

# Graduate Scholar

April 16, 2009

## Journal of Scholarship and Recognition



Daniel P. Harvey II, 2009 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award Winner,  
pictured with Dr. Peter Ping Liu, Professor of Technology

The Graduate School



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



## Awards Ceremony | April 16, 2009

### Introductions and Opening Remarks

Mr. Peter Salvadori, President of the Graduate Student Advisory Council and Master 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

#### **To be Announced-** Art

Presented by Mr. Chris Kahler

#### **Tasha Dunn-** Communication Studies

Presented by Dr. Melanie Mills

#### **Andrew Eichel-** English

Presented by Dr. Jad Smith

#### **Erin Crawley-** History

Presented by Dr. Ed Wehrle

#### **Saige Jedele-** Historical Administration

Presented by Dr. Nora Pat Small

#### **Joshua Kumpula-** Music

Presented by Dr. Jonathon Kirk

College of Education and Professional Studies

Announced by Dean Diane Jackman

#### **Cathy Sowa-** College Student Affairs

Presented by Mr. Lou Hencken

#### **Colleen Johnson-** Counseling

Presented by Dr. Heidi Larson

#### **Robert Osenga-** Educational Administration (Master's)

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford

#### **Dannie Cox-** Educational Administration (Specialist's)

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford

#### **Diana Stephens-** Elementary Education

Presented by Dr. Joy Russell

#### **Kelly Shore-** Elementary Education /Teacher Cert

Presented by Dr. Joy Russell

#### **Maureen Khairallah-** Physical Education

Presented by Dr. Jake Emmett

#### **Tanya Vipond-** Special Education

Presented by Dr. Rebecca Cook

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

Announced by Dean Diane Hoadley

#### **Jason Byrne-** Business Administration (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. John Willems

#### **Kristopher Kincaid-** Business Administration (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Melody Wollan

#### **Tiffany Cavoletto-** Family & Consumer Sciences

Presented by Dr. Melanie Burns

#### **Allison Rose-** Family & Consumer Sciences (Dietetics)

Presented by Dr. Melanie Burns

#### **Rachel Kehr-** Gerontology

Presented by Dr. Jeanne Snyder

#### **Uros Marjanovic-** Technology (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Samuel Guccione

#### **Lynnell Lacy-** Technology (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Luke Steinke

College of Sciences

Announced by Dean Mary Anne Hanner

#### **Marissa Jernegan Grant-** Biological Sciences

Presented by Dr. Janice Coons

#### **Nuwan Kothalawala-** Chemistry

Presented by Dr. Jon Blitz

#### **Anne Walk-** Clinical Psychology

Presented by Dr. Morton Heller

#### **Amy Mack-** Communication Disorders & Sciences

Presented by Dr. Tina Veale

#### **Jonathan Dean-** Economics

Presented by Dr. Linda Ghent

#### **Kari Donoho-** Mathematics

Presented by Dr. Keith Wolcott

#### **Meredith Dust-** Mathematics (Math Education Option)

Presented by Dr. Marshall Lassak

#### **Kendra Carroll-** Natural Sciences

Presented by Dr. Andrew Methven

#### **Jeremy Bowling-** Political Science

Presented by Dr. Richard Wandling

#### **Laura Holstius-** School Psychology

Presented by Dr. Christine McCormick

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Williams Travel Awards

Announced by Dr. John Dively, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Travel Awards Committee and Dr. Chris Hanlon, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Travel Awards Committee. Presented by Dr. Barbara Lawrence, Member, Travel Awards Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Chemistry and Dr. Tina Veale, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Travel Awards Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Communications Disorders & Sciences

