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April 17, 2008

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Joanne Crawford  
2008 Distinguished  
Master's Thesis  
Award Winner

The Graduate School



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The Graduate School publishes the Graduate Scholar annually to recognize and honor those who have achieved excellence in graduate study at Eastern Illinois University.



Awards Ceremony | April 17, 2008

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Ms. Alisha Goode, President of the Graduate Student Advisory Council and Mistress of Ceremonies

Dr. William L. Perry, President

Dr. Blair M. Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Robert M. Augustine, Dean of the Graduate School

Distinguished Graduate Student Awards

College of Arts and Humanities

Announced by Dean James Johnson

**Koeli Goel**- Communication Studies

Presented by Dr. Melanie Mills

**Jessica Pickering**- English

Presented by Dr. Chris Hanlon

**Michael Swinford**- History

Presented by Dr. Lynne Curry

**Catherine Carman**- History (Historical Administration)

Presented by Dr. Nora Pat Small

**Timothy J. Schmidt**- Music

Presented by Dr. Parker Melvin

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

Announced by Dean Diane Hoadley

**Martin Adams**- Business Administration (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Cheryl Noll

**Laura Ware**- Business Administration (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Cheryl Noll

**Cora Polarek**- Family & Consumer Sciences

Presented by Dr. Frances Murphy

**Cheryl Rozela**- Family & Consumer Sciences (Dietetics)

Presented by Dr. Frances Murphy

**Kristin Born**- Gerontology

Presented by Dr. Jeanne Snyder

**Gabe Grant**- Technology (On-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Luke Steinke

**Paul Bierman**- Technology (Off-Campus)

Presented by Dr. Deborah Woodley

College of Education and Professional Studies

Announced by Dean Diane Jackman

**Jason Goldfarb**- College Student Affairs

Presented by Dr. Charles Eberly

**Marilyn Ridgway**- Counseling

Presented by Dr. Gloria Leitschuh

**Phillip Cox**- Educational Administration (Master's)

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford

**Debbie Poffinbarger**- Educational Administration (Specialist's)

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford

**Kyle Snyders**- Elementary Education

Presented by Dr. Joy Russell

**Christopher Ryan**- Physical Education

Presented by Dr. Stacey Ruholl

**Kenneth Coffey**- Special Education

Presented by Dr. Kathlene Shank

College of Sciences

Announced by Dean Mary Anne Hanner

**William S. Beatty**- Biological Sciences

Presented by Dr. Chuck Costa

**Dilani Gamage**- Chemistry

Presented by Dr. Gopal Periyannan

**Stacey Raj**- Clinical Psychology

Presented by Dr. Anu Sharma

**Jamie Towne**- Communication Disorders & Sciences

Presented by Dr. Tina Veale

**Darrin Johnson**- Economics

Presented by Dr. Mukti Upadhyay

**David Hovorka**- Mathematics

Presented by Dr. Keith Wolcott

**Karianne Hendrix**- Mathematics (Math Education Option)

Presented by Dr. Marshall Lassak

**Robert Glazier**- Natural Sciences

Presented by Dr. Jim McGaughey

**Sharlin Aldao**- Political Science

Presented by Dr. Ryan Hendrickson

**Michael Maier**- School Psychology

Presented by Dr. Mike Havey



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Williams Travel Awards

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Announced by Dr. Lisa Taylor, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Awards Committee

Presented by Dr. Thomas Nelson, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Awards Committee and  
Dr. Kathlene Shank, Member, Awards Committee; Chair and Graduate Coordinator, Special Education

Fall 2007 Recipients

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**William S. Beatty**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Zhiwei Liu

