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Distinguished Graduate Student Awards

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Announced by Dean Anita Shelton

Slater Sousley- Art
Presented by Ms. Ann Coddington

Marc Nelson - Art Education
Presented by Dr. Patricia Belleville

Lauren Zens - Community Arts
Presented by Dr. Patricia Belleville

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Presented by Dr. Angela Jacobs

Monique Branscumb- English
Presented by Dr. Melissa Caldwell

Josh Bill- History
Presented by Dr. Lee Patterson

Teresa Richard - Music
Presented by Dr. Anna Cromwell

Seth Bogue- Biological Sciences (Thesis Option)
Presented by Dr. Britto Nathan

Andrew Sawiris- Biological Sciences (NonThesis Option)
Presented by Dr. Britto Nathan

Oluwafunmilola Ojo- Biochemistry/ Biotechnology
Presented by Dr. Tom Canam

Prashansa Kannangara - Chemistry
Presented by Dr. Gopal Periyannan

Gianna White- Clinical Psychology
Presented by Dr. Wesley Allan

Sahan Shrestha- Economics
Presented by Dr. Mukti Upadhyay

Bolarinwa Oladipupo- Geographic Information Sciences
Presented by Dr. Diane Burns

Mohsin Karim- Mathematics
Presented by Dr. Charles Delman

Renee Fietsam- Math Education Option
Presented by Dr. Peter Wiles

Logan Studer- Political Science (On-Campus)
Presented by Dr. Melinda Mueller

Kathryne Arnold- Political Science (On-line)
Presented by Dr. Rich Wandling

Joseph Mooney - School Psychology
Presented by Dr. Margaret Floress

Lumpkin College of Business and Technology
Announced by Dean William Minnis

Tristin Esker- Business Administration (On-Campus)
Presented by Dr. Jay Shinde

Paul Wikoff- Business Administration (Off-Campus)
Presented by Dr. Jay Shinde

Josh Piper- Cybersecurity
Presented by Dr. Rigoberto Chinchilla

Manjil Puri- Sustainable Energy
Presented by Dr. Jerry Cloward

Angela Conrad- Talent Development
Presented by Dr. Luke Steinke

Connor Klinzing- Technology (On-Campus)
Presented by Dr. Isaac Slaven

Ian Streicher- Technology (Off-Campus)
Presented by Dr. Jerry Cloward

College of Education
Announced by Dean Doug Bower

Amber Webb- College Student Affairs
Presented by Dr. Catherine Polydore

Morgan Tudor- Clinical Counseling
Presented by Dr. Gloria Leitschuh

Kyle Ritten- School Counseling
Presented by Dr. Heidi Larson

Razak Dwomoh- Curriculum and Instruction
Presented by Dr. John Bickford

Yvonne West- Educational Leadership (MSed)
Presented by Dr. Nick Osborne

Amber Kidd- Educational Leadership (Specialist)
Presented by Dr. Nick Osborne

Tabitha Davis- Special Education
Presented by Dr. Melissa Jones

College of Health and Human Services
Announced by Dean Jeanne Lord

Maria Brown- Aging Studies
Presented by Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke

Heather Lindenberg- Communication Disorders & Sciences
Presented by Dr. Rebecca Throneburg

Kathleen MacKinnon- Health Promotion and Leadership
Presented by Dr. Sheila Simons

Bailey Huebner- Kinesiology and Sports Studies
Presented by Dr. Andrew Kerins

Katie Brouwer- Family & Consumer Sciences
Presented by Dr. Frances Murphy

Sarah Sharp- Nutrition and Dietetics
Presented by Dr. Melanie Burns

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Hamand Society of Graduate Scholars

Announced by Dr. Anna Cromwell, Chair, Hamand Board

Medallion presented by Dr. David M. Glassman, President and Dr. Jay Gatrell, Provost

Amber Webb- College Student Affairs

Razak Dwomoh- Curriculum and Instruction

Sahan Shrestha- Economics

Kyle Ritten- 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.

Announced by Dr. Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel, Professor, Special Education; Chair, Council on Graduate Studies

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Biological Sciences- **Seth Bogue, Reuben Frey, Kellie Hanser, Iffat Jahan, Hashni Epa Vidana Gamage, Abdulssalam Khafsha, Derick Isaac Lamptey, Dakota Radford, Jessica Rohr, Samuel Schaick, Ryan Sparks, Taylor Strehl, Kaleb Wood**

Chemistry- **Tulana Ariyaratne, Nuwanthaka Jayaweera, Vidula Priyadarshana Lokugama Widanelage**

Clinical Psychology- **Aaron Brockie, Jaismeen Dua, Sydney Rohmann, Leslie Wade**

Economics- **Sahan Shrestha**

English- **Kelly Pierce, Courtney Walton**

Geographic Information Sciences- **Bolarinwa Oladipupo**

History- **Myrtle Castro, Sara English, Godwin Gyimah**

Political Science- **Kathryne Arnold, Blake Eggleston, Jihed Ncib, Swity Sultana Monni, Md Kamrul Islam, Logan Studer**

School Psychology- **Madison Fisher, Julia Kedzior**

College of Education

Counseling- **DaNaya Burnett, Nicholas Caldwell, Jackie Collins, Caleia Flannigan, Maya Fombelle, Tessa Hanlon, Alexander Harn, Jordyn Hartke, Zachary Johnson, Dylan Mahaffey, Amanda Mead, Kyle Ritten, Morgan Tudor, Elizabeth Joy Vanneste**

College Student Affairs- **Abigail Frye, Rachelle Krausen, Amber Webb**

Curriculum and Instruction- **Razak Dwomoh**

Special Education- **Jessica Howell**

Lumpkin College of Business and Technology

Business Administration- **Ran Ahn, Selena Castillo, Md Nurul Islam, Junnatun Naym**

Technology- **Ajay Aakula, Sukanya Chareewan, Zeeshan Saleem**

Sustainable Energy/Technology Dual Degree Option- **Rohan Mehta**

Sustainable Energy- **Joshua Ntafiong, Grace Wilken**

College of Health and Human Services

Communication Disorders and Sciences- **Holly Dust, Kersten Kidd, Zoe Staves, Alexandra Teal**

Nutrition and Dietetics- **Sarah Sharp, Holly Tompkins**

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. Nicholas Robinson, Assistant Professor, School of Business; Chair, Research/Creative Activity Grants Committee

