



Graduate Student Day Awards Ceremony
The Graduate School of the University of South Carolina
April 4, 2007
1:00 p.m.
Russell House Ballroom

Agenda

- Welcome:** *Dr. Christine Ebert* *Mekell Mikell*, President
Associate Provost & Dean Graduate Student Association
- Remarks:** *Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen*
President of the University
- Awards:** *Dr. Anthony Edwards & Dr. Stan Dubinsky (presiding)*

AWARDS FROM COLLEGES, DEPARTMENTS, AND ORGANIZATIONS

Organization

Presenter

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

USC Educational Foundation
Outstanding Teaching Award for Graduate Assistants
Carl Jenkinson, English Language & Literature

Dr. Christine Ebert

Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Study
Sylvia Fitting, Psychology
Kerry McIver, Exercise Science
Samuel Mugavero III, Chemistry & Biochemistry
Rebecca Shrum, History

Outstanding Thesis Award 2007
Ehren K. Foley, History

Walter B. Edgar Centennial Fellowship
Jan Lindsey Levinson, Public History

Dr. Walter B. Edgar

The Center for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Jed Lyons

Preparing Future Faculty
Ahmed Abdel Sattar
Jennifer Barwick
Shelly-Ann Bowen
Loralee Donath
Lois Dowers
Aba Essuon
Julie Freeloove Charton
Brenda Garcia Diaz
Michael Martinez Rodriguez
TaQuesa McClain
Alicia Newton
Whitney Pate
Anna Price
Anton Smith
Roy Smith

COLLEGE OF ARTS and SCIENCES

Department of Art

John M. Bryan Graduate Art History Award
Laura Schmid

Dr. Walter Hanclosky

Sandra Wertz Graduate Media Award
Mengyin Li

Department of Biological Sciences

ARM Environmental Services Fellowship
Cassandra Gutierrez
Stephen Borgianini

Dr. David Lincoln

Wade Batson Fellowship Award
Matthew Endres
Evelyn Lawrenz

Gerald and Antona Wilson Biological Sciences Graduate Student Fellowship
Jennifer Barwick

Kathryn Hinnant-Johnson, M.D., Memorial Fellowship
Mark Roberts

Jeffrey Barnesdale Memorial Fellowship Award
Sarah Refi
Pamela Brannock

William H. Nolte Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship
Rebecca Higgins

Goldenberg Award for Best MAT Science Student
Melissa Ann Jurkiewicz

Dr. Robert J. Feller

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Oakwood Products Award
Samuel J. Mugavero

Dr. John H. Dawson

Guy F. Lipscomb Award for Excellence
Daniel Slade

IRIX Pharmaceuticals Award
William F. Pearmangt

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Comprehensive Exam Distinction Award
James Barnes
Daniel Walker

Dr. Barbara Koons-Witt

Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Caroline Akers
Charlie Scheer

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
John Hansen

Department of English

William H. Nolte Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
Jessie Bray
Emily Crawford
Todd Hagstette

Dr. Andrew Shifflett

Department of Geological Sciences*Dr. George Voulgaris*

Stephen F. Taber Award for Outstanding Teaching
Ipsita Gupta

Stephen F. Taber Award for Outstanding Masters Research
Christel Lopez Purvis

Stephen F. Taber Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research
Alessandro Zanazzi

Department of History

Darrick Hart Award for Excellence in Public History
Ashley Bowden

Dr. Constance Schulz & Ms. Harmonica Hart

William H. Nolte Graduate Assistant Teaching Award
Sara Marie Eye

Dr. Thomas Brown

Robert H. Wienefeld Dissertation Award
Kathleen Hilliard

Robert H. Wienefeld Essay Award
Ehren Foley

Linguistics Program*Dr. D. Eric Holt*

Bruce Pearson Award for Outstanding Research
Mila Tasseva-Kurktchieva

Carol Myers-Scotton Award for Outstanding Contributions
to the Linguistics Program
Stephen Mann

