



# THE GRAD CONNECTION

The Graduate School Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Greetings,

This has been another great year.

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. The plenary speaker, Dr. Kevin Beaver, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, began the celebration with some very sage advice with his presentation "Navigating the Transition from Graduate Student to Faculty Member: Lessons I Have Learned." As the students were introduced and we heard about their various accomplishments, the breadth of excellence across the university was evident. Congratulations to everyone.

One of the goals of the Graduate School is to promote interdisciplinary engagement and broaden one's understanding of our community and the world around us. This is why I encourage graduate students to attend the various professional development workshops that we host each year, because each one represents an opportunity to meet students from outside one's discipline. In addition, each spring the Graduate School solicits proposals from graduate students to organize and implement an interdisciplinary workshop/conference/symposium. The purpose is to encourage graduate students to think broadly and across disciplines. Requests for funding (up to \$2000) are considered. Each propos-

al is evaluated on its merits, but priority is given to proposals whose organizing group includes participants (graduate students, postdocs) from more than one academic unit. The greater the diversity of disciplines the better, as the goal is to promote interdisciplinary dialogue and appreciation for a wide array of perspectives. The Graduate School selected the following two proposals for funding: FSU Interdisciplinary Performance Symposium and 21st Century Literacy Lecture Series. Congratulations!

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. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Adrienne Stephenson will be joining the office in late June as the new Director. Dr. Stephenson received her PhD in Pharmacology from Florida A & M University and held a NASA Harriet Jenkins Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.

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 me if you would like to explore opportunities.

Have a wonderful summer.

Nancy Marcus  
Dean, The Graduate School

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## CENTER FOR INTENSIVE ENGLISH STUDIES ASSISTS TAs

BY: ANDREW WILSON

Ensuring quality instruction by teaching assistants is one of the most central enterprises of the Graduate School. As part of the Graduate School, the Center for Intensive English Studies (CIES) is an integral part of that mission.

The International Teaching Assistant (ITA) program at CIES plays a crucial role in enhancing undergraduate instruction. International students who do not meet the language requirement to become teaching assistants can take courses offered by the ITA program to help develop their spoken English skills.

Dr. Maria Beatriz Mendoza, coordinator of the ITA program, says quite simply that “there is not only the language aspect of teaching, but also the cultural aspect. We teach graduate students how to



better prepared to teach undergraduate students at FSU.

Miguel Macias Contreras, a doctoral student in Chemistry, praised the program: “I’m glad I didn’t pass the SPEAK test; otherwise, I wouldn’t have taken the ITA class. I learned so much. My English has improved, and I feel more confident about teaching American students.”

When students develop better language and

handle the cultural situations that can and do come up in the classroom.” This component helps many students in the ITA program feel

teaching skills, they become assets to their departments.

“As language skills increase,” Mendoza mentions, “graduate students are able to teach more advanced classes and thus become even more valuable parts of our university.”

The ITA program enrolls more than seventy graduate students annually who come from all corners of the globe. Mendoza contends that “if we can get them out of

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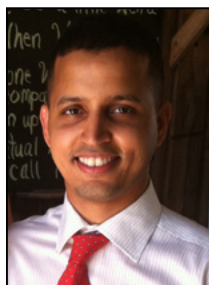
International Teaching Assistant Class

## STUDENT SUCCESS IN CIES - ABDOL AZIZ OULD ISMAIL

BY: ANDREW WILSON

Gathering accomplished students from all corners of the globe is one thing the Graduate School prides itself on. One such student is Abdol Aziz Ould Ismail, hailing from Nouakchott, Mauritania. He is a PhD student in FSU’s biomedical engineering program specializing in bioimaging.

Before matriculating in the engineering program, Ould Ismail spent some time in the Intensive English Program (IEP) at the Center for Intensive English Studies (CIES). Before coming to CIES, he had already completed a MD degree from the University of Aleppo in Syria. His next goal was to earn an MD/PhD, so he made his way to Tallahassee and joined FSU in January 2011. When he first came to CIES, he was placed in Group 1, which assists beginning speakers of English. His English improved, and he gives CIES credit for expanding his listening and speaking skills.



