The Uni Graduate College Presents...

The 12th Annual Graduate Student Symposium

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
11AM - 4PM
Maucker Union
Welcome to the 12th Annual Graduate Student Symposium at the University of Northern Iowa!

The Symposium is a celebration of the scholarship and creative work from our graduate student community. Scholarship and creative work are cornerstones of graduate education and the Graduate College is proud to support our students in these endeavors. These ideas, projects, and performances contribute to knowledge and intellect on our campus, as well as enhance our local, regional, and global communities.

Today, students will showcase and, ultimately, defend their scholarship and creative work to other students, faculty, and staff. Their skills, expertise, and knowledge will be questioned in a supportive environment. The respectful, intellectual dialogue makes our campus richer, and develops transferrable skills for students to advance their professional goals. The poster presentations, oral presentations, and creative performances are the outcomes of many intangible elements, including hard work, perseverance, and the dedication from our students. I also want to acknowledge the countless hours of mentorship our excellent faculty provided to our student presenters and performers.

This signature event could not happen without the support of many people, including our faculty judges and Graduate College Staff. The biggest thank you is for our graduate students who are presenting and attending the 12th Annual Graduate Student Symposium.

Let us all celebrate their work,

Jennifer J. Waldron, Ph.D.
Dean of the Graduate College
Poster Presentations

Helena Alacha  Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)
*Negative Halo Effects in Ratings of ADHD and Conduct Problems*
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Lefler

Andrea Anderson  Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services (Ed.D.)
*Second Grade Students Learn About Civil Engineers and Erosion*
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Edginton

DongYub Back  Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services (Ed.D.)
*Influence of Sleeping Deprivation/Deficiency in Education, Health, and Well-Being of Teenage Students*
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Edginton

Morgan Dobroski  Special Education: Field Specialization Emphasis (M.A.E.)
*Ask Me: How Do People with Disabilities Feel About Themselves*
Advisor: Dr. Amy Petersen

Danielle Dunagan  English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
*Letters in a Discipline: A Manifesto on the State of English*
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Lamberti

Andi Edmister  School Psychology (Ed.S.)
*Early Play — Based Behavior Promotes Future Emergent Literature*
Advisor: Dr. Stephanie Schmitz

Christina Fortuna  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
*Are the Deaf Stigmatized?*
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Christina Fortuna  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
Jordan Newburg  Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)
Bre Kirpes  Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)
*Perceptions of Microaggressions and Consequences Differ by Political Orientation*
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton
Christina Fortuna  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
Kurt Klobassa  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
Matthew Sedlacek  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
Re-Assessing the Current Validity of the Bem Sex-Role Inventory
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Anna Garner  Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)
Sex Differences in Adult ADHD Symptomatology
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Lefler

Kelsey Johnson  Special Education: Career/Vocational Programming and Transition Emphasis (M.A.E.)
Friendship: Understanding the Differing Perspectives of Young Adults With Autism and Their Peers Without Autism
Advisor: Dr. Amy Petersen

Sydney Kunzweiler  Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
Olivia Steffen  Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
Methods of Obtaining and Creating Pediatric Dysphagia Cases for Graduate Level Training
Advisor: Dr. Laura Pitts

Brittney Lenth  Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
Anna Varriano  Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
Working Memory and Executive Functioning: Treatment of Children with Specific Language Impairments (SLI)
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Garrett

Nathan Lewey  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
Threat as a Mediator of the Relationship Between Political Orientation and Prejudice Toward Immigrants
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Rebecca Lueth  TESOL (M.A.)
Dead Languages: Can You Live With It?
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling
Zachary Meehan  Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)
Anna Garner  Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)

*Researchers’ Acceptability of Questionable Research Practices Across Disciplines*
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Carissa Newman  Special Education: Field Specialization Emphasis (M.A.E.)

*Including Students with Significant Disabilities in the General Education Classroom*
Advisor: Dr. Danielle Cowley

Pujiangningh Pujaningsih  Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)

*Investigation of the Changes of Preservice Teachers’ Efficacy Beliefs in Teaching Students with Special Needs*
Advisor: Dr. Susan Etscheidt

Matthew Sedlacek  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)

*Does Political Orientation Cause Us to See Things Differently?*
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Randi Smith  English: Creative Writing (M.A.)

