Graduate Student Scholarship Award Winners, 2016-2017

**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