Kansas State University's Graduate Student Council would like to recognize several graduate students who have earned notable scholarly recognition. 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 inclusive of all the graduate student accomplishments across the university but is a representative return from the faculty. The students who have been recommended have been grouped based on the type of achievement and by academic unit. The major professor or adviser of each student or the professor submitting the achievement is recognized in parentheses after each student's name and award, if available. The Graduate Student Council acknowledges the production assistance of the K-State Division of Communications and Marketing.

### EXCELLENCE AWARDEES

Several students have received outstanding student awards, achievement awards and teaching awards and are listed below.

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Michelle Scarpace

Received the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture’s Graduate Student Teaching Award, which recognizes and rewards graduate students who excel as teachers in the agricultural disciplines. The award is for North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture graduate student members who are involved in classroom instruction for a minimum of one year. Scarpace also received the Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, which recognizes graduate teaching assistants who are involved in classroom instruction and excel as teachers. (Dr. Mickey Ransom)

Marcus Olatoye

Earned first place for his poster “Genomic Dissection of panicle architecture traits in sorghum using nested association mapping” from the National Association of Plant Breeders. (Dr. Geoffrey Morris)

Animal Sciences and Industry

Jon DeJong

Named an American Society of Animal Science Midwest Young Scholar. The purpose of the award is to recognize and feature the research accomplishments of recent doctoral graduates or current doctoral students in the advanced stages of their program. It was presented at the annual Midwestern American Dairy Science Association/American Society of Animal Science meetings. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)

Josh Flohr

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Gail Carpenter

Named the Larry R. Corah Outstanding Master of Science Student. This scholarship is awarded to a master’s student in animal sciences and industry for developing professional relationships through attending meetings, training and company visits. (Dr. Terry Houser)

Kelsey Phelps

Named the Larry R. Corah Outstanding Doctoral Student. This scholarship is awarded to a doctoral student in animal sciences and industry for developing professional relationships through attending meetings, training and company visits. (Dr. John Gonzalez)

Lori Thomas

Received the Pinnacle Graduate Student Award for outstanding animal nutrition graduate research, superior academics and service in organizations and the community. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)

Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Nana Baah Appiah-Nkansah

Received the 2016 Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering Graduate Student of the Year Award, which is presented to an exceptional graduate student in the department in recognition of his or her outstanding academic performance, research accomplishments and overall contribution to the department and profession. (Dr. Donghai Wang)

Kirsten Grond

Received the $2,500 University Distinguished Professor Graduate Award. As part of the honor, Grond presented a research seminar to K-State’s university distinguished professors on Sept. 20, 2016. She also earned the $1,000 Robert J. Robel Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research in Wildlife Biology and Ecology. (Dr. Brett Sandercock)

English

Brent Weaver

Presented with the English Department Graduate Student Service Award for his service to the English department, to other graduate students and to the Writing Center during his two years as a graduate student in English. (Dr. Cydney Alexis)

Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning

Nicholas Mercado

Received the Excellence Award, the highest honor for student work from the Central States American Society of Landscape Architecture. It was presented for helping develop a pop-up park in downtown Wichita. (Katie Kingery-Page)

Rachel Fox

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Kim Kneifl Presented with the College of Architecture, Planning and Design's Architecture Research Centers Consortium King Medal. The medal nominee is nominated by his or her major professor and selected by a jury of faculty. The nominee's work represents the highest quality research completed within the program. Nominees are considered for the award by a jury of K-State research experts. (Stephanie Rolley)

Amanda Santoro Received the American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award, which is presented to students who are truly outstanding as measured by the landscape architecture program's long-term standards of excellence. Award recipients demonstrate the highest level of academic scholarship and of accomplishments in skills related to the art and technology of landscape architecture and personal qualities and skills of responsiveness and willingness to work with others; self-motivation and responsibility; and design abilities — exploration, discovery, synthesis and representation of landscape architecture design. Nominees, selected by the landscape architecture faculty, present to a jury of Prairie Gateway chapter members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. (Howard Hahn)

Beth Krehbiel Named the K-State Landscape Architecture Foundation Olmsted Scholar. This award identifies, recognizes and supports students with exceptional leadership potential who are willing to engage in current and critical issues. (Lorn Clement)

Jared Sickmann Presented with the Dr. Robert P. Ealy Award for academic excellence based upon academic performance, scholarly endeavors and cumulative GPA in all courses. (Howard Hahn)

Mathematics

Joshua Brummer Presented with the Karl Stromberg Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Teaching Award from the mathematics department, which recognizes the graduate teaching assistant with the most outstanding record in undergraduate teaching in the previous year among those not honored for their teaching with a college or university level excellence award. The selection is made by the department's Graduate Program Advisory Committee upon nominations by faculty and staff as well as excellent evaluations from students. (Dr. Virginia Naibo)

Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Dan Gould Received the Best Poster Award at ICONE-16, the International Conference on Nuclear Engineering hosted by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. (Dr. Hitesh Bindra)

Plant Pathology

Rodrigo Pedrozo Presented with the Gamma Sigma Delta Graduate Student Teaching Award at the doctoral level from K-State's chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. The honor recognizes excellence in teaching by doctoral-level students. (Dr. Chris Little)

Daljit Singh Received the Graduate Student Award for Scientific Excellence in a Feed the Future Innovation Lab from the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, which is one of the country's leading organizations on agriculture and higher education issues related to food security in developing countries. The award was presented at the organization's annual meeting Oct. 12, 2016, in Des Moines, Iowa, which is conducted during the World Food Prize conference, also in Des Moines. More information is available at http://bit.ly/2fe4ssy. (Dr. Jesse Poland)
Funmilola Cole Presented with the Norman J. Fedder Award, which is given by Norman J. Fedder, university distinguished professor emeritus of theatre, to a graduate drama therapy student who has shown excellence in drama therapy and playwriting in the Master of Arts program in theatre with a concentration in drama therapy. The award comes with a scholarship to assist the student in tuition for intensive summer drama therapy courses. Cole, an international student from Nigeria, took leadership in creating and sustaining the Parrot Playback Theatre Company and a Fairy Tale Puppet Theatre Company that toured to preschools in Manhattan and performed 64 times this past spring. She also worked with youth on the autism spectrum in an after-school class and was a member of the Barrier-Free Theatre, a group of adults with and without disabilities. (Sally Bailey)

**SCHOLARSHIP Awardees**

*Those students who were awarded notable scholarships are listed below, with a brief description of the scholarship, if available.*

**Agricultural Economics**

- **Marvin Mbosa**
  - Received the $1,000 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students, which provides financial assistance to distance education students admitted and properly enrolled in K-State distance education degree programs through K-State Global Campus. (Rebecca Dale)

**Elliott Dennis**
- Received the second-year award of the K-State Presidential Doctoral Scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Candice Wilson**
- Earned the 2016 Anthony Grano Scholarship from the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, Boston, Massachusetts, in August 2016. (Dr. Mykel Taylor)

**Agronomy**

- **Guillermo Balboa**
  - Received the $5,000 Gerald O. Mott Scholarship for Meritorious Graduate Students in Crop Science. The scholarship is provided to an outstanding graduate student in crop science. It is supported by gifts from the Gerald O. Mott family to the Agronomic Science Foundation and administered by the Crop Science Society of America. In 2016, the society awarded two scholarships. (Dr. Ignacio Ciampitti)

- **Cristiano Lemes da Silva**
  - Received the $1,000 Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship from K-State’s College of Agriculture. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate student enrolled in the college who is conducting research that furthers the understanding of genetics. (Dr. Allan Fritz)

**Anatomy and Physiology**

- **Jennifer Wright**
  - Was one of two national winners of the prestigious $75,000 Coyote Rock Ranch Veterinary Scholarship for students pursuing an equine-focused veterinary practice career following graduation. (Dr. David Poole)

**Animal Sciences and Industry**

- **Corey Carpenter**
  - Awarded the $7,500 Presidential Doctoral Scholarship, which was initiated to recruit top doctoral candidates in K-State’s research strength areas. Only four new scholarships — each renewable for a second year — were awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year. Carpenter also received one of two $2,500 Excellence in Ag Scholarships from Feed Energy. Eligible students must be studying agriculture at a college or university in the Midwest. They also must meet requirements for class standing, GPA, college attending and major. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on an essay and the strength of their resume. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)

- **Lori Thomas**
  - Received one of two $2,500 Excellence in Ag scholarships from Feed Energy. Eligible students must be studying agriculture at a college or university in the Midwest. They also must meet requirements for class standing, GPA, college attending and major. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on an essay and the strength of their resume. (Dr. Bob Goodband)

- **Annie Clark**
  - Awarded the Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship. This highly competitive scholarship program was initiated by Donoghue, the former K-State Graduate School dean, as a way to recruit top graduate candidates throughout the United States with a graduate assistantship package. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)

- **Kiah Gourley**
  - Awarded the Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship. This highly competitive scholarship program was initiated by Donoghue, the former Graduate School dean, as a way to recruit top graduate candidates throughout the United States with a graduate assistantship package. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)
Arkin Wu Received the Bob and Karen Thaler Swine Nutrition Scholarship, which is presented to a graduate student in the animal sciences and industry department who has an interest in swine nutrition. (Dr. Bob Goodband)

Communication Studies
Miranda Klugesherz Named a George J. Mitchell Scholarship semifinalist. The scholarship program is funded by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance. Winners will be announced in November 2016. (Dr. Timothy Shaffer)

