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Distinguished Graduate Student Awards

College of Arts and Humanities
Announced by Dean Bonnie Irwin

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Presented by Dr. Ruth Hoberman

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Presented by Dr. Nora Pat Small

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Presented by Dr. Marilyn Coles

College of Sciences
Announced by Dean Harold Ornes

Vaskar Nepal KC- Biological Sciences

Presented by Dr. Robert E. Colombo

Xiao Xiao- Chemistry

Presented by Dr. Barbara Lawrence

Rachel Maxwell- Clinical Psychology

Presented by Dr. Wesley Allan

Nicole Kozeny- Communication Disorders & Sciences

Presented by Dr. Angela Anthony

Nana Quaicoe- Economics

Presented by Dr. Teshome Abebe

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Presented by Drs. Karen Gaines
and Michael Cornebise

Sarah Harley- Mathematics

Presented by Dr. Charles Delman

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Dean Pappas- School Psychology

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Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences
Announced by Dean Mahyar Izadi

Allison Tharp- Business Administration (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Melody Wollan

Carolyn Thomas- Business Administration (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Melody Wollan

Ashley Sorrentino- Dietetics

Presented by Dr. Karla Kennedy-Hagan

Resa Ware- Family & Consumer Sciences

Presented by Dr. Lisa Moyer

Barbara Catron- Gerontology

Presented by Dr. Jacquelyn Frank

Alex Cudone- Sustainable Energy

Presented by Dr. Chao Wen

Matthew Maher- Technology (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Wafeek Wahby

Cyndia Hinton- Technology (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. David Melton

College of Education and Professional Studies
Announced by Dean Diane Jackman

Kelsey Brandt- College Student Affairs

Presented by Dr. Diane Timm

Alyssa Swan- Clinical Counseling

Presented by Dr. Angela Yoder

Jill Moody- School Counseling

Presented by Dr. Heidi Larson

Jeff Marlo- Educational Leadership (Master's)

Presented by Dr. John Dively

Tom Siegler- Educational Leadership (Specialist's)

Presented by Dr. Nick Osborne

Brittnie Simpson- Elementary Education

Presented by Dr. Linda Reven

Nathan Schwartzkopf- Kinesiology and Sports Studies

Presented by Dr. Chad Carlson

Amanda Gentry- Special Education

Presented by Dr. Kathlene Shank

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Hamand Society of Graduate Scholars

Announced by Dr. Nora Pat Small, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies Hamand Board

Medallion presented by Dr. William Perry, President, and Dr. Blair M. Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Vaskar Nepal KC- Biological Sciences

Alyssa Swan- Clinical Counseling

Williams Travel Grants

Williams Travel Grants are awarded in the fall and spring, this year more students than ever before applied and received support for presenting their research at conferences all over the country. Due to a high numbers of recipients, students will be announced by their college and program affiliation. Details of their outstanding research are listed in subsequent pages of this program.

Announcing the College of Sciences- Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Graduate Coordinator, Political Science

Biological Sciences- **Jennifer Alberts, Matthew Craffey, Ryan Hastings, Eric Hendricks, Tara Hohoff, Sarah Huck, Adam Hughes, Clinton Morgeson, Vaskar Nepal KC, Manisha Pant, David Petry, Yudong Qu, Sharon Rayford, Meagan Thomas, Erin Tuegel, Miranda White**

Chemistry- **Xiao Xiao**

Communications Disorders & Sciences- **Clare Kilbride, Caitlin Maxheimer**

Political Science- **Keneshbek Abdirakhmanov, Rachel Dicke, David Trotter**

Psychology- **Jarvis Howe, Rachel Maxwell**

Announcing the College of Education and Professional Studies- Dr. Chad Carlson, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Coordinator, Kinesiology and Sports Studies

Counseling- **Brittany Arthur, Gwi Chun, Megan Eshleman, Rebecca Eskew, Aaron Hale, Young Kwon, Haley Madlem, Regina Maj, Rob McKinney, Jill Moody, Keri Offenstien, Vanessa Payne, Sarah Puchalski, Amanda Rice, Margaret Schwartzkopf, Alyssa Swan, Holly Westjohn, Rebecca Williams**

College Student Affairs- **Sally Adams**

Announcing the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences- Dr. David Boggs, Member, Council on Graduate Studies

Business Administration- **Matt Askew, Craig Harris, Yifan Liu, Kevin Savage, Marissa Sutera, Allison Tharp**

