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Ms. Allison Moran, President, Graduate Student Advisory Council

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

Ms. Samantha Young, Graduate Student Dean | Dr. Ryan C. Hendrickson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

Distinguished Graduate Student Awards

College of Arts and Humanities

Announced by Interim Dean Glenn Hild

Lindsay Reveland- Art

Presented by Mr. Chris Kahler

Meta Thomas- Art Education

Presented by Dr. Patricia Belleville

Clinton Brown- Communication Studies

Presented by Dr. Matthew Gill

Md. Alamgir Hossain- English

Presented by Dr. Dagni Bredesen

Alyssa Peterson- History

Presented by Drs. Charles Foy and Sace Elder

Chani Jones- Historical Administration

Presented by Dr. Terry Barnhart

Rebecca Carmack- Music

Presented by Dr. Anna Cromwell

College of Sciences

Announced by Interim Dean Doug Klarup

Carl Favata- Biological Sciences- Thesis Option

Presented by Dr. Anabela Maia

Ryan Kalinoski- Biological Sciences/Sustainable Energy- Dual Degree Option

Presented by Dr. Tom Canam

Asela Dikkumbura- Chemistry

Presented by Dr. Rebecca Peebles

Taylor McMillan- Clinical Psychology

Presented by Dr. Wesley Allan

Mary Beth Xenakis - Communication Disorders & Sciences

Presented by Dr. Rebecca Throneburg

Nusrat Farah- Economics

Presented by Dr. Mukti Upadhyay

Ali Akbarimoghaddam- Geographic Information Sciences

Presented by Drs. Karen Gaines and Michael Cornebise

Sarada Bandara- Mathematics

Presented by Dr. Peter Andrews

David Forbes- Math Education Option

Presented by Dr. Peter Wiles

Jacob Hamilton- Political Science

Presented by Dr. Richard Wandling

Jordan Wenger- School Psychology

Presented by Dr. Assege HaileMariam

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

Announced by Associate Dean Jeanne Lord

Samantha Young- Aging Studies

Presented by Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke

Talia Moore- Business Administration (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Melody Wollan

Mike Ziegler- Business Administration (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Melody Wollan

Megan Burrell- Nutrition and Dietetics

Presented by Dr. Melanie Burns

Benjamin Wilburn- Family & Consumer Sciences

Presented by Dr. Jaimee Hartenstein

Daniel Hector Flores- Sustainable Energy

Presented by Dr. Tom Canam

Adekunle Adeyemo- Technology (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Wafeek Wahby

Caitlin Drake- Technology (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Peter Ping Liu

College of Education and Professional Studies

Announced by Dean Diane Jackman

Amanda Starwalt- College Student Affairs

Presented by Dr. Dena Kniess

Myro Cox- Clinical Counseling

Presented by Dr. Catherine Polydore

Katie Lyons- School Counseling

Presented by Dr. Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo

Brandi Karnes- Educational Leadership (MSED)

Presented by Dr. Nick Osborne

Phil Hamil- Educational Leadership (Specialist's)

Presented by Dr. Nick Osborne

Esther Lutz- Elementary Education (Teacher

Certification)

Presented by Dr. Sham'ah Md-Yunus

Kelli Wells- Elementary Education (MSED)

Presented by Dr. John Bickford

Chelsea Duncan- Kinesiology and Sports Studies

Presented by Dr. John Storsved

Michelle Roberts- Special Education

Presented by Dr. Melissa Jones

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Hamand Society of Graduate Scholars

Announced by Dr. Jill Owen, Chair, Hamand Board

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

Clinton Brown- Communication Studies

Myro Cox- Clinical Counseling

Carl Favata- Biological Sciences- Thesis Option

Ryan Kalinoski- Biological Sciences/Sustainable Energy-
Dual Degree Option

Katie Lyons- School Counseling

Williams Travel Grants

Williams Travel Grants are awarded in the fall and spring. 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. Wesley Allan, Graduate Coordinator, Clinical Psychology;

Chair, William Travel Grants Committee

Biological Sciences- **Evan Boone, Carl Favata, Bethany Hoster, Neeta Parajulee Karki, Hanna Kruckman, Sarah Manka, Zachary Mitchell, Daniel Roth, Jordan Pesik, Shannon Smith, Vaclav Sotola**

Economics- **Nusrat Farah, Ahmed Salim Nuhu**

Political Science- **Dane Ecton, Lindsey Juszczak**

Psychology- **Jessica Berlinghof, Rebecca Rader**

Announcing the College of Education and Professional Studies- Dr. John Storsved, Graduate Coordinator , Kinesiology and Sports Studies; Member, Travel Grants Committee

Counseling- **Bukunmi Adeloye, Taylor Alba, Stefani Atkinson, Lawisha Carter, Myro Cox, Meghan Damler, Kaylee Ernst, Rebecca Holkenbrink, Heather Lee, Sarah Lim, Katie Lyons, Meghan McGreevy, Brittany Morris, Jaclyn Pickowitz, Devin Putman, Brandon Smith, Kristin Spiegel, Jordan Tanner, Audrey Wartsbaugh, Melany Zwilling**