Curriculum and Instruction
Ashley Nunez Awarded the $1,000 Maurine Allison O’Bannon Memorial Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to perpetuate the memory of O’Bannon at K-State. Students must be degree-seeking at the university and enrolled in K-State Global Campus courses. (Rebecca Dale)

Christina Hennig Earned the Military Spouse Scholarship, which is offered by K-State Global Campus for military spouses registered through the National Military Family Association. (Rebecca Dale)

Andrew Evans Received the $1,000 College of Education Scholarship for Distance Graduate Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Education distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale and Dr. Tom Vontz)

Jessica Bauerle Received the $1,000 College of Education Scholarship for Distance Graduate Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Education distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale and Dr. Chepina Rumsey)

Rachel Harmon Awarded the College of Education Alumni Scholarship. (Drs. Vicki Sherbert and Diane Murphy)

Alix Kunkle Awarded the College of Education Alumni Scholarship. (Dr. Diane Murphy)

Erica Lienemann Awarded the College of Education Riegel Family Scholarship. (Dr. Jessica Lane)

Tatiana Minchin Awarded the College of Education Alumni Scholarship. (Dr. Sally Yahnke)

Kelly Novosel Awarded the College of Education Alumni Scholarship. (Dr. Sally Yahnke)

Educational Leadership
Christopher Petty

Entomology
Ryan Schmid

Received the Bob and Karen Thaler Swine Nutrition Scholarship, which is presented to a graduate student in the animal sciences and industry department who has an interest in swine nutrition. (Dr. Bob Goodband)

Erika Cole Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Dana Daylight Awarded an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Shelley Fritz Received a Social Justice Education Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Judy Favor)

Brianna Hadley Awarded an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Haijun Kang)

Jemalin Hall Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Royce Ann Collins)

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Jann Hayman Awarded an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Amanda McKinley Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Jill Morgan Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Jeff Zacharakis)

Cameron Pratt Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Tyler Rund Awarded an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Royce Ann Collins)

Coley Streater Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Manon Taylor Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Mary Wildcat Received an Educational Leadership Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Robert Hachiya)

Received the Capitol Graduate Research Summit Scholarship. The summit is an opportunity for selected graduate students
to expose state government and education officials, as well as the general public, to the quality of graduate research performed in the state of Kansas. The students selected for this event are involved in research, including physical and natural sciences, engineering, sociology, history and education, which provides a direct impact to the state. As the Kansas Legislature extends support for basic research funding to these schools, the summit provides the researchers, in turn, an opportunity to present to the results of their investment. (Dr. Brian McCormack)

Robert Ewing
Received the $1,000 Fred Clute Scholarship. (Dr. Jeff Whitworth)

Salehe Abbar
Received the $2,000 Floyd Holmes Scholarship. (Dr. Tom Phillips)

Anastasia Cooper
Awarded the $400 Reginald H. Painter Doctoral Scholarship. (Dr. Kun Yan Zhu)

Jessica Thomson
Earned the $1,500 Joe Pankaskie Scholarship. (Dr. Ludek Zurek)

Erick Cordeiro
Received the $500 Roger C. Smith Doctoral Scholarship. (Dr. James Nechols)

Makenzie Stansbury
Awarded the Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship, which was established in 1983 as part of Pilot International to provide financial aid to qualified graduate or doctorate students preparing for or currently working in careers related to youth development and leadership, brain safety and fitness, or caring for families in times of need. It is intended that this fund will further Pilot International's mission by assisting worthy capable individuals to pursue careers in which they will teach, encourage and rehabilitate children with disabilities. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college of university in any country where Pilot clubs exist. Applicants may be full- or part-time students whose background courses will properly prepare them for teaching and working with disabled children. Postgraduate work or research should improve the skills of the applicant in dealing with brain-related disorders and other disabilities in children. (Dr. Kristin Pelczarski)

Food Science

Rekha Shrestha
Received the $900 College of Agriculture Scholarship for Distance Education Graduate Students. The scholarship provides financial assistance to graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Agriculture distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale)

Hospitality Management

Hyung Hwa Oh
Awarded the $900 Marjorie McCall Hemphill Award from K-State and the K-State Hotel Restaurant Management and Dietetics Scholarship for Graduate Students, worth $405.54, both in June 2016. (Dr. Jichul Jang)

Human Ecology

Fatemeh Nikparvar
Received the Diane Sanders Memorial Scholarship for being an outstanding graduate student during 2015-2016. (Dr. Jared Anderson)

Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning

Sarah Utley-Wells
Received the $1,000 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students, which provides financial assistance to distance education students admitted and properly enrolled in K-State distance education degree programs through K-State Global Campus. (Rebecca Dale)
Cameron Hunter Earned the Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship from K-State’s College of Agriculture. The scholarship was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. (Dr. Eduard Akhunov)

Annette Winrick Earned the $1,000 College of Business Administration Scholarship for Distance Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Business Administration distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale)

Ananda Bandara Received the Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship. This fellowship was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. Bandara also received the Tillman Family Agriculture Graduate Student Award, which was created to perpetuate the memory of Marcia Edythe Tillman and immediate family members, including her father, Benjamin W. Tillman; her mother, Marcia Ella Goddard Tillman; and brother, Benjamin A. Tillman. It provides financial assistance to graduate students in the College of Agriculture. (Dr. Chris Little)

Rodrigo Pedrozo Earned the Tillman Family Agriculture Graduate Student Award, which was created to perpetuate the memory of Marcia Edythe Tillman and immediate family members, including her father, Benjamin W. Tillman; her mother, Marcia Ella Goddard Tillman; and brother, Benjamin A. Tillman. It provides financial assistance to graduate students in the College of Agriculture. (Dr. Chris Little)

Elina Adhikari Received the $1,000 Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship from K-State’s College of Agriculture. The scholarship was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. In addition, she received the $500 K-State Alumni Association International Student Scholarship, which recognizes the leadership experiences of international students who have helped to promote international involvement on campus. (Dr. Anna Whitfield)

Mohammad Rahman Received the Don C. Warren Genetics Fellowship, which was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. (Dr. Jesse Poland)

Pierre Migeon Awarded the Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship, which was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. (Dr. Sanzhen Liu)

Catherine Stewart Received the $1,000 Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship from K-State’s College of Agriculture. which was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. (Dr. Anna Whitfield)

Narinder Singh Earned the $1,500 Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship, which was established in October 1949. Newhall, Gainesville, Florida, was president of Pilot International. Her contacts with international students at the University of Florida strengthened her belief that these students could contribute significantly to improving international relations. Singh also is the recipient of the Tillman Family Agricultural Graduate Student Award from K-State, which was created to perpetuate the memory of Marcia Edythe Tillman and immediate family members, including her father, Benjamin W. Tillman; her mother, Marcia Ella Goddard Tillman; and brother, Benjamin A. Tillman. It provides financial assistance to graduate students in the College of Agriculture. Singh is the recipient of the $1,000 Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship from K-State’s College of Agriculture. The scholarship was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. In addition, she received the $500 K-State Alumni Association International Student Scholarship, which recognizes the leadership experiences of international students who have helped to promote international involvement on campus. (Dr. Anna Whitfield)

Qianli Pan Received the Don C. Warren Genetics Scholarship from K-State’s College of Agriculture, which was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. (Dr. Richard Todd)

Cameron Hunter Earned the $1,000 College of Arts & Sciences Scholarship for Distance Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in the college’s distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale)
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Kaylee Head Received the $1,000 College of Education Scholarship for Distance Graduate Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Education distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale and Dr. Charlie Nutt)

Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

Natasha Brenchley Awarded the $1,000 Maurine Allison O’Bannon Memorial Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to perpetuate the memory of O’Bannon at K-State. Students must be degree-seeking at K-State and enrolled in K-State Global Campus courses. (Rebecca Dale)

Ana Sanchez Received the $1,000 College of Education Scholarship for Distance Graduate Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Education distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale and Dr. Dan Wilcox)

Beth Elkin Received the $1,000 K-State Global Campus Scholarship for Distance Education Students, which provides financial assistance to distance education students admitted and properly enrolled in K-State distance education degree programs through K-State Global Campus. (Rebecca Dale)

Jacqueline Wilson Received the $1,000 College of Education Scholarship for Distance Graduate Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Education distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale and Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

Carina de Armas Received the $1,000 College of Education Scholarship for Distance Graduate Education Students, which provides financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students admitted and enrolled in College of Education distance education degree programs. (Rebecca Dale and Dr. Charlie Nutt)

Janelle Brooks Awarded a Social Justice Education Scholarship from the College of Education. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

Sara Devine Received the Mark Dickerson Memorial Award from the College of Education. (Dr. Ann Knackendoffel)

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT AWARDEES

Significant fellowships or grants were awarded to the following students. A brief description of the award is included, if available.

