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IN AUGURAL
CAMPUS-WIDE
GRADUATE STUDENT
RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

April 7, 2008
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Seerley Hall
Great Reading Room
It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the first annual Graduate Student Research Symposium at the University of Northern Iowa. This event showcases the depth and breadth of our graduate students' research and creativity. Graduate education at UNI is recognized regionally, nationally, and internationally for preparing our students to be leaders in professional work and continued graduate study, by committed faculty who are recognized for outstanding teaching, distinguished research, and service to the professions and to the worldwide community.

We are proud to offer graduate students a world-class graduate education with a personalized experience. As an alumna of UNI, both graduate (MA, 1987) and undergraduate (BA, 1981), the education I received here provided me with amazing opportunities. For all of our graduate students who are presenting their work today, I wish you much continued success. And to our graduate faculty and administrators, I thank you for your continued generous commitment to quality graduate education at the University of Northern Iowa.

Sue A. Joseph, Ph.D.
Professor and Interim Dean, Graduate College

Program

3:00 p.m.  Welcome
Dr. Sue A. Joseph
Professor and Interim Dean, Graduate College

3:05-5:00  Exhibit of posters, oral presentations, and musical performances

5:00      Closing
Dr. Sue A. Joseph
Participants & Poster Locations

1. Evelyn Adom-Boateng
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)
Dr. Lynn Nielsen and Dr. Rebecca Edmiaston

2. Khalfan Alharrasi
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)
*Evaluation of English Language Curriculum for the Elementary Level of the Omani Government Schools*
Dr. Lynn Nielsen and Dr. Rebecca Edmiaston

3. Christine Bennett
Psychology, emphasis (MA)
*Language Exclusionary Behavior and Attitudes Toward Immigrants*
Dr. Helen Harton

4. Priyanka Joshi & Christine Bennett
Psychology, emphasis (MA)
*Perceptions of Threat and Racial Prejudice: A Study of Five Ethnic Groups*
Dr. Helen Harton

5. Leslie Cak
Non-Degree
*Coping With Pain in a College Sample*
Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh

6. Erin Rebekah Cebula & Stanley Chiang
Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services (Ed.D)
*Collaboration in Human Services: A Study of an After-School Program*
Dr. Rodney Dieser

7. Stanley Chiang & Erin Rebekah Cebula
Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services (Ed.D)
*Assessment of Tourism Training and Research Needs*
Dr. Jill Langford
8. Hue Trong Duong  
Communication Studies (MA)  
*Using Communication Theories in Mine-Risk Education Programs: The Case of Vietnam*  
Dr. Jayne Witte

9. Caroline Elser  
Educational Psychology: Professional Development for Teachers (MAE)  
*A Menu of Activities in Different Intelligence Areas to Differentiate Instruction for Upper Elementary Students Related to the Book 'Because of Winn-Dixie'*  
Dr. Audrey Rule

10. Tara A. Ely  
Communication Studies (MA)  
*Making it Work in a Virtual World: A Study of the Establishment and Cultivation of Identity and Culture Comparing Face-to-face Teams and Global and Virtual Teams*  
Dr. Jayne Witte

11. Debrah Fordice  
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)  
*Thriving, Coping, Surviving, and Hoping: Negotiating the First Year of Teaching*  
Dr. Lynn Nielsen

12. Janine Kane, Debrah Fordice, Janet Sauer, & Paula Schmidt  
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)  
*Driven to Success: Surviving the Stress and Isolation of a Doctoral Program*

13. Michael Gleason  
Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs (MAE)  
*Mentoring in Learning Organizations*  
Dr. John Henning

14. Jennifer Hall  
Community Health Education (Ed.D)  
*Identifying and Addressing Environmental Health Needs of Roma Populations in Romania*  
Dr. Catherine Zeman
15. Michelle Hyde Swanson
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)
*Performance Objectives and Assessment Instruments in Music Education*

16. Germaine Jackson
Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services (Ed.D)
*Long Term Effects of Crisis on Youth: An Overview of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome*
Dr. Rodney Dieser

17. Jane M. Johnson
History (MA)
*Nature's Gift: The Significance of the Des Moines River in Iowa History*
Dr. Joanne Goldman

18. Cynthia Kenyon
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)
*Reframed Teacher Leadership: A Narrative Inquiry*
Dr. Linda Fitzgerald and Dr. Mary Herring

19. Finn Kolsrud
Sociology (MA)
*The First Rule of Bike Club Is: Identity and Cycling*
Dr. Marybeth Stalp

20. Karla Krueger
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)
*A Case Study of a Rural Iowa School Preparing to Meet New State Guidelines for School Libraries*
Dr. Linda Fitzgerald and Dr. Barbara Safford