College Student Affairs- **Madeline Owens**

Kinesiology and Sports Studies- **Jordan Davis, Doo Jae Park**

Announcing the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences- Dr. Jaimee Hartenstein, Graduate Coordinator, Family and Consumer Sciences; Member, Travel Grants Committee

Family and Consumer Sciences- **Brittany William**

Business Administration- **Kim Hoyoung, Md. Shariful Islam, Elyse Podwojski**

Sustainable Energy/Technology Dual Degree Option- **Sailesh Adhikari, Arif Ali Jalbani**

Technology- **Rishank Chandra Puram**

Sustainable Energy- **Ernest Echefu, Stephany Fonseca**

Announcing the College of Arts and Humanities- Dr. Randall Beebe, Graduate Coordinator, English

Communication Studies- **Jamie Alexander, Clinton Brown, Bianca Tomlin**

English- **McKenzie Dial, Rachel Eversole-Jones, Tara Peck**

History- **Michael Bradley, Alyssa Peterson**

Research/Creative Activity Grants

Research/Creative Activity Grants are awarded in the fall and spring. Students will be announced by their program and college affiliation. Details of their outstanding research are listed in subsequent pages of this program.

Announced by Dr. Kiran Padmaraju, Interim Chair, Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Level Education; Graduate Coordinator, Elementary Education; Member, Council of Graduate Studies

College of Education and Professional Studies-

Counseling- *Meghan Damler, Heather Lee, Sarah Lim, Devin Putman, Audrey Wartsbaugh*

College of Sciences-

Biological Sciences- *Carl Favata, Bethany Hoster, Brett Janis, Hanna Kruckman, Zachary Mitchell, Jordan Pesik, Daniel Roth, Shannon Smith, Vaclav Sotola*

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences-

Nutrition and Dietetics- *Caroline Weber*

Graduate Scholarships

Announced by Dr. Melody Wollan, Chair, Scholarship Committee; Graduate Coordinator, MBA

Presented by Dr. Melissa Jones, Vice Chair, Council on Graduate Studies; Graduate Co-Coordinator, Special Education

2016 Mary Bear McClay Scholar

Renee Fietsam, Mathematics Education

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Peter Wiles

2016 Betty Wright Downing Scholar

Clinton Belott, Biological Sciences

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Britto Nathan

2016 Frances Meyer Hampton Scholar

Joseph Boise, Biological Sciences

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Britto Nathan

2016 Annie Weller Scholar

Freda Opoku-Agyemang, Economics

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Mukti Upadhyay

2016 University Professionals of Illinois Scholar

Amanda Bailey, Technology

Graduate Coordinator, Dr. David Melton

2016 Teaching Award of Excellence for Graduate Assistants

Announced by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Interim Dean, Graduate School

Presented by Dr. Matt Gill, Graduate Coordinator, Communication Studies; Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

Anna Percival, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies

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Thesis Award Winners

Announced by Dr. Britto Nathan, Chair, Council on Graduate Studies Thesis Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Biological Sciences
Presented by Dr. Isaac Slaven, Dean's Appointment, Council on Graduate Studies

Award of Excellence for the College of Arts and Humanities

Steven Nathaniel, English

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Suzie Park

Mark Rheume, Music

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Brad Decker

Award of Excellence for the College of Education and Professional Studies

Steven Sakowicz, Elementary Education

Faculty Mentor, Dr. John Bickford

Award of Excellence for the College of Sciences

Samantha Sarich, Political Science

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Melinda Mueller

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Eric Hendricks, Biological Sciences

Faculty Mentors, Dr. Britto Nathan and Dr. Michael Menze

2016 Rodney S. Ranes Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Announced by Dr. Suzie Park, 2015 Ranes Award Recipient; Member, Ranes Award Committee

Presented by Ms. Samantha Young, Student Dean, Graduate School; Master's Candidate in Aging Studies

Dr. Charles Foy, Associate Professor of History

Graduate School Award of Excellence

Announced by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Interim Dean, Graduate School

Presented by Ms. Allison Moran, President, Graduate Student Advisory Council; Master's Candidate in College Student Affairs

Regis Gilman, Ed.D., Dean, School of Continuing Education

In recognition of valuable contributions to graduate education in support of the development and promotion of online programming.

Graduate School Leadership Award

Announced by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Interim Dean, Graduate School

Presented by Ms. Allison Moran, President, Graduate Student Advisory Council; Master's Candidate in College Student Affairs

Technology Graduate Program

Dr. Austin Cheney, Department Chair

Dr. David Melton, Graduate Coordinator

The Graduate School Leadership Award recognizes academic programs for outstanding leadership in graduate education.

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Named for **Robert Augustine**, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School from 1998 to 2015, and his wife **Kathryn**, an alumna of EIU's College of Education and Professional Studies, the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award recognizes the highest achievement in master's degree research.



Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Eric W. Hendricks, Master of Science in Biological Sciences

Britto Nathan, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Michael Menze, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

The Impact of Aging and Estrogen Therapy on Synaptic Mitochondrial Bioenergetics in an Alzheimer's Mouse Model

Mitochondrial dysfunction is a recognized pathological symptom of Alzheimer's disease (AD). One of the known risk factors for the development of AD is the inheritance of a specific genotype a lipid transporting protein, apolipoprotein E (apoE). How apoE contributes to the development and progression of AD is poorly understood. The purpose of this study was to determine if a relationship exists between mitochondrial dysfunction and genetic predisposition to AD via apoE. Mitochondrial bioenergetics was evaluated by measuring oxygen consumption using the OROBOROS Oxygraph-2k in nerve cell terminals (synaptosomes) isolated from WT (C57BL/6J) and apoE KO (Apoetn1Unc) mice. Enzymatic activity of succinate dehydrogenase (SDH) and citrate synthase (CS) activity was also assayed to help elucidate the bioenergetic profile of isolated synaptosomes. Since AD develops with age, mitochondrial function was studied in both young (4-6 months old) and old (12-22 months old) mice. Additionally, estrogen therapy was utilized as a possible therapeutic to prevent mitochondrial dysfunction. Our results revealed a dramatic increase in oxygen consumption from young estrogen treated apoE KO for all respiration parameters, whereas, a minimal effect was observed in WT mice. In addition, old Sham mice had significantly higher oxygen consumption rates compared to young Sham mice for most all permeabilized parameters in both WT and apoE KO mice. Estrogen had no effect on oxygen consumption in old mice, but estrogen treated old apoE KO mice had significantly higher SDH activity compared to its Sham. We speculate that increases in mitochondrial quantity in young apoE KO mice and old Sham mice were due to estrogen and reactive oxygen species induced mitochondrial biogenesis, respectively. Our data suggests that predisposition of AD via apoE is not an underlying source of mitochondrial abnormalities; however, the effectiveness of estrogen as a neuro-therapeutic may be dependent upon an individual's age and apoE genotype.

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

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

The Lyric and the Lathe: Dreams of Perfect Poetic Efficiency (1800-1917)

The profound technological advancements during the early 19th and 20th centuries led both Romantic and Modernist poets to re-imagine their environments, societies, and selves. Despite expressing considerable anxiety about technology, even William Wordsworth manifests the mechanical. Examining this compelling counter-narrative, I address poetic efficiency, a concept often mistakenly conflated with brevity. Drawing on technological analogies such as the lathe, I clarify efficiency's poetic manifestations: efficient poetry narrates the sequestration and isolation of an ideal message. Mimicking the patterns of a lathe, Wordsworth's poetry begins with circumlocutory poetic cycles but contracts into terse repetitions. Putting Wordsworth into conversation with poets as diverse as Gertrude Stein and Hilda Doolittle, I formulate a genealogy of efficient poetry that begins with its origins in the Enlightenment's optimism and ends with the strictures of Fascism. To address twentieth century poetry I begin with Gertrude Stein's notion of a "Portrait," which is an aesthetic closed system that nonetheless multiplies meaning through repetition. I then examine Ezra Pound, who led the Vorticists to implement a symbol of perfect efficiency, and, I discover that, just as vigorous and destructive vibrations arise in an energetic engine, Vorticism collapsed into chaos—not in spite of but because of its advocates' vehement assertions of order. Pound also showcases H.D.'s poetry as a triumph of the efficient Image, which is like an objectified emotion. As with Wordsworth and Stein, I identify H.D.'s repetitions, which diverge from Pound's authoritarian inclinations and offer a prescient indictment of efficiency's imminent employment through Fascism. I conclude by considering the complications of contemporary global ecology, which demand a form of efficiency that is both expansive and rigorous. Considering both the hazard and necessity of efficiency, this research forges a critical link between science and literature, past and present.

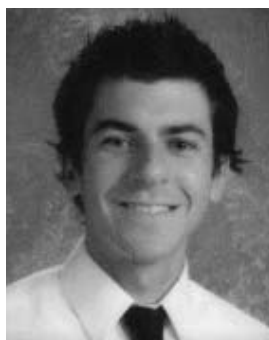


Master's Thesis Award of Excellence in the College of Education and Professional Studies

Steven K. Sakowicz, Master of Science in Education in Elementary Education
John Bickford, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Early Childhood,
Elementary, & Middle Level Education, Faculty Mentor

Researching the Historical Representations of Andrew Jackson in Trade Books

State and national standards compel teachers to introduce historical topics through multiple diverse texts, emphasizing the use of informational texts. Trade books allow teachers to meet these standards while also meeting the needs of diverse students. Primary sources serve as an additional curricular resource that fill the gaps in information covered by textbooks and trade books, allowing students to gain a more complete and accurate understanding of historical figures and events. Standards leave the selection and implementation of appropriate trade books, primary sources, and other curricular resources to the classroom teacher. In this research I qualify and quantify how Andrew Jackson is portrayed in trade books. Misrepresentations within trade books concerning Jackson are reported and analyzed. This empirical research guides educators in selecting books for teaching about Jackson, a controversial historical figure. Suggestions and rationale for trade book and primary source selection and implementation are addressed.