Dietetics- **Rachael Jannusch**

Family and Consumer Sciences- **Molly Button, Joshua Fourman, Brittany Poders**

Gerontology- **August Lamczyk, Randall Reed**

Technology- **Kent Martin**

Kinesiology and Sports Studies- **Jessica Alexander, Tasha Buchmiller**

Sustainable Energy- **George Buzard, Chengdong Hu, Sunil Thapa**

Announcing the College of Arts and Humanities- Dr. Matthew Gill, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Travel Grants Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Communication Studies

Communication Studies- **Amanda Feder, Nathan Furstenau, Ethan Kruger, Emily Vajjala**

English- **Terri Coleman, Trevor Martinson, Sean Towey, Tana Young**

Historical Administration- **Danielle DiGiacomo**

History- **Logan Bruce, Aaron Psujek**

Research/Creative Activity Grants

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Announced by Dr. Lisa Moyer, Chair, Research Grants Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Family and Consumer Sciences

College of Business and Applied Sciences-

Family and Consumer Sciences- **Jessica Seals**

Sustainable Energy- **Sunil Thapa**

College of Education and Professional Studies-

Counseling- **Aaron Hale, Rob McKinney, Jill Moody, Margaret Schwartzkopf**

College of Sciences-

Biological Sciences- **Jennifer Alberts, Cynthia Carter, Matthew Craffey, Ryan Hastings, Tara Hohoff, Adam Hughes, Clinton Morgeson, Vaskar Nepal KC, David Ollesch, Manisha Pant, Sudip Paudel, Sharon Rayford, Lynn Schofield, Marci Slingerland, Meagan Thomas, Erin Tuegel, Miranda White**

Graduate Scholarships

Announced by Dr. Karla Kennedy-Hagan, Chair, Scholarship Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Dietetics

Presented by Dr. Barbara Lawrence, Member, Scholarship Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Chemistry

2014 Mary Bear McClay Scholar

Ashley Krisman, Mathematics Education

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Peter Wiles

2014 Betty Wright Downing Scholar

Jennifer Ashley, Dietetics

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Karla Kennedy-Hagan

2014 Frances Meyer Hampton Scholar

Taylor Alba, School Counseling

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Rick Roberts

2014 Annie Weller Scholar

Tara Weber, Biological Sciences

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Jeff Laursen

2014 GSAC Scholarship- presented by Valerie Penn, President, Graduate Student Advisory Council

Aaron Hale, School Counseling

King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Award Winners

Announced by Dr. Marilyn Coles, Chair, King-Mertz Awards Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Music

Presented by Dr. Jacquelyn Frank, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Coordinator, Gerontology

Award of Excellence for the College of Arts and Humanities

Steven Nathaniel, English

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Suzie Park

Award of Excellence for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

Matt Merkle, Business Administration

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Jay Shinde

Award of Excellence for the College of Education and Professional Studies

Katie Lancaster, Elementary Education

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Sham'ah Md-Yunus

Award of Excellence for the College of Sciences

Nana Quaicoe, Economics

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Teshome Abebe

Distinguished Research/Creative Activity Award

Nichole Garbrough, History

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Charles Foy

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Thesis Award Winners

Announced by Dr. Wesley Allan, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Coordinator, Clinical Psychology

Presented by Dr. Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo, Member, Council on Graduate Studies

Award of Excellence for the College of Arts and Humanities

Jessica McDonald, Communication Studies

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Melanie Mills

Award of Excellence for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

Sheila Greuel, Gerontology

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Jacquelyn Frank

Award of Excellence for the College of Education and Professional Studies

Merry Lucas, College Student Affairs

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Dan Nadler

Award of Excellence for the College of Sciences

Paul G. Edwards, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Karen Gaines

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Michael Neureiter, Political Science

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Andrew McNitt

2014 Teaching Award of Excellence for Graduate Assistants

Announced by Mr. Bill Elliott, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Admissions; Adviser, Graduate Student Advisory Council

Presented by Ms. Kayla Napue, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Candidate in Special Education

Hannah Green, Masters Candidate in English

2014 Rodney S. Ranes Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Announced by Mr. Bill Elliott, Assistant Dean for Graduate and International Admissions; Adviser, Graduate Student Advisory Council

Presented by Ms. Kayla Napue, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Candidate in Special Education

Dr. Robert E. Colombo, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

Graduate School Award of Excellence

Announced by Ms. Lori Henderson, Publicity Promotion Specialist, Graduate School

Presented by Ms. Kayla Napue, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Candidate in Special Education

Michael W. Babcock, Videographer, Web Office, Center for Academic Technology Support

For leadership and artistic achievement in capturing graduate student research on film.