21. Laci Kuker
Speech-Language Pathology (MA)
*Communication Changes in Aging Adults: Impact for Lifelong Learning*
Dr. Angela Burda
22. Rachel Kautzky-Braley  
Exercise Science (MA)  
*Does Motor Skill Level Affect Physical Activity-Related Self Efficacy and Enjoyment in Third Grade Students?*  
Dr. Oksana Matvienko

23. Scott Larson  
Geography (MA)  
*Ecological Niche Modeling of Potential West Nile Virus Vector Mosquito Species in Iowa Using GIS*  
Dr. Ramanathan Sugumaran

24. Jennie Morton  
English (MA)  
*The Impact of Costumes in Female Action Hero Films*  
Dr. Grant Tracey

25. Israel Gabriel Msengi  
Community Health Education (Ed.D)  
*Application of Health Promotion Theoretical Approaches to Changing Recycling Behaviors and Assessing Participation Rates Augmented with GIS/GPS Targeted Populations*  
Dr. Catherine Zeman

26. Sadiatu Musah  
Environmental Health (MS)  
*Effects of Metolachlor on the Growth of Human Liver Cells*  
Dr. Kavita Dhanwada

27. Amanda Osborn  
Psychology, Clinical emphasis (MA)  
*Professional Psychologists’ Beliefs on the Changing Rates of Autism*  
Dr. Catherine DeSoto

28. Ki Hyung Park  
Sociology (MA)  
*Immigrant Women in Shadow: Redefining Self*  
Dr. Marybeth Stalp
Participants & Poster Locations

29. Melissa Payne
Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs (MAE)
*Environmental Factors Influencing College Football Athlete Perceptions of Access to Counseling Services: An Exploratory Study*
Dr. Michael Waggoner

30. Margaret Ralston
Sociology (MA)
*Why do People Volunteer?: An Examination of Volunteerism*
Dr. Marybeth Stalp

31. Leila Rod-Welch
Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Services (Ed.D)
*Constraint on Leisure: An Autoethnography of Constraining Factors in My Leisure Experience*
Dr. Rodney Dieser

32. Kirill Sadikov
TESOL/Modern Languages (MA)
*The Role of Imitation and Repetition in Second Language Acquisition*
Dr. Tammy Gregerson

33. Derek Sallis
Performance and Training Technology (MA)
*Humorous Cartoons for Teaching Science Concepts to Elementary Students: Process and Products*
Dr. Audrey Rule and Dr. Ana Donaldson

34. Daphne Schuchart
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D)
*Pre-service Teachers’ Beliefs About Teaching and Learning: The Impact of the First Field Experience*
Dr. Rodney Dieser and Dr. Linda Fitzgerald
35. Kari Shaw  
Psychology, Clinical emphasis (MA)  
*The Role of Experiential Avoidance in Deliberate Self-Harm Among Non-Clinical College Students*  
Dr. Seth Brown

36. Adrienne R. Shrader  
Psychology, Clinical emphasis (MA)  
*Emotional Response to Inconsiderate Cohabitant Behavior*  
Dr. Michael Gasser

37. Anil Shrestha  
Environmental Science (MS)  
*Agricultural Runoff from an Intermittent Tributaries System in Black Hawk County, Iowa*  
Dr. Maureen Clayton and Dr. Mohammed Z. Iqbal

38. Janet Thomas  
Speech-Language Pathology (MA)  
*Comparing Learning Sign Language Using Motor Learning Guided Approach Versus the Traditional Approach*  
Dr. Carlin Hageman

39. Jenny Thompson  
Flute Performance (MM)  
*Performing: Sonata Undine, op. 167 for flute and piano*  
*Master's Recital in Flute: Imagery and Emotion in Music*  
Dr. Angeleita Floyd  
Accompanist: Sean Botkin

40. Gerilynn Toresdahl  
TESOL/Modern Languages (MA)  
*Differences in Teachers' and Students' Perceptions Concerning Prescriptivism and Descriptivism*  
Dr. Joyce Milambiling
41. Danielle Vsetecka
Health Education: Community Health (MA)
*An Analysis of Intuitive Eating Among College Students*
Dr. Susan Roberts-Dobie

42. Taylor Wadian
Psychology, Social emphasis (MA)
*Surrendering Freedom: Effects of Personality Variables and Perceptions of Terrorism*
Dr. Helen Hariton

43. Mackenzie Wernet
Communication Studies (MA)
*America’s Language Struggle: An Investigation of the Relationship Between Foreign Language Study and Opinion of Official Language Laws*
Dr. Jayne Witte

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**Event Organizers**

*Susie Schwieger*: Director of Graduate Student Life  
*Sarah Kos*: Graduate Assistant  
*Megan Stull*: Graduate Assistant

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