

# Notable Scholarly Graduate Student Achievements

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K-State's Graduate Student Council would like to recognize several graduate students who have had notable scholarly achievements during the beginning of the Spring 2011 semester. All recommendations were made by K-State faculty who have worked with the students and feel the student should be recognized. This list is by no means meant to be all-inclusive of the graduate student accomplishments across campus, but hopefully is a representative return from the faculty. The students that have been recommended have been grouped based on the type of achievement and by academic unit. The professor submitting the recognition is noted in parenthesis after each student's name and award.

## Academic Excellence Awardees

Several students were recipients of Outstanding Student awards or Achievement Awards, etc and are listed below for recognition.

### *Agricultural Economics*

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**Jena Silva** – awarded the Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture, M.S. Research Award for her Dec 2010 thesis

### *Animal Science and Industry*

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**Jon Bergstrom** – won the ASAS Midwestern Section Young Scholar and Dr. Tim S. Stahly Outstanding Swine Nutrition Midwest Graduate Student Award (Dr. Mike Tokach)

### *Architecture*

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**Joseph Abraham** – won the Helm Award for the department's best graduate thesis written in 2010 (Dr. David Seamon)

### *Chemistry*

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**Khanh Hoa Tran Ba** – won the Graduate Classroom Award (Dr. Takashi Ito)

**Khem Acharya** – won the departmental award (2011) for his contributions to the electronic structure and electron transfer pathways in the isolated reaction center from *C. reinhardtii*, a eukarotic green alga (Dr. Ryszard Jankowiak)

**Allan Prior** – won the 2011 Ohno Research Award (Dr. Duy Hua)

**Keshar Prasain** – won the Chemistry Departmental Research Award (Dr. Duy Hua)

### *Grain Science and Industry*

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**Hyma Gajula** – won the 2011 Kansas State University Gamma Sigma Delta Ph.D. Research Award (Dr. Hulya Dogan)

### *Horticulture*

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**Jacob "Cody" Domenghini** – won the 2011 Kansas State University Gamma Sigma Delta Ph.D. Teaching Award; this award is intended to recognize outstanding teaching performance by Ph.D. graduate students in the broad field of agriculture at K-State (Dr. Dale Bremer)

## Recognition of Significant Contributions to Knowledge Base

In some cases, a recommendation for recognition was provided by the student's professor purely on the basis of the graduate student's outstanding performance and achievement in their area of research. These students are listed below, with a brief description of their contribution as described by their professor.

### *Anatomy and Physiology*

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**Steven Copp** – is an exceptional graduate teaching assistant in Kinesiology and has, to date, published 12 research papers in peer reviewed journals and has also won the August Krogh Young Investigator Award for 2011 from the Microcirculatory Society (Dr. David Poole and Dr. Tim Mush)

**Daniel Hirai** – is a Fulbright Scholar (Brazil) who won a Zweifach Travel Award to attend the National Microcirculation and Experimental Biology meeting in Washington, D.C. and has, to date, published over 10 research papers in peer reviewed journals (Dr. David Poole and Dr. Tim Musch)

**Deepthi Uppalapati** – has been studying hard and made a few notable accomplishments: co-author of a recent peer reviewed publication and a review article just submitted for publication, received 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the best poster award in 2010 Phi Zeta Research Day activity at College of Veterinary Medicine (Dr. Masaaki Tamura)

### *Chemistry*

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**Khanh Hoa Tran Ba** – has recently clarified that the orthogonal regression analysis provides a simple means to assess the orientation of cylindrical nanoscale pores in mesoporous silica films; his achievement has been reported in *Phys Chem Chem Phys*, one of the leading journals in Physical Chemistry (Dr. Takashi Ito)

**Lateef Syed** – has made excellent progress toward his

PhD; is an excellent student who has made a multitude of contributions to my group and is also instrumental to other projects; has received a congratulatory letter from President Kirk Schulz for his work in the area of food safety and security of Kansas State (Dr. Jun Li)

**Prashant Chopade** – has received the 2011 KSU Phi Lambda Upsilon (PLU) Graduate Research Award, and gave the Award Lecture at the Annual PLU banquet; is very bright, imaginative and creative, but also an excellent team player and group leader; despite a very heavy work load, is very generous with his time and is always willing to share his expertise with other group members; is also very articulate, a terrific speaker, extremely enthusiastic and, in short, a real pleasure to work with and to be around (Dr. Christer Aakeroy)

#### *Electrical and Computer Engineering*

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**Kejia Li** – won a \$10,000 award from the Center for Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology (CIMIT) to prepare a proposal geared toward the development of a new type of health monitoring device; in short the medical device will be a multi-sensor health monitoring unit about the size of a pack of gum, where each side of the device contains a different type of snap-on medical sensor; has produced an invention disclosure for the device (Dr. Steve Warren)

#### *Entomology*

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**Iliano Vieira CA Gomes** – has had numerous peer-reviewed published journal manuscripts and conference proceedings; has a preliminary patent application; has given oral presentations and received several awards; high level of work (Dr. Marcelo Ramalho-Ortigao)

#### *Kinesiology*

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**Scott Ferguson** – is an outstanding graduate teaching assistant in Kinesiology and has authored two abstracts for presentation at national meetings of the American College of Sports Medicine and Experimental Biology (Dr. David Poole and Dr. Tim Musch)

## Fellowship and Grant Awardees

During the Fall 2010 semester significant fellowships or grants were awarded to the following students. A brief description of the award is included (if available).