Renewable Energy Center, Practicum Supervisors- Tim Zimmer, James Gilbert, Chad Weber, Ryan Siegel

For creating and leading the practicum for graduate candidates earning the

Master of Science in Sustainable Energy.

Graduate School Leadership Award

Announced by Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean, Graduate School

Presented by Ms. Kayla Napue, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Candidate in Special Education

Dr. John Willems, Chair, School of Business

Dr. Melody Wollan, Graduate Coordinator, MBA

The Graduate School Leadership Award recognizes an academic program for exemplary leadership in graduate education that serves as a model of academic excellence.



Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Michael Neureiter, Master of Arts in Political Science

Andrew McNitt, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

Sources of Media Bias in Coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The 2010 Gaza Flotilla Raid in German, British, & U.S. Newspapers

This study examines (1) whether German, British, and U.S. media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is biased, and (2) if such a bias exists, what its sources are. Applying Dave D'Alessio's and Mike Allen's framework for measuring media bias to a sample of 240 newspaper articles on the 2010 Gaza Flotilla Raid, we find that British and especially German newspapers exhibit a significant anti-Israel bias, whereas the results for the United States are mixed. Testing five explanations of media bias commonly mentioned in the relevant literature, we find that a newspaper's political affiliation as well as a country's public opinion, demographic make-up, and relationship with Israel explain the occurrence of media bias in coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict rather well, whereas national business interests do not. Moreover, our findings suggest the existence of a strong interplay between demographics, public opinion, foreign policy, and media bias.

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

Jessica McDonald, Master of Arts in Communication Studies

Melanie Mills, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor

Coordination and Symbolic Convergence at the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center



Using Coordinated Management of Meaning (CMM) and Symbolic Convergence Theory (SCT), this study examines the ways in which meaning is managed between the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center and its visitors. Using the metaphor of conversation, this study demonstrates three ways in which the museum and its visitors achieve a rhetorical vision: historical conversation, personal conversation, and residual conversation. The two groups must work together in order to create connections to the museum's purpose that reverberate beyond the museum into the lives of others, spreading its message, and the importance of retelling that message, to future generations.

Studying the ways in which CANDLES connects with its visitors, the Terre Haute, Indiana community at large, and current events around the world is extremely important to understanding how the Holocaust and its messages are relevant to contemporary society. CANDLES plays a role in continuing to tell the story of the Holocaust, preserving its memory while simultaneously raising awareness that such places of public memory exist and contribute to the world today. Small museums face great challenges in preserving and maintaining important social connections with the past so that future generations are able to participate in the historical, personal, and residual conversations that CANDLES and similar museums have created. In order for smaller museums with unique narratives, like CANDLES, to continue to function and exist, their rhetorical visions must work within and beyond the museums' boundaries, spreading their messages among various groups of people, in the local community and in society at large.

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

Sheila Greuel, Master of Arts in Gerontology

Jacquelyn Frank, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Gerontology, Faculty Mentor



***The Impact of an Immersion in Long Term Care Course
on Gerontology Graduate Students***

Developing gerontology professionals seek purpose for their careers which can become more evident through experiential learning opportunities with older adults (Vandsberger, & Wakefield, 2005). Older adults need caring professionals with true understanding of their needs and dedication to nurturing their physical, spiritual and emotional well-being. Empathy education through immersion learning is being used to increase awareness in developing professionals to help improve service to older adults in their care. Students, who participate in immersive learning opportunities, experience for themselves what an elder witnesses, lives and copes with on a daily basis. An immersion learning course was developed for graduate students in the Midwestern United States to provide an opportunity for students to live as a frail older adult in a nursing home. The course provided both lecture and experiential learning opportunities for the graduate students enrolled. The aim of this study was to explore how an immersion learning course, and lived experience as an older adult residing in a nursing home impacted graduate students' emotional empathy and perception of their purpose as a professional. This mixed design study used pre and post instruments, over 40 written student assignment documents, and verbal remarks from the post debriefing and focus group sessions, to examine emerging issues and experiences of the students. The responses indicated increased emotional empathy and clarity of purpose in the student's professional goals. The students actually felt what older adults feel and became their persona during the event thus learning what daily nursing home living actually is for older adults. The majority of the students reported the course did impact areas they would focus on in their professional practice.



