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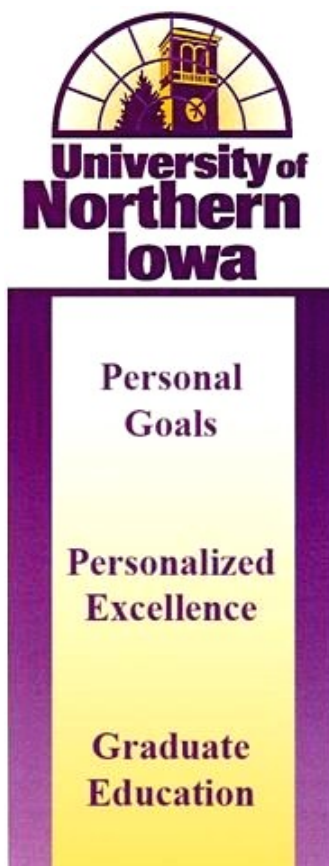
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Annual Graduate Faculty Meeting

**April 21, 2011
3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Seerley 115**

Reception in the Great Reading Room
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Goals of Graduate Education Strategic Plan

2010-2011 Milestone Award Recipients

Accounting

Mary Christ

Martha Wartick

Biology

Laura Jackson

Communication Studies

Karen Mitchell

Curriculum & Instruction

Karla Krueger

Leigh Zeitz

English Language & Literature

Jim O'Loughlin

Geography

Thomas Fogarty

Industrial Technology

Ali Kashef

Recayi (Reg) Pecen

Mathematics

Jihwa Noh

Psychology

Adam Butler

Mike Gasser

Mary Losch

- Goal 1. Sustain and enhance the academic quality and rigor of UNI's graduate programs
- Goal 2. Promote graduate education at UNI to internal and external constituencies
- Goal 3. Ensure that graduate education is able to anticipate and address emerging challenges and trends in higher education and to meet them creatively and effectively
- Goal 4. Enhance the responsiveness of graduate education to the needs of the larger community at the local, state, national and international levels
- Goal 5. Ensure that resources are made available to support and sustain quality graduate education



Faculty Award

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Victoria DeFrancisco
Department of Communication Studies

From the award criteria...

“Outstanding graduate teaching includes commitment to academic excellence; attention to individual student needs, interests, and development; consideration of classroom teaching in 200 and 300 level courses, as well as 100g level courses in which a substantial number of students are enrolled for graduate credit; and service on thesis and dissertation committees.”

Special Thanks

The Graduate College extends our grateful thanks to our graduate assistants Jaimie Bell and Jacqueline McAndrew for their work on the *Graffito*, the Graduate Student Advisory Board, and most especially, the Fourth Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Susie Schwieger
Michael Licari
Shoshanna Coon
Mary Ann Hesse
Cheryl Nedrow
Janet Witt

Agenda

Welcome - Jennifer Waldron

Student Awards - Dr. Gloria Gibson &
Dr. Shoshanna Coon

Milestone Awards - Dr. Gloria Gibson &
Dr. Jennifer Waldron

Faculty Award - Dr. Gloria Gibson &
Dr. Jennifer Waldron

Update on Graduate Council
Dr. Maureen Clayton

The Future of Graduate Education at UNI
Dr. Michael Licari

Graduate Education Strategic Plan
Panel Discussion

Closing Comments - Dr. Maureen Clayton

Reception in the Great Reading Room

Student Awards

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation

Pema Yangchen, *Teacher Learning in a Tibetan School in Exile: A Community of Practice Perspective*. Advisor: Dr. Linda Fitzgerald, Curriculum & Instruction

Outstanding Master's Thesis

First Place: William Guthrie LeGrand, *Creating Salsa, Claiming Salsa: Identity, Location, and Authenticity in a Global Popular Music*.

Advisor: Dr. Melinda Boyd, School of Music

Second Place: J. Daniel McCarthy, *Status is Fine for the In-Group but Out-Group Members Watch Out: Examining an Optimal Model of Face Processing Using Eye-Tracking*.

Advisor: Dr. Otto MacLin, Psychology

Third Place: Duoc V. Nguyen, *The Effects of Indian-Accented English and Need for Cognition on Message Evaluation: A Field Study*.

Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton, Psychology

Graduate Student Research Symposium Student Awards

Oral Presentations

First Place, Room 1: Bin Ruan, *Leisure Programming and the One-Child Policy in China*.

Advisor: Dr. Christopher R. Edginton, HPELS

First Place, Room 2: Ulan Dakeev, *Management of Wind Energy with the Attachment of Wind Tunnel*. Advisor:

Dr. Recayi (Reg) Pecen, Industrial Technology

First Place, Room 3: Kevin Howard, *Advanced Information Processing Technologies and Police Discretion*.

Advisor: Dr. Ronald (Joe) Gorton,

Creative Performances

Performance of Original Work

First Place: Sara Leavens, *A Fresh Slice*.

Advisor: Dr. Jeremy D. Schraffenberger, English Language & Literature

Co-Second Place: Martin McGoey, *Meditations on the Big Fork River*. Advisor: Dr. Jeremy D. Schraffenberger, English Language & Literature

Co-Second Place: Marcos Grano de Oro, *Missing the Ocean and The Dance of the Tropical Palm Trees*. Advisor: Dr. Sean D. Botkin, School of Music

Performance of Existing Work

First Place: Natalia Tokar, *Chaconne for Piano Solo*.

Advisor: Dr. Sean D. Botkin, School of Music

Second Place: Cassandra Naaktgeboren, *"Glitter and be Gay" monologue and aria from Bernstein's Candide*.

Advisor: Dr. Korey J. Barrett, School of Music

Poster Presentations

Project and Literature Review

First Place: Pieter Ver Steeg and Adam Rodenberg, *Cedar Valley Nature Trail Management Plan*.

Advisor: Dr. Laura L. Jackson, Biology

Research

First Place: Indrani Thiruselvan, *Sensation-seeking, Impulsivity, the Big Five Factors of Personality, and Risk-Taking Behaviors*. Advisor:

Dr. John E. Williams, Psychology

Second Place: Molly Schlumbohm, *The Effect of Tallgrass Prairie Species Composition on Above Ground Biomass Production*. Advisor: Dr. Daryl D. Smith, Biology