalum)

Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Research Partner





Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award

Angie Drews, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

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Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Sarah Elm, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

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Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Alisha Goode, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

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Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Dan Grzesiak, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction

Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Brandon Jutras, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Lone Star Tick (Borrelia lonestari) the Parasite and its Tick Host

Jeffrey Laursen, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Illinois Department of Public Health, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Rachel Kleinschmidt, Masters Candidate in History

*Independent Women: Political and Agrarian Activism of Single Women in
Coles County, IL, 1890-1940*

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Laura Ladwig, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Ecology of Lianas in Regenerating Temperate Forests and their Impact on Tree Growth

Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Rutgers University, Research Partner

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Kristen Lundquist, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option
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Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Alyson Mazzone, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option
Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction

Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Laurie Stein, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option
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Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

Tiffany Taylor, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option
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Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



Williams Travel Award

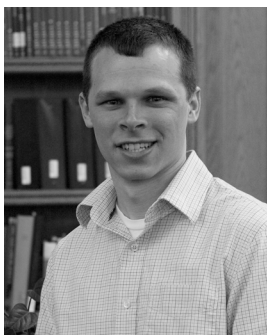
Sharlin Aldao, Masters Candidate in Political Science

An Examination of the 2004 Negative Presidential Campaign Ads
Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science | Normal, Illinois
Barbara Poole Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Alexandra Baluka, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Oxalate-Consuming Activities of Probiotic Microorganisms

108th Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology | Boston, Massachusetts
Steven Daniel, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

William S. Beatty, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

A Genetic Assessment of the Red Squirrel in Illinois: Natives, Immigrants or Exotics?
68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin
Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Jennifer Blitsch, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences
*Narratives in ASD: Impact of Condition and Type of Support and
Impact of Examiner Prompting in Narratives for Children with ASD*

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention | Boston, Massachusetts
Tina Veale, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Jeremy Bowling, Masters Candidate in Political Science

Economic Growth and Political Liberty: A Post -1980 Quantitative Analysis

Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science | Normal, Illinois

David Carwell, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Danyelle Dehner, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

An Approach to Comparing Life History Traits of the Stoneroller (Campostoma anomalum)

Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Athens, Ohio

Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Cassie Flack, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Word Retrieval Treatment using Collaborative Referencing

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention | Boston, Massachusetts

Brenda Wilson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of CDS, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Jeff Fore, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Relationship among Geomorphology and Fish Assemblages in Eastern Illinois Streams

68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin

Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Peter Frey, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Effect of Silvicultural Treatments on Sugar Maple Expansion Patterns in Upland Oak Forests

Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Athens, Ohio

Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Lee Gross, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*A Pond-Breeding Amphibian Community after Fish Removal: A Six Year Study and
Compositional Changes in a Pond-Breeding Amphibian Community After Fish Removal*

68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin

Stephen Mullin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



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Corinna Hanson, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Red Squirrel Distribution and Habitat Use in Illinois
68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin
Thomas Nelson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Vincent Hustad, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Terrestrial Macrofungal Species Composition and Richness in Old Growth Prairie Groves
Annual Meeting of the Mycological Society of America | Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Andrew Methven, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Marissa Jernegan, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Soil Characteristics and Microbes Influencing Establishment of Prairie Species
Plant, Biology and Botany 2007 | Chicago, Illinois
Janice Coons, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Darrin Johnson, Masters Candidate in Economics
Renewable Energy R&D and Innovation
Missouri Valley Economic Association | Kansas City, Kansas
Hui Li, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Brandon Jutras, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
*Lone Star Tick, *Borrelia lonestari*, the Parasite and its Tick Host*
Association of Southeastern Biologists | Spartanburg, South Carolina
Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Michael Kleen, Masters Candidate in History
The Copperhead Threat in Illinois: Peace Democrats, Loyalty Leagues, and the Charleston Riot of 1864
2007 Conference on Illinois History | Springfield, Illinois
Edmund Wehrle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Laura Ladwig, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Ecology of Lianas in Regenerating Temperate Forests
Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Athens, Ohio
Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

George Lesica, Masters Candidate in Economics
Informal Sector in Developing Countries: Measurement and Interaction with the Formal Sector
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting | Chicago, Illinois
Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Yi Lin, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs
Charting a Course of Overseas Study in China
Midwest Meeting of Graduate Students in College Student Personnel | Indianapolis, Indiana
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Rachel Lutz, Masters Candidate in English
Thank Heaven for Little Girls: The Female Child in Martin Amis's Worlds Gone Wrong
Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language and Media | Dekalb, Illinois
Anne Zahlan, Ph.D., Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



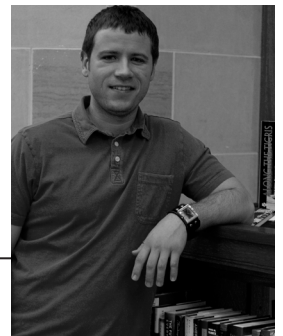
Williams Travel Award

Uros Marjanovic, Masters Candidate in Technology
Always-Connected Industrial Ethernet
National Association of Industrial Technology Conference | Panama City Beach, Florida
Samuel Guccione, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Jason Minard, Masters Candidate in History
Korematsu: Greed and Racism or Justified Removal?
29th Annual Mid-America Conference on History | Stillwater, Oklahoma
Edmund Wehrle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Carolina Pelaez-Morales, Masters Candidate in English
Overcoming the "Double Division of Labor": Engaging English Studies in ESL Community Programs
The Future of English Studies Conference | Springfield, Illinois
Terri Fredrick, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Alexandria Quinones, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs
When the "Excluded" becomes the "Exclusive": Lesbians in Historically Black Sororities
NASPA Summit on Black Greek Letter Organizations | Charlotte, North Carolina
James Wallace, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



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Williams Travel Award

Christine Schaffer, Masters Candidate in Political Science
Can We Really do More with Less: The Case of Environmental Protection and Declining Budgets
Western Social Science Association Annual Conference | Denver, Colorado
Jeffrey Ashley, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Shannon Schwab, Masters Candidate in Family and Consumer Sciences
Female Bullying and Victimization in High School
Annual Illinois Council on Family Relations Conference | Champaign, Illinois
Lisa Taylor, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Kyle Snyders, Masters Candidate in Elementary Education
Using Children's Literature to Engage Readers and Differentiate Comprehension
53rd International Reading Association Convention | Atlanta, Georgia
Linda Reven, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Whitney Sturm, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences
Effect of Joint Book Reading and Language Experience
Illinois Speech and Hearing Association | Rosemont, Illinois
Angela Anthony, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Corey Taylor, Masters Candidate in English
Q: Temporality and Identity in Postmodern Fiction
Midwest Conference on Literature, Language and Media | Dekalb, Illinois
Christopher Hanlon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

Donna Vitale, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs
An Examination of Collective Threat and Stereotype Threat
Midwest Meeting of Graduate Students in College Student Personnel | Indianapolis, Indiana
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development,
Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

Stephen Warrner, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Assessment of Stream Valley Segments as Determinants of Stream Habitat Quality
68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin
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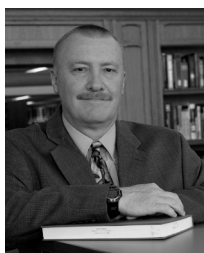
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