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



Samantha Sarich, Master of Science in Political Science

Melinda Mueller, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

***Gendered Pathways to Public Office for Members of the
112th U.S. House of Representatives***

Research both asserts that there is a particular path through careers in either business or law that many political candidates take to Congress, and that female candidates do not always follow these standard paths. Political science research posits that female candidates emerge from a wider array of experiences, including backgrounds in education and community activism because of the structural barriers they face in the traditionally deemed paths. Their experiences in these areas have been argued to shape the way in which female candidates are recruited for and run for office. Differences in the pathways male and female candidates take to public office, including the careers they hold before running and how they are recruited, have been widely studied, yet little attention has been focused specifically on whether or not female candidates having experience serving on the board of non-profit organizations can be a part of a viable alternate pathway to public office. This study seeks to determine if men and women experience different paths to public office as a result of having differences in their occupations, educations, and experiences, including membership on a non-profit organization's board. Specifically, the backgrounds of a sampling of men and women of 112th U.S. House of Representatives are analyzed to determine if the women and men served on the boards of any non-profit organizations, and if women are found to have served on non-profit boards at higher rates than their male counterparts. This study fills a gap and extends the research pertaining to gender differences in politics and pathways to public office by specifically focusing on the non-profit board membership of members of Congress.

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

Mark Rheume, Master of Arts in Music

Brad Decker, D.M.A., Department of Music, Faculty Mentor

***Characteristics of Modern Ballet: The Adoption of Sonic Vocabulary and Textual
Treatment in "The Earth without Water"***



The modern ballet, as an orchestral genre, owes much of its status and value to composers of the early 20th century. Claude Debussy and Igor Stravinsky's groundbreaking works, *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune* and *Le Sacre du Printemps* respectively, revolutionized the sonic landscape of ballet and expanded the ideas of interaction with texts and scenarios. This paper demonstrates the continued use of these innovations in the author's composition, *The Earth Without Water*. This analysis identifies three categories—harmonic vocabulary, rhythmic and formal organization, and textual treatment—by which *The Earth* derives content or technique from *Prélude* and *Le Sacre*. In addition, the document serves as a narrative of the compositional process, and outlines an analytical approach to composition which can be replicated by other students.

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Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grants

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Meghan Damler, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

B.I.O.N.I.C.: Empowering Young Leaders to Create a Positive School Climate

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

Mattoon High School, Research Partner



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grant

Carl Favata, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Effects of Habitat Alteration on Biotic Assemblages and Ecomorphology of Fish in a Restored Stream

Anabela Maia, Ph.D., Instructor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

United States Geological Survey, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Bethany Hoster, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Feminization of Male Fish Downstream of a Sangamon River Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent

Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Sanitary District of Decatur, Research Partner



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grant

Brett Janis, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Viewing Anhydrobiosis: An Observational study of LEA Protein Function Via Scanning Electron Microscopy and Atomic Force Microscopy

Michael Menze, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

University of Wisconsin Whitewater, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Hanna Kruckman, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Assessing Bonefish Movement and Predation Risk throughout the Island of Eleuthera, The Bahamas using Acoustic Telemetry

Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Cape Eleuthera Institute, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Heather Lee, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

B.I.O.N.I.C.: Empowering Young Leaders to Create a Positive School Climate

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

Mattoon High School, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Sarah Lim, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

B.I.O.N.I.C.: Empowering Young Leaders to Create a Positive School Climate

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

Mattoon High School, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant



Zachary Mitchell, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Demographics and Gear Efficiency of Blue and Channel Catfish in the Wabash River
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Jordan Pesik, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Graduated Systems Comparison of Larval Fishes for Moran Effect in Tributaries of Two Large Rivers
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Illinois Natural History Survey, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant



Devin Putman, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
B.I.O.N.I.C.: Empowering Young Leaders to Create a Positive School Climate
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor
Mattoon High School, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Daniel Roth, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Factors Leading to Successful Reproduction of Invasive Fish Species in Large Rivers
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Illinois Natural History Survey, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant



Shannon Smith, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Investigating the Impacts of Low-Head Dams on the Genetic Structuring of Fish Populations
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Le Moyne College, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Vaclav Sotola, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Genetic Population Structure and Diversity of Channel and Blue Catfish in Three Large Midwestern Rivers
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Armstrong State University, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

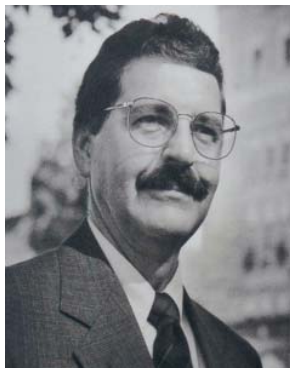


Audrey Wartsbaugh, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling
Addressing Self-Esteem and Self-Harm in Creative Ways
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor
Moultrie County Counseling Center, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Caroline Weber, Masters Candidate in Nutrition and Dietetics
Cart to Kitchen: Curriculum Development

Melanie Burns, Ph.D., Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, Faculty Mentor
HOPE of East Central Illinois, Research Partner



Williams Travel Grants

Named for **Larry Williams**, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School from 1978 to 1995, the Travel Grants provide support for students to present their research at regional, state, national or international conferences. These awards have been supporting graduate student travel since Dean Williams' retirement in 1999. The grants are awarded in the fall and the spring.

