



# THE GRAD CONNECTION

The Graduate School Newsletter

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Greetings,

This has been a great year.

We held our first 3 Minute Thesis (3MT™) competition in February and were treated to outstanding presentations by the 12 finalists. You can learn more about the 3MT™ event elsewhere

in the newsletter.

The Grand Opening of the new Honors, Scholars, and Fellows (HSF) House was held on March 6, 2014 and as I expressed that day, it is truly a very unique space not just at FSU, but it stands out as exceptional for any institution of higher learning. I view the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House as academics' "indoor practice facility" and you know what the athletics facility did for the football program! As that facility helped prepare FSU's outstanding student-athletes for athletic success, the House will help prepare our high achieving undergraduate and graduate students and postdocs for academic success by fostering intellectual engagement and creating a community of scholars. I am confident that having this dedicated space for intellectual dialogue, collaboration and mentorship will demonstrate to prospective graduate students that Florida State University values and fosters critical and lively exchange of ideas from a variety of academic perspectives.

One month later, I attended the Grand Opening of the renovated Hecht House, the new home for the Center for Intensive English Studies. CIES

has played a very important role on this campus for many years. CIES plays a critical role in the recruiting of international students to our graduate programs and providing essential English language and cultural support to ensure their success in our classrooms both as students themselves and as Teaching Assistants. These activities are even more important today as FSU seeks to enhance the internationalization of the campus.

The outstanding accomplishments of our graduate students in research, teaching, and leadership were once again highlighted at The Celebration for Graduate Student Excellence in April. We were also treated to an exceptional plenary presentation entitled "Excellence and Then What?" by Professor Anne Coldiron.

As noted in previous newsletters, financial support of graduate education is a major challenge and continues to be so. The Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards helps students identify opportunities for external support and I encourage students to contact Dr. Keisha John (kajohn@fsu.edu) for assistance. In addition, philanthropy plays an important role in supporting graduate education. There are numerous ways through philanthropy that you can help provide fellowship, research, and travel assistance to graduate students. Please contact Katherine Cline (kcline@foundation.fsu.edu) if you would like to explore opportunities.

Have a wonderful summer.

Nancy Marcus

Dean, The Graduate School

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- 8.20-21.14** PIE Conference and TA Orientation
- 9.27.14** Carnival at the Rez

\*All dates are subject to change.

## FSU'S FIRST THREE MINUTE THESIS - RECAP AND WINNERS

BY: DR. JUDY DEVINE

The Graduate School conducted its first Three Minute Thesis (3MT™) Competition for FSU doctoral students this Spring.

The 3MT™ is a research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland, Australia. The exercise develops academic presentation, and research communication skills, and supports the development of students' capacities to effectively explain their research in language appropriate for a non-specialist audience.

Doctoral students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their dissertation topic and its significance.

3MT™ is not an exercise in trivializing or 'dumb-

ing-down' research but forces students to consolidate their ideas and crystalize their research discoveries.

During Preliminary Rounds conducted February 3-7, 2014, 12 finalists were selected by 16 FSU faculty and administrators to compete February 27, 2014, for three awards--First Place (\$500), Second Place (\$350), and the People's Choice (\$250) selected by the audience.

Approximately 250 FSU faculty, staff, administrators, students, and friends attended the 3MT™ Finals in the FSU College of Medicine Auditorium.

Finals judges were Scott Atwell (President & CEO, FSU Alumni Foundation), Doug Blackburn (Higher Education Editor & Senior Writer, Tallahassee Democrat), Jeanette DeDiemar, Ph.D. (FSU Associate Vice President for University Relations/Integrated Marketing & Communications), Mark Hillis (FSU Board of Trustees), Jennifer Rupert (Senior Vice President, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management), and Garnett Stokes, Ph.D. (FSU Provost).

The winners of the 2013-2014 3MT™ Competition were: First Place: Neleen Leslie, Communication; Second Place: Jonathan Christian, Chemistry & Biochemistry; People's Choice: Judy Hefren, Social Work.

The Graduate School is especially grateful to the 3MT™ Preliminary and Finals judges, FSU College of Medicine and Center for Global Engagement (IT support and space), FSU University Communications (3MT™ workshops, public relations, multimedia), and Dr. Harold Kroto's GEOSET film crew.