Fall 2008 Recipients

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**Cassie Ambuehl**, Counseling  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Heidi Larson  
**Travis Bounds**, Political Science  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson  
**Laura Colgan**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Tina Veale  
**Erin Crawley**, History  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Lynne Curry  
**Derrick Douros**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. James Novak  
**Jodi Dyke**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Tina Veale  
**Marissa Jernegan Grant**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Janice Coons  
**Laura Holstius**, School Psychology  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Christine McCormick  
**Colleen Johnson**, Counseling  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Heidi Larson  
**Robert J. Krenz III**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Pederson  
**Danielle LaPrairie**, Communication Disorders and Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Rebecca Throneburg  
**George Lesica**, Economics  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Mukti Upadhyay  
**Uros Marjanovic**, Technology  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Sam Guccione  
**Erica Roa**, College Student Affairs  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Eberly  
**Peter Salvadori**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. James Novak  
**Sushma Shrestha**, Economics  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Mukti Upadhyay  
**Justin Sinner**, Political Science  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Richard Wandling  
**Cathy Sowa**, College Student Affairs  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Eberly  
**Christina Thompson**, College Student Affairs  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Eberly

Spring 2009 Recipients

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**Rebecca Angus**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tina Veale  
**Lori Neuman-Lee Biggs**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Stephen Mullin  
**Chad Cussen**, History  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. David Smith  
**Daniel Cuthbert**, History  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Newton Key  
**Jeff Cutright**, History  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Bailey Young  
**Katrina Dunbar**, English  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Timothy Taylor  
**Tasha Dunn**, Communication Studies  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Melanie Mills  
**Andrew Eichel**, English  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Timothy Shonk  
**Amanda Fountain**, Communication Studies  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Timothy Coombs  
**Marissa Jernegan Grant**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Janice Coons  
**Amanda Groves**, English  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Timothy Taylor  
**Kathryn Hale**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Stephen Mullin  
**John Hamilton**, Political Science  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Ryan Hendrickson  
**Zoraida Irizarry**, College Student Affairs  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Charles Eberly  
**Rachel Kehr**, Gerontology  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Janet Cosbey  
**Therese Kincade**, Communication Studies  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Melanie Mills  
**Kristi Kohlenberg**, English  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Rosemary Buck  
Dr. Timothy Taylor  
**Laura Ladwig**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners  
**Kimberly Lang**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners  
**Waynie Olapath**, Chemistry  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Mark McGuire  
**Ashley Osthoff**, Chemistry  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Rebecca Peebles

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Spring 2009 Williams Travel Award Recipients cont.

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**Nikki Pisula**, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners

**Caitlin Scaliatone**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tina Veale

**Donald Taylor II**, History

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Joshua Birk

**Teresa Vogt**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Rebecca Throneburg

**Anne Walk**, Clinical Psychology

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Morton Heller

**Patrick Walser**, Technology

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Luke Steinke

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Research/Creative Activity Awards

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Announced by Dr. Jeff Laursen, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Research Awards Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Biological Sciences

Presented by Dr. Peter Ping Liu, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Research Awards Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Technology

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Faculty Mentor, Dr. Charles Pederson

**Erin Crawley**, History

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Newton Key

**Ryan D'Arcy**, History

Faculty Mentors, Dr. Debra Reid

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Spring 2009 Recipients

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**Tasha Brown**, Communication Studies

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Mark Borzi

**Jessica Christman**, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Jeff Laursen

**Jodi Dyke**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Faculty Mentors, Dr. Tina Veale

**Byron Ebbert**, Chemistry

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Svetlana Mitrovski

**Elizabeth Gergits**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tina Veale

**Daniel Hiatt**, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Charles Pederson

**Candice Miller**, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Charles Pederson

**Nikki Pisula**, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners

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Graduate Scholarships

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Announced by Dr. Jake Emmett, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Scholarship Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Kinesiology & Sports Studies

2009 Mary Bear McClay Scholar

**Amber Bartelmey**, Mathematics Education

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Marshall Lassak

2009 Betty Wright Downing Scholar

**Lindsay Wilson**, Community Counseling

Graduate Coordinator and Chair, Dr. Richard Roberts

2009 Frances Meyer Hampton Scholar

**Jeanna Probst**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Tina Veale

2009 Annie Weller Scholar

**Shannon Goebel**, Natural Sciences

Scholarship Committee Chair and Economics Chair,

Dr. Linda Ghent

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First Choice Programs 2010-2012