Williams Travel Grant

Bukunmi Adeloye, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions

Illinois School Counseling Association Annual Conference | Springfield, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Sailesh Adhikari, Masters Candidate in Technology and Sustainable Energy
Life Cycle Assessment for Renewable Energy Center at EIU: Energy Production and Environmental Impacts
2015 ATMAE Annual Conference: Technology - Building Bridges | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Peter Liu, Ph.D., Professor of Technology and Chao Wen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business, Faculty Mentors



Williams Travel Grant

Taylor Alba, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions

Illinois School Counseling Association Annual Conference | Springfield, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Jamie Alexander, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies
Women in the Military: An Auto-ethnographic Study of Muted Group Theory
Southwest Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) Conference | Albuquerque, New Mexico
Elizabeth Gill, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Stefani Atkinson, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions

Illinois School Counseling Association Annual Conference | Springfield, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Jessica Berlinghof, Masters Candidate in School Psychology
Preschool Teachers' Use of Praise: Comparing General, At-Risk, and Special Education Classrooms
National Association of School Psychology Annual Convention | New Orleans, Louisiana
Margaret Floress, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Evan Boone, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Population Characteristics and Parasite Burdens of Spotted Bass in the Wabash River, Illinois
White Grub in Centrarchidae from the Ohio River Drainage
Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society | Portland, Oregon
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Grand Rapids, Michigan

Jeff Laursen, Ph.D., Professor and Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences,
Faculty Mentors



Williams Travel Grant

Michael Bradley, Masters Candidate in History
Incarcerated Transported and Bound: Deference, Resistance, and Assimilation in Constructing Community among Transported Convicts from London to the Virginian Chesapeake 1718-1776
The 2016 Virginia Forum | Williamsburg, Virginia
Charles Foy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Clinton Brown, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies
Interpreting Sexual Orientation in Social Interaction
Central States Communication Association | Grand Rapids, Michigan
Richard Jones, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Lawisha Carter, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling
The Benefits of Music Therapy
Fostering Leadership and Reflection: Group Counseling Course Experiential Activities
Fostering Relevance and Reflection: Experiential Activities in Teaching Group
Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois
National Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Conference | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Association for Specialist in Group Work - Group Work for a Better World | Washington, D.C.
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., and Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo, Assistant Professors of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentors



Williams Travel Grant

Myro Cox, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling
Courageous Masters-Level Supervision
Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



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Meghan Damler, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
B.I.O.N.I.C (Believe It Or Not I Care)

Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions

Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois

Illinois School Counselor Association | Springfield, Illinois

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



Williams Travel Grant

Jordan Davis, Masters Candidate in Kinesiology and Sports Studies

The Effects of Static and Dynamic Stretching on Vertical Jump and Broad Jump Performance in Collegiate Division I Men's Soccer Players

International Science and Football Conference | Doha, Qatar

Hasan F. Mavi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Sports Studies, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

McKenzie Dial, Masters Candidate in English

Bodies in Motion: Where the Humanities and Engineering Intersect

Radical Writes: Composition, Creative Writing, and New Media | Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Charlotte Pence, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Ernest Echefu, Masters Candidate in Sustainable Energy

Application of Online Gas Analyzer to Monitor Quality and Quantity of Syngas Production for Renewable Energy

2015 ATMAE Annual Conference: Technology - Building Bridges | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Jerry Cloward, Ph.D. and Peter Liu, Ph.D. Professors of Technology, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Dane Ecton, Masters Candidate in Political Science

Desperate Schools and Political Backlash: The Illinois County School Facility Occupation Tax

Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences Conference | Evansville, Indiana

Rich Wandling, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Kaylee Ernst, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling

Group Play Therapy

Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois

Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student
Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Rachel Eversole-Jones, Masters Candidate in English

Integrate and Inspire: Harmonizing Reading and Writing in a Composition Classroom

Allerton English Articulation Conference | Monticello, Illinois

Tim Taylor, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, Faculty Mentor





Williams Travel Grant

Carl Favata, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
*Ecomorphology and Swimming Energetics of Longear Sunfish *Lepomis megalotis* in Turbulent Flow*
Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society | Portland, Oregon
Anabela Maia, Ph.D., Instructor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Nusrat Farah, Masters Candidate in Economics
Trends and Determinants of Contraceptive Method Choices: Evidence from an Emerging Economy
Business and Health Administration Association Conference | Chicago, Illinois
Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Stephany Fonseca, Masters Candidate in Sustainable Energy
Monitoring UV Exposure in Synthetic Life-Safety Equipment
2015 ATMAE Annual Conference: Technology - Building Bridges | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Isaac Slaven, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor

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Rebecca Holkenbrink, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling
Group Play Therapy
Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



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Bethany Hoster, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Effects of Wastewater Effluent on Fish Communities in the Sangamon River
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Grand Rapids, Michigan
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



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Md. Shariful Islam, Masters Candidate in Business Administration
Impact of Accounting Policy Choice on Audit Fees
MBAA International Conference | Chicago, Illinois
Waresul Karim, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business, Faculty Mentor



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Arif Ali Jalbani, Masters Candidate in Sustainable Energy and Technology
A Study of Effect of Surface Condition on Energy Production of Photovoltaic Solar Arrays
2015 ATMAE Annual Conference: Technology - Building Bridges | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Isaac Slaven, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Lindsey Juszcak, Masters Candidate in Political Science
*Age is Just a Number: Using Economic and Social Models in the
Millennial Generation to Predict Policy Support and Political Beliefs*
Annual Indiana Academy of Social Sciences Conference | Evansville, Indiana
Andrew McNitt, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor



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Hoyoung Kim, Masters Candidate in Business Administration
The Role of Product Market Dynamics on Cost Behavior
MBAA International Conference | Chicago, Illinois
Menghistu (Stu) Sallehu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business, Faculty Mentor

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Hanna Kruckman, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Habitat Use and Movement of Channel Catfish in a Midwestern River Using Acoustic Telemetry
Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society | Portland, Oregon
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Grand Rapids, Michigan
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Heather Lee, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It Or Not I Care)
Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions
Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois
Illinois School Counselor Association | Springfield, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



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Sarah Lim, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
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Katie Lyons, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Fostering Leadership and Reflection: Group Counseling Course Experiential Activities
Fostering Relevance and Reflection: Experiential Activities in Teaching Group
National Association of Counselor Education and Supervision | Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania and Association for Specialist in Group Work | Washington, D.C.
Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Meghan McGreevy, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Group Expressive Arts Therapy with Adolescents: Benefits and Implementation in Schools
Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions
Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois
Illinois School Counselor Association | Springfield, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., and Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Associate and Assistant Professors of Counseling, Faculty Mentors





Williams Travel Grant

Sarah Manka, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
The Effectiveness of the Hose-bridge as a Road Crossing Structure for Snakes
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Grand Rapids, Michigan
Stephen Mullin, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Zachary Mitchell, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Effects of DC Electrofishing Pulse Frequency on Collection of Fish in the Wabash River
Demographics and Harvest of Three Commercially Exploited Species of Catfish in the Wabash River
Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society | Portland, Oregon
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Grand Rapids, Michigan
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Brittany Morris, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Cultural Competency in Play Therapy
Illinois Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference | Itasca, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Ahmed Salim Nuhu, Masters Candidate in Economics
Intrahousehold Bargaining, Domestic Violence Laws and Child Health Outcomes
Midwest Economics Association Meetings | Chicago, Illinois
Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Madeline Owens, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs
Students' Perceptions of Academic Advisor Effectiveness and its Relationship to Academic Outcomes
Mid-Western Educational Research Association Annual Meeting | Evanston, Illinois
Catherine Polydore, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Neeta Parajulee Karki, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Effects of 17 β Estradiol in the Metabolism of Sunfish Species
Annual Meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society | Springfield, Illinois
Anabela Miai, Ph.D., Instructor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Doo Jae Park, Masters Candidate in Kinesiology and Sports Studies
Reaching out to Diverse Ethnic Communities: Perceived Organizational Culture of the LA Dodgers and its Impact on Korean Fans
The North American Society for Sports Management | Orlando, Florida
John Storsved, H.S.D., Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Sports Studies, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Tara Peck, Masters Candidate in English

“Food and Composition: Blurring Boundaries through Analysis of a Non-Traditional Text”
“Genre Awareness’ in Developmental Reading: A Tool to Unpack Hidden Ideologies and Beliefs”

“Revelation & Conversation: Tutor to Instructor and Back”

Radical Writes: Composition, Creative Writing, and New Media | Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Allerton English Articulation Conference | Monticello, Illinois

Tim Taylor, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Jordan Pesik, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Larval Fish Assemblages Above and Below a Major Tributary Confluence Differ Spatially and Temporally on a Large River

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Grand Rapids, Michigan

Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Alyssa Peterson, Masters Candidate in History

“Water, Earth, and Air Infected.” How Movement, Quarantines, and Geographical Limitations Shaped the Movement of Yellow Fever in 1793

NIU History Graduate Student Association Annual Conference | Dekalb, Illinois

Charles Foy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Jaclyn Pickowitz, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

Canine Assisted Play Therapy

Illinois Association for Play Therapy | Itasca, Illinois

Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Elyse Podwojski, Masters Candidate in Business Administration

Socialization Efficiency: Decreasing Time Allocated to Socialization Processes through Effective Orientation

Annual Conference of the North American Management Society | Chicago, Illinois

David Boggs, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Management, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Rishank Chandra Puram, Masters Candidate in Technology

Arduino Board and Arduino Integrated Development Environment

2015 ATMAE Annual Conference: Technology - Building Bridges | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Peter Liu, Ph.D., Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Devin Putman, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