FSU's Inaugural 3MT™ Finalists with Dean Marcus.  
Photo by: Howard (Bill) Lax; University Photography Services

## GEOSET PROVIDES VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES TO FSU COMMUNITY

BY: PAMELA BROWN

Assisting at our first 3MT™ was FSU's GEOSET team, who filmed all of the presentations at the Finals and provided links on their website for them.

GEOSET is an international organization started by Sir Harold Kroto, Nobel Prize winner and Francis Eppes Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at FSU. The premise is to record the best teachers in the world in order to preserve knowledge to teach the world. There are several other participating organizations in the USA, UK, Japan, Spain, Brazil, Croatia and Hong Kong. Each location is

encouraged to promote locally produced content.

Steve Acquah, director of FSU's GEOSET team, encourages students to "record presentations for your class projects, hobbies or even for your CV." University employees can use their services to record lectures and student presentations, or include them as the outreach component for grant proposals. Their services are free to students and employees of FSU.

GEOSET Studios is based in Dirac Library, with a second studio area in the Chemical Sciences Laboratory. GEOSET stands for Global Educational Outreach for Science Engineering and Technology.

## CELEBRATION OF GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE

BY: PAMELA BROWN

Florida State University honored the achievements of its graduate students at the annual Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence on April 9, 2014 in the Great Hall of the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House. This event recognizes the accomplishments of FSU's graduate students in teaching, research and creativity, and leadership.

The keynote was delivered by Dr. Anne Coldiron, Professor of English and History of Text Technologies.

Joining Dr. Coldiron for the ceremony was Dr. Nancy Marcus, Dean of The Graduate School and Dr. Judy Devine, Senior Associate Dean of The Graduate School.

Award winners received a cash award and were entered into a drawing for a technology package from Sony. The Graduate School, the Office of Research and the Congress of Graduate Students co-sponsored the event.



Leadership Award winner, Kathleen Callahan, with Dean Marcus

Photo by: Bill Lax, University Photography Services



Research and Creativity Award winners with Dean Nancy Marcus and Senior Associate Dean Judy Devine (not all winners are pictured)

Photo by: Bill Lax, University Photography Services

### Research and Creativity Awards

**Brian Gold**, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
**Rachel Johnson**,  
Communication Science & Disorders  
**Mark Margres**, Biological Science  
**Annelise Mennicke**, Social Work  
**Lauren Trujillo**, Interior Design  
**Qian Xie**, Statistics

### Leadership Award

**Kathleen Callahan**, Educational  
Leadership and Policy Studies

### Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards

**Kathleen Yancey**, English  
**Kevin Beaver**, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
**Alysia Roehrig**, Educational Psychology and  
Learning Systems  
**Arthur Raney**, Communication  
**Ming Cui**, Family and Child Sciences

### Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards

**Reema Habib**, Classics  
**Lauren Holland**, Psychology  
**Jessica Martinez**, Biological Science  
**Cara Pounds**, Modern Languages and Linguistics  
**Zhiqiang Shu**, Biological Science  
**Alexa Warwick**, Biological Science



Outstanding Teaching  
Assistant Award winners with Dean Marcus  
(not all winners are pictured)

