

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