#### *Computing and Information Sciences*

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**Karthik Tangirala** – received a two-year Ph.D. Fellowship; the recipients of the fellowship were selected based on demonstrated academic achievements and exceptional promise for successful research careers in computing and information sciences (Dr. Doina Caragea)

#### *Entomology*

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**Carl Doud** – Active Duty Military Entomologist Support Grant (Dr. Ludek Zurek)

#### *Sociology*

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**Kara Dillard** – received a \$10,000 grant from the Kettering Foundation to study facilitation methods and deliberative discourse during town hall, online, and small group public deliberations (Dr. Gerad Middendorf)

## Travel Awardees

External travel grants were awarded to several students and are listed below. A brief description of each travel grant is included (where available) as well.

#### *Computing and Information Sciences*

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**Ana Stanescu** – has been awarded a CRA-W travel fellowship to attend the CRA-W Grad Cohort Workshop, where she will present a poster, April 1-2, 2011, in Boston, MA (Dr. Doina Caragea)

#### *Public Administration*

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**Dmytro Panchuk** – receive a David Gould Scholarship for attendance at the 2011 annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel; one of only 4 to receive the award (Dr. Krishna Tummala)

## Scholarship Awardees

Those who were awarded notable scholarships in the Fall 2010 semester are listed below, with a brief description of their scholarship (if available).

#### *Grain Science and Industry*

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**Elisa Karkle** – 2010-2011 IFT Foundation Scholarship for outstanding commitment to food science education (Dr. Sajid Alavi)

#### *Entomology*

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**Wendy Johnson** – was awarded the Roger C. Smith Scholarship (Department of Entomology) in the Ph.D. category, Spring 2011 (Dr. James Nechols)

**Carl Doud** – 2010 Joe Pankaskie Proposal Writing Scholarship and 2011 O. W. "Spide" Morris Scholarship (Dr. Ludek Zurek)

## Competition Awardees

The graduate students who have received awards at conference poster competitions, oral presentation competitions, research forum presentation competitions, and other similar competitions are listed below with a brief description of their entry/award.

#### *Agricultural Economics*

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**Shonda Anderson** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka (GSC)

#### *Agronomy*

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**Austin Bontrager** – received 3rd place in the Environmental Quality Graduate Students' Poster Competition at the 2010 American Society of Agronomy Annual Meeting for his poster presentation (Dr. Nathan Nelson)

**George Paul** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka (GSC)

### *Animal Science and Industry*

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**Kristi Wright-Burton** – coached the K-State Horse Judging team last fall to a World Championship; the team was undefeated in oral reasons last fall, and the season culminated with a High Point Team title at the American Quarter Horse Association's World Championship intercollegiate horse judging contest (Dr. Teresa Slough)

### *Biochemistry*

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**Sujata Chaudhari** – won first place for her oral 10-minute paper at the Entomological Society of America meeting in San Diego, California (Dr. Subbarat Muthukrishnan)

### *Biological and Agricultural Engineering*

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**Orlando Aguilar Gallardo** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka (GSC)

### *Biology*

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**Rachel Pigg** - won an Honorable Mention for her poster at the International Biogeography Society's 5th Biennial Conference in Crete, on January 10th, 2011; one of 7 awardees out of 270 (Dr. Jack Cully)

**Hieu Sy "Danny" Vu** – his abstract was chosen a winner of the American Oil Chemists Society Analytical Division Student Award for 2011 (Dr. Ruth Welti)

**Emily Archer Slone** – won the 1st place in the oral presentations at the K-INBRE meeting in January

### *Business*

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**Tyler Lauer** – won a best paper award at the Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management, Management and Education and Pedagogy Division (Dr. Thomas Wright)

### *Chemistry*

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**Evan Hurley** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka (GSC)

**Lateef Syed** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka and was a top presenter in Topeka (GSC)

### *Civil Engineering*

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**Ranjit Godavarthy** – won First Place Award, Student Poster Competition for Midwestern District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (MWITE) Conference, Minneapolis, June 2010 (Dr. Gene Russell)