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Biological Sciences- **Nadh Alsubaie, Seth Bogue, Jessica Derham, Bryan Foster, Reuben Frey, Hashni Epa Vidana Gamage, Kellie Hanser, Iffat Jahan, Derick Isaac Lamptey, Caitlin Mrowiec, Olamide Olayinka, Samantha Pasko, Dakota Radford, Jessica Rohr, Samuel Schaick, Ryan Sparks, Kaleb Wood**

Biochemistry/Biotechnology- **Willie Elliott**

Chemistry - **Dinesh Balasooriya, Viet Bui, Vidula Priyadarshana Lokugama Widanelage**

History- **Godwin Gyimah**

College of Education

Curriculum and Instruction- **Shelby Eversole**

Counseling- **Kyle Ritten**

College of Health and Human Services

Nutrition and Dietetics- **Sarah Sharp, Erin Smitley**

Graduate Scholarships

Announced by Dr. Angela Jacobs, Graduate Coordinator, Communication Studies; Vice Chair, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, CGS Scholarship Committee

Presented by Dr. Lee Patterson, Graduate Coordinator, History; Member, Council on Graduate Studies

2019 Betty Wright Downing Scholar

Adaeze Akubueze, Clinical Psychology
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Wesley Allan

2019 University Professionals of Illinois Scholar

Tia Irish, Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Richard Roberts

2019 Frances Meyer Hampton Scholar

Josey Fioretto, School Counseling
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Richard Roberts

2019 Annie Weller Scholar

Godwin Gyimah, History
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Lee Patterson

2019 GSAC Scholar, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Godwin Gyimah, History
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Lee Patterson

2019 GSAC Scholar, College of Education

Razak Dwomoh, Elementary Education
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. John Bickford

2019 GSAC Scholar, College of Health and
Human Services

Emily Pope, Nutrition and Dietetics
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Melanie Burns

2019 GSAC Scholar, Lumpkin College of Business
and Technology

Anusha Rachamadugu, Technology
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. David Melton

Norm and Maria Plummer Outstanding Research Award

Nadh Alsubaie, Biological Sciences

Graduate Alumni Fund Outstanding Research/Creative Activity Award

Grace Wilken, Sustainable Energy/MBA

Thesis Award Winners

Announced by Dr. Jennifer Stringfellow, Associate Professor, Special Education; Chair, Council on Graduate Studies Thesis Committee

Presented by Dr. Richard Roberts, Professor and Chair, Counseling and Higher Ed; Member, Council on Graduate Studies

Award of Excellence for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Eiman Aiyash, Economics

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Ahmed Abou-Zaid

Award of Excellence for the College of Education

Catherine Welsh, Elementary Education

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Sham'ah Md-Yunus

Award of Excellence for the College of Health and Human Services

Taryn Bland, Family and Consumer Sciences

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Katherine Shaw

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Monica Burney, History

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Sace Elder

King Mertz Research/Creative Activity Award Winners

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Slater Sousley, Art

Faculty Mentor, Ms. Ann Coddington

Award of Excellence for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Sahan Shrestha, Economics

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Mukti Upadhyay

Award of Excellence for the College of Education

Christina Gherna, Elementary Education

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Sham'ah Md-Yunus

King Mertz Distinguished Research/Creative Activity Award

Grace Wilken, Sustainable Energy/MBA

Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tom Canam

2019 Rodney S. Ranes Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Announced by Dr. John Bickford, 2018 Ranes Award Recipient; Member, Ranes Award Committee

Presented by Ms. Morgan Tudor, Graduate Student Dean; Master's Candidate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke, Professor and Graduate Coordinator of Aging Studies

Graduate School Leadership Award

Announced by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dean, Graduate School

Graduate Programs Establishing Accelerated Options

Aging Studies- Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Mikki Sherwood, Chair

Chemistry- Dr. Gopal Periyannan, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Rebecca Peebles, Chair Communication

Studies- Dr. Angela Jacobs, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Matt Gill, Chair Cybersecurity- Dr. Rigoberto

Chinchilla, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Austin Cheney, Chair Economics- Dr. Mukti Upadhyay,

Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Ali Moshtagh, Chair

English- Dr. Randy Beebe, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Angela Vietto, Chair

Family and Consumer Sciences- Drs. Frances Murphy and Linda Simpson, Graduate Coordinators;

Dr. Mikki Sherwood, Chair

Geographic Information Sciences- Dr. Barry Kronenfeld, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Diane Burns, Chair

Health Promotion and Leadership- Dr. Sheila Simons, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Julie Dietz, Chair

History- Dr. Lee Patterson, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Sace Elder, Interim Chair

Political Science- Dr. Jeff Ashley, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Melinda Mueller, Chair

Technology- Dr. David Melton, Graduate Coordinator; Dr. Austin Cheney, Chair

The Graduate School Leadership Award recognizes outstanding contributions to graduate education. The graduate programs listed above are being recognized for their outstanding leadership in making graduate education more accessible and affordable.

Graduate School Award of Excellence and the Ken Hadwiger Outstanding Graduate Faculty Research Award

Announced by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson, Dean, Graduate School

Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Professor, Biological Sciences

In recognition of valuable contributions to graduate student mentorship, scholarly achievements, and service to the university and community for EIU's Tree Campus USA™ distinction.

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award

Named for and supported by **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

Monica Burney, Master of Arts in History

Sace Elder, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

The Meaning of a Woman's Work: Refugees, Statelessness, Nationality, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1918-1931

This work analyzes how the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) sought to influence how the League of Nations approached questions of nationality and statelessness between 1918 and 1931. Especially important were the WILPF's efforts to aid women and children who remained in Turkey following the Armenian genocide, as well as the organization's efforts to address the statelessness crisis that arose following the dissolution of Austria-Hungary. Their activism helped to pressure the League of Nations into creating the Commission of Enquiry on Deported Women and Children in Turkey and Asia Minor. Their efforts to end statelessness culminated in the creation of a 1930 Convention on Statelessness, which brought together members from a number of international organizations. Though the WILPF's efforts met with limited success, their activism shows that women viewed their voices as necessary in debates over nationality. Additionally, their activism suggests early continuity between the collective right of national self-determination and later twentieth-century conceptions of individual rights. The thesis thus demonstrates that the WILPF's expansive understanding of peacemaking blurred the distinction between social reform and international politics. It furthermore argues that the WILPF should be properly understood as an early human rights organization.

