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Annual Graduate Faculty Meeting

**April 20, 2012
3:15 - 4:00 p.m.**

002 Sabin Hall

Reception to Follow in the Sabin Atrium
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

2011-2012 Milestone Award Recipients

The Milestone Award recognizes faculty who have chaired 10 or more graduate student culminating projects (theses, dissertations, research papers, creative projects, or other equivalent graduate student culminating projects). The following faculty were nominated by their departments during the past year:

Curriculum & Instruction

Karla Krueger

Geography

Kay Weller

Mathematics

Brian Townsend

Physics, Science Education

Larry Escalada

School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services

Kevin Finn

Jennifer Waldron

Teaching, Science Education

Lyn Countryman

Jody Stone



Agenda

Welcome - Dr. Lauren Nelson

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

Milestone Awards - Dr. Gloria Gibson &
Dr. Lauren Nelson

Faculty Award - Dr. Gloria Gibson &
Dr. Lauren Nelson

Update on Graduate Council
Dr. Maureen Clayton

Graduate Education at UNI
Dr. Michael Licari

Graduate Education
Panel Discussion

Closing Comments - Dr. Maureen Clayton

Reception in the Sabin Atrium

Faculty Award

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Susan Etscheidt
Department of Special Education

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 200/6000 and 300/7000 level courses, as well as 100g/5000 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 Mary Ann Hesse for her dedication to the University of Northern Iowa during her 40 years of service, with 30+ years in the Graduate College. We will miss her and wish her well in her retirement.

Sincerely,

Michael Licari
Shoshanna Coon
Susie Schwieger
Janet Witt
Cheryl Nedrow
Lisa Steimel

Student Awards

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation

Rosemary Geiken, *Cylinders and Spheres: Toddlers Engage in Problem Solving.*

Advisor: Dr. Linda Fitzgerald, Curriculum & Instruction

Outstanding Master's Thesis

First Place: Megan Marie Tesene, *Exploring the Impact of Transitioning on Female-to-Male Transpersons and Partners of Female-to-Male Transpersons.*

Advisor: Dr. Marybeth C. Stalp, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology

Second Place: Dale E.P. Yurs, *From a Weak Tribunal to a Branch of Government: The Supreme Court of the United States From 1789 to Marshall.*

Advisor: Dr. John W. Johnson

Third Place: Ryan David Lensing, *Trends in Environmental Concern by Grade Level: A Study of Elementary, Middle, and High School Students.*

Advisor: Dr. Dawn Del Carlo, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Outstanding Master's Research Paper

First Place: Simon Andrew, *School Calendar Reform and the Achievement Gap.*

Advisor: Dr. R. Allen Hays, Public Policy

Second Place: Maryna Lysun, *Foreign Language Instruction and Internationalization of Higher Education.*

Advisor: Dr. A.J. Meier, Languages & Literatures

Outstanding Creative Master's Thesis Award

Hannah Leffler, *Graduate Flute Recital.*

Advisor: Dr. Angeleita S. Floyd, School of Music

Graduate Student Research Symposium Student Awards

Oral Presentations

First Place, Room 1: Goerkem Yesilnur, *The Perception of Public Relations in Academia Among Communication Scholars*.
Advisor: Dr. April Chatham-Carpenter, Communication Studies

First Place, Room 2: Kevin O'Connor, *Development of a Axially Harmonic Ion Trap Mass Spectrometer*.
Advisor: Dr. Curtiss Hanson, Chemistry & Biochemistry

First Place, Room 3: Clair Williams, *To Age, or Not to Age -That is the Question: Analyzing and Debunking the Cultural Fetish and Youth Obsessed Societal Construction Known as Anti-Aging*.
Advisor: Dr. April Chatham-Carpenter, Communication Studies

Creative Performances

Performance

First Place: Kaethe Henning, "Sing Selle, Gott zum Preise"
(HWV 206) from Georg Friederich Händel's *Neun Deutsche Arien*.

Performance: Voice

Advisors: Dr. Jean McDonald & Dr. Korey Barrett,
School of Music

Performance of Original Work

First Place: Holly Botzum, *Ohioa: The Integration of Electronic Techniques in Tuba Performance*.

Performance: Tuba

Advisor: Dr. Jeff Funderburk, School of Music

First Place: Jason Bradford *The Inhabitants: A Poetry Reading by Jason Bradford*.

English: Creative Writing

Advisor: Dr. Jeremy D. Schraffenberger,
Languages & Literatures

Poster Presentations

Project

First Place: Amy Buckendahl and Michelle Sabatini,
*Stormwater Management for MS4
Polluting Entities.*

Advisors: Dr. Mark Myers & Dr. Laura L. Jackson, Biology

Research

First Place: Cassie Nieman, *Self-Defeating Behaviors in
Sexual Offenders: Exploring Factors of Social Support
and Motivation to Change.*

Advisor: Dr. M. Kimberly MacLin, Psychology

Second Place: Wayva Lyons, *Testosterone, Intercultural
Communication Apprehension, and Prestige.*

Advisor: Dr. Cathy DeSoto, Psychology



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

