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Sincerely,

Kavita Dhanwada
Barbara Cutter
Susie Schwieger
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Janet Witt

Annual Graduate Faculty Meeting

April 27th, 2017
3:00—5:00 p.m.

Great Reading Room
Seerley Hall
Agenda
Welcome: Gayle Pohl, Graduate Faculty Chair

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

Faculty Awards
Kavita Dhanwada, Dean & Gayle Pohl, Graduate Faculty Chair

“Graduate Education at UNI: 2016-17 Year in Review”
Kavita Dhanwada, Dean

Vote on Graduate College Strategic Plan

Panel Discussion:
“Graduate education in a comprehensive university from the perspectives of graduate coordinators and students”
Panelists: Steven Onken, Leigh Zeitz, Darcie Davis-Gage Dale Cyphert & Graduate Students
Facilitator: Gayle Pohl, Graduate Faculty Chair

Closing Comments
Gayle Pohl, Graduate Council Chair

Thank You to the 10th Annual Graduate Student Symposium Judges:

Poster Presentation Judges
Dr. Maureen Clayton  Dr. Susan Etscheidt  Mr. Chris Neuhaus
Dr. Shoshanna Coon  Dr. Tammy Gregerson  Dr. Leila Rod-Welch
Dr. Belle Cowden  Dr. Sadik Kucuksari  Dr. Ira Simet
Dr. Christina Curran  Dr. Matthew Makarios  Dr. Jen Waldron
Dr. Dale Cyphert  Dr. Joyce Milambiling

Oral Presentation Judges
Dr. Tom Hall  Dr. Lisa Riedle  Dr. Roberto Swazo
Dr. Kristin Mack  Ms. Marcy Seavey  Dr. Ali Tabei
Dr. Jayne Nieman  Dr. Marybeth Stalp  Dr. Jolene Zigarovich
Dr. Gayle Pohl

Creative Performance Judges
Dr. Julie Husband  Dr. Grant Tracey
Brown Bag Lecture Presenters

Rick Seeley  
Standard Class Configuration and Mersive & ZOOM

Dr. Laura Jackson  
Tallgrass Prairie Center 2.0: Ecological research and community engagement for pollinators, climate resilience, water quality

Dr. Chris Ogbondah  
US Press and Overthrow of Dictators: Missing links in the coverage of Libya Gaddafi

Dr. Gayle Rhineberger-Dunn  
CSI Effect, DNA Discourse and Popular Crime Drama

Dr. Melissa Beall  
How to Capture Students Attention Through Listening

Dr. Dale Cyphert & Dr. Elena N. Dodge  
Integrated Assessment and Reflection in an Experiential Learning Context

Dr. John Degroote  
Activities of and Technical Computing Support Opportunities from the GeoTree Center

Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger  
The North American Review and the University of Northern Iowa

Dr. Helen Harton  
Cheating at UNI: Faculty and Student Perspectives

Dr. Mary Donegan-Ritter & Dr. Beth Van Meeteren  
Enhancing Early Childhood Teacher Education Field Experiences through Collaborative and Sustained Professional Development with Community Partners

Dr. Leigh Zeitz  
Engaging Student Through Global Collaboration in the Classroom

Dr. Heather Jeronimo  
Dementia and Changing Family Dynamics: Representations of Aging in Selected Spanish Films

Dr. Audrey Rule  
Creativity-Related Research Projects with Graduate Students

Graduate Student Symposium Awards

Poster Presentation Awards

First Place: Marjorie Perkins, Psychology: Clinical Science (MA)  
Gender Differences in Civilian Stigma of Combat-related and Military Sexual Trauma-related PTSD  
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Lefler

Second Place: Courtney Clausen, Curriculum & Instruction (EdD)  
Exploring Technology through the Integration of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and Issues of Social Justice  
Advisor: Dr. Stephanie Logan

Third Place: Kip Woods, Technology (MS)  
3DPS Feature Generation in the YZ & XY Planes  
Advisor: Dr. Scott Gies

Fourth Place: Emma Welch, Psychology: Social Psychology (MA)  
Antoinette Fleming, Psychology: Clinical Science (MA)  
Hailey Hatch, Psychology: Social Psychology (MA)  
Predictors of Attitudes toward Transgender Men and Women  
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton
Oral Presentation Awards