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

Eiman Aiyash, Master of Arts in Economics
Ahmed Abou-Zaid, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor

***Shocks Pass-Through to Prices in U.S. and Canada:
Evidence from Oil and Exchange Rate Markets***

This paper investigates the degree of exchange rate and oil prices pass-through to import prices, producer prices, and consumer prices in Canada and United States over the period from 1980 to 2017 using a Structural Vector Auto-Regression (SVAR) model. The results indicate a robust evidence of a positive long-run correlation between exchange rate & oil prices and aggregate price levels. Impulse response function reveals a persistent and incomplete pass-through for both exchange rates and oil prices i.e. 0.20 and 0.04 for Canada and 0.27 and 0.25 for the U.S. That is, greater pass-through exist in an economy which has a more oil import share, more volatile monetary policy, and higher inflation rate. Consistent with impulse response function, variance decomposition reveals that oil price shocks in the United States are the major cause of the variation in the import prices and producer prices, while exchange rate fluctuations explain more of the variation in consumer prices. However, in Canada, import prices are mainly explained by exchange rate fluctuations, while oil price shocks explain the variation in producer and consumer prices.



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

Catherine Welsh, Master of Science in Education in Elementary Education
Sham'ah Md-Yunus, Ph.D., Professor of Elementary Education

***Ethnic Identity Development of 1.5 Generation Filipino American Immigrants:
A Qualitative Study***

This qualitative study examines ethnic identity development of 1.5 generation Filipino American immigrants in U.S. The survey methods used in the study were a demographic questionnaire, and semi-structured interview. Two Filipino students, one from the Southwest and the other from the Midwest regions of the U.S. participated in the study. Two research questions guided this study; what factors influence the ethnic identity development of the 1.5 generation Filipino American immigrants, and what strategies educators can use to facilitate 1.5 generation Filipino American immigrant student success. The results of the study revealed six themes. Three themes emerged from research question one as factors influencing ethnic identity development; age, schooling, and family. Three themes emerged from research question two around educator strategies and student success; instructional, administration, and family. The findings reported that parents and families' cultural values and practice play an important role in the ethnic development of 1.5 Generation Filipino American immigrants. In addition, teachers and administrators should be knowledgeable about diversity, multicultural education, and culturally sensitive teaching. Participants' suggestions are also presented to provide educators ways to enhance instructional practices, promote cultural competency, and enhance psychosocial development for both teachers and administrators to facilitate 1.5 generation Filipino American immigrant ethnic identity development and student success.





Master's Thesis Award of Excellence in the College of Health and Human Services

Taryn Bland, Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

Katherine Shaw, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Fashion Merchandising and Design

Why a Negative Body Image? A Study on Gender, Social Media, and Mass Media

This study was designed to identify the contributors to body image (BI) dissatisfaction. The factors affecting the adult body image and the extent of their consequences were examined.

This study attempted to determine the extent to which these individual's peers, the mass media, and social media affect their BI, body shaming, and the individual's shame of others.

An anonymous online questionnaire was utilized and sent to participants by snowballing through the use of Facebook and email. Participants were asked to identify their age, gender, pleasing and displeasing body parts, their use of social media, and an overall rating of their BI satisfaction. Correlations, t-tests, and descriptive statistics were used to analyze the data. The findings of this study indicated males have a higher BI than females; negative BI decreased with age; heavy social media was related to a negative BI, accordingly and significantly, light Snapchat users had a more positive BI. Overall, participants displayed a negative body image, which type of media and the amount of time affected spent utilizing the media outlet. Also, males displayed a body satisfaction when compared to females.

The findings revealed important BI insight. However, new research could ascertain the connection between the cellphone addiction, social media (presented by the phone), and body image. The constant use of cellphones to access social media could contribute to body dissatisfaction. There is also a need to investigate the destruction the factors contributing to body image cause to the individual. If a connection between poor BI, mental problems, and cellphone addiction can be made, healthcare professionals could truly treat the individual as a whole.

King-Mertz Research /Creative Activity Awards

Nancie King Mertz, '77 graduate alumna from the program in Art, established the King-Mertz Research/Creative Activity Awards in 2010 to recognize the highest achievement in graduate research based on non-thesis graduate research/creative activity projects. A 2009 recipient of an Outstanding Graduate Alumni award and a Graduate Alumni Advisory Board member, 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 Art De 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

Grace Wilken, Dual Degree in Master of Science in Sustainable Energy and MBA
Thomas Canam, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



EIU Compost Project

Food waste is the largest contributor to municipal solid waste in US landfills, equaling millions of tons of food and billions of dollars that are wasted each year. Once food waste enters a landfill, it releases flammable greenhouse gases into the environment. At the same time, the US applies millions of tons of agricultural fertilizer, which too often runs off into waterways and causes environmental problems downstream. These linear, environmentally destructive processes have served as motivation for me to start the EIU Compost Project. The project aims to reduce food going into the landfill from EIU's campus by processing food waste from the dining halls into usable compost. The finished compost is then used as a soil amendment on campus, reducing the need for synthetic fertilizers. The project started in October of 2017 by collecting food waste from one EIU dining hall and processing it on campus. Currently, we are collecting food waste from all three dining halls and are processing it at the City of Charleston Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This project has involved cooperation from various EIU registered student organizations, faculty from multiple departments, Housing & Dining, Facilities Planning & Management, and the City of Charleston. All of these efforts have been led and coordinated by EIU student volunteers. The next steps of the project are to use the finished compost as a fertilizer for the City of Charleston landscaping and for the EIU Sustainable Garden to grow fresh produce on campus. This project has had a significant impact in reducing our landfilled food waste - diverting over 1,000 gallons of food waste from the landfill and into our compost pile. Additionally, it has provided research opportunities for students and has set the tone for a renewed sustainability effort on EIU's campus.

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



Slater Sousley, Master of Arts in Art

Ann Coddington, M.F.A., Professor of Art, Faculty Mentor

The Past and Present, but the Future?

As part of my recent work, I have been developing a body of paintings, which attempt to capture ephemeral moments that reflect the dynamics of experience and memory. While I use my smartphone to capture fleeting moments of every day life, I recognize that this technology is changing the way in which people engage with memory. People use the camera on their phones as a placeholder to capture and store moments without re-visiting and experiencing those memories. Working from my own photographs, I attempt to subvert the decay of memory by allowing the photographic conventions to dictate certain aspects like linearity, structure, focus and blur. While working under those conditions, I explore the associations to smartphone snapshots and their prolific presence within our society. However, unlike a quick scroll through Instagram, I absorb myself within the photograph, within that moment. Trying to harness a moment and a feeling of human experience from a photograph over a period of time leads to strategies different from those used when painting from direct observation. For this body of work I distorted the colors and played with the relationship between illusion and painted matter. While the paintings from afar read as representational, my goal is for the illusion of space to dissolve when the viewer approaches, allowing the marks to reveal themselves as paint. I believe discoveries such as these are important because they relate to the incompleteness of visual memory. Not only is the play between representation and raw paint important for its appeal to memory, but it confirms the object as not merely a representational photograph, but a living, breathing painting.