Abdol Aziz Ould Ismail

“[CIES] prepared me to know what to expect,” Ould Ismail says. “Engineering assignments are mostly based on teamwork and group projects... CIES helped me to build teamwork skills.” Even though engineering is predominately a quantitative field, he applauds the CIES focus on grammar, which helped to improve his writing skills. “Even if [someone’s] English is fine” he says, “the friendly and willing faculty at CIES plays a critical step in any student’s development.”

After his experience at CIES, Ould Ismail took a few undergraduate courses to prepare himself for graduate school and began his PhD studies in 2014. Furthermore, he is currently a part of the Grant Laboratory in the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL). In addition to all of his graduate student accomplishments, Ould Ismail has returned to mentor new international students at CIES. At a recent panel discussion, he mentored dozens of new international students, helping to prepare them for the challenges and rewards that lie ahead at FSU.

## 2015 CELEBRATION OF GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE

BY: MELISSA HARDISON

The 2015 Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence is an annual event to commemorate the personal and scholastic achievements of our graduate students at Florida State University.

The Celebration took place on April 8, in the Grand Ballroom of the Alumni Center. The event commenced with a welcome address and words of encouragement by Dean Marcus. She introduced plenary speaker Dr. Kevin Beaver, Professor in the College of Criminology & Criminal Justice. His presentation, "Navigating the Transition from Graduate



Dr. Kevin Beaver

Student to Faculty Member: Lessons I Have Learned," included a blend of humor, practical advice, and motivational anecdotes.

Dr. Beaver challenged students to overcome personal obstacles and to maintain their core values. He concluded the speech by reading from the famous poem, "The Man

in the Glass" by Peter Dale Wimbrow. "For it isn't your father, or mother or wife whose judgment upon you must pass," he read. "The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life is the one staring back from the glass."

The Graduate School recognized graduate students in the following categories: Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Associates, Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Fellows, Preparing Future Professionals (PFP) Fellows, FSU Three Minute Thesis (3MT)<sup>™</sup> Winners, and recipients of external funding.



Attendees of the 2015 Celebration

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The Graduate School provided awards for the following categories: Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Graduate Student Leadership, and Research & Creativity. Faculty members were recognized with the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award.

This year's event included a category to recognize the FSU Fall 3MT<sup>™</sup> winners. Kimberly Smith, the first place winner of the FSU event, advanced to the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) 3MT<sup>™</sup> Regional Competition and won first place.

Congratulations to all of our graduate students for their remarkable achievements. Thank you to the Graduate School, Congress of Graduate Students and the Office of Research for sponsoring this event



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

**Marcaline Boyd**, Classics

**Takudzwa Madzima**, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Sciences

**Lindsey Scott**, Modern Languages and Linguistics

**Kimberly Smith**, Psychology

**Xiaoyan Tan**, Chemistry and Biochemistry

**Zhengwu Zhang**, Statistics



Leadership Award winners with Dean Marcus

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# WINNERS OF EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

## 2014 FSU McKnight Doctoral Fellowship

**Inger Daniels**  
Finance

**Kidane Dashew**  
Neuroscience

**Joshua Degraff**  
Industrial Engineering

**Felicia Griffin**  
Statistics

**Sherelle Harmon**  
Psychology

**Sherrina Lofton**  
Sport Management

**Heather Maranges**  
Psychology

**Alyssa Rose**  
Chemistry and Biochemistry

**Connie Tenorio**  
Biomedical Science

## McKnight Dissertation Fellowship

**Amber Kinsey**  
Nutrition, Food and Exercise  
Science

**Jessica Martinez**  
Biological Science

**Caroline Silva**  
Psychology

**Lenzi Williams**  
Chemistry and Biochemistry

## Research Scholarships and Awards

**Jordon Adams**  
Fermi National Accelerator  
Laboratory LPC Guests and  
Visitors Award and Universities  
Research Association Visiting  
Scholars Award

