Technical Communication Student receives $49,000 grant

Master’s student, Ms. Debra Burleson

Debra Burleson, an M.A. student in Technical Communications in the Department of English, wrote a grant as the final course project in Dr. Angela Eaton’s ENGL 5377, Grants and Proposals (Summer 2007), for Compassion Ministries that has been awarded $49,000 (the full request) by the Rapoport Foundation.

Ms. Burleson received her BBA at Baylor and came to Texas Tech to earn her Masters of Education degree. She says when she began taking courses in Technical Communications, she knew she had found her dream field and had to be enrolled in the program, and is now working on her Masters in Technical Communications and loving it. “Tech’s online learning is very interactive – it’s premiere… everyone thinks we’re tops!” Debra said in a recent interview.

Debra admits she had never written a proposal and gives the credit to Dr. Eaton’s course. Taking the course, she claims, taught her the most valuable idea behind writing a proposal and that is to justify how the funds will be used. “For instance”, she says, “my proposal was written for the Creative Learning Center at the Compassion Ministries “Hope House.” The project included building an outdoor activity area that would need benches. Instead of writing a proposal of how sturdy the benches would be and how long they would last, I learned I needed to write about who would use the benches… how the benches would allow the teachers to interact with the parents.” She says you have to get to the heart of why this particular need exists.

Debra laughs off the idea that grant writing is difficult. She says you just have to know how.

(Editors note: Several grant writing courses are offered at Texas Tech University – check with your Advisor if you need assistance in scheduling one.)
Lone Star Graduate Diversity Colloquium

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MARCH 28-29, 2008
The Lone Star Graduate Diversity Colloquium was established in 2006 as one means to further the statewide Closing the Gaps Initiative. It is a collective effort by all colleges and universities in Texas to encourage more underrepresented minorities, women, and first generation college students currently enrolled at Texas colleges and universities to stay in Texas to complete their graduate education and to expand the pool from which all graduate programs across the state can recruit.

Target Population: Sophomore and junior undergraduates wanting to attend graduate school and Master’s students searching for a doctoral program.

Conference Details: Students will attend workshops with topics such as assistance in applying to graduate school, preparing for entrance exams, funding graduate school, the value of undergraduate research and distance education options for graduate study. There is a graduate recruitment fair scheduled as well.

Events are planned beginning Friday afternoon until lunch on Saturday.

Contact: Shannon Samson, Recruitment Coordinator, 742-2781, ext. 239, shannon.samson@ttu.edu or Donna Rogers, Development Officer, extension 242, donna.rogers@ttu.edu

This year’s event is hosted by TTU on campus. Our goal is to have 300 Tech students in attendance. Please visit our website for more information: www.gradschool.ttu.edu/lsdc

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Graduate School.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank former Graduate School Dean Dr. John Borrelli for his valued leadership during the past four years. Dean Borrelli retired on August 31, 2007. As graduate students, faculty and staff at Texas Tech University well know, during his tenure as dean he worked tirelessly as an advocate to improve the overall quality of graduate education. Among many other recent accomplishments prior to stepping down, he guided 394 doctoral and masters’ graduates through the Summer Commencement, and just a few weeks later helped welcome a record number of 4,546 new and returning graduate students for the start of the Fall Semester. In serving with distinction, Dean Borrelli is leaving the Graduate School in excellent shape.

In accepting my new responsibilities as dean, I look forward to working with the TTU Graduate Council, the Graduate School staff, and everyone else involved in the Texas Tech community so that we may fulfill our collective mission by “ensuring standards of excellence; promoting diverse programs; and assisting and supporting the recruitment, retention, and graduation of quality students.”
Graduate School Donors 2006-2007

The Graduate School proudly recognizes all of our generous donors for this past academic year. Your support makes it possible to expand our scholarship awarding, advance our recruitment and retention efforts, promote distance education options and professional development programs - all of which are essential as the University moves to vastly increase its enrollment. We appreciate your continued support of our graduate students and programs! For more information - Donna Rogers, Development Officer, (806) 742-2781, ext. 242 or donna.rogers@ttu.edu.

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This yearly event recognizes donors for making it possible for many graduate students to pursue their Master’s or Doctoral degrees, and also provides an opportunity for the student recipients to express their gratitude.

There was an excellent turnout of students, Texas Tech faculty and administration, and donors, with approximately 200 in attendance.