Photo by: Bill Lax, University Photography Services

# WINNERS OF EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- David Abitbot, Political Science**  
RAND Summer Fellowship
- Dolly Al Koborssy, Neuroscience**  
Bryan Robinson Endowment
- Jeffrey Anderson, Business Administration**  
McKnight Doctoral Fellowship
- Denis Avey, Biological Science**  
NIH National Research Service Award
- Lisa Barrow, Biological Science**  
GROW with USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship
- Courtney Bass, Business Administration**  
Pre-Dissertation Ph.D. Award
- Shermane Benjamin, Physics**  
McKnight Doctoral Fellowship
- Daniel Bennett, Economics**  
Adam Smith Fellowship
- Stephanie Bradley, Sociology**  
Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
- Tiffany Ashton Brown, Psychology**  
Global Foundation for Eating Disorders Scholar
- Christopher Evan Buddenhagen, Biological Science**  
NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
- Joshua Burel, Music Composition**  
Theodore Presser Music Award
- Daniel Capron, Psychology**  
NIH National Research Service Award
- Leah Cheatham, Social Work**  
Fellowship in the Promotion of Child Well-Being
- Anastasia Christofakis, Woodwind Performance**  
Theodore Presser Music Award
- Chelsea Coburn, Nursing**  
Evelyn Baxter Memorial Scholarship
- Elise Cope, Biomedical Sciences**  
Mars, Inc. Predoctoral Fellowship
- Jessica Craft, Modern Languages & Linguistics**  
Spanish NHS Graduate Research Grant
- Alicia Craig-Rodriguez, Nursing**  
Jonas Award
- Vishnu Dileep, Biological Science**  
American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship
- Barbara Dobron, Nursing**  
Imogene King Research Fund Grant
- Tanya Douglas, Nursing**  
Ruth Finamore Scholarship
- Rebekah Downes, Industrial Engineering**  
Doctoral Fellowship for Advanced Composite Studies
- Robert Ellis, Biological Science**  
Guy Harvey Scholarship
- Benjamin Fraley, Percussion**  
Luso-American Development Foundation Grant
- Nathalia Gillot Borden, Political Science**  
Qasid Annual Scholarship
- Mellissa Gordon, Family and Child Sciences**  
Education and Enrichment Section Student Proposal Award
- Felicia Griffin, Statistics**  
NIH Intramural Research Training Award
- Oscar Gutierrez, Sport and Exercise Psychology**  
Community Outreach Grant
- Paris Henderson, Interior Design**  
Bronze Award - 2013 International Lighting Competition
- Sam Houston, Religion**  
Critical Language Scholarship (Morocco)
- Johanna Imhoff, Biological Science**  
Guy Harvey Scholarship
- Arin Jackson, Nursing**  
Florida Nursing Foundation Scholarship
- Kyle Jazwa, Classics**  
Ione Mylonas Shear Fellowship
- Eddie Jo, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences**  
Doctoral Research Grant
- Megan Jones, Biological Science**  
Student Research Grant
- Minjung Kim, Political Science**  
Fulbright Graduate Student Grant (South Korea)
- Christina Kwapich, Biological Science**  
NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
- Jean-Charles Lebeau, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems**  
Community Outreach Grant
- Christina Lewellen, Accounting**  
Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program
- Meagan Arrastia Lloyd, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems**  
Summer Internship with the Center for Academic & Workforce Readiness
- Sarah Luce, Nursing**  
Florida Nursing Foundation Scholarship
- Jinxuan Ma, Information Studies**  
Eugene Garfield Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- Michelle McAllister, Accounting**  
Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program
- Elizabeth Miller, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences**  
Irene J. Jones Memorial Scholarship
- Donna Nagle, Classics**  
Gorham P. Stephens Fellowship
- Abigail Novak, Social Work**  
Continuing Education Grant
- Jorge Oseguera, Philosophy**  
Fulbright Scholarship (Mexico)
- Roger Benito Pacheco Castro, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics**  
Fulbright Scholarship (Mexico)
- Carlos Paez, Political Science**  
Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship
- Shawna Patterson, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies**  
Asa G. Hilliard III and Barbara A. Sizemore Fellow
- Josette Pelzer, Accounting**  
Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program and The PhD Project

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## FELLOWS SOCIETY EXPLORES DIGITAL DIVIDE AT 2014 FORUM

BY: JAMIE SCHINDEWOLF

In an increasingly digital world, how do we tackle the inevitable rifts that arise from advancing technologies? How do we bridge the digital divides between countries, income levels, ages, and the creators and users of technology?

These were the kinds of questions tackled by speakers and attendees of the 2014 Fellows Forum, the inaugural event at the new Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House.

Each year, members of the Fellows Society organize an interdisciplinary symposium that addresses a complex problem of broad humanistic significance.

The 2014 Fellows Forum was titled “Keeping an Eye on the Digital Divide.” From the ethics of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) to sharing stories of obsessively checking E-mail, the discussions were at once lively and highly relevant to an audience of higher education faculty and graduate students.



