Special Thanks

The Graduate College extends our thanks to our Graduate Assistants Carly Hanson and Cori Austin for their work on UNI Grad Student News, the Graduate Student Advisory Board, and the Ninth Annual Graduate Student Symposium.

Sincerely,

Susie Schwieger
Kavita Dhanwada
Barbara Cutter
Rubina Chowdhury
Lisa Steimel
Janet Witt
**Agenda**

Welcome - Melissa Beall, Graduate Faculty Chair

**Student Awards**
Kavita Dhanwada, Dean & Barbara Cutter, Associate Dean

**Faculty Awards**
Kavita Dhanwada, Dean & Melissa Beall, Graduate Faculty Chair

“*Graduate Education at UNI*”
Kavita Dhanwada, Dean

**Discussion:**
“*Graduate Education at UNI: Who Are We?*”
Facilitator: Melissa Beall, Graduate Faculty Chair

**Closing Comments**
Gayle Pohl, Graduate Council Chair

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**Thank You to the 9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium Judges:**

**Poster Presentation Judges**
Todd Bohenkamp          Gregory Bruess          Maureen Clayton
Shoshanna Coon          Christina Curran         Dale Cyphert
Susan Etscheidt         James Jurgenson          Pavel Lukashev
Tyler O’Brien           Gabriela Olivares        Leila Rod-Welch
Stephanie Schmitz       Ira Simet                Christopher F. Neuhaus

**Oral Presentation Judges**
Tilahun Abebe           Fernando Calderon         Michael Childers
Tom Hall                Kristin Mack             David McClennon
Jayme Neiman            Jolene Zigarovich        Jesse Swan
Carolina Coronado-Park

**Creative Performance Judges**
James Davis              Amy Kotsonis
Eric Lange               Jean McDonald
Brown Bag Lecture Presenters

Professor Ellen Neuhaus
Rod Library
“UNI ScholarWorks and Global Reach”

Dr. Paul J. Siddens
Communication Studies
“The Inferno: Writing and Producing an Original Play at UNI”

Dr. Disa Cornish
School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services
“Reforms might have looked really good on paper: Understanding how rural food service directors responded to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010”

Dr. Kim P. Huckstadt
Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
“The Impact of Standards-Based Teacher Evaluation in Iowa”

Dr. Oksana Matvienko
School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services
“Qualitative Analysis of Dietary Behaviors in Picture Book Fiction for 4 to 8 Year Olds”

Dr. John Burnight
Philosophy & World Religions
“A ‘Redeeming’ Darkness: The Subversion of Exodus Motifs in Job’s Curse (Job 3:3-10)”

Dr. Suzanne Riehl
Mathematics
“Routes to Reason: Proportional Reasoning in Middle School Students”

Dr. Kent Johnson & Dr. Belle Cowden
Continuing Education & Special Programs
“Continuing Education and Distance Learning and Graduate Programs at UNI”

Dr. Travis Ficklin
School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services
“Anatomy of a Home Run: What are the Absolutes of Hitting?”

Graduate Student Symposium Awards

Poster Presentation Awards

First Place: Jordan Young, Biology (M.S.)
Effects of Soil Type and Diversity on Soil Respiration and Litter Decomposition in a Perennial Biofuel Production System
Advisor: Dr. Kenneth Elgersma

Second Place: Jessica Riebkes, Biology (M.S.)
Effects of Predator Satiation on Seed Predation in New Roadside Prairie Plantings
Advisor: Dr. Laura Jackson

Third Place: Amani Al Rebeh,
Allied Health, Recreation & Community Services (Ed.D.)
Parental Knowledge and Attitudes Regarding Their Infant’s Mandatory Vaccination in Saudi Arabia
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Edginton

Honorable Mention: Katie Langmeier, Athletic Training (M.S.)
The Role of Perceived Motivational Climate on Injury Occurrence and Rehabilitation Behaviors
Advisor: Dr. Windee Weiss

Oral Presentation Award

Elm Room

First Place: Zheng Li, Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
Control Threat Induces Internalization of Benevolent Sexism Among Women
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Second Place: Benjamin Olsen, Curriculum & Instruction (Ed.D.)
Pre-Service and Practicing Teacher Science Inquiry Projects: An Analysis of their Understanding of the Scientific Inquiry Process
Advisor: Dr. Audrey Rule

Third Place: Shehreen Iqtadar, Special Education (M.A.E.)
Roles and Responsibilities of Paraprofessionals in Creating Inclusive Communities: A Three Dimensional Perspective
Advisor: Dr. Amy Petersen
**Oak Room**

**First Place: Haley Steele, Performance: Voice (M.M.)**  
*Estelle Liebling: A Biographical and Pedagogical Survey*  
Advisor: Dr. Katherine Osbourne

**Second Place: Alia Afzal, English: Literature (M.A.)**  
*Ecocritical and Postcolonial Study of Humans, Land, and Space*  
Advisor: Dr. Anne Myles