Animal Sciences and Industry

Jack Lemmon Received the Hile Rannells Fellowship from the animal sciences and industry department. Lemmon has an interest in range management. (Dr. KC Olson)

Garrett Preedy Received the Hile Rannells Fellowship from the animal sciences and industry department. Preedy has an interest in range management. (Dr. KC Olson)

Biology

Ryan Greenway Received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions. Fellows benefit from a three-year annual stipend of $34,000, along with a $12,000 cost-of-education allowance for tuition and fees that is paid to the institution; opportunities for international research and professional development; and the freedom to conduct their own research at any accredited U.S. institution of graduate education they choose. (Dr. Michael Tobler)

Kirsten Grond Received a $7,351 scholarship for the Microbial Diversity Summer Course at the Marine Microbiological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. (Dr. Brett Sandercock)

Communication Studies

Lindsay Milburn Received the Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship for 2016-2017 as an enhancement to her graduate teaching assistant package in recognition of her undergraduate research and potential as a top graduate student. (Dr. Colene Lind)

Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology

Izabela Ragan Received the Career Development Fellowship from the Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Animal Diseases, or CEEZAD. Ragan participated
in a 10-week internship directly related to CEEZAD’s mission of protecting U.S. agricultural and public health sectors against transboundary, emerging and zoonotic diseases. The fellowship program is funded by a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence Science and Engineering Workforce Development Grant to support U.S. students studying the topics of and working on homeland security research projects of DHS university-based Centers of Excellence such as CEEZAD. The purpose of the internship is to provide fellows with exposure and experiences in homeland security-related science and engineering fields. In summer 2016, Ragan completed her internship at Colorado State University under the supervision of Dr. Richard A Bowen. While at Colorado State, she investigated the potential role of North American animals as hosts for Zika virus. A total of 16 species, including wildlife, livestock and birds, were evaluated using various serological and molecular testing methods. Upon completion of the study, Ragan presented and reported her findings to the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Wildlife Services agencies. The results from the project are in the process of being published and will aid in the development of countermeasures and surveillance programs against the current Zika virus epidemic. *(Dr. Sally Davis)*

**Educational Leadership**

**Arthur DeGroat**

Awarded $1.1 million in partnership funds from the Kansas Masonic Foundation and the David Woods Kemper Veterans Foundation to establish a Military Affairs Innovation Center and to develop and deliver outreach programs based upon his doctoral research study of the lived experience of Post 9-11-era Army veterans in transition.

**Entomology**

**Shelly Wiggam**

Received the $1,000 J.E. Weaver Research Grant from the Nature Conservancy. Wiggam’s research focuses on the effects of patch-burned grazing on the pollinator community, and comparing patch-burned sites to sites with other grazing techniques on Nature Conservancy properties. *(Dr. Greg Zolnerowich)*

**Family Studies and Human Services**

**Chelsea Spencer**

Received the one-year American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Minority Fellowship. *(Dr. Sandra Sith)*

**Geography**

**Thomas Larsen**

Received a $20,000 grant from the National Center for Research in Geography Education to support his proposal “Learning Progressions for Places and Regions,” which was submitted to the 2016 Transformative Research grant program. The National Center for Research in Geography Education received five years of National Science Foundation funding for Transformative Research in Geographic Education. This award comes from the first year of NSF funding. This award started Aug. 1, 2016, and ends July 31, 2017. It provides funding for a workshop in Manhattan in November 2016. *(Dr. John Harrington Jr.)*

**Hospitality Management**

**Chen-Wei “Willie” Tao**

Co-received a $4,998 grant with X. Li, E. Park, J. Kwon and G. Doll for “Exploring Factors Leading to Customer Delight in Food and Beverage Services at Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC): An Application of Kano Model” from the Perry C. & Virginia Peine Excellence for Aging Initiative 2016. *(Dr. Junhee Kwon)*

**Xiaoye Li**

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**Eunhye Park**

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**Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning**

**Emma Rearick**

Received the prestigious Eisenhower Graduate Fellowship for exceptional students entering the field of transportation. This award is valued at $31,900 and includes support for tuition, living expenses and participation in the 2017 annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board in Washington, D.C., the largest transportation research conference in the world. Rearick is in her final year of the regional & community planning master’s program in the College of Architecture, Planning & Design. *(Dr. Gregory Newmark)*

**Physics**

**Utuq Ablikim**

Awarded Lawrence Berkeley National Lab’s Advanced Light Source Doctoral Fellowship for the 2016-2017 academic year. The fellowship provides an $18,000 stipend and the opportunity to conduct research at the frontier of synchrotron radiation and help advance state-of-the-art techniques and applications. Ablikim will spend the 2016-2017 year in residence at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab in California. He
## CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS

Graduate students who were selected to give oral or poster presentations at professional conferences are listed below with a brief description of the conference, if available. Students who attended a prestigious conference or had their work included in an exhibition are also listed below.

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<td>Presented the paper “Eliminating Arrival Antibiotic Treatment Economic Impacts on U.S. Feedlots” at the Agricultural &amp; Applied Economics Association annual meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, July 31-Aug. 2. The paper was co-authored with Drs. Ted Schroeder and David Renter. Elliott also presented the paper “Branded Beef and its Impact on the Wholesale Demand for USDA Quality Graded Beef” at the joint annual meeting of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society and the Western Agricultural Economics Association in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, June 21-24, 2016. (Dr. Sean Fox)</td>
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<td>Kelsey Phelps</td>
<td>Elected to serve a two-year term as the national graduate student director on the American Society of Animal Science board of directors. (Dr. John Gonzalez)</td>
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<td>Agricultural Economics</td>
<td>Made the lightning presentation, with Dr. Glynn Tonsor, “Pass-through in the United States Beef Industry: An Update and Expansion” at the Agricultural &amp; Applied Economics Association annual meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, July 31-Aug. 2, 2016. (Dr. Sean Fox)</td>
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<td>Melinda McKendree</td>
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<td>Youngjune Kim</td>
<td>Recognized with a poster presentation award at the first Kansas Regenerative Veterinary Symposium, June 2-4, 2016, in Manhattan. (Dr. Mark Weiss)</td>
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**Plant Pathology**

Mohammad Rahman

Received the Don C. Warren Genetics Fellowship, which was created in 1989 by Alice Warren Dockstader and her husband, Fred, to honor her father. It supports graduate students working in the field of genetics. (Dr. Jesse Poland)
Krishna Pokharel

Presented, with Dr. Allen Featherstone, the papers “Examining the Productivity Growth of Agricultural Cooperatives” and “A Nonparametric Approach to Estimate Multiproduct and Product-specific Scale and Scope Economies for Agricultural Cooperatives” at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association annual meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, July 31-Aug. 2, 2016. (Dr. Allen Featherstone)

Madhav Regmi

Presented the paper “Estimating Price Flexibility of Demand in Agricultural Commodities” at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association annual meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, July 31-Aug. 2, 2016. (Dr. Nathan Hendricks)

Ana Claudia Sant’Anna

Presented the paper “What is Driving the Sugarcane Expansion in Brazil? A Look at Internal and External Factors” at the joint annual meeting of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society and the Western Agricultural Economics Association in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, June 21-24, 2016. Sant’Anna also presented “Analyzing Sugarcane Production Contracts in Brazil: What do the Farmers Really Want?” at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association annual meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, July 31-Aug. 2, 2016. (Dr. Jason Bergtold)

Rulianda Wibowo

Presented the poster “Optimal Irrigation Strategy with Limited Water Availability Accounting for Risk from Weather Uncertainty” at the 2016 Water for Food Conference Graduate Student Online Poster Competition, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, April 24-28, 2016. (Dr. Nathan Hendricks)

Ralph Armah

Won second place in the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association’s Student Case Study Competition, a part of the association’s meeting in Boston, Massachusetts in August 2016. Team members also included Kotchofa Pacem and Bowen Chen. Advisors were Drs. Ben Schwab, Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Nelson Villoria and Aleksan Shanoyan. (Dr. Aleksan Shanoyan)

Nicolas E. Quintana Ashwell

Presented “Optimal Groundwater Extraction under Stochastic Climate Change,” co-authored with J.M. Peterson and N.P. Hendricks, at the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists in Breckenridge, Colorado, June 9-11, 2016. (Dr. Nathan Hendricks)

Biology

Sean Hitchman

Served as a lead organizer for a symposium at the 46th annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Kansas City, Missouri, in August 2016. The symposium was “Fish Research and Conservation in the ‘Scapes’: Needs, Progress, Challenges and Opportunities.” Aquatic ecologists, fisheries biologists and resource managers recognize that many ecological patterns and conservation problems require broad and synthetic approaches. The “scape” perspective is a point-of-view that combines a broader scale, an integrative context and specific types of analyses. Reviewing similarities in “scape” problems and approaches across ecosystems — the focus of this symposium — can identify opportunities, challenges, and an agenda of relevant future research that will benefit aquatic ecology and conservation. Hitchman co-organized the symposium, moderated the symposium and presented a talk on his doctoral research. He is also orchestrating a follow-up series of papers to be published in a peer-reviewed journal. (Dr. Martha Mather)

Chemistry

Tuyen Nguyen

Received first place in the poster competition for “Engineered Nano-Detoxifier for Intracellular Detoxification of Doxorubicin” at the International Society for Biomedical Polymer and Polymeric Biomaterials Conference. (Dr. Santosh Aryal)

Soma Sekhar Sridabhatla

Received third place in the poster competition for “Synthesis and Characterization of Bisphosphonate Functionalized Poly(l-lactide) as a Bone Seeking Agent” at the International Society for Biomedical Polymer and Polymeric Biomaterials Conference. (Dr. Santosh Aryal)

Curriculum and Instruction

Lisa Tabor

Presented “Subversive GeoSpatial Technology (GST) Education: Teaching Educators to Use GSTs in their Classrooms” at a conference. (Dr. Jackie Spears)

Jessica Kerr

Presented “Discourse and Logic of Educational Reform: Crisis Narratives in Kansas” at the 2016 International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Conference, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. (Drs. Kakali Bhattacharya and Tom Vontz)

Erica Sponberg

Presented “Reflective Video-feedback for Distance Supervision” at a conference. Sponberg also presented “Perspectives from Behind the Mask: The embodiment of duoethnography to deconstruct academic subjectivities” at the 2016 International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. (Dr. Socorro Herrera)