Attendees at the 2014 Fellows Forum  
Photo by: Bill Lax, University Photography Services



Dr. Neil Charness delivered the keynote address  
Photo by: Bill Lax, University Photography Services

One of the many highlights was the keynote delivered by Dr. Neil Charness from the Department of Psychology.

His lecture emphasized the impacts of the digital divide on aging individuals. Aging is an inevitable part of the human experience. Dr. Charness described the essentially unavoidable limitations to technology use that occur as one ages: loss of memory, an increase in the time it takes to learn new things, and (often) the loss of eyesight. He explained the ways that older adults sometimes struggle to fully participate in society due to trouble with technological tools, such as airport ticket kiosks. Finally, he left the audience with a key takeaway: if you design well for older adults, you, in almost all cases, design well for younger adults, too.

Other speakers included Dr. Ulla Sypher, Dr. Nancy Everhart, Dr. Michelle Kazmer, and John Marks, J.D. on a panel about digital divides in local communities.

The second panel, on digital divides in global communities, featured Dr. Vanessa Dennen, Dr. Paul Marty, Dr. John Felkner, and Dr. Stephen McDowell. This interdisciplinary group of scholars inspired the fellows to think outside of their specializations.

As Jeongmin Lee, a graduate student in the department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, explained, “when I see a problem, the solution often seems to come from my own area; multidisciplinary conversation can open our eyes to fully capture the problem.”

### EXTERNAL AWARD WINNERS

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#### Jennifer Pride, Art History

Language Study in French for Graduate Students in European Art History

#### Peter Rivera, Family and Child Sciences

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Minority Fellowship

#### Arvind Shantharam, Oceanography

Florida Sea Grant Scholar

#### Shavecca Snead, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies

Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship

#### Alexa Warwick, Biological Science

Conserve Wildlife Matching Grant

#### Jeremy Weiss, Materials Science and Engineering

IEEE Graduate Study Fellowship

#### Jamie Whitmarsh, Music Composition

MTNA Senior Division Composition Contest National Winner

#### Ted Worden, Mechanical Engineering

Naval Research Enterprise Internship Program

#### Jingjie Xiao, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences

Linkage Scholarship

#### Jin Yan, Industrial Engineering

Amelia Earhart Fellowship

# RECOGNIZING STUDENT AND ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AT FSU

Danielle Morgan Acosta  
(PhD Candidate)

- Published the article “Tweet Up? Examining Twitter’s Impact on Social Capital and Digital Citizenship in Higher Education” in the magazine *About Campus*.

Karina Balaoro  
(MS Candidate)

- Presenting with Sachet Watson at the 2014 NASPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD on challenges faced by first generation college students in reference to classism, access, and equity.

Sean Beavers  
(MM 2001, DM 2006)

- Named a winner of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching at Liberty University.
- Named Chair of the Department of Applied Music Studies in the Liberty University School of Music.

Kimberlee Bethany Bonura  
(MS 2005, PhD 2007)

- Author and featured lecturer in *How to Stay Fit as You Age*, a new lecture series from The Great Courses.
- Serves on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Yoga Therapy*.

Clinton S. Buck  
(PhD 2008)

- Awarded a \$200,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in April 2013 to participate in the GEOTRACES Pacific Ocean program.
- Appointed as a tenure-track assistance professor at the University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography in Fall 2013.

Marry Buzzetta  
(PhD Candidate)

- One of 8 selected to be part of the National Career Development Association’s next leadership academy.

Lindsey Churchill  
(PhD 2010)

- Published *Becoming the Tupamaros: Solidarity and Transnational Revolutionaries in Uruguay and the United States* in January 2014 with Vanderbilt Press.

Amanda Cleveland  
(MFA 2012)

- 2013 Top North American finalist in the Interface International Biophilia Competition.

Zerric Clinton  
(PhD 2010)

- Published an article in the September 2013 edition of *Arts & Activities* based on an activity he developed called “Swagger Silhouettes.”
- Published an article titled “Building Community Partnerships” in *Collage 2013 Magazine*.
- Serves as the president of the Committee on Multiethnic Concerns and co-chair of district nine of the Georgia Art Education Association.

Leif Andrew Ellingson  
(MS 2009, PhD 2011)

- Awarded Texas Tech University Alumni Association’s New Faculty Award for 2014 at the Texas Tech Faculty Honors Convocation in April 2014.