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Presented by Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean, Graduate School

Gerontology

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Jeanne Snyder

Chair, Dr. James Painter

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Thesis Award Winners

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Announced by Dr. David Raybin, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Thesis Committee

Presented by Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean, The Graduate School

Award of Excellence for the College of Arts and Humanities

**Annie Tock**, History

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Newton Key

Award of Excellence for the College of Business and Applied Sciences

**Shannon Schwab**, Family and Consumer Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Lisa Taylor

Award of Excellence for the College of Education and Professional Studies

**Cathy Sowa**, College Student Affairs

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Charles Eberly

Award of Excellence for the College of Sciences

**Alexandra Baluka**, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Steven Daniel

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

**Daniel P. Harvey II**, Technology

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Peter Ping Liu

2009 Graduate Faculty Nominees and Honoree

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Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Nominees and 2009 Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Announced by Ms. Ricel Valdes, Student Dean, Graduate Student Advisory Council

**Dr. David Bartz**, Educational Leadership

Student Nominator: Crystal Johnson

**Dr. Joshua Birk**, History

Student Nominators: Donald Taylor  
Jeff Cutright

**Dr. Janice Coons**, Biological Sciences

Student Nominator: Marissa Jernegan Grant

**Dr. Carl Dell**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Student Nominator: Rebecca Angus

**Dr. John Dively**, Educational Leadership

Student Nominator: Amy McClain

**Dr. Suzanne Enck-Wanzer**, Communication Studies

Student Nominator: Dori Niemann

**Ms. Jill Fahy**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Student Nominator: Katherine Isert

**Dr. Sam Guccione**, Technology

Student Nominator: Uros Marjanovic

**Dr. Chris Hanlon**, English

Student Nominator: Kim Hunter

**Dr. Roger Hogan**, Technology

Student Nominator: Kim Ervin

**Dr. Heidi Larson**, Counseling & Student Development

Student Nominators: Cassie Ambuehl,  
Amanda Ghibellini, and Mera El Ramahi

**Dr. Gloria Leitschuh**, Counseling and Student Development

Student Nominator: Lindsay Wilson

**Dr. Scott Meiners**, Biological Sciences

Student Nominators: Laura Ladwig,  
Kimberly Lang, and Nikki Pisula

**Dr. Letitia Moffitt**, English

Student Nominator: Jennifer O'Neil

**Dr. Debra Reid**, History

Student Nominator: Amanda Paszek

**Dr. David Smith**, History

Student Nominator: Chad Cussen

**Dr. Timothy Taylor**, English

Student Nominator: Amanda Groves

**Dr. Angela Yoder**, Counseling & Student Development

Student Nominators: Nicole Mette  
and Mashone Parker

2009 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor

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**Dr. Tina Veale**, Communication Disorders & Sciences

Student Nominators: Jodi Dyke and Elizabeth Gergits





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

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***Daniel P. Harvey II***, Master of Science in Technology  
Peter Ping Liu, Ph.D., Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor

***Automated Estimation of Time Codes for Captioning Digital Media***

Captioning provides accessibility to media resources for deaf and hearing-impaired persons and is mandated by federal and state laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, the process of creating synchronized captions for media is time consuming and labor intensive. Consequently, many content providers still do not incorporate captions into media presentations on the web.

In this research, algorithms were developed to automate part of that process by estimating the timing of captions for web-based audio and video files from plain-text transcripts and their corresponding audio recordings. Recordings were of professional speakers/readers from American English radio and television broadcasts and of non-professional speakers reading text from a novel. The text transcripts were divided into sentences and the duration of each sentence was initially estimated from the number of characters in each sentence as a proportion of the total recording time. The locations and durations of pauses in the audio recordings were compiled by scanning for regions of low amplitude.

