



THE GRAD CONNECTION

The Graduate School Newsletter

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Message from the Dean



Dr. Nancy Marcus

Greetings,

This has been another outstanding year.

The wonderful accomplishments of our graduate students in research, teaching, and leadership were once again highlighted at The Celebration for Graduate Student Excellence in April. The plenary speaker, Dr. Art Raney, the James E. Kirk Professor

of Communication, kicked off the celebration with an engaging and humorous address “All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Graduate School.” As the various accomplishments of the students were described, the breadth of excellence across the university was evident. Congratulations to everyone.

In Janaury, I reported that Aniket Ingrole, a student in Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, won the FSU 3 Minute Thesis Competition with his presentation on “Bio-Inspired

Structures for Custom Manufacturing of Safer Helmets”. Aniket went on to represent FSU at the regional competition held in Charlotte, NC at the annual meeting of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools and he took home the top prize of \$1000.

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 (OGFA) helps students identify opportunities for external support. We have already learned that four of our students will be receiving during the next academic year the PEO Scholar Award, three will receive the PEO Continuing Education Grant, and one will receive the PEO International Peace Scholarship.

Philanthropy also 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 me if you would like to explore opportunities.

Have a wonderful summer.

Nancy Marcus, Dean, The Graduate School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8.23.16 New Graduate Student Orientation**
- 8.24-25.16 PIE TA Orientation/Teaching Conference**

Student Success at CIES: Anwer Al-Kaimakchi

By: Andrew Wilson

Florida State University, and the Graduate School in particular, has been strengthened by students from dozens of countries around the world. There are some countries that are more represented than others, so it is unique when a student arrives from a place that is so known yet unknown at the same time. Anwer Al-Kaimakchi, from Iraq, has been at FSU for nearly a year and a half and has served as an ambassador to share his country and his culture with others who may have misconceptions about his native country.

Anwer began his journey to FSU in Baku, Azerbaijan. He was there representing Iraq at a World Forum for Young Scientists. While there, he met an associate with the Center for Global Engagement who introduced him to FSU as well as the Center for Intensive English Studies (CIES). After he was awarded a prestigious Iraqi government scholarship, Anwer chose to come to the U.S.A. because of the country's strong history of infrastructure development and ingenuity. FSU's strong academic reputation, as well as Florida's agreeable climate, led to Anwer



Anwer Al-Kaimakchi

arriving in January 2015 as a student at CIES.

Anwer spent seven months at CIES preparing for the rigors of graduate coursework at FSU. Anwer is thankful for the assistance and cultural support that CIES provided him. "CIES even helped me find a place to live, use the bus system, and meet people." Assisting students with the transition to life in another country and mitigating the all-too-real cultural shock that inevitably ensues is something that CIES prides itself on.

What makes the intensive English program at CIES

unique is its double-faceted approach to teaching English as an academic language and English as a tool for social and group interaction. As a natural extrovert, Anwer had no problem with the latter. However, dealing with the rigors of academic English is challenging for the strongest of graduate students. According to Anwer, "CIES prepared me to read and understand technical journals. Back home, there wasn't a focus on reading and taking notes. CIES provided me with these skills."

Anwer attributed the events, activities, and American conversation partners that CIES provided as a core component of his academic success at FSU. CIES instilled a sense of independence that was crucial in his first year of graduate study. Upon completion of his Masters in Civil Engineering, Anwer will go back to Iraq to work toward infrastructure building and using the skills he acquired at FSU. Anwer is on his way to becoming an FSU success story, and hopefully he can share his FSU experiences to build bridges, both literally and metaphorically, back home.

Upcoming Events



JUNE
13

Role Reversal: The Undergrad Perspective on Pedagogy

The Great Hall, HSF House
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

JULY
13

Small Changes for a Big Impact

The Great Hall, HSF House
3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

AUG
23

Graduate School Orientation

Oglesby Union and
HCB Classrooms

AUG
24-25

PIE TA Orientation/ Teaching Conference

HCB 101
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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For a complete list of Graduate School workshops, please see our website at:
<http://gradschool.fsu.edu/Professional-Development/Professional-Development-Workshop-Series>

Postdoctoral Affairs News

By: Dr. Debi Fadool

This spring there were both new and traditional activities ongoing for postdoctoral scholars! The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPDA) and the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards (OGFA) paired for the first time to conduct a three-part grants workshop to assist postdoctoral scholars and graduate students with the formulation of extramural awards. The third part will be a mock study section review to be held July 15th and 21st. Scholars who successfully complete the series and submit their proposal to an external agency are eligible for a \$1,000 intramural award for research supplies.

