On behalf of the Graduate College, we would like to thank you for attending our Annual Meeting and for supporting our graduate programs.

Annual Graduate Faculty Meeting

April 18, 2019
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Great Reading Room, Seerley Hall
**Agenda**

**Reception & Photo Session**
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

*Welcome:* Dale Cyphert, Graduate Faculty Chair
3:30 p.m.

**All Student Awards**
3:35 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.
Jennifer Waldron, Graduate College Dean
&
Gabriela Olivares, Graduate College Associate Dean

**Faculty Awards**
3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Jennifer Waldron, Graduate College Dean
&
Gabriela Olivares, Graduate College Associate Dean

Jennifer Waldron, Dean
4:00 p.m.

Kent Johnson, Dean
Continuing Education & Special Programs
4:10 p.m.

Leila Rod-Welch, Graduate Council Chair
4:15 p.m.

**Closing Comments**
Dale Cyphert, Graduate Faculty Chair
4:20 p.m.

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**Thank You to the Committee Members:**

**Faculty Awards:**
Dr. Anthony Gabriele, Educational Psychology & Foundations
Dr. Curtiss Hanson, Chemistry & Biochemistry
Dr. Dale Cyphert, Management
Dr. David Surdam, Economics
Dr. Francesca Soans, Communication Studies
Dr. Ivonne Cuadra, Languages & Literatures
Dr. Kenneth Atkinson, History
Dr. Leila Rod-Welch, Library
Dr. Radhi Al-Mabuk, Educational Psychology & Foundations

**Student Awards**
Dr. Danielle Cowley, Special Education
Dr. Gayle Pohl, Communication Studies
Dr. Heather Gallivan, Mathematics
Dr. Jeffrey Nie, Technology
Dr. Leila Rod-Welch, Library
Thank You to the Annual Graduate Student Symposium Judges:

**Poster Presentation Judges**

Dr. Dilbur Arsiwalla  
Dr. Annette Lynch  
Dr. Nicole Skaar

Dr. Disa Cornish  
Dr. Scott McNamara  
Dr. Ira Simet

Dr. Gayle Rhineberger-Dunn  
Dr. Joyce Milambiling  
Dr. Kelly Strong

Dr. Anne Marie Gruber  
Dr. Mark Myers  
Dr. Matt Townsley

Dr. Cynthia Juby  
Dr. Lauren Nelson  
Dr. Leila Rod-Welch

Dr. Heather Kennedy  
Dr. Nicholas Schwab

**Oral Presentation Judges**

Dr. Radhi Al-Mabuk  
Dr. Benjamin Forsyth  
Dr. Nilda Rodriguez

Dr. Peter Berendzen  
Dr. Heather Jeronimo  
Dr. Robert Swazo

Dr. Fernando Calderón  
Dr. Ashleigh Kysar-Moon

Dr. Jennifer Cooley  
Dr. Gayle Pohl

**Creative Performance Judges**

Dr. Cayla Bellamy  
Dr. David Grant  
Dr. Anthony Williams

Mr. Jim Bray

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Graduate Student Scholarship Awards

**Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation**

**First Place:** Allan Nelson  
*Educational Leadership & Post-Secondary Education (Ed.D.)*  
*Exploring The Experiences Of Adolescent Students Attending A Virtual School*  
*Advisor: Dr. Radhi Al-Mabuk*

**Second Place:** Junu Shrestha  
*Health, Recreation and Community Services (Ed.D.)*  
*Study of Low Dose Nitrite Stress on Human Mononuclear Cells: An In-Vitro Case-Control Study on Osteoarthritis*  
*Advisor: Dr. Catherine Zeman*

**Third Place:** Stanley Ebede  
*Health Recreation and Community Services (Ed.D.)*  
*Student Engagement in Higher Education: Measuring the Differences in Community Engagement*  
*Advisor: Dr. Julianne Gassman*
Graduate Student Scholarship Awards

**Outstanding Master’s Thesis**

**First Place:** Clarissa Ruiz, Biology (M.S.)

The effects of nutrient resorption, photosynthetic rate, and leaf longevity on the success of *Typha × glauca*

**Advisor:** Dr. Kenneth Elgersma

**Second Place:** Hailey Hatch, Social Psychology (M.A.)

The moral motivations of negative attitudes toward transgender persons.

