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Sincerely,

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Agenda

Welcome - Melissa Beall, Graduate Faculty Chair

Student Awards – Interim Dean
April Chatham-Carpenter

&

Associate Dean Shoshanna Coon

Faculty Awards – Interim Dean
April Chatham-Carpenter

&

Melissa Beall, Graduate Faculty Chair

Graduate Education at UNI -
Interim Dean April Chatham-Carpenter

Discussion: What Does Change Mean for
Graduate Education at UNI?

Closing Comments - Maureen Clayton,
Graduate Council Chair

Thank you to the 8th Annual Graduate
Student Symposium Judges:

Poster Presentation Judges
Angela Burda, CHAS, Communication Sciences & Disorders
Kavita Dhanwada, CHAS, Biology
Lawrence Escalada, CHAS, Physics
Mary Herring, COE
Eric Hiris, CSBS, Psychology
Sadik Kucuksari, CHAS, Technology
Tyler O'Brien, CSBS, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology
Pavel Lukashevs, CHAS, Physics
Patrick Pease, CSBS, Geography
Leila Rod-Welch, Rod Library
Stephanie Schmitz, COE, Educational Psychology & Foundations
Winnee Weiss, COE, School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services

Oral Presentation Judges
Christopher Cox, Rod Library
Michael Childers, CSBS, History
Dale Cyphert, CBA, Management
Tom Hall, CHAS, Communication Studies
Wendy Hoofnagle, CHAS, Languages & Literatures
John Johnson, CSBS, History
Christopher Larimer, CSBS, Political Science
Michael Licari, Interim Executive Vice President & Provost
Jeremy Schraffenberger, CHAS, Languages & Literatures
Ira Simet, CHAS, Chemistry & Biochemistry

Creative Performance Judges
Nancy Hill Cobb, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Jeffrey Funderburk, CHAS, School of Music
Danielle McGeough, CHAS, Communication Studies
Stephen Taft, CHAS, Theatre
Brown Bag Lecture Presenters
2014-2015

Tammy Gregersen, Languages & Literatures
Dynamic Classroom Motivation: Helping Learners Visualize Their Possible Selves

Sergey Golitsynskiy, Communication Studies
A Big Data Approach to Measuring News Media Reliance on the Press Release

Joyce Chen, Communication Studies
African American Voices of the Cedar Valley

Audrey Rule, Curriculum & Instruction
Invention Through Form and Function Analogy

Belle Cowden, Continuing and Distance Education
Teaching Online: It Can be a “Hat Trick”

Elise DuBord, Languages & Literatures
Language, Immigration and Labor

Mark Myers, Biology
Assessing the Wildlife Habitat Value of Diverse Prairie Plantings Managed as Agroenergy Crops in an Agricultural Landscape

Tyler O’Brien, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology
Beauty is in the Eye of the Molder: The Anthropology of Head Modification

Russell Guay, Management
To Whom Does Transformational Leadership Matter More? An Examination of Neurotic and Introverted Followers and Their Organizational Citizenship

Steve O’Kane, Biology
Gerald Smith, Accounting
Shoshanna Coon, Graduate College
Gayle Pohl, Communication Studies
Melissa Beall, Communication Studies
Jennifer Cooley, Languages & Literatures
Tammy Gregersen, Languages & Literatures
Teaching 4000/5000 (formerly “g” level) Courses Effectively

2014-2015 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 graduate student culminating projects). The following faculty were nominated by their departments during the past year:

Curriculum & Instruction

Ping Gao
Karla Krueger

Finance

A. Frank Thompson

History

Barbara Cutter

Languages & Literatures

James Davis
Jeremy Schraffenberger
**Student Awards**

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
Wade Kooiman, *Perceptions of Coaching Efficacy from the Coaches’, Parents’, and Athletes’ Perspectives*
Advisor: Chris Kowalski, School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services

Outstanding Master’s Thesis
Advisor: Jeff Tamplin, Biology

Second Place: Wayva Lyons, *Social and Cultural Influences on Alcohol Drinking Habits among Native American College and University Students across the United States*
Advisor: Helen Harton, Psychology

Third Place: Cassie Reilly-Boccia, *A Description of Swing Parameters and their Relationship to In Game Batting Performance in Division I Softball Players*
Advisor: Travis Ficklin, School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services

