On behalf of the Graduate College staff, we would like to thank Dr. Gayle Pohl for her continued dedication, support, and commitment to the Graduate College during these last two years as Graduate Faculty Chair.

Dr. Patrick Pease
Dr. Gabriela Olivares
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Janet Witt
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Sarah Elm, Graduate Assistant
Abbi Schupanitz, Graduate Assistant
**Agenda**

Welcome: Gayle Pohl, Graduate Faculty Chair  
3:00 p.m.

**Faculty Awards**  
3:15 p.m.  
Patrick Pease, Interim Dean  
&  
Gabriela Olivares, Interim Associate Dean

**Student Awards**  
3:30 p.m.  
Patrick Pease, Interim Dean  
&  
Gabriela Olivares, Interim Associate Dean

**Faculty Milestone Awards**  
3:45 p.m.  
Gabriela Olivares, Interim Associate Dean  
&  
Gayle Pohl, Graduate Faculty Chair

"Graduate Education at UNI: 2017-18 Year in Review"  
4:00 p.m.  
Patrick Pease, Interim Dean

"How to make graduate programs budget allocations a priority"  
4:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Melissa Beall

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

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**Thank You to the Committee Members:**

**Faculty Awards:**

Dr. Amy Igou, Accounting  
Ms. Abbi Schupanitz, Grad Student, Speech-Language Pathology  
Dr. Bryce Kanago, Economics  
Dr. Disa Cornish, Kinesiology, Allied Health & Human Services  
Dr. David Surdam, Economics  
Dr. Gayle Pohl, Communication Studies  
Dr. Ken Atkinson, History  
Dr. Melissa Beall, Communication Studies  
Dr. Todd Bohnenkamp, Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Dr. Radhi Al-Mabuk, Educational Psychology & Foundations

**Student Awards**

Dr. Ivonne Cuadra, Languages & Literatures  
Dr. Jeffrey Nie, Technology  
Dr. Fernando Calderón, History
Thank You to the Annual Graduate Student Symposium Judges:

**Poster Presentation Judges**
- Dr. Maureen Clayton
- Dr. Sadik Kucuksari
- Dr. Ali Tabei
- Dr. Christina Curran
- Dr. Elizabeth Lefler
- Dr. Leila Rod-Welch
- Dr. Dale Cyphert
- Dr. Matthew Makarios
- Dr. James Dietrich
- Dr. Lisa Millsaps
- Dr. Heather Kennedy
- Dr. David Saunders

**Oral Presentation Judges**
- Dr. Peter Berendzen
- Dr. Tom Hall
- Dr. Ashleigh Kysar-Moon
- Dr. Gayle Pohl
- Dr. Lisa Riedle
- Dr. Nievita Bueno Watts
- Ms. Marcy Seavey
- Dr. Robert Swazo

**Creative Performance Judges**
- Dr. Cayla Bellamy
- Dr. David Grant
- Dr. Grant Tracey
- Dr. Anthony Williams

**Faculty Awards**

**Distinguished Scholar Award**
- Dr. Nageswara Rao Posinasetti
  Department of Technology

*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).*

**Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award**
- Dr. Heminigild M. Mpundu
  Department of Accounting

*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.*

**James F. Lubker Faculty Research Award**
- Dr. Michael D. Waggoner
  Department of Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education

*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.*
Graduate Student Scholarship Awards

Outstanding Master’s Thesis

First Place: Ryan Lockard, Biology (M.S.)
Leishmania Infantum Infection at the Cellular and Organismal Levels: Foamy Macrophages and Sex-Dependent Responses
Advisor: Dr. Nilda Rodríguez

Second Place: Stephanie Strong, Psychology (M.A.)
Psychoeducational Module to Promote Knowledge and Reduce Stigma Towards Recreational Marijuana Users
Advisor: Dr. Dilbur Arsiwalla

Third Place: Camille Marie, Psychology (M.A.)
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Stigma: Accurate and Inaccurate Portrayals in Electronic Media
Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Lefler

Outstanding Master’s Research Paper

Elizabeth Jacobs, Social Work (M.S.W.)
Bringing Families Back Together
Advisor: Dr. William Downs

Brown Bag Lecture Presenters

Mr. Pavel Lukashev
Tuning Magnetic Properties of Heusler Alloys

Dr. Leigh Zeitz
Now I See you: The Secrets to Successful Global Collaboration In Higher Education

Dr. Ping Gao & Dr. Leigh Zeitz
It’s Not a Small World: Global Collaboration Projects that Connect your Kids with the World