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

Merry Lucas, Master of Science in College Student Affairs

Dan Nadler, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Affairs and Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor

***The Effect of a Summer Bridge Program on Provisionally
Admitted Students' Self-Efficacy***

The present study was designed to understand the impact a five-week summer bridge program, at a mid-sized public institution, has on provisionally admitted students' self-efficacy. Self-efficacy is defined as "the belief in one's own capabilities to organize and execute the courses of action required to produce given attainments", which can significantly affect how individuals think, feel, behave and motivate themselves in daily activities (Bandura, 1994). By using a pre- and post-test survey model and the College Self-Efficacy Inventory (CSEI) (Solberg, O'Brien, Villareal, Kennel, & Davis, 1993), the change in participants' overall, academic, social and roommate self-efficacy was measured. After completing the program, there were statistically significant differences in students' self-efficacy on all four scales; a positive increase was found using all four scales. There were not statistically significant differences in the self-efficacy levels of students from different demographic backgrounds. These results provide insight into the academic, social, and support needs of provisionally admitted students as they begin their collegiate journey. The researcher provided several recommendations for future research of provisionally admitted students' self-efficacy, as well as for the institution's summer bridge program.



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

Paul G. Edwards, Master of Science in Biological Sciences

Karen Gaines, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Bioavailability, Bioaccumulation, and Trophic Transfer of Trace Metals in the Tims Branch-Steed Pond Tributary

The Department of Energy's Savannah River Site (SRS) is a 777 km² former nuclear weapon material production facility along the Savannah River in west-central South Carolina. In 1954, environmental discharges were released from "M-Area", a fuel and aluminum-clad U nuclear reactor into the Tims Branch-Steed Pond water system. Discharges released into Tims Branch contained large volumes of inorganic wastes including depleted and natural U, Al, and Ni along with smaller quantities of Hg, Pb, Cu, Cr, and Zn. The purpose of this investigation was to better understand the dynamics of the Tims Branch water system within an ecological risk assessment framework by examining metal concentrations, bioavailability and trophic transfer of contaminants in lower trophic level biota in 7 beaver-impounded ponds in Tims Branch. Biofilm, detritus, Anuran and Anisopteran larvae were analyzed for stable isotopes ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$, $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) and trace metals: V, Cr, Ni, Cu, Zn, As, Se, Sr, Hg, Pb, U, with a focus on Ni, U and Hg. Results from this study support intraspecific biomagnification of focal metals, with little evidence of interspecific biomagnification for Ni and U. Biofilms were ideal indicators for system contamination and digestive tract removed Anuran larvae gave a clear representation of the bioavailability of the focal metals. Differences in trace metal concentrations between trophic levels indicated that only a portion of these contaminants are bioavailable. Hg concentrations increased through higher trophic levels indicating interspecific biomagnification. Transfer factors (TFs) from biofilm and detritus to higher trophic level organisms and hazard quotients (HQs) for Ni were low indicating little risk to those organisms. TFs for U were low but displayed high HQs demonstrating reduced bioavailability but high risk due to the high U concentrations in this system. Hg TFs and HQs were both high in the Tims Branch tributary displaying a high risk for this trace metal.

King- Mertz Research /Creative Activity Awards

Nancie King Mertz, '79 graduate alumna from the program in Art, established the King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Awards in 2010 to recognition the highest achievement in graduate research based on non-thesis graduate research/creative activity projects. A 2009 recipient of an Outstanding Graduate Alumni award, Nancie has been actively involved in the visual arts as both a creative artist and a small business owner. She and her husband Ron own and operate ArtDe Triumph & Artful Framers Studios in Chicago's Lincoln Park.

One project is selected to represent the best non-thesis project from all graduate programs and a top project from each academic college is also selected.



King-Mertz Distinguished Research/Creative Activity Award

Nichole Garbrough, Master of Arts in History
Charles Foy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Delaware Valley Allegiances and Identity in the Eighteenth Century



Most historians have researched the entirety of British North America in order to explore questions of colonial identity and allegiance on the eve of the American Revolution—assuming that what may have occurred in New England affected the Middle Colonies and elsewhere in similar fashion. Others have turned this all-encompassing project to a more manageable size, casting their light most predominately on provincial Massachusetts. It is obvious, looking at this research in the aggregate that colonial identity shifted from royalist British subjects to the recognition of their second-class status within British society. This recognition created a break from the Crown, which now appeared an oppressor, and an embrace of a new identity as a group of individuals ready to stand up for their freedom and demand their natural rights or turn away from Britain forever.