Michael Montgomery Award for Excellence in Teaching
Robert Moonan

Marine Science Program*Dr. Ron Benner*

F. John Vernberg Publication Award
Mauro Maza Chamorro

F. John Vernberg Teaching Assistant Award
Melissa Ranhofer

Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences*Dr. John Vernberg*

F. John Vernberg Fellowship
Jennifer Jost
Andrea Hougham

Department of Mathematics*Dr. Matthew Miller*

Outstanding First-Year Graduate Student
Ser-Wei Fu
Bin Wei

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
Kathryn Scott

Outstanding Graduate Student
Luke Owens
Frank Sanacory

Department of Philosophy

James W. Oliver Award
Travis Rieder

Greener Award
Holly Groover

Philosophy Teaching Award
Rodrigo Moro

Dr. Chris Tollefsen

Department of Physics and Astronomy

Graduate Student Research Award
Nathan Baltzell
Qun Wu

Graduate Student Teaching Award
Roger Crazy Wolf

Dr. David J. Tedeschi

Department of Political Science

Academic Accomplishment-in American Politics and
Public Administration
Akram J. Bargothi

Academic Accomplishment-in International Relations
Charles Hinderliter

Academic Accomplishment –Outstanding Classroom Teaching
Jonathan Miner
Simona Kragh

Dr. Daniel Sabia

Department of Religious Studies

Rutledge Scholar Award
Justin Simmons

Dr. Kevin Lewis

Department of Sociology

Outstanding Co-Authored Scholarly Publication Award
Suzanne Sutphin, with faculty member Mathieu Deflem

Dr. Jim Sanders

Department of Statistics

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
Melanie Autin
Nancy Chalmers
Nicholas Pritchard

Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher Award
Roland Deutsch

Outstanding Graduate Student in Academics Award
Shuang Li

Outstanding First-Year Graduate Student Award
Wensong Wu

Citizenship Award
Laura Taylor

Dr. Brian Habing

Women's Studies Program

Emily Thompson Award
Keri L. Norris

Dr. DeAnne Messias

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Patterson-Wardlaw Memorial Fellowship
Jessica Skinner

Dr. Irma Van Scoy

Department of Educational Leadership and Policies

Campbell-Witten Fellowship
Fay Elizabeth Coleman

Dr. Katherine Chaddock

Department of Educational Studies

Outstanding Student Awards
Monica Rook (Masters)
Fabian Maganda (Doctoral)

Dr. Alan Wieder

Department of Instruction and Teacher Education

Preston Award
Tyler Abernathy

Dr. Ed Dickey

Paul Berg Award
Nicole Johnson
Dainess Maganda

Dr. Diane Stephens

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Department of Chemical Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student
Brenda L. Garcia-Diaz

Dr. Michael A. Matthews

Excellence in Service Award
Andrew T. Stamps

Excellence in Research Award
Jun Wang

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student
Ahmed Abdel Sattar

Dr. John Weidner

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student
Joachim Stahl

Dr. John Weidner

Outstanding Teaching Assistant
Pahal Dalal

Department of Electrical Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student
Naveen Tipirneni

Dr. John Weidner

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student
Ashis Sen

Dr. John Weidner

SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Outstanding M.E.E.R.M. Student Award
Audrey Bales Britton

Dr. James Sweigart

Outstanding M.E.E.R.M/JD Student Award
Julie Murphy

COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, RETAIL, AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

Outstanding Graduate Student
Steve Taylor

Dr. Don Stowe

Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management

Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Ashley Nguyen

Dr. Charlie Partlow

COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS and INFORMATION STUDIES

School of Journalism and Mass Communications

Bryce W. Rucker Excellence in Student Research Award
Mary-Kathryn Craft
E. Jordan Storm
Christopher McDonald
Dr. Jing Jiang

Dr. Lynn Zoch

Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award
Mark Christopher Roberts

Dr. Lowndes F. Stephens

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Department of Biomedical Science

Dean C. Barnhart Award
Tresa Lanelle Nesbitt

Dr. Richard Goodwin

W. Morgan Newton Graduate Research Symposium Award
Paul Meeh

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

William H. Nolte Graduate Assistant Teaching Award
Ian Jeffress
Michael Rushing

Dr. Andrew Gowan

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Outstanding MSN Student Award
Margaret Leavitt

Dr. Peggy Hewlett

Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award
Elizabeth Seibert

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

**Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences/
Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes Sciences**

Graduate Student of the Year Award
Margaret Franklin

Dr. Richard Schulz

AWARDS TO WINNERS OF THE MORNING ORAL PRESENTATION AND POSTER COMPETITIONS

The Graduate School congratulates all graduate students who have been part of Graduate Student Day 2007. We thank the faculty, staff, and graduate student volunteers who also helped make this day a success. Special recognition and appreciation for their part in this event go to the entire Graduate School staff, Event Services in the Russell House, and *Keith McGraw*, Director of Photography for the Office of Distance Education and Instructional Support.