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

Sahan Shrestha, Master of Arts in Economics

Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor

The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Domestic Entrepreneurship

This paper explores the impact of foreign domestic investment (FDI) on domestic entrepreneurship of a country. The focus is on developing countries. By using panel data from World Bank, UNCTAD, ILO and Penn World Table, this paper assesses the influence of the net inflow of FDI on new business formation in 51 developing countries during the time span 2006–2016. The paper uses a cross section regression with a fixed-effects approach and finds that net inflow of FDI alone is not a significant factor in increasing new business registration density. Similarly, quality of human capital or domestic credit availability in itself is not enough to significantly affect the formation of new business firms. But a high quality of human capital, along with a strong financial system in the country will strengthen the positive effect of FDI on domestic entrepreneurship.

These results have clear implications in a country's policy regarding FDI. Governments need to be aware of their country's quality of human capital and the strength of the financial system, before expecting spillover effects from FDI. By improving the quality of human capital and the availability of credit, a country will be much more successful in absorbing the transfers and spillover of technology and expertise.

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

Christina Gherna, Master of Science in Education in Elementary Education

Sham'ah Md-Yunus, Ph.D., Professor of Elementary Education

Using Marzano's Six Steps to Vocabulary Instruction in a Fourth Grade Classroom



The purpose of this study was to determine if Marzano's six steps to vocabulary instruction had a positive effect on vocabulary knowledge compared to the Wonders reading curriculum method used in a fourth grade classroom. The researcher also wanted to find out if Marzano's method was more effective for low achieving readers compared to high achieving readers. It was hypothesized that low achieving readers would have a higher increase in vocabulary knowledge when Marzano's steps were used for instruction and that high achieving readers would have an increase regardless of the method used. Two research questions guided this study: Does using Marzano's six steps to vocabulary instruction increase low achieving students' vocabulary knowledge? And does using Marzano's six steps to vocabulary instruction increase high achieving students' vocabulary knowledge? Twenty-two fourth grade students from one classroom, ages nine and ten, participated in the study for six weeks. Participants were given a pretest and post-test each week of the study. The researcher used the Wonders reading curriculum the first three weeks and Marzano's method the last three weeks. Out of the 22 participants in the study, 40% made greater gains when Marzano's method was used. When looking at the low achieving group and the high achieving group of participants, 25% of low achieving readers made greater gains and 57% of high achieving readers made greater gains when Marzano's method was used.

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Nadh Alsubaie, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Using Fungal Pretreatment as a Part of Biofuel Technologies
Tom Canam, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Dinesh Balasooriya, Masters Candidate in Chemistry
Synthesis Toward a Molecular Container Based on p-tert-butylcalix[4]arene with Gating Features
Zhiqing Yan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Seth Bogue, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
*Effects of Fin Elongation on Swimming Performance of Smallmouth Buffalo (*Ictiobus bubalus*)*
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Viet Bui, Masters Candidate in Chemistry
*Biodegradation of Lignocellulose Component Xylan by *Caulobacter crescentus*:
A Method for Renewable Energy Production and
Nutrient Sensing, Transport and Metabolism by *Caulobacter crescentus**
Gopal Periyannan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Jessica Derham, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
*Determination of the Expression Patterns of Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II in *Caenorhabditis elegans**
Gopal Periyannan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry and
Britto Nathan, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentors



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Willie Elliott, Masters Candidate in Biochemistry/Biotechnology
*Investigation of Gluco-Oligosaccharide Metabolism by *Caulobacter crescentus**
Gopal Periyannan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grant

Shelby Eversole, Masters Candidate in Curriculum and Instruction
Middle School Mathematics Teachers' Perceptions of Opportunities and Challenges
John Bickford, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education, Faculty Mentor



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Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grants

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Bryan Foster, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Effects of Chemical Variation and Diversity in *Solidago canadensis**

Clones on Insect Communities and Plant Competition

Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Rutgers University, Research Partner



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grant

Reuben Frey, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Investigating the Relationship Between Habitat Type and Abundance of *Micropterus* Species in Two Dammed Midwestern Rivers*

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

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Godwin Gyimah, Masters Candidate in History

The Forgotten History: Impact of the First World War on the Gold Coast Colony

Sace Elder, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Kellie Hanser, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Larval Abundance of Catostomidae in Tributaries of the Illinois and Wabash River

Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Iffat Jahan, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

The Role CREG1 as Master Regulator of Liver Function

Gary Bulla, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Derick Isaac Lamptey, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

In the Heat of the Moment: Physiological Tradeoffs of Fishes Living in Warming Waters

Eloy Martinez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Vidula Priyadarshana Lokugama Widanelage, Masters Candidate in Chemistry

Developing a Basket-shaped Host Molecule Based on Calix[4]arene

Featuring Urea Groups for Volatile Guest Molecules

Zhiqing Yan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor





Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Caitlin Mrowiec, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Communal Winter Roosting in American Crows

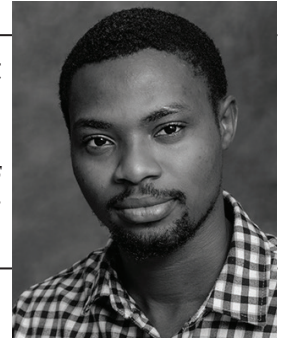
Eric Bollinger, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Olamide Olayinka, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Immune Response to Posthodiplostomum Minimum Infection in Lepomis macrochirus

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



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Samantha Pasko, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Morphology and Nestling Begging Vocalization Variation in Black Capped (Poecile atricapillus) and Carolina (Poecile carolinensis) Chickadees in Central Illinois and Hybrid Genotyping in a Central Illinois Contact Zone

Eric Bollinger, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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Dakota Radford, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Blue Sucker Population Demographics in an Un-impounded Midwestern River

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

Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Kyle Ritten, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

B.I.O.N.I.C. (Believe It Or Not I Care): Empowering young leaders of compassionate outreach to students, families, and the community

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

Mattoon High School, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Jessica Rohr, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Recovery of Riverine Fish Assemblages After a Variety of Anthropogenic Disturbances