In order to contribute to research on this topic, I have partaken in my own micro-historical analysis, focusing on the Delaware Valley—a region neglected by historians dealing with this topic. Documentation provided by newspapers at the time, in addition to correspondence of governors and influential leaders of the region and period contribute immensely to this research. With the documentation I collected, I attempt to demonstrate a recognizable shift of identity from a royalist colony to an American colony, separate from the British Empire. By looking at this one particular colony, I hope to contribute to the literature regarding emerging colonial identities and allegiances on the eve of the American Revolution. Through this more focused history, we can perhaps make definitive conclusions on the whole.



**King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Award of Excellence in the
College of Arts & Humanities**

Steven Nathaniel, Master of Arts in English
Suzie Park, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, Faculty Mentor

The Subjugated Secret: Opening Ishiguro to Inaction

In Kazuo Ishiguro's 2005 novel *Never Let Me Go*, cloned students search for meaning as they proceed towards medical sacrifice (forced organ donations until "completion" or death) on behalf of the greater society. Even more than the horror of breeding children for their organs, it is the students' compliance that most disturbs critics of the novel. In most critical assessments, Ishiguro's story either mortifies or mobilizes. Bruce Robbins, for instance, contests the claim that Ishiguro's characters are unduly cruel and consequently banal, suggesting alternatively that readers are compelled to act against the cruelties of their societies. What such critical readings have missed, however, is that the students' seeming compliance liberates the narrative from purposeful application. I propose to read *Never Let Me Go*'s characters as embodiments of Anne-Lise François's influential theory of the "open secret." I argue that they glamorize their shackles and submit wholeheartedly to a self-destructive fate. Ishiguro's characters actively refuse to advance their circumstances, which encourages us to reread the novel for its stark antagonism towards the empirical positivism on which "productive" and "efficient" societies are built.



**King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Award of Excellence in the
Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences**

Matt Merkle, Master of Business Administration

Jay Shinde, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Faculty Mentor

***Stress and Public Accounting: A Comparison Study of Student Perceptions of Tax vs.
Audit Environments with Implications for Academia and Practice***

The negative outcomes of occupational stress affect individuals, communities, organizations and economies worldwide (Cooper & Dewe, 2004). This pervasiveness denotes the importance of gaining a better understanding of proactive, preventative occupational stress measures. Regarding a specific occupational field, the public accounting occupation has long had issues with occupational stress and its consequences, called strain, such as those direct and indirect costs arising from employee turnover (Smith, 1990; Sanders, Fulks, & Knoblett, 1995). Studies have shown that occupational stress is exacerbated when there is a misfit between the person and environment (French, 1963; Kristof-Brown & Guay, 2011). Studies have also shown that the reason for the misfit is that accounting employment candidates are uninformed/misinformed as to the environmental conditions that will surround their positions as tax or audit personnel (Aichinger & Barnes, 2010; Phillips & Crain, 1996). Therefore, this study compares student perceptions of public accounting's tax and audit environments in regards to the perceived type of occupational factors, called stressors, found in those environments. Results of the study indicate that accounting students agree, in part, with the perceptions of practicing CPAs. However, students may not have a realistic understanding as to the degree to which stressors are prevalent in audit and not in tax. Additionally, it appears that students find audit more stressful due to work/life balance stressors but are not aware of the role that job related stressors may have in audit vs. tax. The goal of this study is to assist academic advisors, business recruiters and future researchers, by using the information gained in this study to identify any disconnect between academia and practice, and create more effective, realistic job previews. These previews will assist in creating a more appropriate person-environment fit and thereby minimize the negative effects of occupational stress in public accounting.

**King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Award of Excellence in the
College of Education and Professional Studies**

Katie Lancaster, Master of Science in Education in Elementary Education

Sham'Ah Md-Yunus, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Early Childhood,
Elementary, and Middle Level Education, Faculty Mentor

An Examination of Using Graphic Organizers to Teach Writing: A Case Study



The purpose of this action research study was to determine whether using graphic organizers to teach writing would have an impact on first grade students' attitudes toward writing and proficiency in the areas of word choice and organization. This six-week study was guided by two primary research questions: 1) Does using graphic organizers impact students' attitudes towards writing? and 2) How does using graphic organizers impact students' ability to use word choice and organization in writing? Throughout the entirety of this study, two main sources were used to collect information. The sources used were: a survey about students' attitudes towards writing and independent student writing samples completed three times throughout the study. At the conclusion of the research study, results showed that graphic organizers were an effective teaching technique in writing. Students showed improved attitudes toward writing and their usage of word choice and organization improved.