Statistically, durations of pauses at the ends of sentences are significantly greater than durations of pauses within sentences. This observation was used to match the ends of sentences in the text with pauses in the audio track. When the results of the automated matching were ambiguous, a manual feedback mechanism was triggered. For the files tested in this study, the algorithm accurately estimated the timing of 96% of the captions within 0.5 seconds. The resulting estimations were then retrieved and inserted into templates for SMIL for Real Player, SMIL for QuickTime, SAMI for Windows Media Player, XML captions for Flash, captions for podcasts, or subtitles for DVD's. A web application for captioning digital media was developed using the results of this study.

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**Master's Thesis Award of Excellence in the College of Arts and Humanities**

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***Annie Tock***, Master of Arts in History  
Newton Key, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
***"I See by this Woman's Features, That She is Capable of any Wickedness:"  
Murderous Women, Public Justice, and the Social Order in London, 1674-1799***



Crime has always held a certain fascination for people. Eighteenth century Londoners devoured printed case summaries, ballads, broadsides, pamphlets, and collections of criminal biographies. In addition, they flocked to Tyburn Tree to witness the malefactors hang for their crimes. Then, like now, murders were appalling, but murders committed by women were especially shocking. While part of the interest in murderesses is attributable to their relative rarity, eighteenth century Londoners were also concerned with the implications of deviant women on the state of their society. This was a culture that firmly believed that women's subordination to men was critical to the maintenance of order. In a society without an official law enforcement agency, public belief and participation in the justice system was vital. The popular literature detailing the bloody deeds of murderesses acted as a form of law enforcement by educating the public about the dangers of deviant women. These publications showed the unfortunate results of women acting out inherent negative female characteristics, including unruliness, willful independence, and sexual amorality. This study discusses the complexity of "ideal womanhood" by focusing on the reaction to women who acted outside of their subscribed roles. It examines the cases of 42 women convicted of murder in London between 1674 and 1799 and reveals a confused picture of female identity. Women were at once assumed to be naturally unruly and sexually voracious, and at the same time expected to be disciplined and chaste. The independent woman was feared because of her potential to disrupt social order, and yet women were also depended upon to maintain that order in the household. Female crime was seen as a symptom of societal disorder. Murderesses were so feared, not because women were bad, which was assumed, but because they acted out their inherent badness, indicating weakness in society.



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**Master's Thesis Award of Excellence in the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences**

***Shannon Schwab***, Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Lisa Taylor, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, Faculty Mentor

***Bully and Victimization in High School as Perceived by Female Students in a  
Midwestern University***

Bullying and victimization increased tremendously over the past 2 decades and are presently one of the most enduring and underrated problems in U.S. schools. Much of the research available on bullying has focused primarily on males; however, recently, research has shown that females are just as likely as males to engage in bullying behaviors. Unfortunately, female bullying occurs quite frequently, yet remains unrecognized because it is often overlooked. Females tend to prefer more indirect forms of bullying behaviors in order to keep it anonymous. The focus of the current research was to examine the nature and frequency of female bullying behaviors, the characteristics of victims that are targeted by females, and coping mechanisms of females that have been bullied. A self-report questionnaire was designed by the researcher and was distributed to 374 female Midwestern University students. Results indicated that 70.3% of the participants had been aggressive toward a peer and 92% had been a victim of a peer's aggression. Verbal aggression was the most common form used by participants, followed closely by relational aggression. The characteristics most often seen in victims of participants' aggression were sarcasm, difference from peers, cynicism, low self-esteem and displaying too much emotion. Findings indicated that victims of aggression in this study coped with their experiences by holding in their emotions, keeping issues to themselves, or changing their peer group. Results from this research have implications for school administrators and policymakers alike.

