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Outstanding Graduate Students Awards Ceremony

2004-2005

Celebrating the achievements of our students

Tuesday, April 26, 2005, 6 o'clock p.m.

Mass Media & Technology Hall Auditorium
Welcome
Elmer Gray
Dean of Graduate Studies

Remarks
Dr. Barbara G. Burch
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

Outstanding Graduate Students
Potter College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences
Introductions by Dr. Joan Krenzin

Department of Communication
Elena Pak
Presented by Dr. Larry Caillouet

Department of English
Leigh C. Johnson
Presented by Dr. Elizabeth Oakes

Department of Folk Studies & Anthropology
Jill Breit
Presented by Dr. Michael Ann Williams

Department of Political Science
Public Administration
Dwight D. Butler
Presented by Dr. Saundra Ardrey

Department of Sociology
Lisa M. Boswell
Presented by Dr. Joan Krenzin

Academic College Awards
John D. Minton Graduate Student Award
College of Education & Behavioral Sciences

Introductions by Dr. Jim Berger

Department of Counseling & Student Affairs
Gary Wiser - Student Affairs in Higher Education
Erin E. Chickering - Mental Health, Marriage & Family Therapy
Christina E. Shank - Mental Health, Professional Counseling
Brittany B. Richey - School Counseling
Presented by Dr. Vernon Sheeley

Department of Psychology
Melissa Mathews - Applied Experimental
Presented by Dr. Daniel Roenker
Emily Averitt - Clinical
Presented by Dr. Rick Grieve
Amy R. Schirmer - Industrial/Organizational
Presented by Dr. Betsy Shoensfelt
Sara B. Murphy - School Psychology
Presented by Dr. Carl Myers

Department of Special Instructional Programs
Ashlee C. Tomes - Exceptional Education
Presented by Dr. Nedra Atwell
Janean Minter - Elementary Education - Literacy
Presented by Dr. Sherry W. Powers

College of Health & Human Services

Introductions by Dr. Susan Wesley
Graduate Council

Department of Communication Disorders
Felicia Ferguson
Presented by Dr. Joseph Etienne

Department of Nursing
Angela Irvin
Dora K. Thomas - Nurse Educator
Presented by Dr. Donna Blackburn

Department of Physical Education & Recreation
Lindsay E. Parson - Physical Education, Exercise Science
Michael L. Nunnally - Recreation
Presented by Dr. Thad Crews

Department of Public Health
Monica Rodriguez - Environmental Health
Presented by Dr. Emmanuel Iyiegbuniwe
Amanda L. Kohden - Health Administration
Presented by Dr. Charles Wainright

Department of Social Work
L. Lee McMichael
Presented by Dr. Suzie T. Cashwell
Gordon Ford College of Business

Introductions by Dr. Nace Magner
Graduate Council

Master of Business Administration
Doug Elliott
Presented by Ms. Jipaum Askew-Gibson

Ogden College of Science & Engineering

Introductions by Dr. Cheryl Davis
Graduate Council

Department of Agriculture
Pavani Vuppalapati
Presented by Dr. Jack Rudolph

Department of Biology
Michael Ruhl
Presented by Dr. Philip Lienesch

Department of Chemistry
Lingyu Meng
Presented by Dr. Wei-Ping Pan

Department of Computer Science
J. Taylor Johnson
Presented by Dr. James Gary

Department of Geography & Geology
Daniel R. Taylor
Presented by Dr. Rezaul Mahmood

Department of Mathematics
Asli Gülüdürdek
Presented by Dr. Tom Richmond

Academic College Awards

Potter College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
Leigh Johnson, English
Jill Breit, Folk Studies
Presentation by Dr. David Lee, Dean

College of Education & Behavioral Sciences
Amy R. Schirmer
Presentation by Dr. Sam Evans, Dean

College of Health & Human Services
Lindsay E. Parson, Physical Education
Presentation by Dr. John Bonaguro, Dean

Gordon Ford College of Business
Doug Elliott
Presentation by Ms. Jipaum Askew-Gibson, MBA Director

Ogden College of Science & Engineering
Asli Gülüdürdek, Mathematics
Presentation by Dr. Blaine Ferrell, Dean
John D. Minton Award

Jennifer Bradbury, English

Comments by Dr. Elmer Gray
Dean of Graduate Studies

Comments by Dr. Elizabeth Oakes
Graduate Advisor, English

Presentation and Comments
Dr. John D. Minton

Master's Theses & Specialist Projects

May 2004

*Indicates student submitted thesis electronically.

*Adkins, Jennifer. EDS in School Psychology. Investigating emotional intelligence and social skills in home schooled students. Dr. William Pfohl, Director.

*Antle, Michelle. EDS in School Psychology. The use of social stories to teach social and behavioral skills to preschool children with moderate to severe autism. Dr. Carl Myers, Director.


Briggs, Michael. MS in Geoscience. Roadside memorial practices: An examination of landscapes of commemoration in Warren County, Kentucky. Dr. Katie Algeo, Director.

Carnahan, Thomas. MA in Psychology. Interpersonal dynamics of volunteers for a simulated prison study, general psychological study, and a helping-behavior study. Dr. Sam McFarland, Director.