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

Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Samuel Schaick, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Population Genetics of Silver Carp in tributaries of a Large Midwestern River

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

Illinois Natural History Survey, Research Partner

Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Sarah Sharp, Masters Candidate in Nutrition and Dietetics
Promoting Sports Nutrition Instagram eiupantherfuel on Campus
Melanie Tracy Burns, Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics, Faculty Mentor



Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Grant

Erin Smitley, Masters Candidate in Nutrition and Dietetics
Spring into Healthy Snacking
Melissa Maulding, Ph.D., Instructor, Nutrition and Dietetics, Faculty Mentor
Ashmore Mentor Program, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Ryan Sparks, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Determining Thermal Refuge of Fish Populations in a Highly Polluted River
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Sanitary District of Decatur, Research Partner



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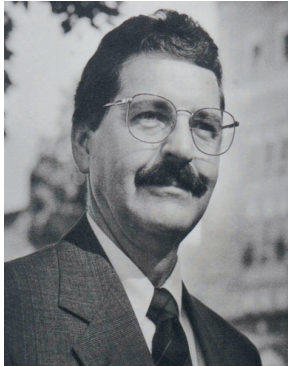
Hashni Epa Vidana Gamage, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II and Folic Acid Metabolism
Britto Nathan, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor
Gopal Periyannan, Ph.D., Professor of Biochemistry, Faculty Mentor
Paris High School, Research Partner



Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant

Kaleb Wood, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Age-0 Daily Growth Estimation of Commercially Exploited Channel Catfish in a Free-Flowing Midwestern River
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor





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The Relationship Between Power Distance and Disruptive Innovation and its Implications

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Proposal for a CHATBOT to Conduct Human-Like Conversation with Students of EIU and Recommendation System for suggesting suitable content to the users of SAHAVE.

International Association of Journals and Conferences | Orlando, Florida

Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering | Kansas City, Missouri

Toqeer Israr, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor



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Kathryn Arnold, Masters Candidate in Political Science

Political Sexism in Social Media, An Analysis of Candidates Tweets in 2018

Midwest Political Science Association 2019 Conference | Chicago, Illinois

Ryan Burge, Ph.D., Instructor, Political Science, Faculty Mentor

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Seth Bogue, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

Effects of Wastewater Effluent on Fathead minnow Morphology and

Effects of Wastewater Effluent on Fin Length and Body Condition of Fathead Minnows

National American Fisheries Society Conference | Atlantic City, New Jersey

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Cleveland, Ohio

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



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Aaron Brockie, Masters Candidate in Clinical Psychology

Social Network Analysis: A Visual and Statistical Method of Relational Data

Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association | Chicago, Illinois

Mariana Juras, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor

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DaNaya Burnett, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome and Interventions
Illinois School Counselor Association Conference | Bloomington, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



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Nicholas Caldwell, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
How a Group of Graduate Students are Revitalizing the Counseling Profession
Illinois School Counselor Association Conference | Bloomington, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



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Selena Castillo, Masters Candidate in MBA
Evaluating a Human Resources Unit in a Local Organization: A Case Study
MBAA International | Chicago, Illinois
Mark Bayer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Management, Faculty Mentor



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Myrtle Castro, Masters Candidate in History
Awkward Alliance: An Analysis of American and Philippine Relations from 1965-1989 and Band of Brothers and Sisters: A Challenge of the Myth of the War Experience
Illinois Political Science Association Annual Conference | Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs Annual Meeting | Minneapolis, Minnesota
Annual Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference | Chicago, Illinois
Ed Wehrle, Ph.D. and Sace Elder, Ph.D. Professors of History, Faculty Mentors



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Sukanya Chareewan, Masters Candidate in Technology
Differences in Work Expectations of Generation Y & Generation Z: An Empirical Investigation in Croatia
International Conference on Applied Business & Economics | Honolulu, Hawaii
Marko Grünhagen, Ph.D., Professor of Marketing, Faculty Mentor



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Jackie Collins, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
How a Group of Graduate Students are Revitalizing the Counseling Profession
Illinois State Counselor Association Conference | Bloomington, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



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Jaismeen Dua, Masters Candidate in Clinical Psychology
The Influence of Emotion Dysregulation on The Relationship of Fears of Evaluation with Social Anxiety & Depression and Social Anxiety, Emotion Dysregulation, and Fear of Evaluation
Anxiety and Depression Association of America Annual Conference | Chicago, Illinois
Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association | Chicago, Illinois
Wesley Allan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor





Williams Travel Grant

Holly Dust, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences
Not Your Typical SLI: A Case Study

Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association 59th Annual Convention | Rosemont, Illinois

Rebecca Throneburg, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Razak Dwomoh, Masters Candidate in Elementary Education

The Development and Implications of Social Studies and History Curricula in Ghana

2019 History-Social Sciences Teacher Symposium | Normal, Illinois

John Bickford, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Blake Eggleston, Masters Candidate in Political Science

Police Stations and Public Policy: A Framework for Measuring the Potential of Gentrification in Chicago Community Areas

Midwest Political Science Association | Chicago, Illinois

Ryan Burge, Ph.D., Instructor, Political Science, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Sara English, Masters Candidate in History

Sentenced to Serve: Charges and Convictions of Domestic Working Women in 18th Century London

Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference | Chicago, Illinois

Newton Key, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



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Madison Fisher, Masters Candidate in School Psychology

Teacher Praise Using a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Model

Illinois School Psychologists Association | Springfield, Illinois

Margaret Floress, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor

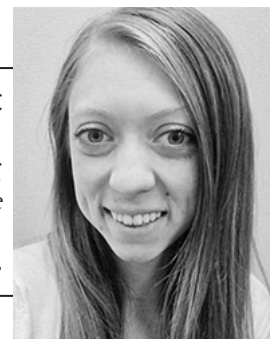
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Caleia Flannigan, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

How a Peer Mentoring Program is Revolutionizing a High School Culture

Illinois School Counselor Association Conference | Rosemont, Illinois

Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



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Maya Fombelle, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

How a Group of Graduate Students are Revitalizing the Counseling Profession

Illinois School Counselor Association Annual Conference | Bloomington, Illinois

Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor

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Reuben Frey, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Investigating the Relationship Between Habitat Type and Abundance of Micropterus Species in Two Dammed Midwestern Rivers and Effects of Dam Removal on the Community Structure of Micropterus Species in Two Midwestern Rivers

Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting | Champaign, Illinois
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Cleveland, Ohio

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



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Abigail Frye, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs
Factors Influencing Persistence of Students with Learning Disabilities at Four-Year Institutions