**Jennifer Blitsch**, Communication Disorders and Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tina Veale

**Cassie Flack**, Communication Disorders and Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Brenda Wilson

**Jeff Fore**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Robert Fischer

**Lee Gross**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Stephen Mullin

**Corinna Hanson**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Thomas Nelson

**Vincent Hustad**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Andrew Methven

**Marissa Jernegan**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Janice Coons

**Darrin Johnson**, Economics  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Hui Liu

**Brandon Jutras**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Zhiwei Liu

**Yi Lin**, College Student Affairs  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Eberly

**Uros Marjanovic**, Technology  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Samuel Guccione

**Jason Minard**, History  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Edmund Wehrle

**Carolina Pelaez-Morales**, English  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Terri Fredrick

**Alexandra Quinones**, College Student Affairs  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. James Wallace

**Kyle Snyders**, Elementary Education  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Linda Reven

**Donna Vitale**, College Student Affairs  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Charles Eberly

**Stephen Warrner**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor- Dr. Robert Fischer

Spring 2008 Recipients

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**Sharlin Aldao**, Political Science  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Barbara Poole

**Alexandra Baluka**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Steven Daniel

**Jeremy Bowling**, Political Science  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. David Carwell

**Danyelle Dehner**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Robert Fischer

**Peter Frey**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners

**Michael Kleen**, History  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Edmund Wehrle

**Laura Ladwig**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners

**George Lesica**, Economics  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Mukti Upadhyay

**Rachel Lutz**, English  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Anne Zahlan

**Christine Schaffer**, Political Science  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Jeffrey Ashley

**Shannon Schwab**, Family and Consumer Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Lisa Taylor

**Whitney Sturm**, Communication Disorders and Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Angela Anthony

**Corey Taylor**, English  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Christopher Hanlon

Research/Creative Activity Awards

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Announced by Dr. Sace Elder, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Awards Committee

Presented by Dr. Linda Morford, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Awards Committee; Chair and Graduate Coordinator, Educational Leadership and Dr. Tina Veale, Member, Awards Committee; Graduate Coordinator, Communications Disorders and Sciences

Fall 2007 Recipients

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- Alexandra Baluka**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Steven Daniel
- Catherine Carman**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Angie Drews**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Sarah Elm**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Alisha Goode**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Dan Grzesiak**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Laura Ladwig**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Scott Meiners
- Kristen Lundquist**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Alyson Mazzone**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Laurie Stein**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid
- Tiffany Taylor**, Historical Administration  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Terry Barnhart  
and Dr. Debra Reid

Spring 2008 Recipients

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- William S. Beatty**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Zhiwei Liu
- Danyelle Dehner**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Robert Fischer
- Brandon Jutras**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentors, Dr. Zhiwei Liu and  
Dr. Jeff Laursen
- Rachel Kleinschmidt**, History  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Debra Reid

Graduate Scholarships

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Announced by Dr. Steve Conn, Vice Chair, Council on Graduate Studies; Member, Scholarship Committee

2008 Mary Bear McClay Scholar

**Karla Waymoth**, Mathematics Education  
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Marshall Lassak

2008 Betty Wright Downing Scholar

**Jessica Matthews**, Community Counseling  
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Richard Roberts

2008 Frances Meyer Hampton Scholar

**Jodi Dyke**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Tina Veale

Graduate School Leadership Award and Award of Excellence

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Presented by Dr. Robert Augustine, Dean of the Graduate School

2008 Graduate School Leadership Awards

This award goes to all graduate programs earning First Choice distinction in academic year 2007-2008.

**History and Historical Administration; English; Communication Disorders and Sciences;  
Counseling and College Student Affairs**

2008 Graduate School Award of Excellence

**Dr. Will Hine, Dean and Staff of The School of Continuing Education**

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Thesis Award Winners

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Announced by Mr. Chris Kahler, Member, Council on Graduate Studies; Chair, Thesis Committee;  
Graduate Coordinator, Art

Honorable Mention

**Cassie Flack**, Communication Disorders and Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Brenda Wilson

Award of Excellence

**Shauna Cromwell**, English  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Timothy Shonk

Distinguished Master's Thesis Award and Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Thesis Nomination

**Joanne Crawford**, Biological Sciences  
Faculty Mentor, Dr. Thomas Nelson

2008 Graduate Faculty Nominees and Honoree

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Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Nominees and 2008 Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

Announced by Ms. Kristen Lundquist, Vice President, Graduate Student Advisory Council