Meaghan Cochrane

Made the following presentations: “Beyond the Academy: Facilitating Social Change and Opportunities.” Aquatic ecologists, fisheries biologists and resource managers recognize that many ecological patterns and conservation problems require broad and synthetic approaches. The “scape” perspective is a point-of-view that combines a broader scale, an integrative context and specific types of analyses. Reviewing similarities in “scape” problems and approaches across ecosystems — the focus of this symposium — can identify opportunities, challenges, and an agenda of relevant future research that will benefit aquatic ecology and conservation. Hitchman co-organized the symposium, moderated the symposium and presented a talk on his doctoral research. He is also orchestrating a follow-up series of papers to be published in a peer-reviewed journal. (Dr. Martha Mather)

Stephanie McCutcheon
Presented “What is gained and at what cost: A critical autoethnographic study examining the effects of learning abroad” at the 2016 International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. (Drs. Jeong-Hee Kim and Kakali Bhattacharya)

Travis Hale

Vincent Le
Presented an oriented research poster on a study that explored the relationship between consumer financial literacy and the use of interest-only mortgages prior to the 2008 financial crisis. Data from the 2009 National Financial Capability Study was used to examine the effect of financial literacy on mortgage choices. After controlling for demographic characteristics, logistic regressions comparing the use of interest-only mortgages to fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgages found that an individual’s level of financial literacy was a significant predictor for the use of an interest-only mortgage. These results call specific attention to the important role financial knowledge

Educational Leadership
Arthur DeGroat
Presented the findings of his doctoral research study on Army veteran transition to the workforce and higher education to the undersecretary of the U.S. Army, Patrick Murphy. (Dr. W. Franklin Spikes)

Family Studies and Human Services
Barrett Scroggs
Presented the research he co-authored with Sally Bailey and Dr. Bronwyn Fees, ”The Impact of Participation in Creative Drama on Empathy Levels During Emerging Adulthood,” at the poster session of the International Society for the Study of Adulthood,” at the poster session of the International Society for the Study of Adulthood, Vilnius, Lithuania, in summer 2016. (Dr. Elaine Johannes)

Katherine Mielitz
Presented “Ready for release? Financial knowledge of inmates preparing to return to society” at the Southern Criminal Justice Association annual conference in Savannah, Georgia, in September 2016. The study looks at inmates who are approaching re-entry and how they are preparing to encounter financial decision-making, bringing financial education to the forefront as they prepare to restart their financial lives. Primary data was collected at 13 transitional centers in Georgia via self-selection convenience sampling of inmates within 90 days of their tentative parole or max-out release dates. Linear regression was used to investigate the predictive power of education, full-time employment, owning a bank account prior to incarceration, and number of convictions on an inmate’s financial literacy. This study broadens the literature on financial literacy and may also influence criminal justice policy regarding education of transitioning inmates. Mielitz also received first place for this study in the August 2016 Personal Financial Planning Doctoral Research Poster Competition. (Dr. W. Franklin Spikes)
plays for both consumer financial well-being and the health of the economy.
(Dr. Martin Seay)

Christina Glenn
Presented the oriented research poster “Does financial help-seeking influence financial outcomes for Millennials?” This study seeks to explore the relationship between financial help-seeking behaviors — whether or not advice was sought and from whom the advice was received — and the financial outcomes of debt, net worth, financial assets and nonfinancial assets at age 30. Financial help-seeking over time will also be explored. Using the family financial socialization conceptual model to guide the study, it is predicted that financial help-seeking will influence financial outcomes. This investigation will be conducted using data from the 1997 cohort of the National Longitudinal Study of Youth.
(Dr. Sonya Britt)

Fred Fernatt
Presented the paper “Comparing the association of cognitive abilities and wealth for married and non-married households” at the Financial Planning Association annual conference.
(Dr. Maurice MacDonald)

Sarah Kuborn
Presented the paper “The Domains and Boundaries of Family Life Education and Sexuality Education.”
(Dr. Karen Myers-Bowman)

History
Tim Gresham
Presented the paper “Beef Nationalism: Cattlemen and Meat Ideology in the 1920s” at the annual conference of the Kansas Association of Historians in April 2016. Gresham also presented the paper “Stockmen Identity in the 1920s in a Changing Society” at the Agricultural History Society’s annual meeting in New York City in June 2016.
(Dr. James Sherow)

Hospitality Management
Naiqing Lin
(Dr. Kevin Roberts)

Juhyun Kang
Presented, with Naiqing Lin and Dr. Kevin Roberts, the poster “Destination Personality: Travelers’ Perspectives and Insights of Kansas” at the K-State Graduate Student Research and Creative Scholarship Forum, April 16, 2016, at the K-State College of Human Ecology. Kang also presented the same poster, with Lin and Roberts, at the April 2016 Central Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Conference in Olathe, Kansas.
(Dr. Kevin Roberts)

Michelle Alcorn
(Drs. Paola Paez and Kevin Roberts)

Daniel Vega
(Dr. Kevin Roberts)

Xiaoye Li
Made the stand-up presentations of “Undergraduate students’ attitudes and perceptions toward hospitality careers in Mainland China,” with H. Wen and J. Kwon, and “Effects on aging on older adults’ dining behaviors: An exploratory study,” with C-W Tao and J. Kwon, at the second Global Tourism & Hospitality Conference and 15th Asia Pacific Forum for Graduate Students Research in Tourism, May 16-18, 2016, in Hong Kong, China. Li presented the poster “Exploration of social media content related to dining experience of consumers with food allergies” with H. Wen, C-W Tao, B. Chae and J. Kwon at the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant,
Woohyuk Kim Presented the poster "Optional attendance, required outcomes: Medical meeting in a Commercially Available Marinara Sauce Product" with L. Beardall, Paez, L. Dixon, Richardson and D. Winans in July 2016 at the School Nutrition Association’s annual national Conference in San Antonio, Texas. (Dr. Kevin Roberts)

Chen-Wei "Willie" Tao Made the stand-up presentation “Effects on aging on older adults' dining behaviors: An exploratory study,” with X. Li and J. Kwon, at the second Global Tourism & Hospitality Conference and 15th Asia Pacific Forum for Graduate Students Research in Tourism, May 16-18, 2016, in Hong Kong, China. At the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education Conference in Grapevine, Texas, in July 2016, Tao presented the poster “Exploration of social media content related to dining experience of consumers with food allergies” with H. Wen, B. Chae, X. Li and J. Kwon. He presented the paper “Big data analytics in hospitality research: An example of Chinese restaurant reviews from Yelp.com” with X. Li, B. Chae, H. Wen and J. Kwon at the Central Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Conference in Olathe, Kansas, in April 2016. (Dr. Junhee Kwon)


Woohyuk Kim Presented the poster "Optional attendance, required outcomes: Medical meeting attendee motivations" with Dr. Kristin Malek at the International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education Conference in Grapevine, Texas, in July 2016. (Dr. Kristin Malek)

Emily Patten Made the poster presentation “Time and Temperature Control of Foods in the Summer Food Service Program” with T. Watkins, M. Alcorn, K. Cole, Paez, L. Dixon, P. Richardson and D. Winans in July 2016 at the School Nutrition Association’s annual national Conference in San Antonio, Texas. (Dr. Kevin Sauer)

Yi Cao Presented the paper “Chinese new year celebration in large U.S. cities: Analysis of Twitter data” with J. Kwon, and K. Malek in April 2016 at the Central Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Conference in Olathe, Kansas. (Dr. Junhee Kwon)

Interior Architecture & Product Design

Caleb Amundson Co-presented his team’s design research project findings at the Society for College and University Planning Conference, Oct. 3-5, 2016, in Evanston, Illinois. Team members included Alexandra Marschmann, Professor Vibha Jani and Steelcase collaborator Andrew Kim. Amundson also was selected to present his design research abstract at the International Conference on Education, Research and Innovation, Nov. 13-16, 2016, in Seville, Spain. His work will be published in the conference proceedings. (Vibha Jani)

Alexandra Marschman Co-presented her team's design research project findings at the Society for College and University Planning Conference, Oct. 3-5, in Evanston, Illinois. Team members included Caleb Amundson, Professor Vibha Jani and Steelcase collaborator Andrew Kim. Marschman also was selected to present her design research abstract at the International Conference on Education, Research and Innovation, Nov. 13-16, 2016, in Seville, Spain. Her work will be published in the conference proceedings. (Vibha Jani)

Katherine Arndt Selected to present her design research abstract at the International Conference on Education, Research and Innovation, Nov. 13-16, 2016, in Seville, Spain. Her work also will be published in the conference proceedings. (Vibha Jani)

Nicole Baith Selected to present her design research abstract at the International Conference on Education, Research and Innovation, Nov. 13-16, 2016, in Seville, Spain. Her work also will be published in the conference proceedings. (Vibha Jani)

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Chelsea Flickinger  
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Nicole Taylor  
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Christopher Garcia  
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Physics  
Ben Berry  
Made the following co-presentations at Advanced Particle Imaging Techniques: 1986-2016 and Beyond, Aug. 8-12, 2016, in Telluride, Colorado: “Coincidence three-dimensional momentum imaging of sequential (delayed) three-body fragmentation” and “Three-dimensional momentum imaging of delayed dissociation of metastable molecular ions.” At the DOE-AMOS meeting Oct. 23-26, 2016, in Gaithersburg, Maryland, Berry co-presented “Structure and Dynamics of Atoms, Ions, Molecules, and Surfaces: Molecular Dynamics with Ion and Laser Beams.” He also co-presented the following at the 47th annual meeting of the American Physics Society’s Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, May 23-27, 2016, in Providence, Rhode Island: “Attosecond time delays in the nuclear dynamics of strong-field molecular dissociation,” “Sequential three-body breakup of a CO2+ beam,” “Two- and three-body fragmentation of CO2+ induced by intense ultrashort laser pulses,” “Controlling the formation
of excited neutral D* fragments of D2 using intense ultrashort laser pulses,” “Pump-probe studies of fragmentation of a fast HD+ beam,” “Fragmentation of negative ions in a strong laser field,” “Strong-field isomerization dynamics of fast beams of hydrocarbon ions,” “Using hyperspherical coordinates to analyze many-particle fragmentation experiments” and “Direct photo double ionization of water and subsequent fragmentation.” In addition, at the Gordon Research Center’s Multiphoton Processes, June 12-17, 2016, in Andover, New Hampshire, Berry co-presented “Rydberg orbital contributions to dissociative ionization of small hydrocarbon molecules in intense laser pulses.”

