

*Graduate
Awards Brunch*

Monday, April 21, 2014
10 a.m.
Student Center Ballroom



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Welcome

Graduate School Dean George Flowers

Presentation of Research Week Awards

Presentation of Graduate School Awards

Presentation of Outstanding Graduate Mentor Awards

Recognition of GSC Executive Committee

Outstanding Master's Students

Valeria Albanese
Biomedical Sciences

Audrey Gamble
Agronomy and Soils

Hamid Ghaednia
Mechanical Engineering

Courteney McNamee Holland
Animal Sciences

Allison Keever
Wildlife Sciences

Kathleen Kent
English

Shannon (Beth) McDaniel
Human Development and Family Studies

Carley Muschara
English Language Arts Education

Hunter Rogers
Chemical Engineering

Simin Zou
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Outstanding Doctoral Students

Yanyan Gong
Civil Engineering

Hui Huang
Biomedical Sciences

Jake Jensen
Human Development and Family Studies

Xunfei Jiang
Computer Science and Software Engineering

Andrea Larsen
Fisheries

Farruk Lutful Kabir
Biomedical Sciences

Scott Martin
Mechanical Engineering

Branson Maynard
Chemistry

Hillary Plummer
Kinesiology

Arianna Tieppo Rappo
Chemical Engineering

Merriwether Fellowships

Symon Gathiaka
Chemistry

Alyssa McElwain
Human Development and Family Studies

Jessica Sims
English

Thomas Stegeman
Electrical and Computer Engineering

President's Award

Jakob Jensen
Human Development and Family Studies

SGA Outstanding Student Award

Frank Sturm
Mathematics

ISO International Student Award

Arianna Tieppo Rappo
Chemical Engineering

Distinguished Dissertation Awards

Biological/Life Sciences Category

* Kevin Kocot (Biological Sciences)

A combined approach toward resolving the phylogeny of Mollusca

Advisor: Ken Halanych

Chris Marble (Horticulture)

Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction from Horticultural Production Practices

Advisor: Charles Gilliam

Elizabeth Ndontsa (Chemistry)

Synergy Not Antagonism in Antioxidant Defenses: The Unanticipated Effect of Electron Donors on Catalase-Peroxidase Function

Advisor: Douglas Goodwin

* Moved on to compete for the national

Distinguished Dissertation Award, sponsored by the Council of Graduate Schools and ProQuest.

Master's Thesis Awards

Life Sciences Category

* Zach DeVries (Entomology)

Respiratory Physiology of Urban Insects

Advisor: Arthur Appel

Meng Ding (Nutrition)

Food Insecurity and Undiagnosed Chronic Conditions among Adults

Advisor: Claire Zizza

Saranrat Wittayanukorn (Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Evaluation of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Services for Patients with Cardiovascular Disease

Advisor: Salisa Westrick

* Moved on to compete for the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools' Master's Thesis Awards

Master's Thesis Awards

Social Sciences/Business/Education Category

Stefanie Christensen (Rural Sociology)

Surviving the Spill: Stakeholder Perceptions of the Commercial Seafood Supply Chain in Alabama and Mississippi After the Deepwater Horizon Disaster

Advisor: Michelle Worosz

Kate Taylor Harcourt (Human Development and Family Studies)

Examining Family Structure and Half-Sibling Influence on Adolescent Well-Being

Advisor: Francesca Adler-Baeder

* Kelly Martin (Consumer and Design Sciences)

Hospital Healing Garden Design and Emotional and Behavioral Responses of Visitors and Employees

Advisor: Wi-Suk Kwon

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Three Minute Thesis winners

Summer 2013

T. Reid Nelson, 1st place and People's Choice in
Master's Category
Fisheries

Nikhil Jha, 2nd place in Master's Category
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Shaima Nahreen, 1st place in Doctoral Category
Chemical Engineering

Naved Siddiqui, 2nd place in Doctoral Category
Mechanical Engineering

Ian Cero, People's Choice in Doctoral Category
Psychology

Fall 2013

Ning Hou, 1st place and People's Choice
Psychology

Chandan Roy, 2nd place
Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Mentors

Mary Helen Brown
Communication and Journalism

Murali Dhanasekaran
Drug Discovery and Development

Amy Rauer
Human Development and Family Studies

Christopher Roberts
Chemical Engineering



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