Graduate Recognition

Distinguished Graduate Student Awards
Williams Travel Award Winners
Research/Creative Activity Award Winners
Mary Bear McClay Graduate Scholar
Betty Wright Downing Graduate Scholar
Frances Meyer Hampton Graduate Scholar
Thesis Awards
  Master’s Thesis Award Honorable Mention
  Master’s Thesis Award of Excellence Winner
  Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award Winner and MAGS Thesis Nomination
Graduate Program Recognition
  Graduate Leadership Award
Recognition of Unique Contributions to Graduate Education
  Award of Excellence
Graduate Faculty Recognition
  Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award Nominees
  Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award

Graduate Scholarship

Thesis Awards
  Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award and MAGS Nomination
  Master’s Thesis Award of Excellence
  Master’s Thesis Award Honorable Mention
Research/Creative Activity Awards
Williams Travel Awards
Mary Bear McClay Graduate Scholarship
Betty Wright Downing Graduate Scholarship
Frances Meyer Hampton Graduate Scholarship

Eastern Illinois University
Graduate Scholar
2007-2008 Academic Year
Editor: Lori Henderson
Photography: Bev Cruse

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
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOLAR

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 Warrner, 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

Spring 2008 Recipients

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
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 Koening

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

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.

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 FST 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
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

Sarah Elm, 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

Alisha Goode, 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

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

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

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

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
Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

**Kristen Lundquist**, 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

**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
*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

**Tiffany Taylor**, 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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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
Williams Travel Award

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*  
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
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOLAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
2008 Mary Bear McClay Graduate Scholar

Established in 2004 by siblings Wilfred (Bill) McClay and Susan Foote, in memory of their mother, Mary Bear McClay.

Karla Waymoth, Masters Candidate in Mathematics Education

2008 Betty Wright Downing Graduate Scholar

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Wright in memory of Betty Wright Downing.

Jessica Matthews, Masters Candidate in Counseling and Student Development

2008 Frances Meyer Hampton Graduate Scholar

Established by Mrs. Frances Meyer Hampton in her estate, this award is presented annually to a full-time student in a master’s degree program.

Jodi Dyke, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Class of 2008 Distinguished Graduate Students

Martin Adams  Sharlin Aldao  Williams S. Beatty  Paul Bierman  Kristin Born  Catherine Carman  Kenneth Coffey

Dilani Gamage  Robert Glazier  Jason Goldfarb  Koeli Goel  Gabe Grant  Karianne Hendrix  Darrin Johnson

Jessica Pickering  Debbie Poffinbarger  Cora Polarek  Stacey Raj  Marilyn Ridgway  Cheryl Rozela  Chris Ryan

Not Pictured: Phillip Cox, David Hovorka, and Michael Maier.

Timothy J. Schmidt  Kyle Snyders  Michael Swinford  Jamie Towne  Laura Ware
College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Programs
Christopher Kahler, M.F.A.- Art, Coordinator
Christopher Hanlon, Ph.D.- English, Coordinator
Edmund Wehrle, Ph.D.- History, Coordinator
Nora Pat Small, Ph.D.- Historical Administration, Coordinator
Paul Johnston, M.M.- Music, Interim Coordinator
Melanie Mills, Ph.D.- Communication Studies, Coordinator

College of Education and Professional Studies Graduate Programs
Jake Emmett, Ph.D.- Physical Education, Coordinator
Linda Morford, Ph.D.- Educational Leadership, Master’s & Specialist’s Programs, Chair and Coordinator
Richard Roberts, Ph.D.- College Student Affairs & Counseling Programs, Chair and Coordinator
Joy Russell, Ph.D.- Elementary Education, Chair and Coordinator
Kathlene Shank, Ph.D.- Special Education, Chair and Coordinator

Lumppkin College of Business and Applied Sciences Graduate Programs
Cheryl Noll, Ph.D.- Business Administration and Certificate Program, Coordinator
Frances Murphy, Ph.D.- Family and Consumer Sciences, and Option in Dietetics, Coordinator
Jeanne Snyder, Ph.D.- Gerontology, Coordinator
Peter Ping Liu, Ph.D.- Technology and Certificate Programs, Coordinator

College of Sciences Graduate Programs
James McGaughey, Ed.D.- Natural Sciences, Biological Sciences , Coordinator
Charles Costa, Ph.D.- Biological Sciences, Coordinator
Douglas Klarup, Ph.D.- Natural Sciences, Chemistry, Chair and Coordinator
Brenda Lawrence, Ph.D.- Chemistry, Coordinator
Brenda Wilson, Ph.D.- Communication Disorders and Sciences, Coordinator
Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D.- Economics, Coordinator
John Stimac, Ph.D.- Natural Sciences, Physical Sciences, Chair and Coordinator
Keith Wolcott, Ph.D.- Mathematics and Computer Science, Coordinator
Marshall Lassak, Ph.D.- Mathematics Education Option, Coordinator
Leonard Storm, Ph.D.- Natural Sciences, Physics, Chair and Coordinator
Ryan Hendrickson, Ph.D.- Political Science, Coordinator
Anu Sharma, Ph.D.- Clinical Psychology, Coordinator
J. Michael Havey, Ph.D.- School Psychology, Coordinator

2007-2008 Council on Graduate Studies
Chuck Costa, Ph.D., Chair
Steve Conn, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Sace Elder, Ph.D.
Chris Kahler, M.F.A.
Peter Ping Liu, Ph.D.
Linda Morford, Ph.D.
Tom Nelson, Ph.D.
David Raybin, Ph.D.
Lisa Taylor, Ph.D.
Patrick Harris, GSAC Representative

2007-2008 Graduate Student Advisory Council
Alisha Goode, President
Kristen Lundquist, Vice President