Misty Geer  
(MBA Candidate)

- Published article in the LCPA Lagniappe describing her experience in the AICPA Leadership Academy.

Paul M. Gignac  
(PhD 2010)

- Advanced to Assistant Professor of Anatomy at the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences.
- Published “A comparative analysis of ontogenetic bite-force scaling among Crocodylia” with FSU Professor Gregory Erickson and “Iodine-enhanced micro-CT imaging: Methodological refinements for the study of the soft-tissue anatomy of post-embryonic vertebrates.”

Amy Griffin  
(MFA 2013)

- Awarded the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers National Student Research Award.

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## STUDENT AND ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AT FSU CONTINUED

Hameed Ahmad Haqparwar  
(MA Candidate)

- Awarded a Fulbright scholarship.

Rebecca Hayes  
(PhD 2005)

- Promoted to Assistant Dean of Social Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College, Manassas Campus in Fall 2013.
- Received the International Phi Theta Kappa Hallmark Award for Most Distinguished Advisor, 2013.
- Serves as the Honors Program Chair for the Manassas campus of Northern Virginia Community College.
- Presented “Revitalizing an Honors Program at a Two-Year College: Handling the Challenges of a Multi-Campus Institution” at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in New Orleans, LA in November 2013 and “Anglesey Out of the Shadows: An Anglo-Irish Politician in the Age of Charles II” at the Southern Conferences on British Studies in St. Louis, MO in November 2013.

Heather Holbach  
(MS 2012, PhD Candidate)

- Published master’s work, with FSU Professor Mark Bourassa, “The Effects of Gap-Wind-Induced Vorticity, the Monsoon Trough, and the ITCZ on East Pacific Tropical Cyclogenesis” in *Monthly Weather Review*.

Catherine Adcock Jenks  
(PhD 2006)

- Appointed Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, GA.

Shawn Kent  
(PhD Candidate)

- Selected as a Council for Exceptional Children’s Division of Research Doctoral Student Scholars for 2014.

Amanda Krueger  
(MFA 2012)

- Awarded 2013 Industry ICON Award for NEWH.

Melanie Murata  
(MS Candidate)

- Awarded the Hospitality Industry Network organization’s NEWH FR-1 Scholarship to attend the Awards Brunch Ceremony and the event, “Power Players: Women Leaders in Hospitality Panel” at the BDWest Conference.

Lisa Nalbone  
(PhD 2006)

- Published “The Novels of Carmen Conde: Toward an Expression of Feminine Subjectivity” in *Juan de la Cuesta* in 2012.
- Named Visiting Scholar at Instituto Franklin of the Universidad de Alcalá de Henares (Spain) in Fall 2013.
- Granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at the University of Central Florida.

Edgar Pavia  
(MS 1985, PhD 1989)

- Published “Assessment of RegCM4 simulated inter-annual variability and daily-scale statistics of temperature and precipitation over Mexico,” with co-authors, in *Climate Dynamics*.

Mirja Perez de Calleja  
(PhD Candidate)

- Won the Philosophical Explorations 2014 Essay Prize for “Cross-World Luck at the Time of Decision is a Problem for Compatibilists as Well,” expected publication in *Philosophical Explorations* in June 2014.

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*We want to hear about your accomplishments!*

If you or someone you know is a current graduate student or alumni, and has had a recent publication, grant, promotion, or other noteworthy achievement, we’d love to feature it in the official Graduate School newsletter, GradConnection. Please fill out the quick form at the following link to tell us of the achievement.

[https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_245t0ETXT325Gf3](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_245t0ETXT325Gf3)

## RECIPIENTS OF THE SPRING DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT

Recipients of the grant are awarded up to \$750 to complete their research

**Saad Abbasi**

Neuroscience

**Darcey Allan**

Psychology

**Patricia Atchley**

Spanish

**Maya Callender**

Communication  
Disorders

**Bruce Grant**

Public Administration

**Jill Gromer**

Social Work

**Mehnaz Gul**

Mass Communication

**Danting Huang**

Biomedical Engineering

**Sarah Leonard**

Chemical Engineering

**Annelise Mennicke**

Social Work

**Jiwon Nam**

Educational  
Psychology and  
Learning Systems

**Zia Obaid**

Educational  
Psychology and  
Learning Systems

**Sarah Strothers**

Musicology

**Jifeng Sun**

Chemical Engineering

**Angela Wills**

Educational Leadership  
and Policy Studies

### *Interested in Applying?*

The Dissertation Research Grant is an award of up to \$750 provided by The Graduate School to assist doctoral students with expenses associated with research necessary to prepare dissertations. Applications for the 2014-2015 school year are due in September 2014.