Dr. Paul Siddens
Being Graphic About In Real Life

Dr. Jennifer Waldron, Dr. Sue Alborn-Yilek
Dr. Kim Huckstedt & Dr. Dennis Scharf
On Your Feet: Exploring the SAI Catch Life Initiative: Improving Well-Being in School Administrators

Dr. Martha Reineke

Dr. David Grant
Pen’s Up: Writing Wakan: Native American Culture and New Materialism

Dr. Jim O’Loughlin & Mr. Rob Green
Creating the James Hearst Digital Archive

Dr. Scott Peters
Regulating Judicial Elections

Dr. Julianne Gassman
Developing Community Partnerships to Enhance Student Learning and Civic Mindedness in All Disciplines

Dr. Paul Torre
American Television in a Global Context: Shifting Formats and New Competitors

Dr. David Surdam
Business Ethics: You Can’t Live (Well) Without It
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. Darrell Wiens, Biology
Dr. Todd Bohnenkamp, Communication Sciences and Disorders
Dr. Leigh Zeitz, Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Robert Boody, Educational Psychology and Foundations
Dr. Nicole Skaar, Educational Psychology and Foundations
Dr. Dennis Dahms, Geography
Dr. Andrey Petrov, Geography
Dr. Sheila Benson, Languages & Literatures
Dr. Jim Davis, Languages & Literatures
Dr. Tammy Gregersen, Languages & Literatures
Dr. Joyce Milambiling, Languages & Literatures
Dr. Jim O’Loughlin, Languages & Literatures
Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger, Languages & Literatures
Dr. Adam Butler, Psychology **
Dr. Michael Gasser, Psychology **
Dr. Helen Harton, Psychology ***

Graduate Student Symposium Awards

Poster Presentation Awards

First Place:
Hailey Hatch, Psychology: Social Psychology (M.A.)
The Moral Motivations of Negative Attitudes Toward Transgender People
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Second Place:
Shehreen Iqtadar, Curriculum & Instruction (Ed.D.)
Personal Experiences of Students at the Intersection of Race, Gender, and (Dis)ability
Advisor: Dr. Danielle Cowley

Third Place:
Kristin Rooff, Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)
The Protective Role of Sleep in the Associations Between Insecure Adult Attachment Styles and Emotion Regulation
Advisor: Dr. Dilbur Arsiwalla

Honorable Mention
Jacee Schneider, Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
Nicole Pothen, Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
The Patterns of Preceding Utterances of Communication Partner on Independent Communication Acts of Students Utilizing AAC
Advisor: Dr. Evette Edmister

** Second Award
*** Third Award
Oral Presentation Awards

Oak Room

First Place: Rana Moustafa, TESOL (M.A.)
A Three-Year Old Bilingual Child’s Use of the English Article System: Negative First Language Transfer or Typical Development?
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling & Dr. Ardith Meier

Presidential Room

First Place: Abbie Shew, Communication Studies: General Communication (M.A.)
Is This a Rape? Activism, Consent, and the Ethics of Looking in
Emma Sulkowicz’s Ceci N’est Pas Un Viol
Advisor: Dr. Catherine Palczewski

Second Place: Kim Abeyta, Flute Performance (M.M.)
The Foundation of American Flute Playing Told Through the Innovations of
William Kincaid, Grandfather of the American Flute School
Advisor: Dr. Alison Altstatt

State College Room

First Place: Mahjabeen Hussain, Curriculum & Instruction (Ed.D.)
Transforming Professional Learning Using Self-Study in an EFL Context
Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Forsyth

Second Place: Darlene Fitkin, Social Work (M.S.W.)
Immigrants Experience With Housing in Waterloo, Iowa USA
Advisor: Ms. Jennifer Becker

University Room

First Place: Marwa Ibrahim, TESOL (M.A.)
Language Policy in Sudanese-Arabic Speaking Families
Advisor: Dr. Joyce Milambiling

Second Place: Fiddelis Makaula, Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)
Perceived Causes and Methods of Examination Malpractice in the Malawian Education System: A Case Study of Secondary Schools in
South East Education Division (SEED)
Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Scholl

Creative Performance Awards

First Place:
Moriah Henkelman, English: Creative Writing (M.A.)
Belief and Doubt: Excerpts of a Memoir
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger

Second Place:
James Keane, English: English Studies (M.A.)
Two Funerals: A Short Story
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger

Third Place:
Leia Lensing, Music: Vocal Performance (M.M.)
Vivaldi’s Hidden Works:
The Chamber Cantata, Qual Per Ignoto Calle RV 677
Advisor: Dr. Korey Barrett