**Dr. Ronan Bernas**, Clinical Psychology  
Student Nominator: Koyeli Sengupta  
**Ms. Lynn Calvert**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Student Nominator: Whitney Sturm  
**Dr. Sace Elder**, History  
Student Nominator: Michelle Lashley  
**Mr. Frank Goldacker**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Student Nominator: Colleen Slattery  
**Dr. Marko Grunhagen**, Graduate Business Studies  
Student Nominator: Monica Rogoz  
**Dr. Samuel Guccione**, Technology  
Student Nominator: Uros Marjanovic  
**Dr. Christopher Hanlon**, English  
Student Nominator: Emily Ramage  
**Dr. Heidi Larson**, Counseling and Student Development  
Student Nominator: Sarah Petsch

**Dr. Andrew McNitt**, Political Science  
Student Nominator: Justin Sinner,  
Kerry Krutsinger, and Travis Bounds  
**Dr. Thomas Nelson**, Biological Sciences  
Student Nominator: William S. Beatty  
and Joanne Crawford  
**Dr. Anu Sharma**, Clinical Psychology  
Student Nominator: Koyeli Sengupta  
**Dr. Jeanne Snyder**, Gerontology  
Student Nominator: Lori D. Smith  
**Dr. Tina Veale**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Student Nominator: Courtney Bosco  
**Dr. Jeff Willardson**, Kinesiology and Sports Studies  
Student Nominator: Russell Koenig  
**Dr. Brenda Wilson**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Student Nominator: Cassie Flack  
**Dr. Melody Wollan**, Graduate Business Studies  
Student Nominator: Ivana Milosevic

2008 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor

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**Ms. Jean Smitley**, Communication Disorders & Sciences  
Student Nominator: Julie Pline





**Distinguished Master's Thesis Award &  
Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Thesis Nomination**

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**Joanne Crawford**, Master of Science in Biological Sciences  
Thomas Nelson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

***Mating, Kinship, and Population Structure in Illinois Beaver Populations***

The North American beaver, *Castor canadensis*, is considered to be an ecosystem engineer because of its ability to modify riparian habitat and alter species composition. Beavers have historically been reported to be a monogamous species, living in discrete colonies that consist of an adult male and female, young of the year and juveniles from the previous breeding season. Yet monogamy is rare in mammals and molecular studies have not been conducted to confirm the purported mating system and colony composition of beavers. To that end, I developed 9 microsatellite markers specific to the beaver and used these to elucidate patterns of mating and kinship within and between colonies in 2 disparate populations in Illinois. Parentage assignments using CERVUS software revealed multiple paternity in 5 of 9 litters over both populations. Average relatedness assessed using Relatedness software varied widely in both populations, ranging from 0.037 to 0.636 in central Illinois and from 0.155 to 0.406 in southern Illinois. Colonies were composed primarily of first- and second-order relatives, but included unrelated individuals. Extra-pair mating frequently occurred between members of neighboring colonies in southern Illinois. Distance between colonies was not found to be a strong predictor of relatedness in either population. Finally, tests of genetic differentiation between populations revealed a significant  $F_{ST}$  value of  $0.0676 \pm 0.0119$ , indicating moderate population subdivision. This study was the first of its kind to use molecular methods to investigate mating and kinship patterns in beavers and revealed that beavers are not always genetically monogamous as previously believed. Future research in other populations is needed to test predictions regarding ecological conditions, such as habitat, winter temperature, and colony density, which may influence mating patterns and colony composition.

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**Master's Thesis Award of Excellence**

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**Shauna Cromwell**, Master of Arts in English  
Timothy Shonk, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English, Faculty Mentor

***The Interdialect Approach to Second Dialect Acquisition: Theory, Process, and Results***

This project outlines the theory, process, and results behind an original approach to second dialect acquisition termed the "Interdialect Approach." To begin, the historical origins and development of the non-standard dialect African-American English (AAE) are outlined, focusing particularly on the evolution of the dialect and the importance of its historical examination in relation to current studies, research, and emerging non-traditional teaching methods for second dialect acquisition.