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Peyman Feizollah

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Travis Severt

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Bethany Jochim

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Wei Cao

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Utuq Ablikim

Made the following co-presentation at Donetsk State University's Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics, May 23-27, 2016, in Donetsk, Ukraine: “Sequential three-body breakup of a CO2+ beam” and “Two- and three-body fragmentation of CO2+ induced by intense ultrashort laser pulses.”
(Professor Itzik Ben-Itzhak)

Balram Kaderiya

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Xiang Li

Co-presented “Dissociation dynamics of the CO2 molecule studied with XUV pump — near-infrared probe experiments” at the 47th annual meeting of the American Physics Society's Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, May 23-27, 2016, in Providence, Rhode Island. (Professor Itzik Ben-Itzhak)

Yubaraj Malakar

Co-presented the following at the 47th annual meeting of the American Physics Society’s Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, May 23-27, 2016, in Providence, Rhode Island: “Three-dimensional momentum imaging of delayed dissociation of metastable molecular ions,” “Ultrafast nuclear dynamics in halomethanes studied with time-resolved Coulomb explosion imaging and channel-selective Fourier spectroscopy,” “Time-resolved imaging of laser-induced vibrational wave packets in neutral and ionic states of iodomethane” and “Dissociation dynamics of the CO2 molecule studied with XUV pump — near-infrared probe experiments.”
(Professor Artem Rudenko)
Pratap Timilsina
Co-presented the following: “Greater than two orders of magnitude enhancement of high-order harmonic generation driven by two-color laser fields” at the 47th annual meeting of the American Physics Society’s Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, May 23-27, 2016, in Providence, Rhode Island; and “Enhancing high-order harmonic generation driven by two-color 800–400 nm laser fields” at the at the Gordon Research Center’s Multiphoton Processes, June 12-17, 2016, in Andover, New Hampshire. (Dr. Carlos Trallero)

Jan Troß “Tross”
Made the following co-presentations: “Greater than two orders of magnitude enhancement of high-order harmonic generation driven by two-color laser fields” at the 47th annual meeting of the American Physics Society’s Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, May 23-27, 2016, in Providence, Rhode Island; and “Enhancing high-order harmonic generation driven by two-color 800–400 nm laser fields” at the at the Gordon Research Center’s Multiphoton Processes, June 12-17, 2016, in Andover, New Hampshire. (Dr. Carlos Trallero)

Youliang Yu
Co-presented “Structure and Dynamics of Atoms, Ions, Molecules, and Surfaces: Molecular Dynamics with Ion and Laser Beams” at the DOE-AMOS meeting Oct. 23-26, 2016, in Gaithersburg, Maryland. (Dr. Bret Eary)

Farzaneh Ziae
Co-presented at Advanced Particle Imaging Techniques: 1986-2016 and Beyond, Aug. 8-12, 2016, in Telluride, Colorado, Malakar co-presented “Three-dimensional momentum imaging of delayed dissociation of metastable molecular ions.” (Dr. Artem Rudenko)

Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

Desa Daniel
Presented “A Phenomenological Analysis of Invisibility Among College Students” at a conference. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

Betsy Crawford-Leeds
Presented “Arts-Based Research: Experiences of a Graduate Art Student with a Learning Disability” at the 12th annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Urbana, Illinois. (Dr. Warren White)

Rebecca Chow
Presented the following at the National Latina Psychological Association, Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2016: “ISupervise: Using Technology in Supervision,” which examined the challenges for conducting online supervision and practical solutions including ethical guidelines, multicultural considerations and recordkeeping; and “Inside Out: Providing Cultural Responsive Therapy to Latino/a Families,” a workshop that discussed providing culturally responsive play therapy to those individuals, in particular, addressing acculturation issues while taking into account first/second generation and cross-cultural issues and teaching and reinforcing knowledge, skills, and awareness of diversity issues in play therapy related to our community. At the Association for Play Therapy Conference, Oct. 4-9, 2016, Chow presented on the following topics: “Providing Culturally Responsive Play Therapy to Immigrant/Refugee Children,” a workshop that discussed providing culturally responsive play therapy to teach and reinforce knowledge, skills and awareness of diversity issues in play therapy related to immigrant/refugee children; and “Supervising School Counselors: The Force Awakens,” a focused on the supervision of school counselors who are using play therapy in individual and group counseling. Chow currently is partnering with the Kansas Department for Children and Families to create a comprehensive training for the staff. The training will focus on intentional ways of engaging with children during the time between when a child is removed from an unsafe home and the time when a foster home is identified to lessen the stress and traumatic issues of this experience. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

Paul Maxfield
Presented “De/fragmenting Narratives: A Post-Oppositional Arts-Based Analytic Approach to Narrative Construction, Suppression, Fragmentation, Expansion, and Connection” at the 2016 International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Conference in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)

Theatre

Sarah Edwards
Presented, along with two other graduate students and Sally Bailey, their major professor, on the partnership they have developed with the USD 383 Autism
Support Program. The program offers after-school classes and summer camps for students on and off the autism spectrum. This engaged scholarship takes the skills and knowledge of the university, its faculty and its students into the community. Edwards has worked for more than a year with the Middle School Filmmaking Club. (Sally Bailey)

Michael Rogers

Presented, along with two other graduate students and Sally Bailey, their major professor, on the partnership they have developed with the USD 383 Autism Support Program. The program offers after-school classes and summer camps for students on and off the autism spectrum. This engaged scholarship takes the skills and knowledge of the university, its faculty and its students into the community. Rogers worked with the Senior High Filmmakers Club this summer, creating two original short films with the group. He also worked with the Flint Hills Summer Fun Camp, doing creative drama with elementary-age children. (Sally Bailey)

Sherry Brown

Presented, along with two other graduate students and Sally Bailey, their major professor, on the partnership they have developed with the USD 383 Autism Support Program. The program offers after-school classes and summer camps for students on and off the autism spectrum. This engaged scholarship takes the skills and knowledge of the university, its faculty and its students into the community. Brown has worked with the High School Filmmakers during the school year. This summer, she directed the camp for lower-functioning middle schoolers, which had a focus on developing friendships and social skills. (Sally Bailey)

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**NOTABLE PUBLISHED WORKS**

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

**Adult and Continuing Education**

**David Culkin**


**Jacob Maurer**

Received the Gold Quill Award from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. It is presented to the author or authors of the most outstanding journal article published in the Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers in a particular year. The article, “Big Data Considerations for Rural Property Professionals,” was published in 2016. Co-authors included Terry Griffin, Tyler Mark, Shannon Ferrell, Todd Janzen, Gregory Ibendahl, Jeff D. Bennett, Jacob Maurer and Aleksan Shanoyan. The award was formally presented Nov. 9, 2016, at the society’s annual convention in Indian Wells, California. Bennett and co-author Maurer recently defended their Master of Agribusiness theses, informing this article. (Dr. Terry Griffin)

**Claire Newman**

Co-authored “Farmers Perceptions of Building Trust” with Dr. Brian C. Briggeman in the International Food and Agribusiness Management Review, vol. 19, issue 3, September 2016. The paper was a finalist for best paper honors at the 2016 International Food and Agribusiness Management Association’s 2016 symposium. (Dr. Brian Briggeman)

**Jeff Bennett**

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**Krishna Pokharel**

Ana Claudia Sant’Anna
(Dr. Jason Bergtold)

Curriculum and Instruction
Meaghan Cochrane

Anatomy and Physiology
Robbie Smith
Co-authored the publication “Mesenchymal Stem Cells Attenuate NADPH Oxidase-Dependent High Mobility Group Box 1 Production and Inhibit Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms,” first published online in Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology, a journal of the American Heart Association. (Dr. Mark Weiss)

Educational Leadership
Holly Fisher
(Dr. W. Franklin Spikes)

Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design
Yue Yuan
Was first author of “Analysis of contact area between water and irregular fibrous surface for prediction of wettability” in the Royal Society of Chemistry Advances journal — 2016, 6, 73313 — with Dr. Seong-O Choi and Dr. Jooyoun Kim. Yuan also had the abstract “Analysis of Water Contact Area on a Superhydrophobic Web” accepted by the Fiber Society’s 2016 annual conference, and the abstract “Influence of Electrospun Morphology on Superhydrophobicity” accepted by the International Textile and Apparel Association’s 2016 conference.
(Drs. Jooyoun Kim and Seong-O Choi)