**Adewale Akinfaderin**  
Golden Key International  
Honour Society 2014 Research  
Grant

**Dolly Al Koborssy**  
Lyon Saint-Etienne Investment  
for the Future Program PALSE  
Grant

**Carolina Alarcon**  
Fulbright Full Grant - Spain

**Michael Alfano**  
Tallahassee Inaugural  
Mayoral Fellowship

**Mohammed Aljahdali**  
NSF IODP Expedition

**Aaron Avery**  
NSF IODP Expedition

**Paige Blair**  
PEO Continuing Education  
Grant

**Aaron Brooks**  
Golden Key International  
Honour Society Graduate  
Scholar Award

**Ashley Carter**  
Maximizing Access to Research  
Careers Travel Award

**Mary Katherine Crouch**  
American Society of Interior  
Designers Legacy Scholarship  
for Graduate Students and  
Interior Design Educators;  
Council South Region Graduate  
Student Travel Award

**Jarrett Cruz**  
NSF IODP Expedition

**Janet DeVries**  
Society of Florida Archivists  
Award of Excellence;  
Florida Library Association  
Scholarship

**Emily Diehm**  
ASH Foundation Graduate  
Student Scholarship

**Rachael Dziechciarz**  
Florida Gubernatorial Fellow

**B. Parker Ellen III**  
Meredith P. Crawford Fellow-  
ship in I/O Psychology

**Daniel Fenn**  
Department of Defense SMART

**Glenna Gordon**  
Florida Chapter of the Amer-  
ican Statistical Association  
Chapter Award and Women in  
Statistics Travel Award

**Sam Greer**  
NSF Graduate Research  
Fellowship Program

**Lidong He**  
2015 US Young Investigator  
Travel Grant

**Jennifer Holmes**  
NIJ Research Assistantship  
Program

**Bradley Hostetler**  
Dumbarton Oaks Research  
Library and Collection Junior  
Fellowship

**Ebony Iheanacho**  
American Association for  
Marriage and Family Therapy  
Minority Fellowship Program

**Allison Jirout**  
AmeriCorps Education Award

**Emily Lee**  
American Heart Association  
GSA Winter 2014 Predoctoral  
Fellowship

**Tingxuan (Tina) Li**  
ETS/NAEP Predoctoral Fellow

**Seunghoo Lim**  
2014 NASPAA Emerging  
Scholars Award

**Melissa Martin**  
STEM Chateaubriand  
Fellowship

**Jane McPherson**  
PEO Scholar Award

**Annelise Mennicke**  
Avon Foundation for Women  
Campus Grant

**Natali Miller**  
2015 Garden Club of America  
Catherine H. Beattie  
Scholarship and Florida Native  
Plant Society Student  
Panhandle Research Grant

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## 2015 FELLOWS FORUM EXPLORES WELLNESS

BY: MELISSA HARDISON

The Fellows Forum is an annual symposium designed to promote scholarship and interdisciplinary learning. Fellows Society members play an important role in the creation of the Forum. They select the topic, coordinate the guest speakers, and assist with the design of the booklet.

The 2015 Fellows Forum took place on March 27th in the Great Hall of the Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House. This year's topic, "Exploring Wellness: What It Is and Why It Matters," covered the idea of well-being and addressed the many social, physical, emotional, environmental, philosophical, and socioeconomic factors that affect personal health.

"The goal of the Forum," said Fellows Society member Aaron Brooks, "is to provide us with some strong theory about wellness, some ideas about the impact wellness or illness can have on the various dimensions of our lives, and ways we might pursue wellness as individuals, as a community of academics at FSU, and as a society."

Dean Marcus of the Graduate School welcomed the guests and introduced keynote speaker Dr. Michael

Bishop, a Professor in the Department of Philosophy. Dr. Bishop discussed the network theory, psychological research, and historical theories about well-being. Two panels on wellness followed the keynote speech.