### *Computing and Information Sciences*

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**Huang Zhu** – won the Best Paper Award at the IEEE/ACM International Conference on Cyber, Physical and Social Computing, Hangzhou, China (Dr. Gurdip Singh)

### *Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology*

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**Neena Kanwar** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka (GSC)

### *Electrical and Computer Engineering*

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**Sarah Kubler** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka (GSC)

**Sakshi Pahwa** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka and was a top presenter in Topeka (GSC)

### *Entomology*

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**Carl Doud** – first place in the student 10-minute paper competition for the MUVE-II session. 2010 Entomological Society of America Annual Conference. San Diego, CA (Dr. Ludek Zurek)

**Wendy Johnson** – won first place award in graduate student competition (Ph.D. level) for a talk at the 2010 national meeting of the Entomological Society of America (Dr. James Nechols)

### *Grain Science and Industry*

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**Yanjie Bai** – received the 2010 Corn Refiners Association Outstanding Poster at AACCI, Savannah, GA (Dr. Young-Cheng Shi)

**Monika Brijwani** – received 1<sup>st</sup> prize for an oral presentation at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America (Dr. Bhadriraju Subramanyam)

### *Human Nutrition*

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**James Lattimer** – coached the K-State Horse Judging team last fall to a World Championship; the team was undefeated in oral reasons last fall, and the season culminated with a High Point Team title at the American Quarter Horse Association's World Championship intercollegiate horse judging contest (Dr. Teresa Slough)

**Jennifer Hanson** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka but was unable to attend (GSC)

### *Hospitality Management and Dietetics*

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**Matthew VanSchenk** – poster presentation was selected to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka (GSC)

**Pei Liu** – poster presentation was selected as alternate to compete in the Capital Graduate Research Summit in Topeka, and filled in for one of the top ten (GSC)

## Conference Participants

Graduate students who were selected to give oral or poster presentations at professional conferences are listed below with a brief description of their conference.

### *Accounting*

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**Heber Garcia** – has had a paper accepted at the Southwest American Accounting Association in Houston in March (Dr. Joseph C. Ugrin)

### *Agricultural Economics*

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**Bryon Parman** – presented at the International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, and Social Sustainability, Jan 5-7, Hamilton, New Zealand (Dr. John Crespi)

### *Business*

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**Rebecca Spexarth** – presented at the College of Business Faculty Research Seminar on Friday, February 4, 2011 (Dr. Esther Swilley)

### *Communication Sciences and Disorders*

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**Klaire Mann** – presented a poster authored by Klaire Mann, Ann Bosma Smit, Barbara Weltsch, and Melanie Hilgers at the Annual Convention of the American Speech-

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Language-Hearing Association in Philadelphia, PA (Dr. Ann Bosma Smit)

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*Computing and Information Sciences*

**Rohit Parimi** – will be presenting a paper at the 15th Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, to be held May 24-27, 2011, in Shenzhen, China; the acceptance rate for this conference was 9.7% (Dr. Doina Caragea)

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*History*

**Daniel Aksamit** – presented at the Social Science History Association's annual conference (Dr. Louise A. Breen)

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*Kinesiology*

**Gina Besenyi** – presented at the Active Living Research Eighth Annual Conference, February 22-24, 2011, San Diego, CA (Dr. Andrew Kaczynski)

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*Security Studies*

**Jay Zwirblis** – selected to attend the Young Leaders Dialogue with America conference (sponsored by the State Department) in Prague, Czech Republic (Dr. David Stone)

**Michael Schmiede** – presented at the Annual Meeting of the ISA-Midwest, St. Louis, MO (Dr. Jeffrey Pickering)

**Matthew Harris** – presented at the Annual Meeting of the ISA-Northeast, Baltimore, MD and will present at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal Canada, March 16-19, 2011 (Dr. Jeffrey Pickering)

**Patricia, Blocksome** – presented at the Terrorism and Global Security 2010 Conference, National Press Club, Washington, DC (Dr. Jeffrey Pickering)

**Jerome Sibayan** – presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 6-8, 2011 (Dr. Jeffrey Pickering)

**Olandrew Danzell** – will present at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-Apr 3, 2011, at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011 and at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 16-19, 2011 (Dr. Jeffrey Pickering)

**Jacob Mauslein** – will present at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-Apr 3, 2011 (Dr. Jeffrey Pickering)

**Dung Nguyen** – will present at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-Apr 3, 2011 (Dr. Jeffrey Pickering)

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*Theatre*

**Jamie McCall** – co-presented at the National Association for Drama Therapy Conference with Christina Cherry and Lanell Finneran at the Bert Nash Center in Lawrence, KS (Dr. Sally Bailey)

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## Notable Job Placements and Committee Assignments

The students listed in this section have received notable job placements or were asked to serve on prestigious committees or councils. A brief description of the job

placement or committee assignment is included for each student.

