Graduate Student Recognition

2008 Awards

Graduate School Research Fair Poster Presentations

**Jinfeng Wang - Sigma Xi Award**
Ph.D. Physics
"Controlled Synthesis of ZnO Nanostructures"

**Aileen Faye G. Bongat - First Place Ph.D. Level Natural Sciences Division**
'Synthesis and Evaluation of Structural Analogs of Escherichia Coli Lipid A"

**Randi Jo Ulbricht - Second Place Ph.D. Level Natural Sciences Division**
"Yeast Puf1 regulates mRNA decay in combination with other Puf proteins"

**Maria L. Udan - Third Place Ph.D. Level Natural Sciences Division**
"Alzheimer’s Amyloid beta (1-42) stimulation of the innate immune response is mediated by toll-like receptors 2 and 4"

**Sarah Hanly - First Place Ph.D. Level Social Sciences Division**
"Exploring the Cognitive Underpinnings of Word Retrieval Failures in Dyslexia Using the Tip-Of-the-Tongue Paradigm"

**Debra Walker Emery - Second Place Ph.D. Level Social Sciences Division**
"A Longitudinal Examination of the Remediation of Learning Disabilities: IQ, Age of Diagnosis, School SES and Desegregation"

**Kimberly L. Casey - Third Place Ph.D. Level Social Sciences Division**
"Defining Political Capital: A Reconsideration of Bourdieu’s Interconvertibility Theory"

**Tyler Paytas - Master’s level poster presentation award**
"Can Falsificationists Build Good Bridges?"

2007 Awards

**Jinfeng Wang - Sigma Xi Award**
Ph.D. Physics "Synthesis and Characterization of Antimony-doped Tin Oxide Nanostructures"

**Grigorios A. Papadakos – Second Place**
Ph.D. Chemistry "Active Site Mutation Uncouples Metal IO Binding Sites in Pvull Endonuclease"

**Wendy Tori - Second Place**
Ph.D. Biology "A test of the Kin Selection Hypothesis for the Evolution of Lekking
Behavior in White-crowned Manakins (*Pipra pipra*)

**Adriana Rodriguez-Ferraro – Third Place**
Ph.D. Biology "Diversity Patterns of Arid Zone Birds in Northern Venezuela"

### 2006 Awards

**Wendy Tori**
NSF Dissertation Fellowship

**Colin White** - First Place Graduate School Research Fair
Ph.D. Chemistry "Activation of Group 14 Element to Hydrogen Bonds by Platinum-phospine Complexes"

**Ngamjit Praingam** - Second Place Graduate School Research Fair
Ph.D. Chemistry "The Effect of Phosphine on SiH Bond Activation Reactions with PT Complexes."

**Kurt Kestler** - Third Place Graduate School Research Fair
M.A. History "The Imperial Dragon and The Republican Eagle: Anson Burlingame: His Treaty, and Sino-American Relations from 1861 to 1880"

### 2005 Awards

**Regan Gustafson** - First Place Research Presentation, Graduate School Day
Ph.D. Criminology "Rurality and Approval of Violence: A Multi-level Examination of Attitudes Regarding the Use of Violence"

**S. Sean Houshmandi** Second Place, Research Presentation, Graduate School Day
Ph.D. Biology "Puf3 Protein Elements Required for Binding and Regulation of Messenger RNA in Yeast"

**Michael Hylen** - Third Place, Research Presentation, Graduate School Day
Ph.D. Education "At-Risk Middle School Students’ Perspectives of School Climate and its Impact on Achievement"

**Rochelle Henderson**
Political Science Political Science Graduate Assistant Scholarship

**Pavia Landiss**
Political Science Political Science Graduate Assistant Scholarship

**Cindie Jeter Yanow**
Political Science Political Science Graduate Assistant Scholarship

**Elizabeth Gavin**
M.A. Sciology Outstanding Student in Statistics and Methods

**Paulo Camara**
Ph.D. Biology CAPES Scholarship

**Ryan Kuehn**
Accounting Jack Box Accounting Scholarship

**Han-Tse Li**
Accounting
Noel K. Mahr Accounting Scholarship

**Yanfang Li**
Accounting Accounting Alumni Scholarship

**Yakun Liu**
Accounting Accounting Alumni Scholarship

**Vyacheslav Mikryokov**
Accounting KPMG Accounting Scholarship

**Kristen Mitchell**
Accounting Pricewaterhouse Coopers Graduate Scholarship
Rebecca Jeyes  
Women's Studies The McAffrey Graduate Scholarship

Sean Engelkemeyer  
Ph.D. Psychology  
Lewis J. Sherman Memorial Scholarship

Shawn O'Connor  
Ph.D. Psychology  
Kathy Van Dyke Scholarship

Melanie Blunt  
Ph.D. Psychology Kathy Van Dyke Scholarship

Oliver Weiberger  Jorge Brea  
Ph.D. Physics  
Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship  
"Analysis and Modeling of Stochastic Oscillations with applications to Biology"

Anand Jeyaraj  
Ph.D. Business - Information Systems Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship  
"The Effect of Influence Tactics and Contingency Factors on the Adoption and Diffusion of IS/IT Innovations in Social Entworks"

Osman Ozturgut  
Ph.D. Education Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship  
"Challenges of Running a Sino-US Joint Venture Campus in China"

Krisanna Scheiter  
M.A. Philosophy Graduate School Nomination to MAGS Thesis Award  
Aristotle’s Active Intellect and the Primary Mover"

Naomi B. Landis  
NonProfit Management & Leadership Graduate  
Certificate Trio Foundation Graduate Scholarship

Erica M. Fendler  
NonProfit Management & Leadership Graduate  
Certificate Trio Foundation Graduate Scholarship

Musawir K. Shabazz  
NonProfit Management & Leadership Graduate  
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Adrian Azpiroz  
Ph.D. Biology Cleveland Zoo - Rufford Small Grants for Nature Conservation Grant

Lisa M. Smith  
M. A. History  
James Madison Fellow

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