*A New Canon*
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Lamberti

Chelsea Washburn  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)

*Effects of Exposure to Video Games on Aggression, Empathy, Sexism, & Prejudice*
Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Schwab

Kylie Wilson  Physical Education: Kinesiology (M.A.)

*The Effectiveness of Using a Podcast to Teach Person-First Language*
Advisor: Dr. Scott McNamara

Alivia Zubrod  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)

Evan Stilgenbauer  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)

Nathan Lewey  Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)

*Depletion of Cognitive Resources May Not Affect Conservatives’ Endorsement of Binding Moral Foundations*
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton
Oral Presentations

Elm Room

Jacob Bartlett  
History (M.A.)  
Public Policy (M.P.P.)

Modern Genocide: The Kosovo Refugee Crisis 1998-2004  
Advisor: Dr. Donna Maier

Morgan Eggert  
Social Work (M.S.W.)

How to Lower Chronic Absenteeism Rates in Kindergarten Through Fifth-Grade Students  
Advisor: Dr. William Downs

Mahjabeen Hussain  
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)

Understanding ESL Undergraduate Students’ Beliefs About Learner-Centered Instruction  
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Forsyth

Marine Pepanyan  
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)

Play Element and Dynamics of Interaction in an Adult Second Language Classroom  
Advisor: Dr. Sohyun Meacham

Hamid Tahery  
Industrial Technology (D.I.T.)

A Laser Tracking System Using Arduino UNO and Matlab  
Advisor: Dr. Jin Zhu

Ryan Villarreal  
History (M.A.)

Commitment, Credibility, and Counterinsurgency: John F. Kennedy and South Vietnam 1961  
Advisor: Dr. Fernando Calderón

Oak Room

Carole Hansbrough  
Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services (Ed.D.)  
Women’s and Gender Studies (M.A.)

Traditions Folk Healing in Hmong Women of the Midwest  
Advisor: Dr. Michele Devlin
Tammy Harris  
TESOL (M.A.)
Addressing the Academic, Emotional, and Cultural Needs of Students With Limited or Interrupted Formal Education
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling

Shehreen Iqtadar  
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)
"If It Wasn’t My Race, It Was Other Things Like Being a Woman, or My Disability": A Qualitative Research Synthesis of Students of Color with Disabilities in Education
Advisors: Dr. Scott Ellison and Dr. David Hernandez-Saca

Samantha Ribble  
TESOL (M.A.)
Input and Output: Classroom Applications
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling

Hamid Tahery  
Industrial Technology (D.I.T.)
Modeling and Optimized Scheduling of Virtual Power Plant Using Particle Swarm Optimization
Advisor: Dr. Sadik Kucuksari

Seth Thill  
English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
With Great Power Comes Terrible Memes: Tracing Alt-Right Roots in the History of Spider-Man
Advisor: Dr. Brooke Wonders

Presidential Room

Amanda Albertsen  
TESOL (M.A.)
Reevaluating Teaching Materials in Southeast Asia
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling

Muhammad Intizom  
TESOL (M.A.)
A Comparative Study of Bilingual Education Programs in the U.S. and Singapore
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling

Sarah Kilwein  
TESOL (M.A.)
English Language Learners of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania: A Needs Assessment of the Immigrant and Refugee Population of the Greater Pittsburgh Area
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling
Ashley Meyers  
Women’s and Gender Studies (M.A.)
“Beyond Born This Way:” Reconsidering Trans Narratives
Advisor: Dr. Carolyn Hildebrandt

Dylan Pieper  
Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
What’s In A Name? Measuring Potential Influence of Medical Cannabis Labels on Attitudes Towards Its Use
Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Schwab

Randi Smith  
English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
Real World Issues in Young Adult Fiction
Advisor: Dr. Brooke Wonders

State College Room

Alia Azfal  
Women’s and Gender Studies (M.A.)
My Discovery of Transnational Feminism: The Urge For Inclusion
Advisor: Dr. Victoria DeFrancisco

Mary Chipman  
English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
Because Usually a Cigar Is Just a Cigar
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Lamberti

