

Graduate Mentoring and Research Awards

Ceremony and Reception

Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Conference Rooms B & C, Student Services Building (SSB)

Graduate Mentoring Award

The Graduate College sponsors the annual Graduate Mentoring Awards. This award is designed to encourage and award excellence and innovation in all aspects of graduate mentoring. Nominees must be full members of the graduate faculty at UIC and actively engaged in the direction of graduate students in masters or doctoral programs, and have been on the faculty at UIC for at least four academic years. Up to one award is given in each of the four Graduate Program divisions.

2014 Awardees

Alexander Aruin

Professor, Applied Health Sciences, Physical Therapy Division: Life Sciences

Kay Gonzalez-Vilbazo

Associate Professor, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Hispanic Linguistics
Division: Fine Arts and Humanities

Dan Schonfeld

Professor, Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Division: Engineering, Mathematics, and Physical Sciences

Sultan Tepe

Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Political Science
Division: Behavioral and Social Sciences

UIC Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring Award for Graduate Students

This award is co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, the Honors College, and the Graduate College. The award recognizes the invaluable time, effort, expertise, and concern that UIC graduate students dedicate to mentoring undergraduate students in classroom, research, and other academic settings.

2013 Awardees

Gillian Brautigam

Nursing, Women, Children and Family Health Science

Reality Canty

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Psychology

Jose Cristian Martinez

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Biology

Mandy Faretta-Stutenberg

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Hispanic and Latino Studies

Jennifer Hawe

Liberal Arts and Sciences, English; Graduate Assistant and Editorial Advisor, Honors College

Thomas Schutzius

Engineering, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Ten additional graduate students have been designated with Honorable Mention:

Julio Capeles-Delgado, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sociology

Michael Coughlin, Engineering, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

Charles Flower, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Biology

Sarah Franz, Applied Health Sciences, Disability Studies

Adrienne Joergensen, Architecture, Art, and Design, School of Architecture

Rebecca Koppel, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Psychology

Lindsay Marshall, Liberal Arts and Sciences, English

Robin Mores, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Biology

Sandra Troxell-Smith, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Biology

Yoonjung Shim, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chemistry

2014 Awardees

Vinoadharen Nair Das

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Psychology

Persis Driver

Education, Educational Psychology

Bernard Issa

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Spanish

Sandra Troxell-Smith

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Biology

Aimee Wodda

Liberal Arts and Sciences, Criminology, Law, and Justice

Three additional graduate students have been designated with Honorable Mention:

Dionisio Amodeo, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Psychology

Emily Ruehs, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sociology

Arin Weidner, Applied Health Sciences, Kinesiology

Outstanding Thesis Award

The Graduate College sponsors the Annual Outstanding Thesis Award, which is given to the most outstanding doctoral dissertation or master's thesis in each of the four Graduate Program divisions. While honoring the research of the student, the award is intended to also acknowledge the role of the research advisor. Up to one award is given in each of the four Graduate Program divisions.

2013 Awardees and Advisors

Jingwei Li, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Chemistry

Division: Engineering, Mathematics, and Physical Sciences

Advisor: **Daesung Lee**

Tandem Metathesis-Based Natural Product Synthesis and Synthesis of Cyclopropenes and Their Rearrangements

Kritika Pershad, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Biological Sciences

Division: Life Sciences

Advisor: **Brian Kay**

Directed Evolution of the Forkhead-associated Domain to Generate Anti-Phosphospecific Reagents

Rachel Venema, Social Work

Division: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Advisor: **Amy Watson**

Police Officer Decision Making in Reported Sexual Assaults

Tiziana Vistarini, Philosophy

Division: Fine Arts and Humanities

Advisor: **Nicholas Huggett**

Emergent Spacetime in String Theory Nicholas