Chemical Engineering
Dennis Karote
Contributed to a book chapter in “Handbook of Industrial Chemistry and Biotechnology,” Vol. 1, 12th edition, published by Springer. The title of the chapter is “Nanostructured Materials: Industrial Applications.” Karote was one of the five contributors for the chapter, detailing the industrial applications of Nanotechnology. He also has contributed to two articles in Journal of Chemistry and the International Journal of Hydrogen Energy.
(Dr. Keith Hohn)

Chemistry
Tuyen Nguyen
(Dr. Santosh Aryal)

Communication Studies
Jennifer Williams
Published a book review of “Scientists, Experts, and Civic Engagement: Walking a Fine Line,” edited by Amy E. Lesen (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015). Williams is the communications coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service, and is currently in the communication studies graduate program at K-State.
(Dr. Colene Lind)

Alex Red Corn
Authored the article “Stitching a New Pattern in Educational Leadership: Reinterpreting a University Partnership Academy Model for Native Nations” in Educational Considerations, 2016, 43(4), 60.
(Dr. Kakali Bhattacharya)

Lorenza Lockett
Co-authored the article “Teaching statistics with current and historical events: an analysis of survivor data from the sinking of the HMT Birkenhead, the RMS Titanic, and the Korean ferry Sewol” with Lee, Y.; Schumm, W.R.; Newson, K.C.; and Behan, K., in Comprehensive Psychology, 5, 1-6 (2016). According to the authors, it was the first time that they were aware of that the shipwrecks of the Birkenhead or the Sewol have been subjected to statistical analysis to detect patterns of survival or loss.
(Dr. Walter Schumm)
Keondria McClish

Co-authored “Assessing the history of exaggerated estimates of the number of children being raised by same-sex parents as reported in both legal and social science sources” with Kennedy Clark, Abdullah Asiri, N. Abdullah, Shuyi Huang and Drs. Walter Schumm and Martin Seay in the BYU Journal of Public Law, 30, 277-301 (2016). In summary, it has long been estimated in some sources that as many as 10-28 million children were being raised by same-sex coupled parents; however, the most recent estimates by both liberal and conservative scholars place the correct number at about 200,000 in the U.S. The history of how these “off the mark” numbers came to be and when more accurate estimates began to become common is assessed. (Dr. Walter Schumm)

Chelsea Spencer

Co-authored the peer-reviewed publication “Gender differences in risk markers for perpetration of physical partner violence: Results from a meta-analytic review” with Cafferkey, B. and Strith, S.M.; in press, for the Journal of Family Violence: Current Controversies Over Gender Differences in Perpetration of Physical Partner Violence, 2016-08-01; DOI: 10.1007/s10896-016-9860-9. (Dr. Sandra Strith)

Gabriel Granco


History

Tim Gresham

Authored the peer-reviewed article “A Progressive Rancher Opposes the New Deal: The Political Journey of Dan Casement” in the summer 2016 issue of Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains. Casement was a nationally recognized cattle rancher. Gresham’s article examines Casement’s political conversion from a self-styled progressive to an anti-New Dealer. The article illustrates that demonstrating a connection between progressive reform and the New Deal is fraught with complexities, and that there was a tenuous linkage at best between the two reform movements. Gresham explains the factors that led a great many progressive reformers, such as Casement, to oppose President Franklin Roosevelt’s domestic programs. (Dr. James Sherow)

Horticulture and Natural Resources

Ross Braun


Hospitality Management and Dietetics

Tracee Watkins

Co-authored “Beverage Selections and Impact on Healthy Eating Index Scores in Elementary Children’s Lunches From School and From Home.” The purposes of this study were to: 1) analyze beverage selections of elementary students consuming National School Lunch Program meals and lunches brought from home; 2) compare overall meal quality of National School Lunch Program meals and lunches brought from home by food components using Healthy Eating Index 2010; and 3) investigate the impact of beverage selections on meal quality. (Dr. Paola Paez)

Human Nutrition

Sam Emerson

Co-authored “Effects of thirty and sixty minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise on postprandial lipemia and inflammation in overweight men: a randomized cross-over study,” which was published in the Journal of the International Society of Sports Nutrition in summer 2016. (Dr. Sara Rosenkranz)
Kelsey Casey
Co-authored “Comparing the effects of two different break strategies on occupational sedentary behavior in a real world setting: A randomized trial” in Preventive Medicine Reports, August 2016.
(Dr. Sara Rosenkranz)

Zaw Htoo
(Dr. Richard Rosenkranz)

Journalism and Mass Communications
Tazrin Khan
Was contributing author to the paper “An examination of factors associated with self-efficacy for food choice and healthy eating among low-income adolescents in three U.S. states,” which was published in the journal Frontiers in Communications. Khan also presented this paper at the International Association for Media and Communication Research Conference in Leicester, United Kingdom, in 2016. (Dr. Nancy Mutari)

Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning
Abigail Glastetter
Published “Examples of Adapted Ethnographic Approaches in Participatory Design” with co-authors Katie Kingery-Page, Danielle DeOrsey and Jessica Falcone. (Katie Kingery-Page)

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Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering
Monsur Abass

Louis Won nell
Published the peer-reviewed article “Morphing Continuum Theory: Incorporating the Physics of Microstructures to Capture the Transition to Turbulence Within a Boundary Layer” in the Journal of Fluids Engineering. This article discusses the last unsolved problem in classical physics, turbulence, using a multiscale morphing continuum theory, or MCT. In this work, Won nell performed a numerical simulation on the classical boundary layer problem for incompressible flow by using the multiscale nature of MCT to model the interaction between the turbulent eddies and the translational velocities. It should be emphasized that unlike other methods for turbulence modeling, RANS or LES, no ad hoc approximations have to be made. His simulation results well-captured the all flow profiles in different regimes, laminar, transition and turbulent. He then further analyzed his simulation results with dimensional analysis and isolated the underlying mechanism triggering the fluid flow from laminar to turbulent state. The reviewer’s comment was extremely positive: “The work is, on the whole, of a high quality and interesting and deserves to be published.” This study can be extended and applied to all types of incompressible turbulent flows, such as airfoil design, micro aerial vehicles and commercial airplane flight. (Dr. James Chen)

Jacob Edwards
Published the paper “Exergy analysis of thermal energy storage options with nuclear power plants” in the in Annals of Nuclear Energy. It has been featured as one of the journal’s most downloaded papers. (Dr. Hitesh Bindra)

Abhinav Gairola
Published the paper “Lattice Boltzmann method for solving non-equilibrium radiative transport problems” in Annals of Nuclear Energy. (Dr. Hitesh Bindra)

Physics
Ben Berry

Mohammad Zohrabi
Co-published the paper “Molecular frame photoelectron angular distributions for core ionization of ethane, carbon tetrafluoride and 1,1-difluoroethylene” with A. Menssen, C.S. Trevisan, M.S. Schöffler, T. Jahneke, I. Bocharova, F. Sturm, N. Gehrenke, B.
Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

Stacy Smith

Authored “Gender Stratified Monopoly: Why Do I Earn Less and Pay More,” which will be published in the April 2017 volume of Teaching Sociology. (Dr. Frank Weyer)

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**TRAVEL GRANT Awardees**

*A travel grant was awarded to the students listed below. A brief description of the travel grant is included, if available.*

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<td>Received a travel grant to attend the Fulbright program for the 2016 Water for Food Conference Graduate Student Online Poster Competition, April 24-28, 2016, at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. (Dr. Nathan Hendricks)</td>
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<td>Jodi Morton</td>
<td>Received a travel award to facilitate attendance and career development of young investigators and trainees in the field of perinatal biology. (Dr. Duane Davis)</td>
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<td>Robbie Smith</td>
<td>Received a K-State Graduate School Travel Award and International Society of Stem Cell Research Travel Award to attend the society’s 14th annual meeting, June 22-25, 2016, in San Francisco, California. (Dr. Mark Weiss)</td>
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<td>Pragyesh Dhungel</td>
<td>Received the American Society for Virology Travel Award, a nationally competitive award for an outstanding graduate student to attend the society’s annual meeting. (Dr. Zhilong Yang)</td>
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<td>Miranda Klugesherz</td>
<td>Received an award from the Office of Study Abroad to take part in Dr. Soumia Bardhan's summer seminar in France and Spain. Klugesherz also received a travel grant from the College Arts &amp; Sciences to present at the Engaged Scholarship Consortium on Oct. 12, 2016, in Omaha. (Dr. Timothy Shaffer)</td>
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<td>Travis Hale</td>
<td>Received the College of Education Graduate Student Travel Grant. He also received a Professional Development Travel Grant to attend the Doing</td>
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max-out release dates. Linear regression was used to investigate the predictive power of education, full-time employment, owning a bank account prior to incarceration, and number of convictions on an inmate’s financial literacy. This study broadens the literature on financial literacy and may also influence criminal justice policy regarding education of transitioning inmates. (Dr. Maurice MacDonald)

Cherie Stueve

Earned the $500 K-State Personal Financial Planning Student Travel Award to co-present “Building the Practitioner-Research Bridge...with Broccoli” and to present the student poster “Perceptions of Financial Professionals” at the Association for Financial Counseling and Financial Education annual research and training symposium. (Dr. Martin Seay)

Human Ecology

Tracee Watkins

Presented the Kathleen Stitt Award, which gives one participant of the School Nutrition Association’s annual national conference, the School Nutrition Research & Best Practices Showcase, $500 to help defray travel expenses incurred to attend the conference. To be considered for the award the applicant must be an active member of the association; a graduate student enrolled full-time in an Master of Science or doctoral program or be a faculty member employed at an accredited college or university; and have been accepted to participate in the School Nutrition Showcase at the 2016 national conference. Watkins presented the research poster “Time and Temperature Control of Foods in the Summer Food Service Program.” (Dr. Paola Paez)

COMPETITION AWARDS

Graduate students who 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 the entry/award, if available.

