

## Texas Tech Graduate School Honors High-Quality Theses and Dissertations

Texas Tech University's Graduate School is proud to announce the 2011 awards that recognize the quality of work displayed in several theses and dissertations of graduate students.

The Graduate School also will nominate 1<sup>st</sup> place dissertation award winners to the [Council of Graduate Schools](#) as part of its annual competition to recognize an outstanding dissertation that represents original work and makes unusually significant contributions to the discipline being considered for that year.

In odd numbered years, the Graduate School recognizes work in biological life sciences and humanities and fine arts. Even years will recognize social sciences, mathematics, physical sciences and engineering.

Students are nominated by their faculty members for this award. If a faculty member's student is awarded first place, the nominating faculty member also receives a stipend. Helen Jones Foundation funding contributed to make these awards possible.

This year's winners are:

### Biological Life Sciences

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Master's Thesis – Eric Howell in the Department of Biological Sciences. “Chemotherapeutic Challenge of the Chernobyl Rodent *Apodemus flavicollis*.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Master's Thesis – Shawna Nations in the Department of Environmental Toxicology. “Acute and Developmental Toxicity of Metal Oxide Nanoparticles (ZnO, TiO<sub>2</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and CuO) in *Xenopus laevis*.”
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Doctoral Dissertation – Dr. Adcharee Karnajapiboonwong in the Department of Environmental Toxicology. “Long-Term Fate of Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products in the Environment.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Doctoral Dissertation – Dr. Colin Bell in the Department of Biological Sciences. “Soil Microbial Responses to Increased Precipitation in the Desert Grasslands of Big Bend National Park”

### Humanities/Fine Arts

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Master's Thesis – Leslie Branson in the Department of Theatre and Dance. “And Footlights Lit the Path of the Righteous: Theatricality and Performance in the Second Great Awakening.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Master's Thesis – Cody Lass in the Department of History. “Read All About It: Nationalism During the American Revolution.”
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Doctoral Dissertation – Stephanie Eckroth in the Department of English. “Anonymity, Celebrity and Authorship, 1780-1823.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Doctoral Dissertation – Dr. John Southard in the Department of History. “The Marine Corps Way: Combined Action Platoons in the Vietnam War.”

For more information on these awards:

<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/grdschInfo/supportDocs/ThesisDissertationAwards.pdf>

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