This multi-faceted approach is clearly defined and offered as an effective method for teaching non-standard English speakers. For the purpose of this work, the "Interdialect Approach" was used with AAE speakers as is noted in the discussion of two research studies of the non-standard dialect. What is more intriguing and valuable is that the "Interdialect Approach" to second dialect acquisition can be applied to all non-standard dialects of the English language, as it gives both educators and students the framework needed to identify the linguistic, phonological, and grammatical characteristics of non-standard English speaking students. The "Interdialect Approach" places these students in the "Interdialect Stage," or the stage between dialects; furthermore, students in this stage are recognized as developmental, showing identifiable patterns of transition and signs of improvement.

Not only does the "Interdialect Approach" give a framework to identify these progressive learners, but it also offers key teaching methods, which educators can use to bring non-standard English speakers to proficiency in the target dialect, Mainstream or Standard English. Beyond offering various methods for improvement, the "Interdialect Approach" also offers promising methods of evaluation to establish the validity and usefulness of this approach to second dialect acquisition. Through a discussion of the significant improvements made through this approach, the conclusion that the "Interdialect Approach" is valuable and unique in adding to existing research and providing practical and useful methods for teaching non-standard English speakers becomes evident.





**Master's Thesis Honorable Mention**

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**Cassie Flack**, Master of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences  
Brenda Wilson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communications Disorders and Sciences,  
Faculty Mentor

***Word Retrieval Treatment Using Collaborative Referencing***

The use of collaborative referencing tasks as a supplement to traditional speech therapy for two individuals (one male and one female) with nonfluent aphasia due to cerebrovascular accident (CVA) was investigated. The participants' spouses served as communication partners for the collaborative referencing task. Stimuli consisted of three sets of ten pictures of individuals performing actions. Participants and spouses alternated serving as director and matcher for six trials each session. Each picture set was targeted until participants reached 80% accuracy across two trials at identifying pictures. Analysis of transcripts showed that participants and communication partners followed the three phases of the collaborative referencing model (initiation, refashioning, and acceptance) when they did not initially agree on a verb label for a picture. The participants in this study made gains in verb retrieval across each session. In addition, gains were shown to be maintained when picture sets were reintroduced. Cueing strategies were used by communication partners when the participant with aphasia was unable to name an accepted verb label. Descriptive analysis determined that sentence completion, description, and gesture cues were effective for eliciting correct responses for Participant 1 and phonemic and question cues were effective for eliciting correct responses for Participant 2. For these participants, collaborative referencing was a viable supplement to traditional speech therapy services. In cases in which therapy sessions are limited, this model may be an important way to supplement services provided by the speech language pathologist.

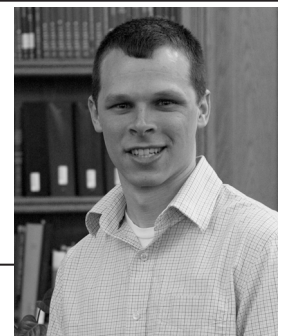


**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Alexandra Baluka**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Evaluation of the Oxalate-Consuming Activities of Probiotic Microorganisms*  
Steven Daniel, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Danisco USA, Inc., Research Partner

**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**William S. Beatty**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*A Genetic Assessment of the Red Squirrel in Illinois: Natives, Immigrants or Exotics?*  
Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award**  
**Catherine Carman**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option  
*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*  
Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

**Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award**

**Danyelle Dehner**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Comparison of Life History Traits of the Central Stoneroller (*Campostoma anomalum*)*  
Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor  
Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Research Partner





**Graduate School Research /Creative Activity Award**

**Angie Drews**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*

Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Sarah Elm**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*

Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Alisha Goode**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*

Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Dan Grzesiak**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option

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Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Brandon Jutras**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Lone Star Tick (Borrelia lonestari) the Parasite and its Tick Host*

Jeffrey Laursen, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Illinois Department of Public Health, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Rachel Kleinschmidt**, Masters Candidate in History

*Independent Women: Political and Agrarian Activism of Single Women in  
Coles County, IL, 1890-1940*

Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**

**Laura Ladwig**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Ecology of Lianas in Regenerating Temperate Forests and their Impact on Tree Growth*

Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

Rutgers University, Research Partner



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**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**  
**Kristen Lundquist**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option  
*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*  
Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**  
**Alyson Mazzone**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option  
*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*  
Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**  
**Laurie Stein**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option  
*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*  
Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner

**Graduate School Research/Creative Activity Award**  
**Tiffany Taylor**, Masters Candidate in History, Historical Administration Option  
*Tilford E. Dudley: A Man of Conviction*  
Terry Barnhart, Ph.D., Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Debra Reid, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor  
Coles County Historical Society, Research Partner



**Williams Travel Award**  
**Sharlin Aldao**, Masters Candidate in Political Science  
*An Examination of the 2004 Negative Presidential Campaign Ads*  
Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science | Normal, Illinois  
Barbara Poole Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

**Williams Travel Award**

**Alexandra Baluka**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Oxalate-Consuming Activities of Probiotic Microorganisms*  
108th Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology | Boston, Massachusetts  
Steven Daniel, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**  
**William S. Beatty**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*A Genetic Assessment of the Red Squirrel in Illinois: Natives, Immigrants or Exotics?*  
68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin  
Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

**Williams Travel Award**

**Jennifer Blitsch**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences  
*Narratives in ASD: Impact of Condition and Type of Support and  
Impact of Examiner Prompting in Narratives for Children with ASD*

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention | Boston, Massachusetts  
Tina Veale, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Jeremy Bowling**, Masters Candidate in Political Science

*Economic Growth and Political Liberty: A Post -1980 Quantitative Analysis*

Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science | Normal, Illinois

David Carwell, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

**Williams Travel Award**

**Danyelle Dehner**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*An Approach to Comparing Life History Traits of the Stoneroller (*Campostoma anomalum*)*

Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Athens, Ohio

Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Cassie Flack**, Masters Candidate in Communication Disorders and Sciences

*Word Retrieval Treatment using Collaborative Referencing*

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention | Boston, Massachusetts

Brenda Wilson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of CDS, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Jeff Fore**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Relationship among Geomorphology and Fish Assemblages in Eastern Illinois Streams*

68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin

Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Peter Frey**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*Effect of Silvicultural Treatments on Sugar Maple Expansion Patterns in Upland Oak Forests*

Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Athens, Ohio

Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



**Williams Travel Award**

**Lee Gross**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences

*A Pond-Breeding Amphibian Community after Fish Removal: A Six Year Study and  
Compositional Changes in a Pond-Breeding Amphibian Community After Fish Removal*

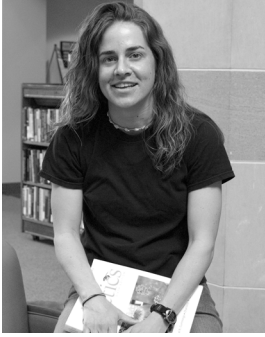
68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin

Stephen Mullin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



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**Williams Travel Award**

**Corinna Hanson**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Red Squirrel Distribution and Habitat Use in Illinois*  
68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin  
Thomas Nelson, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Vincent Hustad**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Terrestrial Macrofungal Species Composition and Richness in Old Growth Prairie Groves*  
Annual Meeting of the Mycological Society of America | Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Andrew Methven, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

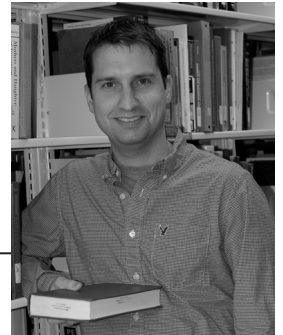
**Marissa Jernegan**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Soil Characteristics and Microbes Influencing Establishment of Prairie Species*  
Plant, Biology and Botany 2007 | Chicago, Illinois  
Janice Coons, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Darrin Johnson**, Masters Candidate in Economics  
*Renewable Energy R&D and Innovation*  
Missouri Valley Economic Association | Kansas City, Kansas  
Hui Li, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Brandon Jutras**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Lone Star Tick, *Borrelia lonestari*, the Parasite and its Tick Host*  
Association of Southeastern Biologists | Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Zhiwei Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Michael Kleen**, Masters Candidate in History  
*The Copperhead Threat in Illinois: Peace Democrats, Loyalty Leagues, and the Charleston Riot of 1864*  
2007 Conference on Illinois History | Springfield, Illinois  
Edmund Wehrle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Laura Ladwig**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Ecology of Lianas in Regenerating Temperate Forests*  
Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference | Athens, Ohio  
Scott Meiners, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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Williams Travel Award