Coles, Joanna. MS in Agriculture. Efficacy of herbicide combinations on burley and dark-air cured tobacco. Dr. Todd William, Director.

Curry, William. MS in Geoscience. Using cesium 137 to understand recent in cave sedimentation in the Tongass National Forest, Southeast Alaska. Dr. Chris Groves, Director.


Duncan-Ponvert, Annie. MA in History. The stories of eleven who served in World War II from Lewisburg, Kentucky. Dr. Jack Thacker, Director.

Ferguson, Joseph. MS in Biology. Taxonomic and functional organization of an Eastern Highland Rim stream, a comparison of macroinvertebrate assemblages on Rifford Wood Habitats. Dr. Scott Grubbs, Director.

May 2004 (Continued)

Garrett, James. MA in Psychology. Relationships between personality and individual perceptions of social cohesion. Dr. Reagan Brown, Director.

Graham, Mark. MS in Geoscience. Understanding perceptions of accessibility and mobility through structuration theory. Dr. Katie Algeo, Director.

*Herrin, Melissa. EDS in School Psychology. Using social stories to teach social and behavioral skills to preschool children with autism. Dr. Carl Myers, Director.

Honaker, Matthew. MS in Chemistry. Cesium effect: A mild and efficient synthesis of secondary and tertiary phosphines. Dr. Ralph Salvatore, Director.

*Jolly, Adam. MA in English. Three furies: The mythic and the mundane. Dr. Nancy Roberts, Director.

*Katakoudou, Sachin. MS in Computer Science. Face recognition: Study and comparison of PCA and EBGM algorithms. Dr. Rob Byrd, Director.


Largen, Jessica. MA in Psychology. The relationship between stress, satisfaction, and emotional intelligence in college students. Dr. Elizabeth Shoenfelt, Director.

Lineberry, Quentin. MS in Chemistry. Determination of carbon nanotube modification by TG-MS and pyrolysis-GC/MS. Dr. Wei-Ping Pan, Director.

May, Jonathan. MA in Sociology. "Why can't I just be a singer?" Managing the religious implications of being a rock music artist and a Christian. Dr. Stephen Groce, Director.

Mayfield, Christina. MA in Psychology. Emotional intelligence in children with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Dr. William Pohl, Director.

McCombs, Michelle. MS in Chemistry. A 59-Cobalt NMR investigation of the hydrogen/deuterium exchange kinetics in cobalt (III) complexes. Dr. Les Pesterfield, Director.

Medlin, Jenna. MS in Geoscience. A spatial analysis of the impact of development on wetland habitat in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Dr. John All, Director.

Nickel, Kathleen. MA in Psychology. The effect of gender, jury instructions, victim intoxication and perpetrator intoxication on individuals and jury perceptions of sexual harassment. Dr. Elizabeth Shoenfelt, Director.

Parker, John. MA in Psychology. The effects of self-monitoring and religious self-disciplines on negative effect. Dr. Sam McFarland, Director.


Seadler, Kathryn. MS in Geoscience. Atrazine contamination in a rural source water supply: Spa Lake, Lewisburg, Kentucky. Dr. Chris Groves, Director.

Simmons, Jason. MS in Agriculture. Influence of poultry litter on dark tobacco growth and soil nutrient availability. Dr. Todd Willian, Director.

Smalley, Stephanie. MS in Chemistry. Spectroscopic studies of chlorophylla complexes with trinitro-substituted fluorine derivatives. Dr. Thandi Buthelezi, Director.

Swan, Jay. MS in Biology. Black and white: Structural and functional aspects of dermal chromatophores of the marbled whiptail lizard. Dr. Richard Bowker, Director.


*Tinsley, Brooke. EDS in School Psychology. Concurrent validity study of the clinical assessment of depression with the Reynolds Adolescent Depression Scale. Dr. Elizabeth Jones, Director.

*Unsell, Kimberly. EDS in School Psychology. School psychology practitioners' perspectives on consultation training and practice. Dr. Carl Myers, Director.

Wade, Amanda. MA in Psychology. Minimizing the time of day effect through the use of background music. Dr. Sharon Mutter, Director.

Williams, Philip. MA in Sociology. The influence of situational organization, age gender, and peer group interaction on the emergence of the early social self. Dr. Steve Groce, Director.

Woosley, II, Barry. MS in Chemistry. Directed ortho metalation in hydrocarbon solvents: opposing Pi resonance effects. Dr. Robert Holman, Director.

August 2004

Aakula, Srikanth. MS in Biology. Cloning and sequencing of bovine Na+/K+ ATPase α-1 subunit. Dr. Kenneth Crawford, Director.

*Archila, Soleil. MS in Biology. Identification of phosphorylase kinase alpha subunit binding partners in skeletal muscle. Dr. Nancy Rice, Director.

*Bosley, Hugh. MA in Psychology. Levels of burnout and job satisfaction in large-scale agribusiness. Dr. Richard Miller, Director.
August 2004 (Continued)

Bradbury, Jennifer. MA in English. Revision, restlessness and multigenre. Dr. David Lenoir, Director.

