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
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 ‘dumbing-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.

GEOSET PROVIDES VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES TO FSU COMMUNITY

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.
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.

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
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 Kwapisch, 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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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.

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.”
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.  

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 assistant 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)  

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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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 Alcala de Hernares (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 Climage 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 Campatibilists as Well,” expected publication in Philosophical Explorations in June 2014.
## Recipients of the Spring Dissertation Research Grant

Recipients of the grant are awarded up to $750 to complete their research. Recipients include:

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**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.

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.

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

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