The 3rd Annual Postdoctoral Scholar Oral Presentation Day was held in February and seven scholars were judged for their 12-minute research talks by a panel of faculty. Congratulations to David McNutt (1st Place) who was awarded \$1,000 by VWR for research supplies!

In order to accommodate postdoctoral hiring that occurs throughout the year, the OPDA now conducts quarterly "Welcome" sessions as a brown bag lunch series on the final Monday of the months of Jan, April, July, and Oct.

The OPDA and the Postdoctoral Association (PDA)

jointly sponsored the fourth annual Spring Workshop in May. There were 35 participants who benefitted by interactive platforms about mentoring provided by Lucia Barker, Scientific Program Manager for the American Society of Genetics, and local experts, Amber Wagner and Renaine Julian, who provided resource information about workplace diversity and large-scale data management plans and data storage. The end of the afternoon brought a potluck dinner that was enjoyed by the participants, advisors, and colleagues alike!



Group photo from Spring PDA event
Photo courtesy of Charles Badland

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SPRING 2016 DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS

Yonatan Binyam, Religion
Stephanie Bradley, Sociology
Adam Brasich, Religion
Alexandra Challenger, Art History
Michelle Demeter, Art History
Jennifer Enoch, English
John Houston, Religion
Pegah JafariNasabian, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science
Na Yeon Kim, Public Administration and Public Policy

Merry Low, French
Jason Lynn, Biological Science
Charn McAllister, Business Administration
Michelle McAllister, Business Administration
Kent Peacock, History
Kayla Reed, Family and Child Sciences
Shamsi Sanati Monfared, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems
Ibtissam Zaza, Business Administration



ATTENDEES AT THE
2016 CELEBRATION
HELD AT ALUMNI
CENTER

2016 Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence

By: Melissa Hardison

The Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence recognizes talented and high-achieving graduate students at Florida State University. The event celebrates our students' accomplishments in service, teaching, research, creativity, and leadership. We also congratulate graduate faculty for excellence in mentoring.

The 2016 Celebration was held in the Grand Ballroom of the FSU Alumni Center. This year, the Graduate School offered two new awards: the John F. Liseno PIE Graduate Award to support research and teaching, and the Excellence in Visual Arts Award to support accomplishments

in visual arts. President John Thrasher opened the Celebration by inspiring students to continue their accomplishments. Dean Nancy Marcus of the Graduate School served as the master of ceremonies and introduced the plenary speaker, Dr. Arthur Raney. Dr. Raney is the James E. Kirk Professor of Communication in the College of Communication & Information. His speech, "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Graduate School," provided a humorous and engaging view of graduate life. After the ceremony, guests enjoyed a selection of hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to mingle with their peers.

The Celebration was sponsored by the Congress of Graduate Students and by the Office of Research. The Graduate School would like to thank President Thrasher, Dr. Raney, Dr. Marcus, and the judges, faculty/staff, departments, and sponsors who helped to make the event a wonderful success.

Listed below are the 2016 recognitions and awards. In addition to those described here, we also acknowledged over 70 graduate students who had received competitive external funding.

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2016 Award Winners

Leadership Award

Aaron Ellis, School of Theatre
Lataisia Jones, Biomedical Sciences



*Leadership Award Winners with Dean Marcus
Photo Courtesy of University Communications*

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

Annette Barcelona, School of Dance
Deeptiman Chatterjee, Biological Science
Jongwook Lee, School of Information
Cassidy Lentsch, Biological Science
Lacey Ritter, Sociology
Emiliya Usmanova, Modern Languages & Linguistics



*Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Winners with Dean Marcus,
Dr. Lisa Liseno and Zhaihuan Dai
Photo Courtesy of University Communications*

Research and Creativity Awards

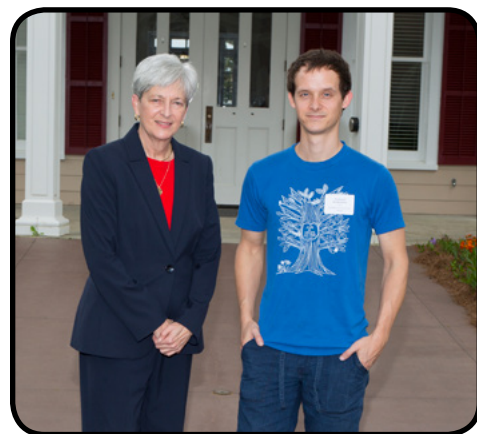
Justin Cole, Mathematics
Bradley Hostetler, Art History
Charn McAllister, Business Administration
Eric Parise, Psychology/Neuroscience
Mercedes Spencer, Psychology
Thomas Whitley, Religion



