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Annual Graduate Faculty Meeting



**University of
Northern
Iowa**

**Graduate
College**

Friday, April 24, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Seerley 115

Agenda

**Welcome—Dr. Jennifer Waldron,
Chair of Graduate Council**

**Comments on Graduate Education at UNI—
Dr. Gloria Gibson, incoming Executive Vice
President & Provost**

**New Business - Discussion of proposed
changes to Graduate Faculty Constitution
and vote**

**Milestone Award Presentation—Dr.
Maureen Clayton, Graduate Faculty Chair**

**Faculty & Student Awards—Dr. Jim Lubker,
Interim Provost & Dr. Michael Licari,
Interim Associate Dean**

**Wine & hors d'oeuvres will be served in
Great Reading Room immediately following
the meeting.**



Milestone Award

Todd Bohnenkamp, Communication Science &
Disorders

April Chatham-Carpenter, Communication Studies

Leroy Christ, Accounting

Mary Christ, Accounting

Susan Etscheidt, Special Education

Lynn Nielsen, Curriculum & Instruction

Donna Raschke, Special Education

Brian Roberts, History

Ramanathan Sugumaran, Geography

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

Professor Roy Behrens, Art, CHFA

UNI Distinguished Scholar

**Dr. Marybeth Stalp, Sociology,
Anthropology & Criminology, CSBS**

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation

Faruk Yildiz, *Low Power Energy Harvesting and Storage Techniques from Ambient Human Powered Energy Sources*. Dr. Mohammed Fahmy, Professor, Industrial Education, Chair Dissertation Committee.

Outstanding Master's Research Paper Award

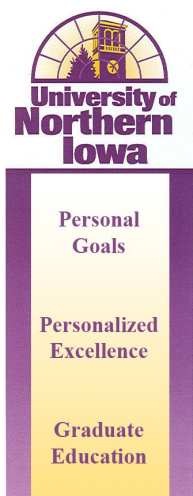
Eric Crandall, *Self-Determination Theory and Applications to Physical Education and Coaching*. Dr. Jennifer Waldron, Assistant Professor, HPELS, Paper Advisor.

Outstanding Master's Thesis

First Place: Sergei Golitsinski, *Significance of the General Public for Public Relations: A Study of the Blogosphere's Impact on the October 2006 Edelman/Wal-Mart Crisis*. Dr. Dean Kruckeberg, Professor (past), Communication Studies, Chair Thesis Committee.

Second Place: Heather DeWaard, *Exploring the Relationship between Parent Beliefs and Athletes' Perceptions: A Sport Commitment Approach*. Dr. Windee Weiss, Assistant Professor, HPELS, Chair Thesis Committee.

Third Place: Melinda Bullock, *The Effects of Facial Attractiveness, Weight, and Immediacy on Social Influence: A Test of Dynamic Social Impact*. Dr. Helen Harton, Professor, Psychology, Chair Thesis Committee.



Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award

Selection Committee

Fred Behrooz, Physics

Deborah Gallagher, Special Education

Dave May, Geography

David Rachor, Music

Sarah Sorenson, Management

Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee

Kenneth Atkinson, Philosophy & Religion

Susan Etscheidt, Special Education

Atul Mitra, Management

Marybeth Stalp, Sociology, Anthropology &

Criminology

Carl Thurman, Biology

Outstanding Student Awards Selection Committee

Susan Etscheidt, Special Education

Todd Evans, Health, Physical Education &

Leisure Services

Deborah Gallagher, Special Education

Joyce Milambiling, English Language & Literature

Kurt Pontasch, Biology

Recayi Pecen, Industrial Technology

Tim Strauss, Geography

Ramanathan Sugumaran, Geography

Deborah Tidwell, Curriculum & Instruction