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Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions

Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois

Illinois School Counselor Association | Springfield, Illinois

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





Williams Travel Grant

Rebecca Rader, Masters Candidate in School Psychology
Examination of Externalizing Behaviors within General Education, At-Risk, and Special Education Preschool-Aged Classrooms
National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention | New Orleans, Louisiana
Margaret Floress, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Daniel Roth, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Larval Fish Assemblages of Three Major Tributaries of the Illinois River
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Grand Rapids, Michigan
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Brandon Smith, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Canine Assisted Play Therapy
Illinois Association for Play Therapy | Itasca, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Shannon Smith, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Impacts of Low-head Dams on Fish Assemblages and Habitat in Two Illinois Rivers
Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society | Portland, Oregon
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Vaclav Sotola, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Genetic Stock Structure of Age-0 Channel and Blue Catfish in a Large Unimpounded River
Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society | Portland, Oregon
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Kristin Spiegel, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling
Positive Effects of Utilizing Game Play
Illinois Association for Play Therapy | Itasca, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



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Jordan Tanner, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Creative Ways to Utilize School Data for Innovative Solutions
Illinois School Counselor Association | Springfield, Illinois
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Williams Travel Grant

Bianca Tomlin, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies

What's their Expiration Date: Age Discrimination in the Workplace

Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference | Seattle, Washington

Samantha Szczur, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Audrey Wartsbaugh, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling

Using Art for Creative Expression with Teen Girls in a School-based Group Setting

Illinois Association for Play Therapy | Itasca, Illinois

Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Brittany William, Masters Candidate in Family and Consumer Sciences

Social Fashionistas: The Role of Social Shopping Communities on the Consumer's Sense of Self

Marketing Management Association Spring 2016 Conference | Chicago, Illinois

Katherine Shaw, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Kesha Coker,

Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Business, Faculty Mentors



Williams Travel Grant

Melany Zwilling, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling

Using Music Therapy in Counseling Settings

Illinois Counseling Association Conference | Skokie, Illinois

Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



Scholarships



2016 Betty Wright Downing Graduate Scholar

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

Clinton Belott, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

2016 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.

Joseph Boise, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences



2016 Mary Bear McClay Graduate Scholar

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

Renee Fietsam, Masters Candidate in Mathematics Education



2016 Annie Weller Graduate Scholar

Established by the family of Annie L. Weller to provide financial support for a full-time undergraduate or graduate student majoring in the social sciences, history, or physical sciences.

Freda Opoku-Agyemang, Masters Candidate in Economics



2016 UPI Scholar

Established by Dr. John Allison, President of the EIU University Professionals of Illinois in 2012 to provide financial support for a full-time graduate student accepted into any degree program at EIU.

Amanda Bailey, Masters Candidate in Technology



Teaching Awards

2016 Teaching Award of Excellence for Graduate Assistants

The graduate assistant selected from EIU is nominated at the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools. This year Anna received an Honorable Mention at MAGS.

Anna Percival, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies



2016 Rodney S. Ranes Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Established by Rodney S. Ranes, former director of graduate admissions, this award is selected by the Council on Graduate Studies Ranes Board to honor outstanding graduate mentoring.

Charles Foy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History



Hamand Society of Graduate Scholars

Named in honor of the first dean of The Graduate School, Dr. Lavern Hamand, the Hamand Society recognizes degree-seeking graduate candidates nominated from among the class of Distinguished Graduate Students whose achievements in both scholarship and service have had a documented impact on the discipline and the community. The quality and impact of the scholarship and service achievements of Hamand Society Scholars reflect the highest ideals of the engaged graduate student.

Dean Hamand was a professor of history and served as dean from 1967 to 1974. Before her passing in 2011, his widow Martha provided support for the Society, which was created in 2010. Daughters, Carol Stephens and Wendy Venet, continue their parent's legacy in supporting graduate education at EIU.



2016 Hamand Scholar

Clinton Brown, Masters Candidate in Communication Studies

As a researcher of interpersonal communication and sexual orientation, Communication Studies graduate student Clinton Brown has rapidly immersed himself into his scholarly community. Clinton currently has two articles under review at highly-regarded journals, the *Journal of Homosexuality* and *Communication Studies*. In addition, Clinton has presented his research at the annual meetings of the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association, and has served as a panelist at five additional conferences. His research skills, both quantitative and qualitative, have allowed him to speak with an array of scholarly and practitioner audiences. Professor Elizabeth Gill, Clinton's professor and thesis advisor, noted that in her time at EIU teaching and mentoring students, "Clinton is by far the best student I have worked with." Clinton has also contributed broadly to Eastern Illinois University through his participation on the Graduate Student

Advisory Council, as the student representative for the Graduate School's Williams Travel Grant selection committee, and has served as a board member for the Illinois Communication and Theatre Organization. His community service extends through his work as a teacher at the local homeless shelter in Mattoon PADS. Clinton will continue with his studies in the Ph.D. program at Purdue University in the fall of 2016.