NASPA IV-E Regional Conference | Milwaukee, Wisconsin

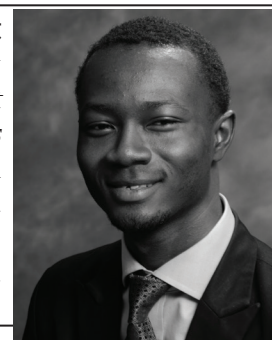
Dianne Timm, Ph.D., Associate Professor of College Student Affairs, Faculty Mentor

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Godwin Gyimah, Masters Candidate in History
The Forgotten History: Impact of the First World War on the Gold Coast Colony and Alexander in Retrospect: History through the Persian's Eyes
International Graduate Historical Studies Conference | Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
History Graduate Student Association Conference | Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Illinois Council for Social Studies Conference | Normal, Illinois

Sace Elder, Ph.D., Professor and

Lee Patterson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentors



Williams Travel Grant

Tessa Hanlon, Masters Candidate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Creative Techniques in Therapy with Grieving Adolescents

Illinois Association for Play Therapy | Itasca, Illinois

Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Kellie Hanser, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Using Larvae to Better Understand Catostomid Reproduction within Midsized River Systems and Identifying Catostomid Larvae using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

Illinois Chapter American Fisheries Society | Champaign, Illinois

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Cleveland, Ohio

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



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Alexander Harn, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
How a Peer Mentoring Program is Revolutionizing a High School Culture
Illinois School Counselor Association Conference | Bloomington, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor

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Jordan Hartke, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
Peer Group Connection
Illinois School Counselor Association Annual Conference | Bloomington, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor





Williams Travel Grant

Jessica Howell, Masters Candidate in Special Education
Preparing Preservice Teachers to Meet the Mental Health Needs of K12 Students Through YMHFA
Council for Exceptional Children | Indianapolis, Indiana
Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel, Ph.D., Professor and Kathryn Havercroft, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Special Education, Faculty Mentors



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Md Nurul Islam, Masters Candidate in MBA
Strategic Tourism Development and Economic Diversification: The Case of Saudi Arabia's 'Riviera of the Middle East'
MBAA International Business Conference | Chicago, Illinois
David Boggs, Ph.D., Professor of Management, Faculty Mentor



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Md Kamrul Islam, Masters Candidate in Political Science
How to respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution: focusing on Brain Drain and the Politics of Immigration in the U.S.
Illinois Political Science Association Annual Conference | Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Hyungjo Hur, Ph.D., Instructor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Iffat Jahan, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
The Role of CREG1 as a Master Regulator of Liver Function
American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Annual Conference | Orlando, Florida
Gary Bulla, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Nuwanthaka Jayaweera, Masters Candidate in Chemistry
Dinuclear Copper(II) Complexes Based on Bis(pyrazolyl)methane ligands and Their Catecholase Activities
American Chemical Society National Spring Meeting | Orlando, Florida
Radu Semeniuc, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Zachary Johnson, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
How a Peer Mentoring Program is Revolutionizing a High School Culture
Illinois School Counselor Association Conference | Bloomington and Rosemont, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Julia Kedzior, Masters Candidate in School Psychology
Trends in School Psychology Training Programs: Clinical Practicum and Internship Experiences
Illinois School Psychology Association Convention | Springfield, Illinois
Margaret Floress, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Abdulssalam Khafsha, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Shrub Responses to an Elevational Gradient Along the Western Slope of the Sierra Mountains, California
Ecological Society of America | New Orleans, Louisiana
Scott Meiners, Ph.D. of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



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Kersten Kidd, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences
Not Your Typical SLI: A Case Study
Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention | Rosemont, Illinois
Rebecca Throneburg, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences,
Faculty Mentor



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Rachelle Krausen, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs
Impact of First-Generation Status on Graduate School Experience
NASPA IV-East Regional Conference | Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Dianne Timm, Ph.D., Associate Professor of College Student Affairs, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Derick Isaac Lamptey, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
In the Heat of the Moment: Physiological Tradeoffs of Fishes Living in Warming Waters
Illinois State Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting | Peoria, Illinois
Society of Integrative Comparative Biologists Annual Conference | Tampa, Florida
Eloy Martinez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Vidula Priyadarshana Lokugama Widanelage, Masters Candidate in Chemistry
Developing a Basket-Shaped Host Molecule Based on Calix[4]arene
Featuring Urea Groups for Volatile Guest Molecules
American Chemical Society National Meeting | Orlando, Florida
Zhiqing Yan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor



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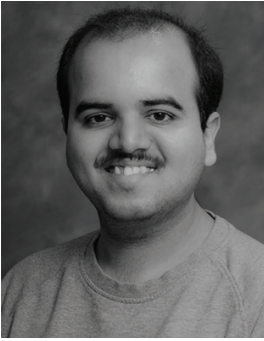
Dylan Mahaffey, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
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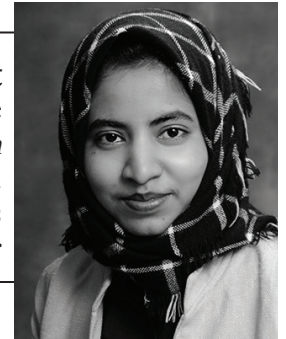
Amanda Mead, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
How a Peer Mentoring Program is Revolutionizing a High School Culture
Illinois School Counselor Association Conference | Bloomington and Rosemont, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor





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Rohan Mehta, Masters Candidate in Technology and Sustainable Energy
Development of Amazon Alexa “Skills” for Voice Activated Smart Home Application
Association of Technology, Management, & Applied Engineering Conference | Kansas City, Missouri
Peter Liu, Ph.D., Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Swity Sultana Monni, Masters Candidate in Political Science
How to respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution: focusing on Brain Drain and the Politics of Immigration in the U.S.
Illinois Political Science Association Annual Conference | Glen Ellyn, Illinois
Hyungjo Hur, Ph.D., Instructor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Junnatun Naym, Masters Candidate in MBA
Impact of CEO Industry-Specific vs. General Managerial Experience on Compensation, Firm Performance and Risk-taking Behavior
Southwestern Society of Economists Annual Conference | Houston, Texas
Candra Chahyadi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Finance, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Jihed Ncib, Masters Candidate in Political Science
Military Memory: An Examination of the Impact of Veteran Status on Political Ideology across the Life Course and Already Mobilized for Human Rights? Testing for the Compliance Effects of Human Rights Treaty Ratification Processes
Midwest Political Science Association Conference | Chicago, Illinois
Paul Danyi, Ph.D., Instructor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Joshua Ntafiong, Masters Candidate in Sustainable Energy
Thermal Gasification of Biomass: Waste to Energy with a Negative Carbon Footprint
Association of Technology, Management, & Applied Engineering Conference | Kansas City, Missouri
Jerry Cloward, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Bolarinwa Oladipupo, Masters Candidate in Geographic Information Sciences
Towards an Atlas of Gerrymandering
Avenza Competition for Cartographic Design | Washington, D.C.
Barry Kronenfeld, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Geology-Geography, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Kelly Pierce, Masters Candidate in English
Trends in Young Adult Literature in the Black Lives Matter Era
Allerton English Articulation Conference | Monticello, Illinois
Daiva Markelis, Ph.D., Professor of English, Faculty Mentor