**Elm Room**

**Jeremy Whitaker, Community Health Education (EdD)**  
*Misplaced Priorities: How County Health Departments Overlook the Leading Causes of Death*  
Advisor: Dr. Michele Devlin

**Oak Room**

**Ryan Lockard, Biology (MS)**  
*Epidemiological and Experimental Evidence of Sex-dependent Responses to Infection with Leishmania infantum*  
Advisor: Dr. Nilda Rodriguez

**Presidential Room**

**Megan Mapes, Communication Studies: Organizational Communication (MA)**  
*Pushing Back Against Gender and Black Masculinity: Jaden Smith Does Women’s Fashion*  
Advisor: Dr. Catherine Palczewski

**State College Room**

**Samantha Kohls, Spanish (MA)**  
*Spanish in the United States: An Analysis of the Linguistic Landscapes of Rural Hampton, Iowa, and Clarion, Iowa*  
Advisor: Dr. Elise DuBord

**University Room**

**Saeed Zaher Solimani, Technology (MS)**  
*Proof of Concept and Feasibility Assessment of Manufacturing a Portable Bio-char Reactor*  
Advisor: Dr. Catherine Zeman & Dr. Julie Zhang

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).

Dr. Tom Hall, Communication Studies *  
Dr. Audrey Rule, Curriculum & Instruction *  
Dr. Deborah Tidwell, Curriculum & Instruction *  
Dr. Karla Krueger, Curriculum & Instruction *  
Dr. Ping Gao, Curriculum & Instruction *  
Dr. Denise Schares, Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education*  
Dr. Davird Schmid, Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education  
Dr. Kim Huckstadt, Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education  
Dr. Mike Waggoner, Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education*  
Dr. Sue Alborn-Yilek, Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education  
Dr. Tim Gilson, Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education *  
Dr. Brian Roberts, History **  
Dr. Daniel J Power, Management  
Dr. Helen Harton, Psychology **  
Dr. John Ophus, Science Education  
Dr. Scott Giese, Technology  
Dr. Doug Hotek, Technology  
Dr. Shahram VarzaVand, Technology *  
Dr. Zhe (Julie) Zhang, Technology

* Second award  
** Third award
Faculty Awards

Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. David G. Surdam
Department of Economics

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. Tammy Gregersen
Department of Languages & Literatures

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

First Place: Azeem Ward, Flute Performance (MM)
Beatbox Partita a la Carté
Advisor: Dr. Angeleita Floyd

Second Place: Moriah Henkelman
English: Creative Writing (MA)
Frankness in Gethsemane
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger

Third Place: Jim Keane, English: English Studies (MA)
Shaking Hands
Advisor: Dr. Vince Gotera
Graduate Student Scholarship Awards

Outstanding Master’s Thesis

First Place: Johnathan Williams, History (MA)
“Rock Against Reagan”: The Punk Movement, Cultural Hegemony, and Reaganism in the Eighties
Advisor: Dr. Brian Roberts

Second Place: Jeremy Kessens, Technology (MS)
Development of a Gray Iron Alloy for Improved Thermo-Mechanical Fatigue Life in a Cylinder Head for Diesel Engine Application
Advisor: Dr. Scott R. Giese

Third Place: Scott Bredman, Communication Studies: Communication Education (MA)
Visualizing Belonging: Deliberation and Identification in the Vestavia Hills Mascot Controversy
Advisor: Dr. Ryan McGeough

Outstanding Master’s Research Paper

Elizabeth Becker, TESOL/Spanish (MA)
El rol de la lengua en la identidad latina: Un análisis de la falta de conocimiento del español de los jóvenes latinos en la televisión estadounidense
Advisor: Dr. Elise DuBord

Outstanding Master’s Creative Thesis

Sarah Pauls, English: Creative Writing (MA)
Between Strangers
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation

Mason Kuhn, Curriculum & Instruction (EdD)
Do Teacher Judgment Accuracy and Teacher Feedback Predict Student Achievement in Elementary and Middle-School Science?
Advisor: Dr. Elana Joram