2016 Hamand Scholar

Myro Cox, Masters Candidate in Clinical Counseling

Much like an outstanding faculty member, Myro has an impressive and expansive record of achievement in the areas of teaching, research and service. Myro's research interests focus primarily on Basic Counseling Skills and alleviating test anxiety in children and adolescents. Her various research interests have resulted in an impressive research record, which includes seven different conference presentations. As a graduate assistant in the Department of Counseling and Student Development, Myro also is a course instructor for an undergraduate Educational Psychology course. Her teaching evaluations are uniformly impressive, which demonstrates her skills as both a burgeoning scholar and instructor. As a member of the university community, Myro's contributions are similarly vast. She serves as the student representative to the Council on Graduate Studies, where she also served on the Research Grants Award Committee. She is a recipient of the Williams Travel Grant, the Mary Cralley Vaupel Memorial Award, the Paul Ward Memorial Scholarship, and the College of Education and Professional Studies Development Grant. In addition, she has provided advocacy on behalf of the Children's Advocacy Center.





2016 Hamand Scholar

Carl Favata, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

With research focusing on anthropogenic impacts and the restoration efforts of Kickapoo Creek and the physiology of fish, Carl has accumulated an impressive record in the graduate program in Biological Sciences. As a member of the Fisheries and Aquatic Research Team, Carl's research skills and advanced technical skills have added significantly to the Team's research efforts. He has presented his research in a number of professional venues, including the Illinois Association of American Fisheries, the national meeting of the Association of American Fisheries, and at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting. He has also received the Graduate School's Williams Travel Grant and the Graduate School's Research and Creative Activity Grant. Carl's nominators for this distinction also consistently noted that he

interacts well and extensively with undergraduate students, both as a teaching assistant and as a mentor. In addition, Carl has been an active participant in his department through his membership in the Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association.

2016 Hamand Scholar

Ryan Kalinoski, Masters Candidate in Sustainable Energy and Biological Sciences

As a dual-degree master's candidate in Biological Sciences and Sustainable Energy, Ryan's research is demonstrating great breadth and promise. His research focuses on the efficacy of white rot fungus on plant biomass, with findings that have important implications in the fields of bioenergy and bioproject energy. His co-authored research papers have been published in the journals *Oecologia* and *Ecosphere*. Most recently he and his co-authors have had a manuscript accepted for publication in the *Journal of Visualized Experiments*. Along with his research abilities, Ryan has demonstrated leadership skills as the project leader for the People, Plan and Prosperity Student Design Competition, which is a grant funded by the Environmental Protection Agency. Ryan has also served as a teaching assistant in Biological Sciences Department, and received the distinguished Presidential Graduate Research Assistantship for this academic year. Moreover, he has presented five different professional research presentations, including most recently at the European Biomass Conference and Exhibition in Vienna, Austria.



2016 Hamand Scholar

Katie Lyons, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

Described as "action research" by Professor Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo, Katie's research is aimed at improving the quality of high school students' lives. Among her scholarly ambitions as a graduate student in School Counseling, Katie is interested in the experiences of high school students. Through her research, she has helped implement a number of new counseling programs at Arcola High School. Her research has led her to write and win a grant, which has been utilized in this school. She has presented her research on four different occasions, including at state and local conferences, as well as at her field's national conference, the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Professor Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo notes that "Katie is by far the strongest quantitative student-researcher with whom I have worked." Professor Catherine Polydore adds that Katie has "a brilliant mind, and

personal and professional integrity." Her research skills have resulted in a co-authored publication in the *Journal of Family Therapy*, with another manuscript currently under review. She is the recipient of a Williams Travel Grant, and the Paul Ward Memorial Scholarship. Apart from her research achievements, Katie is also active in Sigma Chi Ota, Counseling's honor society, and is a student representative on the Council on Teacher Education (COTE). On campus, she has been a strong advocate of the American Disabilities Act.

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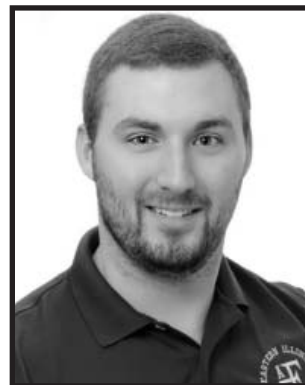
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Communication Disorders & Sciences



Samantha Young
Aging Studies



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(off-campus)

2015 Commencement Speakers

To promote EIU's commitment to strengthening the academic and personal experience for our students and to showcase examples of exemplary writing and speaking, Eastern Illinois University introduced the Student Commencement Speaker Series in 2013 replacing the former student and faculty speaker traditions at Eastern. The student speakers representing the Graduate School were selected on the basis of a submitted competitive essay and featured during the Fall 2015 ceremony on Saturday, December 18, 2015.



Charles LeGrand, Master of Arts in Gerontology
Featured Speaker



Jafar Qutob, Master's in Business Administration
Alternate Speaker

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Programs achieving First Choice designation 2013-2018:

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Programs achieving First Choice designation 2015-2020:

Political Science

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