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Dakota Radford, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
*Nine-year Trends of Blue Suckers in an Unimpounded Midwestern River and Demographics of a Healthy Population of Blue Suckers, *Cyprinus elongatus*, in an Unimpounded Midwest River*

Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society | Champaign, Illinois
Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference | Cleveland, Ohio
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Kyle Ritten, Masters Candidate in School Counseling
How a Peer Mentoring Program is Revolutionizing a High School Culture
Illinois School Counselor Association Conference | Bloomington and Rosemont, Illinois
Heidi Larson, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



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Sydney Rohmann, Masters Candidate in Clinical Psychology
Social Network Analysis: A Visual and Statistical Method of Relational Data
Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association | Chicago, Illinois
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Recovery of Riverine Fish Assemblages After Anthropogenic Disturbances
Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference | Cleveland, Ohio
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Williams Travel Grant

Zeeshan Saleem, Masters Candidate in Technology
Knowledge Base Analyzer
Association of Technology, Management, & Applied Engineering Conference | Kansas City, Missouri
International Association of Journals and Conferences | Orlando, Florida
Toqeer Israr, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor



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Samuel Schaick, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Silver Carp Population Genetics from Tributaries of a Large Midwestern River
Annual Meeting of the Illinois Chapter of American Fisheries Society | Champaign, Illinois
Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Cleveland, Ohio
Robert Colombo, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Sarah Sharp, Masters Candidate in Nutrition and Dietetics
Performance Plates on a Budget: Promoting Food Shopping Strategies Among Collegiate Athletes
Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics | Oakbrook, Illinois
Melanie Tracy Burns, Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics, Faculty Mentor





Williams Travel Grant

Sahan Shrestha, Masters Candidate in Economics

Impact of FDI on Domestic Entrepreneurship: A Comparison between South Asia and East Asia

Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference | Madison, Wisconsin

Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

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Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Cleveland, Ohio

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Zoe Staves, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Friendship Island: A Group for Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder

National Conference of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association | Boston, Massachusetts

Rebecca Throneburg, Ph.D., Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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Taylor Strehl, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Shrub Responses to an Elevational Gradient along the Western
Slope of the Sierra Mountains, California*

Ecological Society of America | New Orleans, Louisiana

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



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Logan Studer, Masters Candidate in Political Science

How to Respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution:

Focusing on Brain Drain and the Politics of Immigration in the U.S

Illinois Political Science Association | Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Hyungjo Hur, Ph.D., Instructor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Tulana Ariyaratne Subasinghe Arachchige, Masters Candidate in Chemistry

Solvation Properties of Supercritical Carbon Dioxide (sc-CO₂) using Chirped-pulse Fourier-transform

Microwave Spectra of CO₂/1,1-difluoroethene (DFE) Mixtures

American Chemical Society | Orlando, Florida

Rebecca Peebles, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Alexandra Teal, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

Metalinguistic Awareness in Chronic Aphasia: Focus on Treatment of Agrammatism

Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Convention | Indianapolis, Indiana

Naomi Gurevich, Ph.D., Instructor Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Williams Travel Grant

Holly Tompkins, Masters Candidate in Nutrition and Dietetics
Can College-aged Students Recognize Added Sugar Ingredients on a Food Label?
Illinois Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics | Oakbrook, Illinois
Melanie Tracy Burns, Ph.D., Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Morgan Tudor, Masters Candidate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Modified Play Therapy for Adults with Disabilities
Illinois Association for Play Therapy Conference | Itasca, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Elizabeth Joy Vanneste, Masters Candidate in Clinical Psychology
Art as Play: Creative Expressions
Illinois Association for Play Therapy Conference | Itasca, Illinois
Angela Yoder, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Hashni Epa Vidana Gamage, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Sulfamethoxazole Retards Growth and Reproduction in Caenorhabditis elegans by Inhibiting Folate Biosynthesis
American Society for Cell Biology & European Molecular Biology | San Diego, California
Gopal Periyannan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Chemistry, Faculty Mentor
Britto Nathan, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Leslie Wade, Masters Candidate in Clinical Psychology
Fear of Evaluation Across Evaluative Situations in Middle Schoolers
Midwestern Psychological Association | Chicago, Illinois
Wesley Allan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Faculty Mentor



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Courtney Walton, Masters Candidate in English
Racial Relations in a Post-Apartheid South Africa and a Post-Jim Crow Era America
Allerton English Articulation Conference | Monticello, Illinois
Daive Markelis, Ph.D., Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Grant

Amber Webb, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs
The Midwestern Graduate Experience Through the Eyes of One Student Organization
American College Personnel Association | Kansas City, Missouri
Catherine Polydore, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling, Faculty Mentor





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Grace Wilken, Masters Candidate in Sustainable Energy and MBA
Implementation of Electric Vehicles in Rural East-Central Illinois
Association of Technology, Management, & Applied Engineering Conference | Kansas City, Missouri
Peter Liu, Ph.D., Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor

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Age-0 Daily Growth Estimation of Commercially Exploited Channel Catfish
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Scholarships



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Adaeze Akuebeze, Masters Candidate in Clinical Psychology

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Josey Fioretto, Masters Candidate in School Counseling



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Godwin Gyimah, Masters Candidate in History



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Tia Irish, Masters Candidate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling



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Grace Wilken, Masters Candidate in Sustainable Energy and MBA



2019 GSAC Scholar in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Established by the Graduate Student Advisory Council to recognize exceptional service and scholarship by a graduate student in each of the four academic colleges.