Steven Dreesman  
Counseling: Clinical Mental Health (M.A.)
Kelvin Mackey  
Counseling: Clinical Mental Health (M.A.)
Out of Mind, Out of Sight: How Do Counselor Education Programs Train Students in Assessing Foreseeable Harm to Others?
Advisor: Professor Tracie Self

Matthew Hill  
History (M.A.)
“Half-Breeds,” Squatters and Settler Colonialism in the Des Moines-Mississippi Confluence
Advisor: Dr. Brian Roberts

Kurt Klobassa  
Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
Burdens of Proof: Factors that Affect Preferences for Unfalsifiability
Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Schwab
Abby Weiland  
Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)
*Teacher Well-Being: Voices in the Field*
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Vander Zanden

**University Room**

Anna Garner  
Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)
*ADHD Symptoms and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury in the Transition to College*
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Lefler

Claudia Jimenez De La Hoz  
TESOL (M.A.)
*English for the Vocational Classroom: How Vocational Instructors Can Help EFL*
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling

Jeffery Jones  
English: Literature (M.A.)
*Unifying the English Major: Applying Process to Literary Studies*
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Lamberti

Claudia Pino Leuquen  
TESOL/Spanish (M.A.)
*Gender-Neutral Language in Chile: A Response Due to Absence of Representation*
Advisor: Dr. Elise DuBord

Pujaningsih Pujaningsih  
Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)
*Influential Factors of Student Teachers’ Self-Efficacy in Teaching Students With Disabilities*
Advisor: Dr. Susan Etscheidt

Jose Salinas  
TESOL/Spanish (M.A.)
*De Vos a Tú: Voseo to Tuteo Accommodation and Language Attitudes Among Central American International Students in the United States and Mexico*
Advisors: Dr. Joshua Gordon and Dr. Elise DuBord

**Creative Performances**

Danielle Dunagan  
English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
*Mother Had Said*
Advisor: Dr. Brooke Wonders
John Mason
Hannah Lane
*Always Here: A 10-Minute Play, A Staged Reading*
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger

Sayyod Mirzomurodov
Mariya Akhadjanova
*Klezmer Dances by Goran Frost*
Advisor: Dr. Julia Bullard

Shiqun Ou
Serena Hou
*Broken Child*
Advisor: Dr. Angeleita Floyd

Eve Sanchez
English: English Studies (M.A.)
*What I (Should) Know For Sure: The Existentialism of English Studies*
Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Lamberti

Randi Smith
English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
*Silence*
Advisor: Dr. Brooke Wonders

Seth Thill
English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
*Spin in Place, Bury Our Years: An Iowan Lyric*
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger

Bethany Washington
Violin Performance (M.M.)
*Pietro Antonio Locatelli: The Baroque Virtuoso*
Advisor: Dr. Ross Winter

Denzel Washington
Composition (M.M.)

Bethany Washington
Violin Performance (M.M.)
*Washington Variations: A New Composition for Solo Violin*
Advisor: Dr. Jonathan Schwabe
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**Dr. Dilbur Arsiwalla**  
Department of Psychology

**Dr. Disa Cornish**  
Department of Health, Recreation, and Community Services

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Rod Library

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Department of Social Work

**Dr. Heather Kennedy**  
School of Applied Human Sciences

**Dr. Annette Lynch**  
School of Applied Human Sciences

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**Dr. Mark Myers**  
Department of Biology

**Dr. Lauren Nelson**  
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders

**Dr. Nicholas Schwab**  
Department of Psychology

**Dr. Nicole Skaar**  
Department of Educational Psychology & Foundations

**Dr. Ira Simet**  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

**Dr. Kelly Strong**  
Department of Technology

**Dr. Matt Townsley**  
Department of Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education

**Dr. Leila Rod-Welch**  
Rod Library

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**Dr. Radhi Al-Mabuk**  
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Department of Biology

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**Dr. Gayle Pohl**  
Department of Communication Studies
Dr. Nilda Rodriguez
Department of Biology

Dr. Roberto Swazo
School of Applied Human Sciences

Creative Performance Judges

Dr. Cayla Bellamy
School of Music

Mr. Jim Bray
Department of Theatre

Dr. David Grant
Department of Languages & Literatures

Dr. Anthony Williams
School of Music
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