Agricultural Economics

Claire Newman

Named a top seven finalist in the best paper competition at the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association conference in Aarhus, Denmark. Her paper, “Farmers’ Perceptions of Building Trust,” will be published in the International Food and Agribusiness Management Review. Her research found ways that sales representatives can deepen trusted relationships with farmers. She used a novel survey approach with Kansas farmers to identify what matters most to farmers when it comes to building a trusted relationship. Results show that sales representatives should focus on their own personal development to build more trusted relationships as opposed to things largely outside of their control. Farmers did not care as much about age, years working, or even the reputation of the sales rep’s employer. (Dr. Brian Briggeman)

Agronomy

Marshall Hay

Received first place, graduate individual, at the 2016 North Central Weed Science Society Collegiate Weed Contest at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Hay had the highest score across all four contest events, and was the top individual in the Farmer Problem-Solving event, a member of the winning Sprayer Calibration Team, and a member of first-place graduate team. (Drs. Dallas Peterson and Anita Dille)

Plant Pathology

Ananda Bandara

Received the Graduate Student Council Travel Award to attend and present at the American Phytopathological Society international annual meeting in Tampa, Florida. (Dr. Chris Little)

Rodrigo Pedrozo

Received the Graduate Student Council Travel Award to attend and present at the American Phytopathological Society international annual meeting in Tampa, Florida. (Dr. Chris Little)

Narinder Singh

Received the second Summer Institute in Statistics for Big Data Tuition and Travel Award, a competitive scholarship that pays for the tuition and a part of travel expenses to attend the summer statistical genetics institute organized by University of Washington. Scholarship recipients are selected from a pool of applicants from all over the world. (Dr. Jesse Poland)

Special Education, Counseling and Student Affairs

John Buckley

Received the College of Education Graduate Student Travel Grant. (Dr. Christy Craft)

Rebeca Chow

Received a Professional Development Travel Grant to present “I Supervise: Using Technology in Supervision” and “The Force Awakens: Providing Culturally Competent Therapy to Latina/o Families” at the National Latina Psychological Association in Orlando, Florida. (Dr. Doris Wright Carroll)
Chelsea Ahlquist  Received second place, graduate individual, at the 2016 North Central Weed Science Society Collegiate Weed Contest at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Ahlquist had the second highest score across all four contest events, and was the top individual in both the Weed Identification event and in the Written Sprayer Calibration Problem events. She also was a member of the winning Sprayer Calibration Team and a member of the first-place graduate team. (Dr. Anita Dille)

Junjun Ou  Received third place, graduate individual, at the 2016 North Central Weed Science Society Collegiate Weed Contest at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Ou has the third highest score across all four contest events, which included Weed Identification, Herbicide Identification, Written Sprayer Calibration Problems and Farmer Problem-Solving. (Dr. Anita Dille)

Animal Sciences and Industry

Annie Clark  Received first place for Master of Science oral presentation. The criteria for evaluating the graduate oral competition is clearness and correctness of the abstract, knowledge of the subject area, research quality and innovation, organization of the presentation, presentation and personal attributes, and appropriate use, clarity and number of visuals. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)

Jordan Gebhardt  Received first place for doctoral poster presentation. The criteria for evaluating the graduate poster competition is clearness and correctness, knowledge of the subject area, research quality and innovation, organization of the presentation, and presentation and personal attributes. (Dr. Joel DeRouchey)

Lori Thomas  Received first place for Master of Science poster presentation. The criteria for evaluating the graduate poster competition is clearness and correctness, knowledge of the subject area, research quality and innovation, organization of the presentation, and presentation and personal attributes. (Dr. Bob Goodband)

Julie Sauls  Participated in the Dairy Nutrition and Management Consulting Summit Student Essay competition. The objective of the essay is to clearly define a problem or issue in today’s dairy industry and detail how the student’s educational plans or career plans may be able to offer solutions to solve the problem or address the issue. (Dr. Jeff Stevenson)

Kelsey Phelps  Receive second place for agricultural oral presentation at the K-State Graduate Research, Arts and Discovery Forum. (Dr. John Gonzalez)

Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Nana Baah Appiah-Nkansah  Received an honorable mention award for an innovative technique of including sweet sorghum grain in the diffusion process for optimized sugar extraction. (Dr. Donghai Wang)

Biology

Kirsten Grond  Received the SCO-SOC Presentation Award for Best Paper at the North American Ornithological Conference in Washington, D.C., in August 2016. The paper was co-authored with R.B. Lanctot, A.M. Jumpponen and B.K. Sandercock. (Dr. Brett Sandercock)

Mary K. Mills  Received first place at the 2016 International Congress of Entomology in the 15-minute oral paper presentation in the RNAi and Gene Expression Control in Insects section. Her presentation was “The extent of RNAi in the arbovirus vector, Culicoides sonorensis.” (Dr. Kristin Michel)

Communication Studies

Roger Allen  Was the College of Arts & Sciences’ nominee for the Graduate Student Council’s Graduate Student Award for Teaching Excellence. (Dr. Soo-Hye Han)

English

Rebecca Rowe  Received the first-place award in the Master of Arts level from the Children’s Literature Association Graduate Student Essay competition. The competition was open to all Master of Arts students in the world writing on the subject of children’s literature and nominated by a member of the international organization. K-State swept the awards this year, receiving first and second places. It’s the first time K-State students have won honors in the competition. (Dr. Anne Phillips)

Sierra Hale  Received the runner-up award in the Master of Arts level from the Children’s Literature Association Graduate Student Essay competition for her paper “Soldering Together Young Adult Science Fiction: Implicit and Explicit Racial Spaces in Marissa Meyer’s Lunar Chronicles.” The competition was open to all Master of Arts students in the world writing on the subject of children’s literature and nominated by a member of the international organization. K-State swept the awards this year, receiving first and second places. It’s the first time K-State students have won honors in the competition. (Dr. Joe S. Sanders)

Entomology

Ryan Schmid  Won the Three-Minute Thesis Competition sponsored by the K-State Graduate School. Schmid also received first place in oral presentation in agricultural sciences, section 2, at the K-State Research Forum and first...
Ashley Hough received second place in the MUVE/P-IE Master of Science poster competition sponsored by the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. (Dr. James Nechols)

Alice Harris received first place in the P-IE doctoral oral paper competition sponsored by the North Central Branch of Entomological Society of America. (Dr. Brian McCormack)

Jessica Thomson named a top 10 finalist in the Three-Minute Thesis Competition sponsored by the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. (Dr. Ludek Zurek)

Shelly Wiggam honored for giving the best doctoral poster presentation at the 68th annual International Meeting for the Society for Range Management. Wiggam received first place in oral presentation in agricultural sciences, section 1, at the K-State Research Forum. She received first place in the P-IE/SysEB doctoral oral paper competition sponsored by the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. (Dr. Greg Zolnerowich)

Bettina Jancke received second place in oral presentation in biological sciences at the K-State Graduate Research, Art and Discovery Forum. (Dr. Jeremy Marshall)

Robert Ewing received first place in the MUVE/P-IE Master of Science paper competition sponsored by the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. He also received first place in the 2016 Perry L. Adkisson Three-Minute Thesis Competition. (Dr. Jeffery Whitworth)

Matthew Heerman received second place in the MUVE doctoral oral paper competition sponsored by the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America. (Dr. Marcelo Ortigao)

Edwin Afful awarded first prize in the graduate student oral competition, Urban Entomology in a Changing Environment: Home and Warehouse Pests session, for the paper “Phosphine resistance in Rhyzopertha dominica (F.) (Coleoptera: Bostrichidae) in North America: Incidence, severity and work toward a rapid assay for detection.” Afful also received second place in the 2016 Perry L. Adkisson Three-Minute Thesis Competition. (Dr. Tom Phillips)

Lina Aguierre-Rojas won second prize in the Graduate Student Poster Competition: RNAi and Gene Expression Control in Insects for her poster “Silencing of Laccase2 in Dectes texanus (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) by RNA interference.” (Dr. Mike Smith)

Barbara Amoah awarded second prize in the Graduate Student Poster Competition in the acarology and stored products session for her paper “Development and validation of sequential sampling plans for the ham mite, Tyrophagus putrescentiae (Shrank) (Acari: Acaridae) on dry-cured ham.” (Dr. Tom Phillips)

Basak Coskun received second place in the 2016 Perry L. Adkisson Three-Minute Thesis Competition. (Dr. Kun Yan Zhu)