Godwin Gyimah, Masters Candidate in History



2019 GSAC Scholar in the College of Education

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Razak Dwomoh, Masters Candidate in Elementary Education



2019 GSAC Scholar in the Lumpkin College of Business and Technology

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Anusha Rachamadugu, Masters Candidate in Technology



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Emily Pope, Masters Candidate in Nutrition and Dietetics



Norm and Maria Plummer Outstanding Research Award

Established by graduate alumnus, Norm Plummer, '71, '72, and his wife Maria to recognize outstanding research projects.

Nadh Alsubaie, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences
Using Fungal Pretreatment as a Part of Biofuel Technologies

Thomas Canam, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

2019 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 recognize outstanding graduate faculty mentoring.

Kathleen O'Rourke Ph.D., Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Aging Studies

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.



2019 Hamand Scholar

Razak Dwomoh, Masters Candidate in Elementary Education

An emerging scholar and former teacher from Ghana, Razak Dwomoh's research holds the potential to positively impact Ghanaian curricula and pedagogy. He is working on a manuscript of his master's thesis titled, *The Development and Implications of Social Studies and History Curricula in Ghana*, for publication with the *Journal of International Social Studies*. Razak has presented his thesis at the Illinois Council for Social Studies and together with his mentor, Dr. John Bickford, has submitted a historical inquiry with a local teacher to *The History Teacher*, a prestigious history education journal. His research has been supported by grants and earned him a Williams Travel Grant to present at the 2019 History-Social Sciences Teacher Symposium. Dr. Bickford wrote that Razak's research and scholarship, "is both relevant and novel as I can find no comparable study that has been or is currently being conducted." Razak's campus engagement at EIU has included service to the Association of International Students as its vice president, member of the Graduate Student Advisory Council, committee member of the Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grants, graduate student representative to the Library Advisory Board, and a graduate mentor for the Graduate Network for Undergraduates. He has served the local community volunteering to teach English with the Newman Catholic Center Amigos and Friends Program and has also volunteered with the Charleston Food Pantry. Gaining admission to several doctoral programs, Razak accepted Purdue University's offer of the Frederick N. Andrews Fellowship which he will start this summer.



2019 Hamand Scholar

Kyle Ritten, Masters Candidate in School Counseling

Kyle Ritten's strong writing skills, clinical skills, and research interests led the Department of Counseling and Higher Education to nominate him for the Provost's Research Graduate Assistantship, which he was selected to receive. Kyle's research projects, *The Power of Peer Relations: Addressing High School Students' Grief and Loss* and *Altruism, Commitment, and Leadership in High School Mentors: Five Year Follow-up* have resulted in presentations at two state conferences, four local conferences, five grant proposals, and the potential for two articles. He has earned a Williams Travel Grant and a Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Grant supporting his research. Interning with a mentoring program at Mattoon High School, Kyle has provided individual, family, and group counseling to his clients. Additionally, he has helped his students with interpersonal concerns, academic issues, career exploration and college information. He has also created developmental projects in the hopes of not only improving the school, but also with the intention of impacting a larger number of students. Kyle is the secretary and an active member in Epsilon Iota Upsilon's chapter of the counseling honors society. As such, he takes time out of his weekly schedule to participate in the chapter events, volunteer opportunities, and community support drives. One of his mentors, Dr. Rebecca Tadlock-Marlo wrote, "Kyle is an individual who conceptualizes a need and seeks to fill that void, be it in society, in academia, on campus, or with his peers."

2019 Hamand Scholar

Sahan Shrestha, Masters Candidate in Economics

Working as the executive secretary for the Nepal Horticulture Society before coming to EIU, Sahan Shrestha's organizational skills were honed as he assisted in producing the organization's first international conference in Kathmandu. Those skills have served him well as he collected and analyzed data from the past 100 years from over 200 countries for his thesis, *Income Inequality and Survival of Political Leadership*. His work is under consideration for two publications in respectable peer-reviewed journals. Sahan's production of a substantial research paper for one of his courses involved analyzing data through the use of advanced econometric techniques, was accepted for presentation, and earned him a Williams Travel Grant and a King-Mertz Award of Excellence in his college. Sahan serves this year as the graduate student representative to the Council on Graduate Studies, has tutored economics students, served on the Graduate Student Advisory Council, and was vice president of the Economics Club where he organized a seminar with an alumnus who presented to current students. Dr. Mukti Upadhyay commented of the significance of this seminar for students by writing that the program was "an eye-opener for many students in terms of how economics can be used to provide solutions to problems faced by businesses and other organizations."



2019 Hamand Scholar

Amber Webb, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs

Amber Webb's commitment to her research, titled, *Kids, Spouses, School, Oh My! The Non-Traditional Student Experience*, has resulted in ten conference presentations, including at the national American College Personnel Association's conference in Boston. Her dedication to student success has led her to volunteer for the events produced with EIU's Making Excellence Inclusive's RISE conference and in many other campus organizations. She has held leadership positions in several of these organizations, serving as president of the Graduate Student Advisory Council, co-founder of the EIU Cares Health and Wellness fair, mentor for TRiO, and the Graduate Network for Undergraduates, as well as service to the College Student Affairs Days. She also maintains involvement in professional organizations such as Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, College Student Personnel Association, Illinois National Academic Advising Association and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Amber's research and service have earned her a Williams Travel Grant, the Lela Cox Schaaf College Student Affairs Fund Award, and she placed third in the ACPA Case Study Competition. Her mentor Dr. Catherine Polydore wrote that Amber "has demonstrated superior abilities as a scholar, student, and leader."

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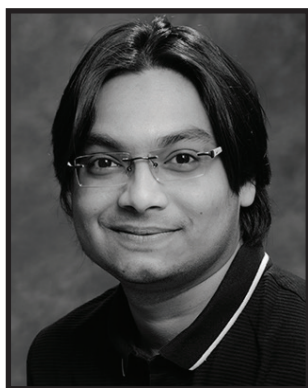
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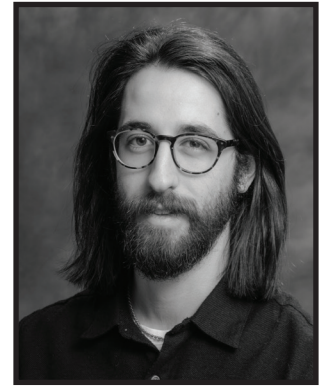
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To promote EIU's commitment to strengthening the academic and personal experience for our students and to showcase examples of exemplary writing and speaking, Eastern Illinois University introduced the Student Commencement Speaker Series in 2013 replacing 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 2018 ceremony on Saturday, December 15, 2018.



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