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**Master's Thesis Award of Excellence in the College of Education and Professional Studies**

***Cathy Sowa***, Master of Science in College Student Affairs

Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor

***Searching for a Connection:  
Internet Communication and Mobile Phone Use for Social Membership***



Internet communication and mobile phone use is universal among U. S. college students. In fact, the typical college campus has almost ubiquitous electronic communication connectivity with expanded mobile phone and wireless networks throughout campus buildings and outdoor green spaces. Students are constantly connected through their electronic communication media, and the rise of electronic communication media have provided heightened opportunities to interact socially at more times and places than before. Some researchers and student affairs professionals have expressed concern about how electronic communication use has affected interpersonal relationships among college students as they struggle to develop successful relationships and establish a sense of identity. The purpose of this study was to explore measured levels of social connectedness and social assurance among undergraduate student users of Internet communication and mobile phone. Survey results indicated that the number of hours students used electronic communication tools was not related to their feelings of social connectedness on campus. However, the data indicated that students mixed electronic communication media to make connections, even to simultaneous use of mobile phone and Internet communication. Results supported the researcher's connection attachment theory, which proposed that students fulfilled needs for constant reassurance of friendship and social identity through electronic means. Students made conscious decisions to maintain a continual connection through both Internet communication and mobile phones because of fears that they would miss important communications and be disconnected from the social loop. Implications for higher education are discussed.



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Master's Thesis Award of Excellence in the College of Sciences

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**Alexandra Baluka**, Master of Science in Biological Sciences  
Steven Daniel, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



***Evaluation of the Oxalate-Consuming Activities of Probiotic Microorganisms***

This study identifies the oxalate-consuming capabilities of mixtures of probiotic microorganisms, present as commercial probiotics, as well as in seventeen pure cultures of probiotic microorganisms. Probiotics are sold commercially as powders, tablets, and supplements of live microorganisms that, when taken in large amounts, confer a health benefit to the host. Increased levels of urinary oxalate coincide with the formation of kidney stones, so this study sought to find organisms capable of oxalate consumption that could potentially be manufactured to those suffering from calcium oxalate kidney stones. This study determines that consumption of oxalate is not directly tied to active growth in *L. acidophilus* NCFM and *B. lactis* B1-07. Further, consumption of oxalate by cultures of *L. acidophilus* NCFM occurs more rapidly in older cultures of cells (120 h) and in cultures previously exposed to oxalate. Metabolic profiling shed insight into the possibility that *L. acidophilus* NCFM shares the same method of oxalate catabolism to that of *O. formigenes*, in which formate is produced by oxalate consumption. PCR assays and analysis revealed the presence of the *oxc* gene, similar to that of *O. formigenes*, in several species of probiotic microorganisms. PCR analysis also revealed the apparent diversity of the *oxc* gene between *O. formigenes*, a “specialist” of oxalate catabolism, and species of *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium*, which are “generalists” in regards to oxalate consumption. This sheds light upon the future potential use of probiotics as an alternative therapy to kidney stones, as well as determines the proper manner in which to manufacture cultures to be used in kidney stone prevention. Further clinical trials will be necessary in order to determine the oxalate-consuming activities of probiotic microorganisms in vivo, if they are to be used as treatments for calcium oxalate kidney stone disease in the future.



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

**Tasha Brown**, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies  
*Study Abroad: An Insightful Documentary*  
Mark Borzi, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor  
EIU Office of Study Abroad, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award

**Jessica Christman**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Fecal Analysis Survey of Feline Parasites within East-Central Illinois*  
Jeff Laursen, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Albin Animal Hospital, Research Partner



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award

**Erin Crawley**, Masters Candidate in History  
*The London Irish: Contextualizing the 1798 Rebellion and the 1801 Act of Union*  
Newton Key, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Irish Studies Centre, Research Partner

Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award

**Ryan D'Arcy**, Masters Candidate in History  
*Westfield College: Crucible of Culture and Community*  
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Westfield United Methodist Church, Research Partner



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**Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award**

**Jodi Dyke**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

*The Application of Visual Phonics and Phonological Awareness Interventions to Address Language Impairment in Preschool Children*

