

# 2007 GRADUATE SCHOOL AWARDS RECEPTION

University of Missouri–Columbia  
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## RECEPTION

WELCOME.....Brian Foster  
Provost

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION  
TO GRADUATE EDUCATION AWARD .....Human Development and  
Family Studies

The MU Outstanding Departmental Contribution to Graduate Education Award recognizes both well-established and highly innovative contributions that departments or interdepartmental units make to enhance the quality of MU graduate programs and to the successful careers of their graduate alumni. Made possible through the support of the Office of the Provost, the award provides the winning department with \$30,000 (\$10,000 a year for three years) to recognize and support efforts to further enhance the quality of graduate education.

### MU GRADUATE FACULTY MENTOR AWARD

..... Timothy Trull  
..... Sheryl Tucker

The purpose of the MU Graduate Faculty Mentor Award is to recognize the mentoring relationship a graduate faculty adviser has developed with his or her graduate students. A \$1,500 honorarium is provided to each of the graduate faculty members selected for this award.

### DONALD K. ANDERSON GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

..... Brett Johnson  
..... Scott Tobias

Candidates for the Anderson Teaching Assistant Award are selected based on demonstrated excellence and lasting impact in the classroom, positive attitudes and personalities, enthusiasm and commitment, and mentorship to peers and/or undergraduates.

### DONALD K. ANDERSON GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT AWARD

..... James Benson  
..... Tommi White

Anderson Research Assistant Award recipients are selected based on demonstrated excellence and lasting impact through contributions to research, future promise as a researcher, originality, imagination, satisfactory progress toward a degree and research mentoring to peers.

### MU DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARD

..... Mark Geiger  
..... Vladyslav Yaskin

The recipient of the Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. In addition, Dr. Geiger's dissertation will receive MU's nomination for the Council of Graduate Schools Distinguished Dissertation Award because it falls into this year's categories of biological or life sciences and the humanities.

### MU DISTINGUISHED THESIS AWARD .....Amanda Lee Logan

The recipient of the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award will receive a \$500 honorarium. The winning thesis was MU's nomination for the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Master's Thesis Award.

### GI/TA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY .....

John Estes

This award recognizes excellence in the efforts of graduate instructors and teaching assistants who use educational technologies to meaningfully improve teaching and learning at MU. Estes is a 2006 Award Winner to be honored at the 2007 Awards Reception.

### NANCY AND BILL LAURIE SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDIES .....

Jerome Venteicher

The Nancy and Bill Laurie Scholarship for Graduate Students is made possible by a generous contribution by the Laurie family and awarded annually to a graduate student with financial need who is a graduate from a Missouri high school and who has achieved high academic excellence. The scholarship is for \$2,000, and is renewable for a second year. Indeed, thanks to the Lauries' generosity, next year's award will be for \$2,500.

CLOSING REMARKS..... Pamela Benoit  
Vice Provost for Advanced Studies and Dean of the Graduate School

OLD MISSOURI, FAIR MISSOURI,  
DEAR OLD VARSITY,  
OUR ARE HEARTS THAT FONDLY LOVE THEE,  
HERE'S A HEALTH TO THEE.

PROUD ART THOU IN CLASSIC BEAUTY,  
OF THY NOBLE PAST;  
WITH THY WATCHWORDS, HONOR, DUTY,  
THY HIGH FAME SHALL LAST.

EVERY STUDENT, MAN AND MAIDEN,  
SWELLS THE GLAD REFRAIN,  
TILL THE BREEZES MUSIC LADEN,  
WAFT IT BACK AGAIN.

The MU Graduate School's campus-wide responsibility is to promote, encourage and support graduate education, faculty and graduate student research, scholarship and creative achievement.

With more than 5,000 graduate students enrolled in master's, doctoral and educational specialist degrees in more than 90 programs, graduate students comprise nearly 20 percent of the MU student population.

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