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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.

*2010-2011 Milestone Award Recipients*

**Accounting**

Mary Christ

Martha Wartick

**Industrial Technology**

Ali Kashef

Recayi (Reg) Pecen

**Biology**

Laura Jackson

**Mathematics**

Jihwa Noh

**Communication Studies**

Karen Mitchell

**Psychology**

Adam Butler

Mike Gasser

**Curriculum & Instruction**

Karla Krueger

Leigh Zeitz

Mary Losch

**English Language & Literature**

Jim O'Loughlin

**Geography**

Thomas Fogarty



## *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

## *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

## *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

## Goals of Graduate Education Strategic Plan

- 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





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