King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Award of Excellence in the
College of Sciences

Nana Quaicoe, Master of Arts in Economics
Teshome Abebe, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor

***Causes of Poverty in Sub- Saharan Africa:
A Layered Theory Approach to Understanding Significant Factors***



The majority of studies on Sub- Saharan Africa approach poverty solely as a lack of income. We believe that poverty is more than an economic status and is inclusive of educational attainment and gender inequality, for example. Our study analyzed poverty under a unique approach, and in a departure from previous studies, delineates between various factors of poverty. The research span over a 20-year period (1990-2010) based on five-year intervals with a sample size of 46 Sub- Saharan African countries. We found factors such as female literacy and corruption as key variables to poverty alleviation in Sub-Saharan Africa over the last two decades.

Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grants



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grant

Jennifer Alberts, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Farmer Perspectives of Biomass Species, Including Giant Miscanthus, in East-Central Illinois
Jill Deppe, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Green Flame Energy, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant
Cynthia Carter, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
*Trophic Interactions in a Semiaquatic Snake Community:
Insights into the Structure of a Mississippi River Floodplain Food Web*
Stephen Mullin, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Research Partner



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grant

Matthew Craffey, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
The Potential Multi-Scale Impact of Miscanthus x Giganteus on Midwestern Breeding Songbirds
Jill Deppe, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Green Flame Energy, Research Partner





Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Aaron Hale, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

B.I.O.N.I.C.: An Analysis of a High School Mentoring Program

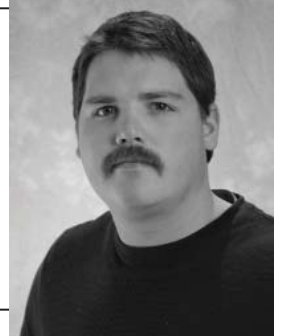
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor
Mattoon High School, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Ryan Hastings, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Effects of Dams on Fish and Macroinvertebrate Assemblages in the Vermilion River Basin

Scott Meiners, Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Tara Hohoff, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Connectivity of Bat Habitat in Northern Illinois

Jill Deppe, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
McHenry County Conservation District, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Adam Hughes, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Do Artificial Riffles Enhance Nutrient Retention in Restored Streams?

Charles Pederson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
United States Geological Survey, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Rob McKinney, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling

B.I.O.N.I.C.: An Analysis of a High School Mentoring Program

Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor
Mattoon High School, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Jill Moody, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

B.I.O.N.I.C.: An Analysis of a High School Mentoring Program

Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor
Mattoon High School, Research Partner





Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Clinton Morgeson, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Reproduction of Asian Carps in Four Illinois River Tributaries
Robert E. Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Natural History Survey, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Vaskar Nepal KC, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Optimal Harvest of Shovelnose Sturgeon in the Lower Wabash River, Illinois
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Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Research Partner



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Impact of Diet on the Growth, Condition and Mortality of Saugeyes in Illinois
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Manisha Pant, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Impact of Restoration on Fishes, Macroinvertebrates and Habitat Quality in Kickapoo Creek Near Charleston, Illinois
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Do the levels of mitoNEET determine cancer risk in diabetes treatment?
Michael Menze, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
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Habitat Associations of Young of the Year Fishes in a Large Unimpounded River
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Lynn Schofield, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Spatial Use of Stopover Habitat in Migratory Songbirds Along the Gulf of Mexico
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United States Geological Survey, Research Partner

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Strengthening Families Through Mission Trips

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Marci Slingerland, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
The Effects of an Activity Based Science Program on Elementary School Students' Attitudes and Interests in Science Related Fields

Scott Meiners, Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Monroe Elementary School, Research Partner



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Algae as Biological Binding Agents for Biomass-to-Bioenergy Strategies

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A Methodological Test of the Application of Stable Isotope Analysis: Do Road-Kill Tissue Samples Offer Reliable Isotopic Information?

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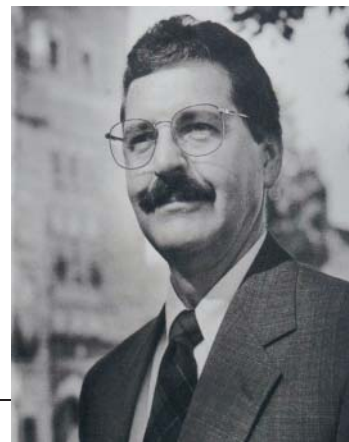
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Aligning Objectives with the Institution and Needs of Students
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Small Mammal Responses to Giant Miscanthus, A Dedicated Bioenergy Crop, In Agricultural Landscapes in East-Central Illinois
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Comparison of Alcohol Use Among NCAA Division I FCS Student-Athletes and Non-Athletes
College Sport Research Institute | Columbia, South Carolina
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Music Therapy With Older Adults
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A Content Analysis of Research Methods & Strategies Used by Authors

