Greetings,

At the end of the summer semester 2017 I will be stepping down as Dean of The Graduate School. I have thoroughly enjoyed these past 12 years and have learned so much about graduate education. The university is a marvelous diverse community and our graduate students demonstrate excellence across the campus. This was particularly evident at The Celebration for Graduate Student Excellence in April. Graduate students enrich both our teaching and research endeavors. Congratulations to everyone.

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. The students who received external awards in the previous year were recognized at the Celebration and highlighted in the program. The breadth of disciplines represented was remarkable.

We have already learned that five of our students will receive a PEO Scholar Award next year. There were 738 applicants and only 100 awards. To receive five of these is fantastic. We also learned that we will have six new National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship recipients. These are wonderful opportunities as these awards bring recognition not only to the students, but to their programs and the university. For more information about these and other success stories, and to learn how you might qualify for an external award, log on to the OGFA website.

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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2017 Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence

By: Katrina Williams

The Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence was held on April 18, 2017 in the Florida State University Alumni Center Ballroom. This annual event honors the achievements of graduate students who excel in teaching, research, creativity and scholarship. Graduate faculty are also recognized for their critical contributions to graduate education through advising, mentorship, support and advocacy.

The event was hosted by Dr. Nancy Marcus, Dean of the Graduate School. The program included remarks by President John Thrasher and an address by the plenary speaker Dr. Debra Ann Fadool. Dr. Fadool is the Nancy H. Marcus Professor of Biological Science and works in Molecular Biophysics and the Neuroscience Program in the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Fadool is also the Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs in the Graduate School. Her speech, “My Dad Always Said There is Always Room for One More Good One” provided inspiration, laughs, encouragement and highlighted the importance of perseverance.

Over 60 graduate students were recognized at the Celebration. The categories included distinction in Research, Creativity, Professional Development, Instruction, Visual Arts, Leadership, Mentoring and External Awards of at least $5,000. The ceremony closed with an invitation to a reception immediately following the event.

The Graduate School would like to thank our sponsors, the Congress of Graduate Students and the Office of Research. We would also like to thank President Thrasher, Dr. Debra Fadool, Dr. Nancy Marcus, the Award Recipients, and the Award Selection Committees for helping to make this event a success.

Award winners are listed on the following pages.
2017 Award Winners

Leadership Award
Valery Nguemaha, Physics

Research and Creativity Awards
Daniel Baur, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science
Peter Cheetam, Electrical and Chemical Engineering
Melanie Hom, Psychology
Sam Houston, Religion
Shanaaz Mohammed, Modern Languages
Stephanie Prost, Social Work

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
Sean Bartley, Theatre
Brandon Brice, Economics
Haley Gentile, Sociology
Anastasia Makhanova, Psychology
Seyedahmad Rahimi, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems
Michael (Blair) Thomas, Public Administration and Policy

Graduate Student Excellence in Visual Arts
Ramsey Mathews, English
Rileigh Puckett, Art Education
Matthew Ross, Neuroscience/Psychology

Leadership Award Winner with Dean Marcus
Photo Courtesy of University Communications

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

Research and Creativity Award Winners with Dean Marcus and Dr. Devine
Photo Courtesy of University Communications

Graduate Student Excellence in Visual Arts Award Winners with Dean Marcus
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2017 Award Winners (cont)

Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards
Richard Bertram, Mathematics
Eric Chicken, Statistics
Kathy Guthrie, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Jill Pable, Interior Architecture and Design
Jorge Piekarewicz, Physics

John F. Liseno Graduate Award
Brandon Brice, Economics

SPRING 2017 DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS
Rebecca Allen, Art Education
Brittany Allman, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science
Hardeep Gumber, Biological Science
Behnam Keshavarz, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science
Yi Liu, Business Administration
Sicong Liu, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems
Justin Mason, Educational Psychology and Learning Systems
Jordan Montgomery, Family and Child Sciences
John Muchira, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Ana Ndumu, School of Information
Mary Oglesby, Psychology
Shirin Pourafshar, Nutrition, Food and Exercise Science
Allison Rayburn, Family and Child Sciences
Nicole Short, Psychology

Professional Development Workshops - Summer
Establishing a Professional Online Presence Workshop [PFF/PFP/PIE]
June 14, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall
Presenter: Amanda Sargent, Assistant Director, Career Center
By creating and maintaining a professional online presence, you can highlight your skills and experience for potential employers. This workshop is designed for graduate students and postdocs.

Early Career Publishing in the Humanities [PFF/PFP/PIE]
July 13, 2017, 12:30 p.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall
Presenter: Dr. Jonathan Grant
Publications make future faculty competitive. This workshop will explain the publication process, help students to evaluate publication venues, and provide publishing strategies while preparing for the job market.
Grant Basics—From Finding to Writing a Winning Proposal [PFF/PFP/PIE]

July 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall
Presenter: FSU Office of Research

The Office of Research will discuss the different aspects of grantmanship. We will look at resources available to find a grant that matches your idea, exploring different options and introduce you to FSU’s funding database. Next, we will review examples of solicitations and discuss what steps are to be taken to be sure this is the right fit for you. Finally, we will share grant writing tips to help you create a successful proposal.

Do you want your thesis/dissertation published AND your research will involve human subjects? Apply for Human Subjects (IRB) approval ASAP! [PFF/PFP/PIE]

July 20, 2017, 3:00 p.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall
Presenter: Julie Haltiwanger, Human Subjects Committee

Clear away the confusion and simplify the Human Subjects application process by attending this workshop to learn when you need human subjects approval, when you should apply, and what information to provide.

How to Prepare for a Telephone Interview [PFF/PFP/PIE]

July 25, 2017, 3:00 p.m. Honors, Scholars & Fellows House, 4th Floor, Great Hall
Presenter: Amanda Sargent, Assistant Director, Career Center

Many companies and universities use phone interviews as an initial employment screening technique for a variety of reasons. Because they're generally brief, phone interviews save employers’ time. They also serve as a more realistic screening alternative for cases in which employers are considering out-of-town (or out-of-state and foreign) candidates. When you leave the workshop, you will know how to prepare for phone interviews.

Thesis, Dissertation, and Treatise Workshops

May 23, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Strozier 5A Instruction Lab
June 1, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Strozier 5A Instruction Lab
June 12, 2017, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Strozier 5A Instruction Lab
June 23, 2017, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Strozier 5A Instruction Lab

Do you have questions about the Graduate School’s requirements on formatting, the submission process or being cleared for graduation? This workshop addresses questions of proper formatting, along with helpful tips for formatting properly in Word, and how and when to submit your manuscript. It also addresses issues of copyright, IRB/ACUC approvals and other questions that may arise during the process. This workshop is recommended for all thesis/dissertation/treatise-track students at least one semester prior to intended defense, but is open to all students at any stage in their manuscript process. Students are encouraged to bring their manuscript draft on a laptop or flash drive.

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