**Faculty Awards**

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Teaching Award
Todd Bohnenkamp
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders
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
Robert Washut
School of Music
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
Mohammed Rawwas
Department of Marketing
This research 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 Performances**

**Creative Writing**

First Place, Brian Pals, English: Creative Writing (M.A.)  
*On the Account of Abraham Panther: A Captive Narrativity*  
Advisor: Jeremy Schraffenberger

**Original Composition**

First Place, Michael Dickerson, Composition (M.M.)  
*16 June 2013 - The Difference Between a Harp and a Piano*  
Advisor: Sandy Nordahl

**Musical Performance**

First Place: Michelle Monroe, Performance: Voice (M.M.)  
*Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson by Aaron Copland*  
Advisor: Jeffrey Brich

Second Place: Natalie Neshyba, Performance: Flute (M.M.)  
*The Reimagined Baroque Flute*  
Advisor: Angeleita Floyd

Honorable Mention: Mara Miller, Performance: Flute (M.M.)  
*Julie-O by Mark Summer*  
Advisor: Angeleita Floyd

Third Place: Kate Finegan, Critical Thinking Tasks and Second Language Vocabulary Learning  
Advisor: A.J. Meier, Languages & Literatures

**Outstanding Creative Master’s Thesis Award**

Tara Meade, *A Master’s Recital in Flute*  
Advisor: Angeleita Floyd, School of Music

**Graduate Student Symposium Awards**

**Oral Presentations**

First Place, Elm Room, Scotti Hagensick, Counseling: School Counseling (M.A.)  
*Adolescents and Sexting: The Various Consequences and Strategies for Schools to Respond*  
Advisor: Roberto Swazo

Second Place, Elm Room, Taylor Ash, Social Work (M.S.W)  
*Suicidal and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury*  
Advisor: William Downs

First Place, Oak Room, Rachel Meisinger, Psychology: Clinical Science (M.A.)  
*Identification of Sluggish Cognitive Tempo by Teachers*  
Advisor: Elizabeth Lefler

Second Place, Oak Room, Andrew Martin, Leisure, Youth & Human Services (Ed.D.)  
*Exploring the Perceived Work-Life Effects of Changes in Family Status on the Collegiate Outdoor Recreation Coordinators*  
Advisor: Kathleen Scholl
Oral Presentations, continued

First Place, Presidential Room, Jared Parmater, Biology (M.S.)
The Effects of Metolachlor Exposure in THP-1 Alveolar and Monocyte and Macrophage Cellular Functions
Advisor: David McClenahan

Second Place, Presidential Room, Sushil Tuladhar, Geography (M.A.)
Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Phosphorus in the Cedar River Watershed of Iowa, USA
Advisors: Andrey Petrov & Mohammad Iqbal

First Place, State College Room, Annalee Hollingsworth, History (M.A.)
“More Gallant By Far”: Middle Class Enforcement of Masculine Ideals During the Evacuation of the Titanic
Advisor: Brian Roberts

Second Place, State College Room, Somtochukwu Ebede, Leisure, Youth & Human Services (M.A.)
Impact of Student Organizations on the Development of Core Competencies
Advisor: Julianne Gassman

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

Second Place, University Room, Megan Vogt, Social Work (M.S.W.)
Influx of Child Immigrants to the United States: Policy & Practice Implications
Advisor: Augustina Naami

Poster Presentations

Research

First Place, Junu Shrestha, Allied Health, Recreation, and Community Services (Ed.D.)
& Sushil Tuladhar, Geography (M.A.)
Assessing Vulnerability Mapping of Nitrate Contamination Among the Private Well Owners of Black Hawk County, IA
Advisors: Catherine Zeman & John DeGroote

Second Place, Ziyuan Li, Industrial Technology (D.I.T.)
Audio Jack Data Communication on Smartphones
Advisor: Hong Nie

Literature Review

First Place, Ranjana Joshi, Industrial Technology (D.I.T.)
Smartphone Centric Ubiquitous Sensing Platforms
Advisor: Hong Nie

Second Place, Rachel Ellingson, School Psychology (Ed.S.)
Adolescents’ Risk-Taking and Self-Disclosure Online
Advisor: Nicole Skaar