

Announcing Competition for the
2008 GILES T. BROWN
OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD



Qualifications: Competition is open to any student completing a thesis for May 2007, August 2007, or January 2008 graduation.

Nominations: Nominations should start at the faculty level (usually the committee chair) in the format of a memo to the department chair. The memo needs to describe the significant contribution and distinctive characteristics of the thesis. More than one faculty member may write a memo for a student. The department chair then endorses the nomination memo(s) or writes a separate memo to the college dean nominating the thesis. At the college level, only one thesis may be sent forward to the Graduate Studies office as that college's nomination for the award. The nomination package forwarded to the Graduate Studies office must contain: a copy of the thesis (unbound, with signed signature page); the department-endorsed nomination memo(s); and an endorsed nomination memo from the dean that stresses the contribution and distinctive characteristics of the nominated thesis.

Judging: Theses initially will be judged at the college level. Each college may submit only one nomination to the Graduate Studies Office for final judging. A panel of emeriti professors will then judge theses nominated from each college. In addition to the award for the outstanding thesis, finalists will also be evaluated for Honorable Mention.

Awards: An award of \$1000 along with an engraved plaque will be presented to the outstanding thesis award recipient at the University Honors Convocation. A certificate and \$100 cash award will be sent to students whose theses are given Honorable Mention. Previous recipients are listed on the back of this flyer.

Questions: Graduate Studies, MH-103, Ext. 2618.



Deadlines

Friday, February 29, 2008 -- Department Nominations to College Deans

Friday, March 14, 2008 -- College Nominations to Graduate Studies

Previous Award Recipients

- 1992 “Seed and Seedling Ecology of *Eriastrum densifolium* ssp. *sanctrum*, An Endangered Species” by John A. Wheeler, M.A. Biology
- 1993 “The Effects of Endurance Training on the Leopard Shark, *Triakis semifasciata*” by Stephen J. Gruber, M.A. Biology
- 1994 “Calcium Mobilization in Activated Sperm of the Tunicate *Ascidia Ceratodes*” by Donna Marie Butler, M.A. in Biology
- AND
- “The Light on the Landscape: An Experimental Evaluation” by Beverly Turley, M.A. in Geography
- 1995 “Reading” Disneyland: A Historical Look at the Textual Interpretation of the Disney Parks and the Study of American Popular Culture” by Elizabeth Nestegard, M.A. History
- 1996 “A Classical and a Modern Approach to the Study of Atmospheric Chemistry” by Arlene D. Hewitt, M.S. in Chemistry
- 1997 “The Coyote: An American Character” by Arlene J. Ring, M.A. American Studies
- 1998 “The Use of Silence in Japan and the United States” by Tomihoro Hasegawa, M.A. Speech Communication
- 1999 “Systematic Analysis of the Putative Substrate Binding Site of the Aminoglycoside-Inactivating Enzyme Acetyltransferase 6’-(IB): Site-Directed Random Replacement Mutagenesis at Positions 170 to 179” by Steven P. Sholly, M.A., Biology
- 2000 “An Assessment of Variables Used to Model Differences Between Dementia of the Frontal Type, Cardiovascular Disease, and Alzheimers Disease” by Michael M. Keil, M.A., Psychology
- AND
- “Cloning of Adenosine Di-Phospho Glucose Pyrophosphorylase from *Rhodospirillum rubrum* and *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*” by Robert Igarashi, M.S. Chemistry
- 2001 “Airport Proximity and Single-Family Home Prices in Southern California: A Hedonic House Value Approach” by Lee Ward Cockerill, M.A. Economics
- 2002 “Identification of Heat and Light Degradation Products of Aqueous L-Tryptophan by LC-PDA-ESI/APCI-MS^N” by Stephen W. Larson, M.S Chemistry (**Also awarded the Western Association of Graduate Schools 2003 Distinguished Thesis Award.**)
- AND
- “Surf Narratives: California Dreamin’ on a New Frontier” by Leslie Boullon, M.A. American Studies
- 2003 “Cloning of the GLGC Gene from *Rhodobacter capsulatus* and Expression, Purification and Characterization of the Recombinant ADP-Glucose Pyrophosphorylase” by Boris Jankowski, M.S. Chemistry
- 2004 “Taxonomic Diversity, Geographic Distribution, and Commercial Availability of Aquarium-Traded Species of *Caulerpa* (*Chlorophyta, caulerpaceae*) in Southern California, USA” by Susan Meeks Frisch, M.S. Biology
- 2005 “Palliative Care Education and Reflective Narratives in Orientation: A strategy to Increase Self-Awareness of Nurses’ Attitudes Toward death and Care of the Dying,” by Elizabeth M. Wessel, M.S. Nursing
- 2006 “Issues in Music Modeling Within Kindergarten Language Arts Curricula,” by Patricia O’Herron, M.A. Music
- 2007 “Geomorphology and Geochronology of the San Juan Creek Terraces: Implications for Quaternary Uplift of the Santa Ana Mountain Foothills, Orange County, California,” by Aron R. Taylor, M.S. Geology