**Advisor:** Dr. Helen C. Harton

**Third Place:** Zachary Sperstad, Biology (M.S.)

Reconstructing The Phylogeny And Characterizing The Patterns Of Molecular Evolution Of The Tetraploid, Freshwater Suckers (Cypriniformes: Catostomidae)

**Advisor:** Dr. Peter Berendzen

**Outstanding Master’s Research Paper**

**Caitlin Becker,** English (M.A.)

*A Lesson on Cats and Dogs: Using Project-Based Learning Strategies to Meet Language Arts Standards*

**Advisor:** Dr. Sheila Benson

Brown Bag Lecture Presenters

**Dr. Seong-In Choi**

South Korean Counseling Trainees’ Self-Perceptions of Multicultural Counseling Competency

**Dr. Gabriela Olivares**

Advancing L2 Learning with TELL tools for Non Traditional Students.

**Dr. Chad Heinzel**

Geology and Natural History of the Cedar River and Black Hawk Creek

**Dr. Louis Fenech**

Five Guys Walk onto a Stage

**Dr. Jeremy Schraffenberger**

Americanism and the North American Review

**Dr. Jimin Kahng**

Development of Utterance Fluency and Cognitive Fluency in Second Language

**Dr. Gayle Rhineberger-Dunn & Dr. Darcie Davis-Gage**

Taking Care of Ourselves in and out of the Workplace

**Dr. Kenneth Atkinson**

Galla Placidia: The Roman Empress who Helped Select the Pope

**Dr. Randall Harlow**

Gesture: the alpha and omega of musical meaning, expression, and culture..... but how, exactly?

**Dr. Yasemin Sari**

Refugees and Artificial Equality

**Dr. Laura Pitts**

Disruption of swallowing and cough function in Parkinson's disease and the therapeutic role of exercise

**Dr. Mark Grey & Dr. Michelle Devlin**

Climate Change, Human Migration, and Micro-Diversity: A Case Study of Marshallese Environmental Refugees in Iowa
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. Olivia Chen, Applied Human Sciences
Dr. Darcie Davis-Gage, Applied Human Sciences
Dr. Roberto Swazo, Applied Human Sciences
Dr. Linda Fitzgerald, Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Susan Alborn-Yilek, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
Dr. Timothy Gilson, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
Dr. Kim Huckstadt, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
Dr. Denise Schares, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
Dr. Michael Waggoner, Educational Leadership & Postsecondary Education
Dr. Benjamin Forsyth, Educational Psychology & Foundations
Dr. Julia Bullard, Music
Dr. Kevin Droe, Music
Dr. Angeleita Floyd, Music
Dr. Amy Petersen, Special Education

Graduate Student Symposium Awards

Oral Presentation Awards

Elm Room
First Place: Mahjabeen Hussain, Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)
Understanding ESL Undergraduate Students’ Beliefs About Learner-Centered Instruction
Advisors: Advisor: Dr. Benjamin Forsyth

Second Place: Morgan Eggert, Social Work (M.S.W.)
How to Lower Chronic Absenteeism Rates in Kindergarten Through Fifth-Grade Students
Advisor: Dr. William Downs

Oak Room
First Place: 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

Second Place: 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
First Place: Ashley Meyers, Women’s and Gender Studies (M.A.)
"Beyond Born This Way: " Reconsidering Trans Narratives
Advisor: Dr. Carolyn Hildebrand

Second Place: 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

State College Room
First Place: Abby Weiland, Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)
Teacher Well-Being: Voices in the Field
Advisor: Dr. Sarah Vander Zanden

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

First Place: 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

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

Poster Presentation Awards

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

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

Third Place: Matthew Sedlacek, Social Psychology (M.A.)
Does Political Orientation Cause Us to See Things Differently?
Advisor: Dr. Helen Harton

Honorable Mention: Kylie Wilson, Kinesiology (M.A.)
The Effectiveness of Using a Podcast to Teach Person-First Language
Advisor: Dr. Scott McNamara

Creative Performance Awards

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

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

Faculty Awards

Distinguished Scholar Award

Dr. Daniel Power
Department of Management

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. Catherine Palczewski
Department of Communication Studies

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. Martha Reineke
Department of Philosophy & World Religions

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.