*Research and Creativity Award Winners with Dean Marcus
Photo Courtesy of University Communications*

Graduate Student Excellence in Visual Arts

Nathaniel Hendrickson, Art
Christina Klein, Art



*Nathaniel Hendrickson with Dean Marcus
Photo Courtesy of University Communications*

2016 Award Winners (continued)

Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards

Dr. Nicholas Cogan,
Mathematics

Dr. David Gilbert, Biological
Science

Dr. Michael Leeser, Modern
Languages & Linguistics

Dr. Lenore McWey, Family
and Child Sciences

Dr. Daniel Mears, Criminology
& Criminal Justice

John F. Liseno Graduate Award
Stephanie Bradley, Sociology



*John F. Liseno Graduate Award Winner
with Dean Marcus and Dr. Lisa Liseno
Photo Courtesy of
University Communications*

Postdoc News (continued)

If you want to check out our ongoings, slide sets are available for all of our professional development opportunities at: <http://opda.fsu.edu/Upcoming-Events-Workshops/Workshop-Slides-and-Video-Archive>

Looking Ahead!

- Travel Award Applications for Fall travel will be accepted through July 1st.
- Full Orientation and Creating your Individual Development Plan will be Thursday, August 18th.
- Fall Postdoctoral Symposium and Poster Competition will be Friday, September 23rd.

For more details, see: <http://opda.fsu.edu/>

Professional Development Workshops - Summer

Are you prepared for your STEM Conference Presentation? [PFF, PFP/PIE]

May 26, 2016, 3:30 p.m. Honors, Scholars, & Fellows House, Room 3009

Presenter: Dr. David Whalley, FSU Distinguished Research Professor

Will you deliver a STEM research presentation at a conference and you are in uncharted waters? Learn how to develop a presentation, design your slides, customize slide material for a particular context, avoid technical issues, and prepare for questions from the audience.

Technology 101: Free online tools, training and software at FSU [Early stage, PFF/PFP/PIE]

June 8, 2016, 3:00 p.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, Room 3009

Presenter: Megan Del Debbio, IT Marketing Communications Manager, Information Technology Services (ITS)

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Professional Development Workshops (continued)

Research projects. Class. Group meetings. Work. Thesis paper. More class. How do you fit it all in? This workshop will teach you how to use campus technology to help you make the most of your time as a graduate student. Join us for a crash course on the many time- and money-saving services available to you through Information Technology Services (ITS) at Florida State University. From online surveys to personal computer repairs, during this workshop you will learn about a number of free software and training tools.

Are you prepared for your Social or Behavioral Sciences Conference Presentation? [PFF, PFP/PIE]

June 9, 2016, 3:30 p.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, room 3009

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Proffitt, Professor, School of Communication

How do you convert a paper into a conference presentation? Will you talk with notes, read your paper, and/or use visuals (e.g., PowerPoint)? How will you ensure that your audience will “get” your message? Are you prepared for the audience’s questions? Dr. Proffitt will answer these questions and more when she leads you through the process of conference presentation preparation and delivery.

Publish or Perish: Early Career Publishing in STEM [PFF, PFP/PIE]

June 15, 2016, 3:00 p.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, room 3009

Presenter: Dr. Mark Riley, Distinguished Research Professor and Raymond K. Sheline, Professor of Physics

This workshop is appropriate for graduate students and postdocs in any area of STEM. Topics will include the publishing process, choosing a journal or conference, etiquette of responding to editors, handling rejection with your self-esteem intact, revising, resubmitting, and more.

Early Career Publishing in the Social Sciences [PFF, PFP/PIE]

June 28, 2016, 10:30 a.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, room 3009

Presenter: Dr. Art Raney and James E. Kirk Professor of Communication

Topics include the publishing process, choosing a journal or conference, etiquette of responding to editors, handling rejection with your self-esteem intact, revising and resubmitting, and more.

What do I need to do to apply for, and receive, Human Subjects approval (also known as IRB approval)? [PFF, PFP/PIE]

July 11, 2016, 10:30 a.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, room 3009

Presenter: Julie Haltiwanger, FSU Human Subjects Committee

Will you be using humans for your research study? Do you plan to publish the results of your research? Will you submit a conference presentation proposal? If so, this is the workshop for you—you must receive IRB approval prior to conducting human subjects research!

Thesis, Dissertation, and Treatise Workshops

June 2, 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Strozier 5A Instruction Lab

June 10, 2016, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Dirac Instructional Lab 208

June 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Strozier 5A Instruction Lab

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