Published in the Journal of Personal Selling & Sales Management and The Impact of Market Orientation on Boundary-Spanning Employees

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Study of Lab Scale Wind Energy Generation for Sustainable Energy

The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering | New Orleans, Louisiana

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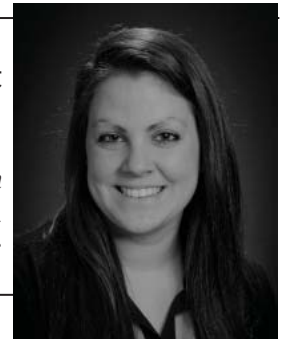
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Racializing the Writing Center - Starting with Tutor Training
East Central Writing Center Association Annual Conference | Oxford, Ohio
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NATO's Mafia Ally: The Strategic Consequences of Bulgarian Corruption
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The Potential Impact of a Novel Bioenergy Crop, Giant Miscanthus, on Midwestern Bird Communities
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Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site: Food Preservation and Herb Use Program
American Association for State and Local History Annual Meeting | Birmingham, Alabama
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Fighting Business with Business: Construction and Representation of the 'Vulnerable and/or Exploited Woman' through the Communicative Labor of the Not for Sale Campaign
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Samantha Szczur, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor

Rebecca Eskew, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
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Same-Sex Partner Abuse: It Isn't Always Pretty Under the Rainbow
Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences | Bloomington, Illinois
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Maternity Leave as a Site of Difference: A Consideration for Mothers and Families
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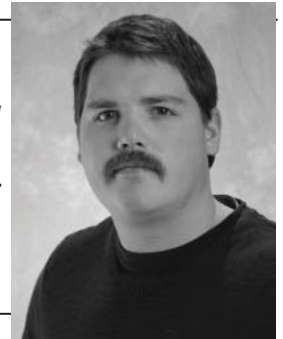
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Craig Harris, Masters Candidate in Business Administration
Classless Advertising: What Influences Americans vs. Kuwaitis to Accept an International Assignment?
MBAA International Conference | Chicago, Illinois
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Ryan Hastings, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
*Effects of Dams on Community Assemblages prior to Removal
in a High Quality River System in Vermilion County, Illinois and
Seasonal Shifts in Dam Effects on Fish Assemblages in a High Quality Illinois River*
American Fisheries Society 143rd Annual Meeting | Little Rock, Arkansas
Midwest Fish and Wildlife | Kansas City, Missouri
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Bioenergetics of Permeabilized and Intact Nerve Cell Terminals from ApoE Deficient Mice
Comparative Mitochondrial Physiology Conference | Obergurgl, Austria
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Connectivity of Bat Habitat in Northern Illinois
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Fear of Negative and Positive Evaluation Across Social Evaluative Situations
Anxiety and Depression Association of America | Chicago, Illinois
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Investigation of the Local Biomass Resources for Sustainable Energy

The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering | New Orleans, Louisiana
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Assessment of Range, Habitat, and Movement Patterns of Flathead Catfish
(Pylodictis olivaris) in a Midwestern River Using Ultrasonic Telemetry
American Fisheries Society 143rd Annual Meeting | Little Rock, Arkansas
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Do artificial Riffles Enhance Nutrient Retention in Restored Streams?
Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Society for Freshwater Sciences | Portland, Oregon
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Impact of Family Mealtime on College Students' Food Consumption and Select Lifestyle Choices
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Prompt Responsiveness in School-Age Children With ASD & Language Impairment
American Speech-Hearing-Language Association Annual Conference | Chicago, Illinois
Allison Haskill, Ph.D., Associate Professor of
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Ideological War: Presidents Creating Borders
16th Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference | San Antonio, Texas
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The Fall and Rise of Veteran Benefits for Veterans of the Silent and G. I. Generation: Applying Generational Intelligence Theory to History

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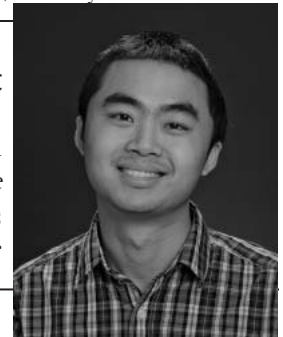
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The Effects of Pilot Financial Deregulation in China: Evidence from Shanghai's Free-Trade Zone

