DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the Week of: June 30, 2008 – July 6, 2008

Monday, June 30, 2008

9:00 a.m., Lindsay A. Clark, Department of Interior Design, Thesis—“Symbology of Interior Design: A Preliminary Typological Study of the Theories of Christopher Day.” Major Professor, Jill Pable. Defense to be held in the WJB, room 228.

10:00 a.m., Aya Kataoka, Department of Molecular Biophysics, Dissertation Defense—“Cardiac Thin Filament Regulatory Proteins: Modulation of Kinetics and Ca2+-Sensitivity, and Relevance to Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.” Major Professor, P. Bryant Chase. Defense to be held in KLB, room 112.

1:00 p.m., Peng Zhong, Department of Chemical & Biochemical Engineering. Thesis—“Na+ during DHPG application plays a critical role in DHPG-induced inhibition of NMDA receptor-mediated synaptic responses in CA1 neurons.” Major Professor, Kevin C. Chen. Defense to be held in CEB, room A113.

1:00 p.m., Albert Prieto-Marquez, Department of Biological Science. Dissertation Defense—“Phylogeny and Historical Biogeography of Hadrosaurid Dinosaurs.” Major Professor, Gregory M. Erickson. Defense to be held in KIN, room 2057.

1:00 p.m., Michelle Zeisset, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering. Dissertation Defense—“Wavelet Methods for Quality Engineering: Statistical Process Monitoring and Experimentation for Profile Responses.” Major Professor, Joseph J. Pignatiello. Defense to be held in COE, room B212.

2:00 p.m., Brian L. Storz, Department of Biological Science. Dissertation Defense—“The Ultimate and Proximate Regulation of Developmental Polyphenism in Spadefoot Toads.” Major Professor, Timothy S. Moerland. Defense to be held in BIO, room 307.

3:00 p.m., Takahisa D. Tokumoto, Department of Physics. Dissertation Defense—“Spin and Charge Ordering in Organic Conductors Investigated By Electron Spin Resonance.” Major Professor, James S. Brooks. Defense to be held in NHMFL, room B331.

4:00 p.m., Michelle VanderDoes, Department of Interior Design. Thesis—“An Exploration of the Advantages and Challenges of Sustainable University Buildings.” Major Professor, Dr. Lisa Waxman. Defense to be held in WJB, room 228.

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

8:00 a.m., Shanna Kurpe, Department of Integrated Marketing and Management Communication. Thesis—“The Prevalence, Coverage & Emphasis of Serious Health Risks: A Content Analysis of Women’s Health Magazines Targeting Minority Populations.” Major Professor, Dr. Gary Heald. Defense to be held in UCC, room 3104.

9:00 a.m., Melissa Mileham, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry. Dissertation Defense—“Stability and Degradation Processes of Energetic Materials.” Major Professor, A.E. Stiegman. Defense to be held in DLC, room 120.
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10:00 a.m., Audrey E. Post, Department of Communication/Interactive and New Communication Technology. Thesis—“Perceived Differences in Credibility of Traditional v. Online News.” Major Professor, Jonathan Adams. Defense to be held in UCC, room 3104.

1:30 p.m., Kristy L. McDonough, Department of Art Education/Art Therapy Program. Thesis—“Case Studies of Art Therapy as a Tool to Aide Adjustment for College Students.” Major Professor, Marcia Rosal. Defense to be held in WJB, room 11A.

2:00 p.m., Jacob D. Moore, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Dissertation Defense—“Structural and Functional Characterization of the Functional Domain, Active Site, and Catalytic Mechanism of ChiZ, a Peptidoglycan Hydrolase from Mycobacterium tuberculosis.” Major Professor, Timothy Cross. Defense to be held in DSL, room 499.

2:00 p.m., Kylie Flynn, College of Education. Thesis—“Predicting Second Grade Special Education Eligibility of Children who attended a Public School Pre-Kindergarten Program.” Major Professor, Mary Francis Hanline. Defense to be held in the Florida Center for Reading Research at the City Center Building, room 3205.

3:00 p.m., Jonathan C. Sheppard, Department of History. Dissertation Defense—“By the Noble Daring of Her Son’s: The Florida Brigade of the Army of Tennessee, 1861-1865.” Major Professor, Dr. James P. Jones. Defense to be held in BEL, room 421.

4:30 p.m., Tommy Joe Crane, Department of Interior Design. Thesis—“Sustainable Design as Second Nature: Incorporating Sustainability into the Interior Design Curriculum.” Major Professor, Lisa K. Waxman. Defense to be held in WJB, room 228.

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

11:00 a.m., Tatjana Mullin, Department of Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science. Thesis—“Zinc Regulation of Neural Stem Cell Proliferation and Antidepressant Efficacy.” Major Professor, Cathy W. Levenson. Defense to be held in BRF, room 243.

1:00 p.m., Stephanie Singletary, Department of English, Thesis—“Swamp Fire.” Major Professor, Diane Roberts. Defense to be held in WMS, room 454.

2:00 p.m., Katy Nandagopal, Department of Psychology, Dissertation Defense—“An Expert Performance Approach to Examining Academic Success in Organic Chemistry.” Major Professor, K. Anders Ericsson. Defense to be held in PDB, room 206.
3:30 p.m., Danielle Brimo, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Thesis—“The Effect of Word Position on Mental Orthographic Images of Novel Words.” Major Professor, Kenn Apel. Defense to be held in RRC, room 113.

Thursday, July 3, 2008

10:00 a.m., Hua Liang, Department of Biological Science, Thesis—“Conformation of Regulatory Domain of Myosin in Skeletal and Smooth Muscle.” Major Professor, Peter Fajer. Defense to be held in BIO, room 208.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Peter Alvarez, Department of English, Thesis—“The Cuban Whistle Crisis.” Major Professor, David Kirby. Defense to be held in WMS, room 454.

1:00 p.m., Chris Sedlacek, Department of Oceanography, Dissertation Defense—“The Biochemical Composition of Nauplii Derived From Stored Non-Diapaude and Diapause Copepod Eggs and the Biology of Diapausing Eggs.” Major Professor, Nancy Marcus. Defense to be held in OSB, room 327.

1:30 p.m., Jessica Spraggins, Department of Art Education, Thesis—“The Importance of Context: A Pilot Case Study of a Woman Who Engaged in Intimate Partner Violence.” Major Professor, David Gussak. Defense to be held in WJB, room 011.

2:30 p.m., Meghan H. Martinez, Department of History, Thesis—“Racial Violence and Competing Memories in Taylor County, Florida, in 1922.” Major Professor, Maxine D. Jones. Defense to be held in BEL, room 421.

3:30 p.m., Yoshie Goto, Department of Meteorology, Dissertation Defense—“Improved Vegetation Characterization and Freeze Statistics in a Regional Spectral Model for the Florida Citrus Farming Region.” Major Professor, James J. O’Brien. Defense to be held in LOV, room 353.