The following scholarships and fellowships were honored at the reception: American Mexican Friendship - Waterman Scholarship, AT&T/Chancellor’s Fellowship, Cash Family Endowed Fellowship, Elo J. and Olga Urbanovsky Fellowship, Covenant Health and Social Services Fellowship, Helen DeVitt Jones Graduate Fellowship, Helen DeVitt Jones Part-time Graduate Scholarship, James D. and Mary Hazlewood Memorial Fellowships, Preston and Ima Smith Endowed Graduate Scholarship, and the Water Conservation Research Scholarship.

Special guests included Kay Cash representing the Cash Family Endowed Fellowship; Judi Blakey, Sharon Prather, Jeremy Mebane, and Dakesa Pina representing Covenant Health System; Frank Maldonado, Linda Nolet, and Dale Robles and Kathy Phillips representing AT&T Communications; Jim Arnold, Mike Briggs, Barbara Bush,

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Donor Highlight: Gelin Emergency Loan Fund

The Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Gelin Emergency Loan Fund was endowed in 1998 by the estate of the late Mr. Carl H. Gelin. Mr. Gelin studied Engineering at Texas Tech University from 1939-1941. Following a career as a regional manager for Layne Pumps, he served as a consultant engineer. During his tenure as an engineer, he made some innovative adjustments that are still used today by pumping companies in West Texas. He traveled several times to Libya to help with the problems of the pumps in arid regions. He also served in the Navy during World War II as an instructor in electronics.

Mrs. Mattie Lou (Chris) Gelin, formerly Mattie Christian, married Carl H. Gelin on April 9, 1949, and graduated from Texas Tech University that same year with a Bachelor of Arts in Commercial Art. She worked for the Hanna Pope and Hemphill Wells department stores and for the Hall Advertising Company. She contributed designs, artwork, and wrote papers, pamphlets, and booklets for many States and points abroad. In fact, even though this year’s incoming class is the largest in the Department’s history, it also was the most competitive. Applications were up 50% from the prior year, so admissions rose even though the rate of acceptance declined. This put the Department in the enviable position of growing the program while applying tough admissions standards. Average GRE scores for the 2007 class rose 40 points compared with the prior year and, and a significant number of the new PhD students arrived having already published and presented scholarly work. Even more encouraging, this year’s class doubled the number of students from underrepresented groups pursuing graduate work in the Department of English.

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Lubbock and South Plains organizations including the Lubbock County Historical Survey Committee, the South Plains Genealogical Society, Lubbock Art Association, Lubbock Garden and Art Center, Mahon Library and the Museum of Texas Tech. She also designed historical markers for the City of Lubbock and researched and illustrated a booklet about cattle brands used in the Panhandle and other sections of West Texas. In the mid 1960’s, she received a national award at a national advertising conference for her series of advertisements for a Lubbock savings and loan company.

During their lifetime, Mr. and Mrs. Gelin were members of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association and avid supporters of the University. They strongly believed in education and, through their modest living, were able to give their estate to the Graduate School of Texas Tech University. This $1 million endowment has assisted over 500 graduate students since its inception in 1998.

Department and Student News

Theatre and Dance

Amy Kim, an MFA candidate in Arts Administration in the Department of Theatre and Dance, is producing a one-act digital play for her thesis project. This play, "Dancing through Landmines: The Remarkable Career of Choi Seung-hee" investigates the life and art of the pioneer of Korean modern dance Choi Seung-hee (1911-1968) in a documentary format. The play is co-directed by Oranda Lelenuja, a Ph.D student in the Department of Theatre and Dance. The cast members of this production are Asian students from Texas Tech University.

Wind Science and Engineering

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison made the announcement about the first Wind Science & Engineering Doctorate program at a news conference on the Texas Tech University campus.

Geosciences

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for “informing the world of the dangers posed by climate change.” Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Research Associate Professor in the Department of Geosciences, is one of the nearly 3,000 climate scientists around the world who freely contribute their time to participate in the IPCC. Katharine currently serves as an expert reviewer for the IPCC’s Fourth Assessment, released in the spring of this year. Her research, which focuses on assessing climate change at the regional scale and the risks it poses for water supply, ecosystems, agriculture, and public health here in the U.S., was also cited in the report. For more information, see: www.ipcc.ch.
Sixth Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition Award Recipients

Congratulations!

Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
1st Place - Nithya Rajan
2nd Place - Thu Dinh
3rd Place - Sangnyeol Jung

Biological Sciences
1st Place - VelvetLee Finckbone
2nd Place - David Rodriguez
3rd Place - John Middleton

Chemistry and Biochemistry
1st Place - Simerjeet Gill
2nd Place - Yanping Gao
3rd Place - Charlotte Sisk

Chemical Engineering
1st Place - Mingxiang Luo
2nd Place - Omkar A. Nafday
3rd Place - Swapnil Kohale

Education
1st Place - Rommel Bunuan
2nd Place - Chiu-Yin Wong
3rd Place - Walter Doue

Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics
1st Place - Dinesh Ekanayake
2nd Place - Ryan Breighner
3rd Place - Brandon Storm

Human Sciences Category 1
1st Place - Cheryl Juergens
2nd Place - Yingli Li
3rd Place - Brandon Randolph-Seng

Human Sciences Category 2
1st Place - Sara Dodd
2nd Place - Shan Jiang
3rd Place - Hak-Seon Kim

Visual and Performing Arts / Philosophy
1st Place - Lynda Billing
2nd Place - Rachel Myers
3rd Place - Amy Kim

Department and Student News

Mass Communications

“Expanding the Definition of Convergence and Integration” was a research colloquium jointly sponsored by the College of Mass Communications, the Center for Communications Research and the Institute for Hispanic and International Communication at Texas Tech University on April 19 and 20, 2007. The colloquium concluded with an awards reception at which Jennifer Mullins (pictured left) of the University of Nebraska was recognized for the top MA paper and Hans Meyer of the University of Missouri received recognition for the top Ph.D. paper and the top paper overall.
Financial Opportunities

The Graduate School is pleased to offer these noted fellowships and scholarships to Texas Tech University graduate students, with a majority of the awards ranging from $2,000-$4,000/year. Two of the awards below are eligible for part-time students to apply - Preston and Ima Smith Scholarship (full and part-time students) and the Helen DeVitt Jones Part-time scholarship. All other fellowships are for full-time students. We disburse awards in the Spring for the upcoming Fall and Spring. Therefore, our next major round of accepting applications will be Spring 2008. Deadlines begin in February. Please visit our website for specific deadlines - [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/scholarships/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/scholarships/). You may begin applying on our on-line system in December.

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Gelin Emergency Loan Fund

Purpose of the Loan Program
The loan program provided by Mr. Gelin is designed to financially help students when they face family emergencies or other unexpected events. The goal of this loan is to provide students with an interest free, quick and easy alternative to the traditional loan process.

Eligibility
The Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Gelin Loan Fund is available to any graduate student working on a graduate degree or certification program at Texas Tech University. All applicants must be on campus and must be full-time graduate students with a financial need and in good standing with the Graduate School.

Award Amount: $500 - $2,500
- Loans of $500 or less should be paid back within 120 days, at 0% interest, after the loan is received.
- Loans up to $2,500 - Repayment of these loans typically begins two to three months after the student receives the funds. The loan must be paid back within five (5) years at 0% interest. For additional information, please see the Graduate School website.

Contact Person: Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Associate Dean

For additional information and loan application forms, please visit: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/gelin.htm](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/gelin.htm)

In the Spring 2007 Graduate School Newsletter, Dr. Richard Wampler, MFT Program Director, incorrectly reported that Dr. Todd Ephraim is the Chief Executive Officer at the Jewish Family Services of Milwaukee. In fact, Dr. Ephraim is Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Clinical Counseling Services. Dr. Ephraim oversees the program providing Marriage and Family Therapy. We apologize for the confusion.
Senior Advisor attends Conference for International Educators

Shelby Cearley, Senior Advisor in the Office of Graduate Admissions, was among a delegation of 18 AACRAO and/or NAFSA: Association of International Educators members invited to attend the 25th Annual Baden-Württemberg seminar on German-American educational exchange. The seminar, held October 14-19 in Stuttgart, focused on the German education system, German-American academic equivalencies and student exchange between Germany and the United States. Lectures and discussions were held at several primary, secondary, and tertiary educational institutions throughout the state of Baden-Württemberg. The seminar was sponsored by AACRAO, NAFSA, and the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research, and the Arts.

Pictured at right is the delegation in front of one of the fountains at the Neue Schloß (New Castle) in Stuttgart. Ms. Cearley is in the front row - first one kneeling from left.