Tina Veale, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Newman Grade School, Research Partner

**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Byron Ebbert**, Masters Candidate in Chemistry

*Microfluidic Devices for Quantitative Determination of Forensically Interesting Species*

Svetlana Mitrovski, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor  
Effingham Police Department, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Elizabeth Gergits**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

*The Application of Visual Phonics and Phonological Awareness Interventions to Address Early Literacy Development in Language Impaired Preschoolers*

Tina Veale, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Shiloh Community Unit School District #1 and ERBA Head Start, Research Partners

**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Daniel Hiatt**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Evaluating the Impact of Effluent Discharge on Benthic Algal Communities Downstream of the Decatur Sanitation District in the Sangamon River*

Charles Pederson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Sanitary District of Decatur, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Robert J. Krenz III**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Potential Bioassessment of Illinois Lakes and Reservoirs Using Photopigment Signatures*

Charles Pederson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Research Partner

**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Candice Miller**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Spatial Movement of Shortnose Gar in the Sangamon River, Illinois*

Charles Pederson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Sanitary District of Decatur, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Nikki Pisula**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Does Evolutionary Exposure Mediate Allelopathic Effects?*

Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
University of California at Davis, Research Partner

Williams Travel Award



**Cassie Ambuehl**, Masters Candidate in Counseling

*Play Therapy: Understanding Adolescents and the Utility of Play*

Illinois Counseling Association Annual Conference | Tinley Park, Illinois

Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

**Rebecca Angus**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

*The Effect of AAC vs. Clinician Modeling on Oral-Motor Imitation in a Nonverbal Child with Autism and Apraxia of Speech*

Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention | Rosemont, Illinois

Tina Veale, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award



**Lori Neuman-Lee Biggs**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Planting a TREE: Exposing High School Students to Ecological Research of Reptiles*

Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists | Portland, Oregon

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

Williams Travel Award

**Travis Bounds**, Masters Candidate in Political Science

*The Politics of Georgian Membership in NATO*

International Studies Association- Midwest Annual Meeting | Saint Louis, Missouri

Ryan Hendrickson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award



**Laura Colgan**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

*Aided Language Modeling and Requesting Behavior in Two Preschool Children with Autism*

American Speech-Language and Hearing Association National Conference | Chicago, Illinois

Tina Veale Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

**Erin Crawley**, Masters Candidate in History

*Eclectic Psychiatry: Robert S. Carroll and the Social Construction of Neurasthenia*

Mid-America Conference on History | Springfield, Missouri

Lynne Curry, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award



**Chad Cussen**, Masters Candidate in History

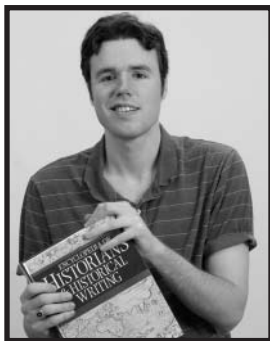
*Fractured Fraternity: Altérité and the FLN*

Out of Bounds: Exploring Global Connections | Boston, Massachusetts

David Kammerling Smith, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



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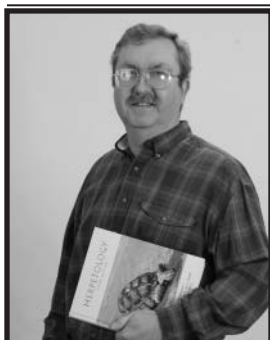


**Williams Travel Award**

**Daniel Cuthbert**, Masters Candidate in History  
*Leveling out Levellers*  
History Graduate Student Conference | Chicago, Illinois  
Newton Key, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

**Williams Travel Award**

**Jeff Cutright**, Masters Candidate in History  
*Old Antiquated "Self-Other" Dialectic: Historical Processes; Modern Ramifications*  
Out of Bounds: Exploring Global Connections | Boston, Massachusetts  
Bailey Young, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Derrick Douros**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*The Common Snapping Turtle as a Sentinel of Agricultural Effects on Agricultural Lotic Systems*  
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Columbus, Ohio  
James Novak, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