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Improving The Rate Of Voluntary Compliance In Investigative Police

Reporting Through the Application Of a Training Model and Job Aid and

Teaching Research Concepts Through Collaboration With Campus Police Investigators

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Joseph Andrews' Proleptic Position in Postmodern Literature and The Years That May Never Follow

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Using Multisensory Input to Supplement Articulation Intervention
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The Dimensions of Body Dysmorphic Disorder
Association for Psychological Science 26th Conference | San Francisco, California
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Demographics of Asian Carps in Four Illinois River Tributaries
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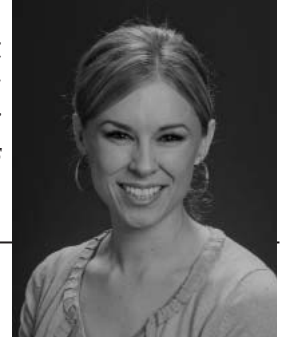
Vaskar Nepal KC, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Population Characteristics of the Commercially Exploited Population of Shovelnose Sturgeon in the Lower Wabash River, Illinois
American Fisheries Society 143rd Annual Meeting | Little Rock, Arkansas
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*Effect of Artificial Riffles on Macroinvertebrate Assemblages
in Kickapoo Creek*

52nd Annual Meeting of Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society | Bloomington, Illinois

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Elder Financial Exploitation: An Independent Study Project

Illinois Council on Family Relations | Normal, Illinois

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Defining the Mob in the Age of the Riot Act

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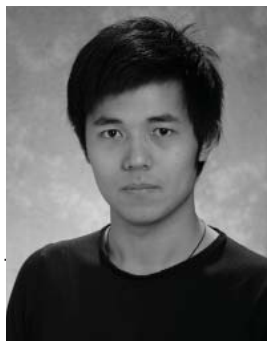
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Elucidating a Defined Medium for the Archaeal Acidophile, "Ferroplasma acidarmanus" Strain Fer1
American Society for Microbiology General Meeting | Boston, Massachusetts
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Demographics of Channel Catfish and Blue Catfish in the Wabash River Using a Multi-Gear Approach
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Families and Incarceration: A 360 Degree View
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Evidence of Niche Partitioning in an Invertebrate Eating Snake Community
Joint Meeting of Ichthyology and Herpetology | Chattanooga, Tennessee
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Colonizing Factors in Internet Rhetoric: Postcolonial and Transnational Feminist Themes from the Reporting of the Murder of Kapari Leniata

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Synthesis of Cinnamaldehyde Semicarbazones and their Photochromicity

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Vaskar Nepal KC, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Exemplifying student scholarship, research, and service, Vaskar was selected as an EIU Distinguished International Student, and twice received the Outstanding Student in Environmental Science. He has received eight grants and awards, which have included internal and external competitions for research, scholarship, presentations, and travel. He presented his research at three professional meetings and won the Lewis L. Osborne award for outstanding student presentation. Vaskar possesses a breadth of knowledge including plant- and animal- based disciplines, and has one manuscript submitted and more in preparation. A member of professional and honor societies, he has mastered the field skills in fisheries and has held both teaching and research assistantships in the Department of Biological Sciences. Vaskar regularly provides mentoring to other students and has assisted in six other student research projects apart from his own interest

in fisheries. He volunteers with district biologists in fisheries sampling, and provides service to the department in managing the web sites for the Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association and other research sites. Working to restore the student chapter of the American Fisheries Society, he coordinated seminars in fisheries.

2014 Hamand Scholar

Alyssa Swan, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling

Alyssa epitomizes the engaged student, serving her community and the campus through service, teaching, scholarship, and volunteerism. Alyssa has published one research article as first-author and two others as co-author, and has four others under consideration. She presented her research 14 times in the past year and half, has been awarded multiple grants, and is a member of three graduate research teams. Alyssa assists with teaching Basic Skills of Counseling, Practicum, and Individual and Group Intervention courses for College Student Affairs, School and Clinical Counseling students. She regularly volunteers with at-risk populations providing free counseling services to a variety of groups including those with serious mental illness at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, physically and sexually abused children at Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, and culturally diverse students at the U of I Counseling Center where she is a member of two treatment teams. She serves on three departmental committees, volunteers at the state level for the Illinois Counseling Association and the national level for the National Eating Disorders Association, provides student mentoring for GN4U and Epsilon Iota Upsilon, and volunteers locally for Soup Stop in Charleston and the Moultrie County Counseling Center.



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