Dr. Michael Bishop's keynote address

The first panel was called "Psychological/Social Aspects of Health & Wellness" and included Dr. Eileen Cormier from the College of Nursing, Dr. Christopher Coutts from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Ms. Erica Wiborg from the Center for Leadership and Social Change.

Dr. Cormier provided information on promoting lifelong health and counteracting risk factors for mental illness. Dr. Coutts described the restorative effect of natural environments and the impact of related research on urban planning. Ms. Wiborg discussed the role of spirituality in an individual's search for meaning and purpose.

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## EXTERNAL AWARD WINNERS CONTINUED

### Naon Min

American Society for Public Administration Junior Asian Scholar Award

### Donald R. Morgan

Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship

### Christopher Myers

Office of Naval Research Grant

### Elias Nakouzi

2015 Ludo Frevel Crystallography Scholarship and Edward H. Kraus Crystallographic Research Fund

### Abigail Novak

Florida Gubernatorial Fellow

### Raquel Oliveira

Fulbright Foreign Student Doctoral Grant

### Emmanuel Osemota

Florida Gubernatorial Fellow

### Joanna Pepple

DAAD Language Course Grant

### Bianca Prohaska

2014 Guy Harvey Scholarship

### Spence Purnell

Florida House of Representatives Legislative Intern Program

### Claire Routledge

NSF IODP Expedition

### Will Ryan

Ecological Society of America Student Section and NSF EAPSI - Japan

### Taylor Sachs

Florida Gubernatorial Fellow

### Susan Segura

2015 Urban Planning Design Award/Leadership Award

### Andrea Stathopoulos

International Neuroendocrine Federation Travel Grant

### David Struhs

Florida Gubernatorial Fellow

### David Ward

Florida Gubernatorial Fellow

### William Weihe

Federation of German-American Clubs Universitaet Kassel Summer Semester Grant

### Erin Workman

Conference of College Composition and Communication Research Initiative Grant

### Philip Worts

2014 NSCA Foundation Scholarships and Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic Grant

### Timothy Wright

University Transportation Centers Outstanding Student of the Year Award

### Zhihui Zhang

Applied Mathematics SIAM Conference Travel Award

# RECOGNIZING STUDENT AND ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AT FSU

Silvia Sollai, Jamile Forcelini and Alan Parma (PhD Candidates)

- Co-authored a peer-reviewed article entitled “Pelas contas do rosário! A inserção da cultura brasileira através dos bordões novelísticos nas aulas de PLE” in The Portuguese Language Journal, V. 8 Fall 2014.

Jordon R. Adams (MS 2012, PhD Candidate)

- Contributed to publication of “Search for stealth supersymmetry in events with jets, either photons or leptons, and low missing transverse momentum in pp collisions at 8 TeV” November, 2014.

James Barry (DM 2003)

- James Barry’s opera, SMASHED: The Carrie Nation Story was selected for the 2014 FringeNYC Festival and met with considerable critical acclaim. The opera was one of 16 shows selected from more than 200 companies to be featured on the Fringe Encore Series, the festival’s “Best Of” showcase at the SoHo Playhouse.

Rebecca A. Bernert (PhD 2009)

- Published the first report (JAMA Psychiatry) to show that sleep disturbances confer an independent risk for death by suicide in late life among a representative, population-based community sample. Paper featured by podcast interview, press releases by the JAMA Network and Stanford Medicine, and various print and broadcast media outlets, such as the Washington Post, Huffington Post, Boston Globe, and CBS Radio.

Keith Berry (MA 1991, PhD 2005)

- Presented a paper at the 129th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association in New York, NY, entitled “Teaching American History Now, Tomorrow and Forever: Learning American History in a Post-Racial World.”

Dan Capron (MS 2011, PhD Candidate)

- Hired as an assistant professor in Clinical

Psychology at University of Southern Mississippi.

Paul M. Gignac (PhD 2010)

- Received a grant from the NSF, Division of Environmental Biology (2015) “Unraveling the deep history of avian neurological complexity.”
- Received a grant from the NSF, EAGER Competition (2015) for “Iodine-enhanced micro-CT imaging.”