**Williams Travel Award**

**Katrina Dunbar**, Masters Candidate in English  
*Writing Interventions: An Educational Boost for Students on Academic Warning*  
Borders and Boundaries Graduate Conference | Carbondale, Illinois  
Timothy Taylor, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Tasha Dunn**, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies  
*The Homosexual Christian: A Qualitative Exploration into a "Mutually Exclusive" Life*  
Central States Communication Association Annual Conference | Saint Louis, Missouri  
Melanie Mills, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor

**Williams Travel Award**

**Jodi Dyke**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences  
*Phonological Awareness Intervention with Preschool Children: Changes in Receptive Language Abilities*  
American Speech-Hearing and Language Association | Chicago, Illinois  
Tina Veale, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders & Sciences, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Andrew Eichel**, Masters Candidate in English  
*Old Poem, New Theory: Pound's Appropriation of "The Seafarer"*  
VAGANTES Graduate Student Conference in Medieval Studies | Tallahassee, Florida  
Timothy Shonk, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

**Amanda Fountain**, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies  
*The Effectiveness of the Press Release: American Airlines' Use of Press Releases for Image Repair*  
Central States Communication Association Annual Conference | Saint Louis, Missouri  
Timothy Coombs, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

**Marissa Jernegan Grant**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Influence of Associated Species, Soil and Seed Biology on Disjunct Distribution of *Physaria ludoviciana* and Overview of Reproductive Biology for *Physaria ludoviciana**  
Botany without Borders | Vancouver and Botany and Mycology Conference | Snowbird, Utah  
Janice Coons, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Amanda Groves**, Masters Candidate in English  
*Navigating Emotional Responses: Reinstating the Value of Pathos in the Composition Classroom*  
Borders and Boundaries Graduate Conference | Carbondale, Illinois  
Timothy Taylor, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



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**Kathryn Hale**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Long-term Monitoring of Herpetofaunal Richness at Moorrinya National Park, Queensland Australia*  
Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists | Portland, Oregon  
Stephen Mullin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**John Hamilton**, Masters Candidate in Political Science  
*What about Iran? Examining Coercive Approaches to Foreign Policy with Persia*  
ISU Conference for Students of Political Science | Normal, Illinois  
Ryan Hendrickson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

**Laura Holstius**, Masters Candidate in School Psychology  
*Including IGDIs in Evaluation of a Head Start Literacy Intervention*  
National Association of School Psychologists | Boston, Massachusetts  
Christine McCormick, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

**Zoraida Irizarry**, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs  
*Hispanic Women in Higher Education: Leadership and Career Advancement*  
American College Personnel Association Convention | Washington, D.C.  
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



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**Colleen Johnson**, Masters Candidate in Counseling  
*The Impact of Relaxation Techniques on Third Grade Students' Self-Perceived Levels of Test Anxiety*  
The American Counseling Association Annual Conference | Charlotte, North Carolina  
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Rachel Kehr**, Masters Candidate in Gerontology  
*Impact of Support Groups on Burden in Caregivers*  
Association of Gerontology and Higher Education Annual Meeting | San Antonio, Texas  
Janet Cosbey, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Therese Kincade**, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies  
*Chapter Two: My Life, My Drama*  
Central States Communication Association Annual Conference | Saint Louis, Missouri  
Melanie Mills, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Kristi Kohlenberg**, Masters Candidate in English  
*Collapsing Boundaries: Jared Diamond's Use of Ethos and Pathos and Code-Switching in Chicana Poetry: Negotiating Language and Identity*  
Graduate Conference on Literature | Carbondale and Midwest Conference on Literature | Dekalb, Illinois  
Tim Taylor, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, and R.A. Buck, Professor of English, Faculty Mentors