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*Education Administration and Leadership*

**Jerri Kemble** – was asked to be on the National Superintendents' Advisory Council for ETS (Educational Testing Service); working on the superintendents' exam; worked with 14 superintendents from across the United States; operationally defined 52 knowledge and skill categories a beginning superintendent must be familiar with or know (Dr. Trudy Salsberry)

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*History*

**David Vail** – was chosen to serve on the Agricultural History Society Program Committee for the 2011 meeting in Springfield, Ill (Dr. Louise Breen)

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*Sociology*

**Ryan Alexander** – is now a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in the School of Community Affairs at Wichita State University (Dr. Susan Williams)

**Travis Linnemann** – has accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA (Dr. Susan Williams)

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*Wildlife Biology*

**Andy Gregory** – has 6 publications to his credit and successfully competed for a post-doctoral position in the lab of Dr. Paul Beier at Northern Arizona University; Dr. Beier is a leader in the field of landscape ecology (Dr. Samantha Wisely)

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## Notable Published Works

The students listed in this section have published notable works. A brief description of the written work and journal is included for each student, if available.

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*Agricultural Economics*

**Tonisha Luster** – with A. Barkley published “The Economic Determinants of the Number of Minority Farmers in the Southeast Region of the United States, 1969-1997.” *The Review of Black Political Economy*, March 2011 (38,1):83-101 (Dr. John Crespi)

**Lee L. Shulz** – with T.C. Schroeder and C.E. Ward published “Trade-Related Policy and Canadian-U.S. Fed Cattle Transaction Basis.” *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. Forthcoming August 2011 (Dr. John Crespi)

**Alexi Thompson** – published “Terrorism and Tourism,” *Journal of Tourism Economics*, forthcoming (Dr. John Crespi)

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*English*

**Michael Mlekoday** – has two forthcoming poem publications (Dr. Tim Dayton and Dr. Elizabeth Dodd)

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*History*

**Kelly Sartorius** – published “Experimental autonomy: Dean Emily Taylor and the Women's Movement at the University of Kansas, *Kansas History* 33, no. 1 (Spring 2010): 2-21 (Dr. Louise Breen)

**Robin Deich Ottoson** – published “The Battle Over the Flag: Protest, Community Opposition, and Silence in the Mennonite Colleges in Kansas During the Vietnam War,” *Journal of Church and State*, vol. 52, no. 4 (Autumn 2010), 686-711 (Dr. Louise Breen)

Recognitions subcommittee chairperson for the Graduate Student Council.

#### *Music Education*

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**Staci Horton** – published in a refereed research journal, *Perspectives Journal of the Early Childhood Music & Movement Association*; the article is: "Let's Play! Infusing Music in Early Childhood Learning" in Volume 5, Number 4, Fall 2010 (Dr. Jana Fallin)

**Susan Vice Bennett** – published in a refereed research journal, *Perspectives Journal of the Early Childhood Music & Movement Association*; the article is: "Let's Play! Infusing Music in Early Childhood Learning" in Volume 5, Number 4, Fall 2010 (Dr. Jana Fallin)

**Diana Taylor** – published in a refereed research journal, *Perspectives Journal of the Early Childhood Music & Movement Association*; the article is: "Let's Play! Infusing Music in Early Childhood Learning" in Volume 5, Number 4, Fall 2010 (Dr. Jana Fallin)

#### *Security Studies*

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**John Grubbs** – published in *Small Wars Journal*, "Constructing the Revolution" (Dr. David Stone)

**Robert (Danny) Wallace** – accepted for publication in *Intelligence and National Security*, "Eberstadt, Dulles and NSC 50: The Impetus for CIA Evolution through 1953" (Dr. David Stone)

## Other Recognitions

The students listed in this section did not fit directly into one of the other broad categories, but are equally deserving of recognition for their accomplishments. A brief description of their individual achievements is included for each student.

#### *Theatre*

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**Katherine Lawrence** – directed “The Vagina Monologues” for UPC in Forum Hall, Feb 18-19 (Dr. Sally Bailey)

**Charles Johnston** – directed “Crimes of the Heart” in the Purple Masque Theatre and also for “Broke-ology” for Ebony Theatre, Feb 24-26 (Dr. Sally Bailey)

**Jessica Thomas** – designed the set for “Crimes of the Heart” in the Purple Masque Theatre and also for “Broke-ology” for Ebony Theatre, Feb 24-26 (Dr. Sally Bailey)

**Michelle Davenport** – has written and directed “Camp Bear Claw” for the Barrier-Free Theatre company, premiere at the Manhattan Arts Center on April 8-9 (Dr. Sally Bailey)

**Megan Johnson** – directed “A Christmas Carol” for the Manhattan Arts Center, Dec 2010 (Dr. Sally Bailey)

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