Check out our website  
[www.gradschool.fsu.edu](http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu)  
for more information.

## HONORS, SCHOLARS, AND FELLOWS HOUSE GRAND OPENING

BY: PAMELA BROWN

Florida State University, The Graduate School and the Division of Undergraduate Studies celebrated the official opening of the Honors, Scholars and Fellows House on March 6, 2014.



HSF Seating Area

A speech was given by alumnus David B. Ford ('68), and the event was hosted by FSU President, Dr. Eric Barron and the FSU Board of Trustees. Attendance at the event, organized by University Relations, included Dr. Garnett Stokes, Provost, Dr. Nancy Marcus, Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Karen Laughlin, Dean of Undergraduate Studies and many students and administrators from across the FSU community.

The HSF House will bring together several undergraduate and graduate offices in one building. The new building will house the Office of National Fellowships, Honors Program, Office of Undergraduate Research, the graduate Fellows Society, the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards, the Program for Instructional Excellence, and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

Speakers emphasized the importance of the HSF House to the University's preeminence status.

Dr. Barron oversaw the completion of this building and highlighted that the building is not about how good the school can be, but about how good the students can be. The HSF House will "allow students to interact between disciplines" and allow graduate students to mentor undergraduate students, Barron said.

Alumnus David Ford helped spearhead the project and believed in the need for students to have a special place on campus.

Dr. Nancy Marcus spoke of the House as a truly unique space for any University.

Encouraging interdisciplinary discussion was a common thread in all of the speeches. Administrators hope to foster the brightest and most competitive students on campus in the HSF House.



HSF Classroom

The HSF House includes many seating areas throughout the building to encourage discussion between classes and meetings with students from across disciplines and levels of academics. There is also the Great Hall on the fourth floor, which can be adapted for various styles of large gatherings, including banquet style or theater style seating.



## STUDENT AND ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AT FSU CONTINUED

Tony Purvis  
(MFA 2012)

- Awarded the 2013 American Society of Interior Design National Joel Polsky Academic Achievement Award and the 2013 Environmental Design and Research Association National Student Research Award.

Mauricio Silva  
(PhD Candidate)

- Awarded a Gulf of Mexico University Research Collaborative Student Travel Award to assist in attending the 2014 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill & Ecosystem Science Conference.

Keri Watson  
(PhD 2010)

- Awarded the SECAC Award for Outstanding Exhibition and Catalogue of Historical

Materials, "Silhouettes of Courage."

- Published "'Before We Were Us, We Were Them': A Case Study in Curating a Controversial Topic" in the *Journal of Museum Education* in March 2014.
- Published "What is a Photograph?" Review of exhibition at the New Orleans Museum of Art in *SECAC Review* in December 2013.

Justin P. White  
(PhD 2008)

- Published "Transfer of Training in PI: The role of FREI" with co-authors, in *Studies in Second Language Acquisition* in 2013.
- Published "Primary and secondary effects of PI: A replication of Leeser and DeMil" with co-authors, in *International Journal of Language Studies* in 2013.

### CHECK OUT OUR NEW GRADUATE SCHOOL WEBSITE LAUNCHED THIS SPRING!

### Upcoming Event Information

New Graduate Student Orientation  
8.19.14  
8:00 am-5:00 pm  
HCB101

8.20-21.14  
9:30 am  
HCB 101  
PIE Conference & TA Orientation

Carnival at the Rez  
9.27.14  
Time TBA  
FSU Reservation

All event information is subject to change. For details, please contact Callie Funderburk, Event Coordinator at [cfunderburk@fsu.edu](mailto:cfunderburk@fsu.edu).

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