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Robert J. Krenz III**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Use of Photopigments as a Descriptor of Phytoplankton Assemblages for Biotic Assessment of Illinois Reservoirs*  
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Columbus, Ohio  
Charles Pederson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Laura Ladwig**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Liana Impacts on Tree Growth in Young Temperate Forests*  
Association of Southeastern Biologists Meeting | Birmingham, Alabama  
Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Kimberly Lang**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Effects of Forest Edges on Population Dynamics in a Successional System*  
Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Lincoln, Nebraska  
Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Danielle LaPrairie**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences  
*Facilitative Vocabulary Techniques by Teachers with Differing Views of Collaboration*  
American Speech-Language and Hearing Association National Conference | Chicago, Illinois  
Rebecca Throneburg, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award



**George Lesica**, Masters Candidate in Economics  
*The Informal Sector in Chile: Measurement and Interaction with Formal Sector*  
Missouri Valley Economics Association | Saint Louis, Missouri  
Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor

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**Uros Marjanovic**, Masters Candidate in Technology  
*Automatic Identification/RFID Course and Equipment for Teaching and Research*  
National Association for Industrial Technology | Nashville, Tennessee  
Sam Guccione, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award



**Wayne Olapath**, Masters Candidate in Chemistry  
*Electrochemical and Spectroscopic Characterization of a Polypyridyl Ru(II) Complex Containing a Fused Alloxazine*  
Great Lakes Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society | Lincolnshire, Illinois  
Mark McGuire, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award



**Ashley Osthoff**, Masters Candidate in Chemistry  
*Rotational Spectra of 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorotoluene and 1-chloro-2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorobenzene*  
International Symposium on Molecular Spectroscopy | Columbus, Ohio  
Rebecca Peebles, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor

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**Nikki Pisula**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Allelopathic Potential of Woody Exotics in a Successional System*  
Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Lincoln, Nebraska  
Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Award

**Erica Roa**, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs  
*FREE FOOD: Engaging our Students*  
NASPA Regional IV | Indianapolis, Indiana  
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor

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**Peter Salvadori**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*The Effect of Habitat Fragmentation on Sensitive Aquatic Species- Platform Presentation*  
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Columbus, Ohio  
James Novak, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**



**Caitlin Scaliatone**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorder and Sciences  
*Perspective-Talking in Adolescents with Asperger Syndrome and Nonverbal Learning Disorder*  
Illinois Speech-Language and Hearing Association | Rosemont, Illinois  
Tina Veale, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorder and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Sushma Shrestha**, Masters Candidate in Economics  
*Devaluation and Aggregate Economic Activity in Developing Countries*  
Missouri Valley Economics Association | Saint Louis, Missouri  
Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Justin Sinner**, Masters Candidate in Political Science  
*Public Evaluation of Governors and State Economics*  
Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference | Boston, Massachusetts  
Richard Wandling, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Cathy Sowa**, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs  
*Search for a Connection: Internet Communication and Mobile Phone Use for Social Membership*  
NASPA Region IV | Indianapolis, Indiana  
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Donald Taylor II**, Masters Candidate in History  
*(Re)constructing Community: Jewish Life in the Wake of 1096*  
Out of Bounds: Exploring Global Connections | Boston, Massachusetts  
Joshua Birk, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

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NASPA Regional IV | Indianapolis, Indiana  
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

***Teresa Vogt***, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences  
*Listener Perception of Oral Discourse of Adults with TBI as it Compares to Traditional Objective Ratings*  
Illinois Speech-Language and Hearing Association | Rosemont, Illinois  
Rebecca Throneburg, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

***Anne Walk***, Masters Candidate in Clinical Psychology  
*Sex Differences in the Haptic Change Task*  
Psychonomic Society Convention | Chicago, Illinois  
Morton Heller, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

***Patrick Walser***, Masters Candidate in Technology  
*Implementing Green Technology into the High School Classroom*  
ITEA National Conference | Louisville, Kentucky  
Luke Steinke, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor

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