*Buchar, Joan. MPH-Public Health Education. A comparison of perceptions of students, parents and school personnel regarding bullying behavior. Dr. Richard Wilson, Director.

Clayton, Anna Marie. MA in Psychology. The effect of experience upon the visual and haptic discrimination of 3-D object shape. Dr. J. Farley Norman, Director.

Dyrland, Allison. MA in Psychology. The effects of music preference and exercise intensity on exercise enjoyment and perceived exertion. Dr. Steven Winger, Director.

*Fulkerson, Robin. MA in Communication. A study of verbal immediacy in Army simulator maintenance training. Dr. Sally Hastings, Director.

Groves, Jonathan. MS in Mathematics. Nice polynomials. Dr. Jean-Claude Evard, Director.

Jones, Kristy. MA in Psychology. Exploration of the relationship between moral judgment development and crystallized intelligence. Dr. Pitt Derryberry, Director.

*Maglinger, Woodrow. MA in History. Dark days in the Ohio Valley: Three Western Kentucky Lynchings, 1884-1911. Dr. Patricia Minter, Director.

*Murphy, Kevin. MA in Folk Studies. Making the scene: An investigation of the rock and roll scenes of Nashville, Tennessee and Athens, Georgia. Dr. Michael Ann Williams, Director.


Ruley, Adam. MS in Biology. Physiology and biochemistry of lead accumulation in sesbania drummondii. Dr. Shivendra Sahi, Director.

*Sammons, Marc. MA in Psychology. The effects of age and task timing characteristics on contingency judgment. Dr. Sharon Mutter, Director.

*Sarmiento, Ariel. MPH-Public Health Education. Episodic heavy drinking and marijuana use among undergraduate students at Western Kentucky University. Dr. Lisa Lindley, Director.

*Starnes, John. MS in Biology. Effects of management and population size on genetic diversity of Eggert’s sunflower (Helianthus eggertii; asteraceae). Dr. Albert Meier, Director.

Stewart, Caitlin. MA in Psychology. Job applicant faking of overt integrity tests: Fact or faking? Dr. Reagan Brown, Director.

August 2004 (Continued)

Strain, Laura. MA in Psychology. Aging and the effect of prior expectancies in contingency judgment. Dr. Sharon Mutter, Director.

Wang, Xiaoqian. MA in Psychology. Organizational justice and punishment in team and individual settings. Dr. Elizabeth Shoenfelt, Director.

*Yazgan, Ilge. MS in Mathematics. Application of nonlinear dynamics and chaos theory to economics. Dr. Daniel Biles, Director

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*Baktula, Avinash. MS in Biology. A method based on conserved multiple amino acid properties to predict amino acid substitutions which maintain the protein structure. Dr. Claire Rinehart, Director.


*Castelli, Angela. MS in Recreation. Teacher perceptions of the impacts of environmental education on the teaching process and on student learning. Dr. Terry Wilson, Director.

*Compton, Zacchaeus. MS in Biology. An isotopic examination of cave spring and epigean trophic structures in Mammoth Cave National Park. Dr. Philip Lienesch, Director.

Crocker, Jaime. MS in Agriculture. Compost as a growth substrate for woody ornamental nursery production. Dr. Martin Stone, Director.

*Dandolu, Rajiesekhar. MS in Computer Science. Excel sheet based semantic email. Dr. Guangming Xing, Director.

Ek, David. MS in Geoscience. Hydrologic and geochemical cycling within karst versus non-karst basins within the interior low plateau province of south-central Kentucky. Dr. Chris Groves, Director.

Kaunisto, Joel. MA in Psychology. The ALIVE Center (A Local Information & Volunteer Exchange): An evaluation of the year 2003-04. Dr. Elizabeth Shoenfelt, Director.

*Meng, Lingyu. MS in Chemistry. Development of an analytical method for distinguishing ammonium bicarbonate from the products of an aqueous ammonia CO2 scrubber and the characterization of ammonium bicarbonate. Dr. Wei-Ping Pan, Director.

*Nunnally, Michael. MS in Recreation. Website design and development for college and university recreation programs accredited by the NRPA/AALR Council on Accreditation. Dr. Steve Spencer, Director.
Iovanna, Anthony. MS in Geoscience. Evaluating Uranium depth versus socio-economic statistics for residential radon vulnerability in Warren County, Kentucky. Dr. John All, Director.

Parson, Lindsay. MS in Physical Education. Improving the accuracy of the VO2 max prediction obtained from submaximal YMCA testing. Dr. Matt Green, Director.

Schulten, Emily. MA in English. Widowed affections. Dr. Tom Hunley, Director.

*Thomas, Joel. MS in Geoscience. Tourism and rural identity in the Waasland, Belgium. Dr. Katie Algeo, Director.

*Vadari, Yoganand. MS in Biology. Estimation of microbial diversity in poultry litter using terminal restriction fragment length polymorphism and isolation of phosphate accumulating bacteria from poultry litter. Dr. Kinchel Doerner, Director.

University Distinguished Professors

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History

Dr. Melvin Borland
Economics

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Dr. Brian Goff
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