Food Science

Rachel Henderson received first place in the Leprino Foods Graduate Student Poster Presentation Contest in Dairy Foods for the poster “The Use of Ozonated Water in the Removal of Bacillus Cereus Biofilms on Dairy Membranes.” The competition was part of the 2016 American Dairy Science Association-American Society of Animal Science joint annual meeting in Salt Lake City. (Dr. Jayendra Amamcharla)
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<td>Placed third overall in the Leprino Foods Graduate Student Poster Presentation Contest in Dairy Foods for his poster “Effect of Milk Protein Concentrate (MPC) Quality on Fouling During Thermal Processing.” The competition was part of the 2016 American Dairy Science Association-American Society of Animal Science joint annual meeting in Salt Lake City. (Dr. Jayendra Amamcharla)</td>
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<td>Bryce Marston</td>
<td>Honored as giving the best paper by a doctoral student at the Association of American Geographers Geomorphology Specialty Group meeting, a part of the annual meeting of the association in San Francisco, California, in April 2016. Papers were evaluated on their research contribution to the field of geomorphology and effectiveness of the presentation. Graduate students from all branches of geomorphology participated in the competition. (Dr. Charles Martin)</td>
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<td>Julie Commerford</td>
<td>Placed first in the Paleoenvironmental Change Specialty Group Doctoral Student Paper Competition at the April 2016 American Association of Geographers annual meeting in San Francisco, California. Graduate students from all branches of paleoenvironmental change participated in the competition. Papers were evaluated on their research contribution to the field of paleoenvironmental studies and on the effectiveness of the presentation. (Dr. Kendra McAulachlan)</td>
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<td>Gabriel Granco</td>
<td>Honored with the James J. Parsons Ph.D. Field Study Award from the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers. Granco was one of only eight graduate students from the Americas to receive the award this year. The award will support his doctoral dissertation summer field work in Brazil on the dynamics and impacts of sugarcane land use on biodiversity vulnerability and allow him to work with local experts in biodiversity and land change dynamics. (Dr. Marcellus Caldas)</td>
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<td>Participated on the division poster presentation competition at the Institute of Food Technologists annual conference with the poster “Evaluating the Effectiveness of Cooling Techniques in Chili Con Carne with Beans.” (Dr. Paola Paez)</td>
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<td>Trace Watkins</td>
<td>Received the best paper award at the Central Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Conference, April 22-23, 2016, in Kansas City for the paper she co-authored with Dr. Kristin Malek, “Effects of Self-Congruity and Destination Image on Destination Loyalty: The Moderating Role of Perceived Cultural Difference.” (Dr. Kristin Malek)</td>
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<td>Woohyuk Kim</td>
<td>Received a best paper award at the Academy of Global Hospitality and Tourism Conference, May 20-23, 2016, in Seoul, South Korea, for a paper he co-authored with Dr. Jichul Jang, “Linking role stressors to service-oriented OCB on the hotel industry: The moderating role of social capital.”</td>
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<td>Julyyun Kang</td>
<td>Received a second-place award in the 2016 Innovations in Fuel Cycle Research open competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Fuel Cycle Technologies. Reichenberger’s award-winning research paper, “Advances in the Development and Testing of Micro-Pocket Fission Detectors (MPFDs),” was presented at the International Atomic Energy Agency International Conference on Research Reactors in November 2015. In order to be successful and retain its leadership role in nuclear technologies, the United States must foster creativity and breakthrough achievements to develop tomorrow’s nuclear technologies. The Department of Energy has long recognized that university students are an important source of breakthrough solutions and a key component in meeting its long-term goals. The Innovations in Fuel Cycle Research Awards program was developed for this purpose. The program awarded 17 prizes in 2016 for student publications relevant to the nuclear fuel cycle. In addition to cash awards, award-winning students will have a variety of other opportunities. (Dr. Douglas McGregor)</td>
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<td>Michael Reichenberger</td>
<td>Received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award, which is presented for outstanding student contributions to sorghum research. Bandara also received second place for outstanding graduate student poster presentation in ACS528, Diversity Student Poster Competition, a part of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America international annual meetings in Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Dr. Chris Little)</td>
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<td>Ananda Bandara</td>
<td>Received the plant pathology department’s award in its three-minute thesis competition. Stewart also received third place in biological sciences oral presentation at the K-State Graduate Research, Arts and Discovery Forum. (Dr. Anna Whitfield)</td>
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<td>Catherine Stewart</td>
<td>Received first place in the graduate student poster competition at the annual meeting of the National Association of Plant Breeders in Raleigh, North Carolina. About 70 graduate students in plant genetics and breeding across the nation participated in this competition. Most of the research focused on application of genomics, high-throughput phenotyping and breeding</td>
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methods in addressing challenges associated with ensuring global food security. Olatoye also received second place in the graduate student poster competition at the Sorghum Improvement Conference of North America. This is an international meeting where all stakeholders in sorghum in the United States and other countries around meet annually. The graduate presentations were interdisciplinary ranging from breeding to all other aspects of agriculture. (Dr. Geoffrey Morris)

Statistics
Xintong Li

Received the $2,500 Mathematical Geosciences Student Award for “Variogram Models on All Spheres” from the International Association for Mathematical Geosciences. Li was one of three recipients of the grant award. A brief description of his project: Variogram or variogram matrix functions are effective tools in modeling dependence structure among multiple processes at different locations in spatial statistics. With more and more data collected on a global scale in environmental science, geophysics and related fields, the variogram models on spheres play increasingly important role in estimation and kriging, such as the impact of soil greenhouse gas fluxes on global warming potential, temperature-precipitation relationships in climate change. We focus on the characterizations of the variogram models on spheres of all dimensions for both stationary and intrinsic stationary, univariate and multivariate processes. Some efficient approaches are proposed to construct a variety of variogram functions including simple polynomial structures for practical purposes, or to show whether an existing function on Euclidean space is valid on all spheres. Some models are demonstrated to be effective on long range kriging using simulation study and data analysis. Moreover, a new simulation method in producing spatial data from intrinsic stationary process is explored. (Dr. Juan Du)

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NOTABLE JOB PLACEMENTS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following students have received notable job placements, were asked to serve on prestigious committees/councils, or participated in internships. A brief description of the job placement, committee assignment or internship, if available, is included for each student.

Family Studies and Human Services
Patricia Barros Gomes

Joined the University of Maryland’s Couple and Family Therapy Program as an assistant clinical professor and director for the Center for Healthy Families in August 2016. (Dr. Joyce Baptist)

Hospitality Management
Han Wen

Started at the University of North Texas as an assistant professor in the hospitality and tourism department of the College of Merchandising in August 2016. (Dr. Junhee Kwon)

Pei Liu

Serving as an assistant professor in the hospitality management department in the Division of Food Systems and Bioengineering at the University of Missouri, Columbia. (Dr. Junhee Kwon)

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ADDITIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

The most recent awards/nominations/initiates from the spring 2016 semester are listed below.

Agricultural Economics
Elliott Dennis

Selected for an Ag Econ Scholars Program award of a two-week exposure internship in Washington, D.C., in summer 2016. (Dr. Ted Schroeder)

Civil Engineering
Marta Miletic

Served as a visiting doctoral student at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, in spring 2016. Miletic worked on state-of-the-art experiments at the university’s Center for Infrastructure Engineering and Safety laboratories. Dr. Dunja Peric, who is Miletic’s advisor, has collaborated in ongoing research with the University of New South Wales through which she was able to arrange Miletic’s one-semester visit. Miletic’s research addresses stress-strain characterization of high performance and ultra-high performance fiber reinforced contentious composites, which are vitally important for development of more sustainable and more resilient civil infrastructure. The School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of New South Wales is currently ranked the 16th best program in civil and structural engineering in the world according to the QS World University Rankings. (Dr. Dunja Peric)
Served as co-coordinator for the Indigenous Peoples Day conference, which was attended by more than 200 registrants. Red Corn is a doctoral candidate in the educational leadership department who is also responsible for co-teaching in the Osage Nation Leadership Academy in Oklahoma. His work brings awareness of Native American cultural issues to K-State and the university community, and is creating new partnerships between K-State and other schools, including Haskell Indian Nations University. The Indigenous Peoples Day included internationally known speakers and was conducted in the Leadership Studies Building. More information is available at http://www.k-state.edu/indigenous-alliance/indigenous-peoples-day/. Red Corn worked with Dr. David Thompson, educational leadership department chair, on the conference. Red Corn also is a founding member and co-chair of the new K-State Indigenous Alliance, a group that organized and orchestrated the Peoples Day conference at K-State. The primary goal of the conference, which was on Columbus Day, was to clear space for modern indigenous perspectives in education on a day that inherently celebrates colonialism and conquest of indigenous peoples in North America. Red Corn played a lead role and was heavily involved in all aspects of the planning, which produced a standing-room only turnout with people also live streaming from across the nation. Linked to this conference effort are two other projects that Red Corn has taken a lead role in coordinating: embedding the reorganization and revival of the Kansas Association of Native American Education and bringing the first-ever K-State Osage Nation Educational Leadership Academy cohort of graduate students to campus to participate in the event, a partnership program he created. Red Corn additionally served as guest editor of the special issue of Kansas State University’s Educational Considerations, “Exploring University Partnerships for Building Leadership Capacity in Education.” (Dr. Kakali Bhattacharya)

Holly Fisher
Was an invited member of the board of directors of the Vestibular Disorders Association with a focus on patient education. Fisher also is a member of the American Association for Adult Education and the American Educational Research Association. (Dr. W. Franklin Spikes)

Shelly Wiggam
Participated in “Making Our CASE” as a policy rep for Kansas State University. It was sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. (Dr. Greg Zolnerowich)

Naiqing Lin
Attended the National Endowment for the Humanities Regional Application Writing Workshop in March. Lin was sponsored by K-State Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and the College of Arts & Sciences. (Dr. Kevin Roberts)

Tracee Watkins
Accepted into the Science Communication Fellowship Program at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan. This program, part of the Portal to the Public Network and sponsored in part by the K-State Graduate School, is a unique opportunity for area scientists and researchers to further their impact on today’s society. Watkins also was selected for a position on the Parking Appeals Committee at K-State in May 2016. (Dr. Kevin Roberts)

If you have any questions, comments or corrections, please contact Aaron Entringer (entringer@k-state.edu), Awards and Recognition Subcommittee chair for the Graduate Student Council.