Jacob Hicks (PhD Candidate)

- Awarded an Edward H. and Marie C. Kingsbury Award for 2015-16. Mr. Hicks is one of three award recipients.

Rebekah Landbeck (PhD Candidate)

- Awarded a grant to develop a driving simulator skills training program for older adults, and to study the effects of this training on improving data validity and on reducing the incidence or severity of simulator sickness among older participants in driving simulator studies. This research is being funded by the US Department of Transportation, through the University Transportation Center and the Center for Accessibility and Safety for an Aging Population.

Joseph Long (PhD 2014)

- Promoted from a visiting assistant professor (non-tenure track) to an assistant professor (tenure track) within the Philosophy Department at SUNY Brockport.

Alexander Mikaveridze (PhD 2003)

- Held the Hubert Humphreys Endowed Professorship for excellence in research in 2013-2014 and received the Sybil T. and J. Frederick Patten Endowed Professorship for excellency in teaching.
- Published “Napoleon’s Trial by Fire: The Burning of Moscow” (London: Pen & Sword, 2014)
- Published “Russian Eyewitness Accounts of the 1807 Campaign” (London: Frontline Books, 2015)

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## STUDENT AND ALUMNI EXCELLENCE AT FSU CONTINUED

- Published the second, expanded and revised, edition of the Historical Dictionary of Georgia (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015)

Roger Peace  
(PhD 2007)

- Published "Contested Narratives in the U.S. over the Contra War (Nicaragua, 1980s)," in Natalia Starostina, ed., *Between Memory and Mythology: The Construction of Memory of Modern Wars* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing Press, September 2014)

Jennifer Perrine  
(PhD 2006)

- Won the 2014 Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Poetry for *No Confession, No Mass*; the book will be published by University of Nebraska Press in 2015.

James G. Quigley  
(PhD Candidate)

- Published "Moral Psychology and the Unity of Morality." *Utilitas FirstView* (January): 1-28.

Andrea Sartori  
(MA Candidate)

- Published two scholarly articles, one entitled "Capitalismo, religione, follia. La società del debito", in the *Italian Quarterly Review*, 2014, issued by Rutgers University, and one entitled "Sguardo di madre. Ordine simbolico, colpa e liberazione in *Una bambina e basta* di Lia Levi," published in *Altrelettere* and issued by University of Zürich.

Della A. Scott-Ireton  
(PhD 2005)

- Received the 2015 Senator Bob Williams Award for Historic Preservation in Florida.

The award will be presented during the 2015 Florida Heritage Awards ceremony.

Angel Swindell  
(MA Candidate)

- Awarded a lifetime membership in the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society at FSU.

Lauren S. Tashman  
(MS 2003, PhD 2010)

- Co-edited the book, "Becoming a Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology Professional: A Global Perspective," published by Psychology Press/Routledge in May 2014.

Rafael Vasquez Lombardo  
(MS 2012)

- Recently promoted to Senior Catalyst-Ceramics Engineer by Cummins Inc. Emission Solutions. Continued support of projects aimed at developing catalyst components to curb exhaust emissions from diesel engines and to comply with leading worldwide emission regulations in the United States, Europe, and Japan.

*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 our online form to tell us about their achievement:

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# RECIPIENTS OF THE SPRING DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT

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

**Mengyao Cui**  
Educational Psychology  
and Learning Systems

**Stephanie Kennedy**  
Social Work

**Alexa Warwick**  
Biological Science

**Emily Diehm**  
Communication  
Sciences and Disorders

**Scott Swan**  
Music

**Anna Wright**  
Molecular Biophysics

**Marcus Elam**  
Nutrition, Food and  
Exercise Science

**Xiaoyan Tan**  
Chemistry and  
Biochemistry

**Virginia Eller**  
Earth, Ocean and  
Atmospheric Science

**Christopher Thompson**  
Educational  
Psychology  
and Learning  
Systems

**Brandy Gatlin**  
School of Teacher  
Education

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Educational  
Psychology and  
Learning Systems