**George Lesica**, Masters Candidate in Economics  
*Informal Sector in Developing Countries: Measurement and Interaction with the Formal Sector*  
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting | Chicago, Illinois  
Mukti Upadhyay, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Faculty Mentor



Williams Travel Award

**Yi Lin**, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs  
*Charting a Course of Overseas Study in China*  
Midwest Meeting of Graduate Students in College Student Personnel | Indianapolis, Indiana  
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor



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**Rachel Lutz**, Masters Candidate in English  
*Thank Heaven for Little Girls: The Female Child in Martin Amis's Worlds Gone Wrong*  
Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language and Media | Dekalb, Illinois  
Anne Zahlan, Ph.D., Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



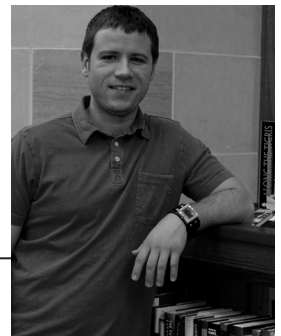
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**Uros Marjanovic**, Masters Candidate in Technology  
*Always-Connected Industrial Ethernet*  
National Association of Industrial Technology Conference | Panama City Beach, Florida  
Samuel Guccione, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Technology, Faculty Mentor



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**Jason Minard**, Masters Candidate in History  
*Korematsu: Greed and Racism or Justified Removal?*  
29th Annual Mid-America Conference on History | Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Edmund Wehrle, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Faculty Mentor



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**Carolina Pelaez-Morales**, Masters Candidate in English  
*Overcoming the "Double Division of Labor": Engaging English Studies in ESL Community Programs*  
The Future of English Studies Conference | Springfield, Illinois  
Terri Fredrick, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Faculty Mentor



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**Alexandria Quinones**, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs  
*When the "Excluded" becomes the "Exclusive": Lesbians in Historically Black Sororities*  
NASPA Summit on Black Greek Letter Organizations | Charlotte, North Carolina  
James Wallace, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Counseling and Student Development, Faculty Mentor





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**Christine Schaffer**, Masters Candidate in Political Science  
*Can We Really do More with Less: The Case of Environmental Protection and Declining Budgets*  
Western Social Science Association Annual Conference | Denver, Colorado  
Jeffrey Ashley, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Shannon Schwab**, Masters Candidate in Family and Consumer Sciences  
*Female Bullying and Victimization in High School*  
Annual Illinois Council on Family Relations Conference | Champaign, Illinois  
Lisa Taylor, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Kyle Snyders**, Masters Candidate in Elementary Education  
*Using Children's Literature to Engage Readers and Differentiate Comprehension*  
53rd International Reading Association Convention | Atlanta, Georgia  
Linda Reven, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Faculty Mentor

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*Effect of Joint Book Reading and Language Experience*  
Illinois Speech and Hearing Association | Rosemont, Illinois  
Angela Anthony, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication Disorders and Sciences, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Corey Taylor**, Masters Candidate in English  
*Q: Temporality and Identity in Postmodern Fiction*  
Midwest Conference on Literature, Language and Media | Dekalb, Illinois  
Christopher Hanlon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Donna Vitale**, Masters Candidate in College Student Affairs  
*An Examination of Collective Threat and Stereotype Threat*  
Midwest Meeting of Graduate Students in College Student Personnel | Indianapolis, Indiana  
Charles Eberly, Ph.D., Professor of Counseling and Student Development,  
Faculty Mentor

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**Williams Travel Award**

**Stephen Warrner**, Masters Candidate in Biological Sciences  
*Assessment of Stream Valley Segments as Determinants of Stream Habitat Quality*  
68th Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference | Madison, Wisconsin  
Robert Fischer, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences, Faculty Mentor



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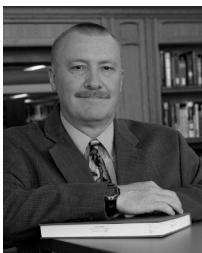
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