**Third Place: Cory Dahlstrom, English: English Studies (M.A.)**  
*Huckleberry Finn and the Picaresque as Lens Against Debt Peonage*  
Advisor: Dr. Julie Husband

**Presidential Room**

**First Place: Heather McAlpine, History (M.A.)**  
*"From Soprano to Barking Dog": Public Response to John Cage and Avant-Garde Music, 1950-Present*  
Advisor: Dr. Brian Roberts

**Second Place: Ashley Loper, History (M.A.)**  
*One-Room School Heroes: The Feminization of Rural Schools*  
Advisor: Dr. Leisl Carr-Childers

**Third Place: Alexander Newkirk, History (M.A.)**  
*"A Global License to Kill": Exploring the Culture of Hunting Within Safari Club International During the 1980's: Ethics of Hunting Globally in the Reagan Era*  
Advisor: Dr. Brian Roberts

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**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 culminating projects).

- Kenneth Bleile, Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Angela Burda, Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Evette Edmister, Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Jennifer Garrett, Communication Sciences & Disorders
- Melissa Beall, Communication Studies*
- Joan Bessman Taylor, Curriculum and Instruction
- Stephanie Schmitz, Educational Psychology & Foundations
- Radhi Al-Mabuk, Educational Psychology & Foundations
- Kerri Clopton, Educational Psychology & Foundations
- Timothy Gilson, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education*
- Denise Scharf, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
- Nick Pace, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education*
- Brian Roberts, History*
- Sheila Benson, Languages and Literatures
- Juan Carlos Castillo, Languages and Literatures*
- Ivonne Cuadra, Languages and Literatures*
- Tammy Gregersen, Languages and Literatures*
- Julie Husband, Languages and Literatures
- Ardish Meier, Languages and Literatures*
- Joyce Milambiling, Languages and Literatures*
- Anne Myles, Languages and Literatures
- Pierre-Damien Mvuyekure, Languages and Literatures
- Gabriela Olivares, Languages and Literatures
- Cheryl Roberts, Languages and Literatures*
- Sara Rosell, Languages and Literatures*
- Grant Tracey, Languages and Literatures*
- Karen Tracey, Languages and Literatures
- Flavia Vernescu, Languages and Literatures*
- Elizabeth Zwanziger, Languages and Literatures
- Helen Harton, Psychology*
- Jean McDonald, School of Music
- Robert Washut, School of Music

*Second Award


Faculty Awards

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger
Department of Languages & Literatures

This award honors outstanding graduate teaching, which includes commitment to academic excellence; attention to individual student needs, interests, and development; excellent teaching of graduate courses; and service on thesis and dissertation committees.

Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. Audrey Rule
Department of Curriculum & Instruction

This award honors senior scholars and artists with a long and distinguished record of publications, exhibits and/or creative activities while a member of the UNI faculty and whose professional reputation is national (and international where appropriate).

James F. Lubker Faculty Research Award

Dr. David G. Surdam
Department of Economics

This award honors a faculty member with at least five years of service at UNI and exceptional original contributions to research and scholarship, including the creative and performing arts.
Creative Performance Awards

Original Composition Category

First Place: Michael Dickerson, Composition (M.M.)
Blango--A Duo for Two Trombones
Advisor: Dr. Alan Schmitz

Second Place: Jen Corrigan, English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
Four-Minute Stories: Three Flash Fiction Pieces of Five Hundred Words Each
Advisor: Dr. Jim O’Loughlin

Performance of Established Works

First Place: Michelle Monroe, Performance: Voice (M.M.)
Eve-Song, An Old Story With New Eyes
Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Brich

Second Place: Dawne McClure, Communication Studies: Mass Communications (M.A.)
Ryan Courtney, Communication Studies: Performance Studies (M.A.)
The Difficulty of Crossing the Field
Advisor: Dr. Karen Mitchell

Graduate Student Scholarship Awards

Outstanding Master’s Thesis

First Place: Kristin Broussard, Psychology (M.A.)
Predictors of Racial Prejudice: A Meta-Analysis of the Influence of Religion and Political Orientation
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Second Place: Jordan L Ludwig, Literature (M.A.)
The Traumatic Incursion of the Old South on Gender and Motherhood in William Faulkner’s Novels
The Sound and the Fury, As I Lay Dying, and Light in August
Advisor: Dr. Jim O’Loughlin

Third Place: Rachel E Meisinger, Psychology (M.A.)
Identification of Sluggish Cognitive Tempo by Pre-Service Teachers
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth K. Lefler

Outstanding Master’s Research Paper

First Place: Megan Vogt, Social Work (M.A.)
Influx of Child Immigrants to the United States: Policy & Practice Implications
Advisor: Dr. Cindy Juby

Second Place: Meghan Wethington, Speech Language-Pathology (M.A.)
Implementation and Effectiveness of the Iowa Oral Narrative Project: A Survey of Iowa Speech-Language Pathologists
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Garrett

Third Place: Robin Summers, Women’s & Gender Studies (M.A.)
Empowering Young Black Women through Wellness
Advisor: Dr. Jennifer J. Waldron