**Dongyu Jia**  
Biological Science

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# CELEBRATION OF STUDENT EXCELLENCE **CONTINUED**

## Leadership Award

**Meagan Arrastia**, Educational Psychology  
and Learning Systems

**Holly Widen**, Geography

## Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards

**Dr. Anne Barrett**, Sociology

**Dr. John Geringer**, Music Education

**Dr. Michael Shatruk**, Chemistry and Biochemistry

**Dr. Valerie Shute**, Educational Psychology and  
Learning Systems

**Dr. Anuj Srivastava**, Statistics

## Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards

**Maize Arendsee**, Art

**Logan Bearden**, English

**Catherine Greenley-Bennett**,  
School of Teacher Education

**Keith Richard**, Sociology

**Brett Walter**, School of Teacher Education

**Kimberly Wiley**, Public Administration



**Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award winners  
with Dean Marcus and Dr. Lisa Liseno**  
(not all winners are pictured)

Photo by: Bill Lax. University Photography Services

## *Interested in an Award?*

If you are interested in more information about our awards, the application and nomination process, and the deadlines for the 2016 award cycle, please visit our website for more information:

[www.gradschool.fsu.edu](http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu)



## CIES ITA CONTINUED

our program in one or two semesters, we can have them ready to teach in different capacities at FSU." It's a great system; the faster the students learn English, the longer they are available to teach classes in their academic programs.

The close relationship between CIES and the Graduate School ensures that international teaching assistants can receive monitoring and close observation in their classroom to further improve the academic quality of their instruction.

Thanks to many people's efforts, the quality of incoming graduate students has increased tremendously over the last decade. The increased quality of students combined with the rigors of the ITA program have benefited countless Florida State students, and this integral partnership will continue to play a role in nurturing the Graduate School's mission.

You can learn more about the Center for Intensive English Studies by visiting [www.cies.fsu.edu](http://www.cies.fsu.edu).

## 2015 FELLOWS FORUM CONTINUED

The second panel, "Physical Aspects of Health & Wellness," included Ms. Rachel Howell from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Dr. Michael Ormsbee from the Department of Nutrition, Food, and Exercise Sciences, and Dr. James Whyte IV from the College of Nursing.

Ms. Rachel Howell discussed the benefits of mindfulness exercise and invited the guests to try a gentle yoga session to relieve stress. Dr. Michael Ormsbee described his research on the effects of diet and exercise on body composition. Dr. James Whyte IV discussed his clinical experiences and the spectrum of cognitive processes that influence patient health outcomes.

The two panels provided a variety of thoughtful viewpoints on a complex interdisciplinary issue.

Congratulations to the Fellows Society on another successful year. Thank you to our speakers, faculty, and staff members, as well as to the following Fellows Society members: Aaron Brooks, Alicia Craig-Rodriguez, Gabriel Williams, Brett Castellanos, Melanie Hom, Andrew Moffatt, Jamie Schindewolf, and Lesley Wolff.

The Fellows Society is an organization that brings together graduate students who have received competitive university-wide fellowships. The program encourages a tradition of service, leadership, and scholarship at Florida State University. To learn more about the Fellows Society, please visit [www.gradschool.fsu.edu/Fellows-Society](http://www.gradschool.fsu.edu/Fellows-Society).

## Upcoming Event Information

New Graduate Student Orientation **Aug 18, 2015**  
9:00 am-3:00 pm

**Aug 19, 2015**  
9:00 am - 4:15 pm  
**Aug 20, 2015**  
8:45 am - 3:40 pm  
PIE Conference & TA Orientation (HCB)

3 Minute Thesis Finals **November 17, 2015**  
6 pm  
College of Medicine Auditorium

Event information may change.

For more information, please contact Melissa Hardison, Event Coordinator for the Graduate School, at [mhardison@fsu.edu](mailto:mhardison@fsu.edu).

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