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VCU Graduate Student Takes Second Place in Regional Three Minute Thesis Competition

Kemper Gibson, a master’s student in the Virginia Commonwealth University Forensic Sciences program, earned second place in the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools’ Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition. CSGS is an organization of over 200 graduate schools in fifteen states of the southern region of the United States. For the 3MT® competition, master’s and doctoral students present a compelling talk on their thesis or dissertation topic and its significance. Contestants, using one static PowerPoint slide, are limited to three minutes to present their often highly technical research to a lay audience. They may not use any electronic media, sound, video, or props of any kind. 3MT® contestants are judged on three core competencies:

1. Communication Style: was the thesis topic and its significance communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?
2. Comprehension: did the presentation help the audience understand the research?
3. Engagement: did the oration make the audience want to know more?
Outstanding Master’s Thesis Awards

• Humanities and Fine Arts*
  • Kathryn Parkhurst, College of Humanities & Sciences, Department of History
  • Expansion and Exclusion: A Case Study of Gentrification in Church Hill

• Life Sciences
  • Lauren Groskaufmanis, School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine and Population Health
  • Source of care and variation in long-acting reversible contraception use

• Math, Physical Sciences, and Engineering*
  • Armond Conte, School of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
  • Censoring and Fusion in Non-linear Distributed Tracking Systems with Application to 2D Radar

• Social Sciences, Business, and Education
  • Elizaveta Bourchtein, College of Humanities & Sciences, Department of Psychology
  • Positive Illusory Bias in Adolescents with ADHD: Prevalence, Stability, and Accuracy of Reporters

• ETD Master’s Thesis*
  • Brian Smith, School of Engineering, Department of Biomedical Engineering
  • Computational modeling to assess surgical procedures for the treatment of adult acquired flatfoot deformity
Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)  
Doctoral Scholars Program, Institutional Award

Participants

• Alesha N. Henderson, *Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Medicine*
• Nicole R. Jimenez, *Undifferentiated, School of Medicine*
• Kofoworola Williams, *Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Medicine*
• Michele O. Pancoast, *School of Nursing*

Lunch Introduction

• Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute

• Thursday, October 27-30, 2016, Tampa, FL
Graduate School

Graduate Faculty - 1,120 full; 404 affiliate

Graduate Programs

24 Certificate; 75 Master’s; 40 Doctoral Degrees

Graduate Students – 5,259

17% of VCU Total Student Enrollment

92% Degree seeking (4,851)

66% Master’s, 31% Doctoral, 4% Certificate

64% Female, 37% Male

70% Resident, 30% Non-resident

24% Minority, 64% White, 10% International

68% Full-time, 32% Part-time
Commonwealth Graduate Education Day
Virginia Council of Graduate Schools
November 4, 2016
Hosted by the College of William and Mary
School of Education, 301 Monticello Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23185

The purpose of this event is to acquaint high potential undergraduate students who are in the middle-stages of their degree program (i.e. second year of 2-year program, second or third year of 4-year program), from underrepresented backgrounds, and who may not have otherwise thought about going to graduate school, with the benefits and opportunities that a graduate education provides.

The primary goals of this event are to expand students’ knowledge of what graduate education is, inform them of the path to graduate education, and to encourage promising students from underrepresented backgrounds to consider graduate education in the Commonwealth of Virginia and beyond.
Commonwealth Graduate Education Day

Program

9:00 am – 10:00 am  Registration
10:00 am - 10:05 am  Provost's Welcome
10:05 am - 10:10 am  VCGS Welcome
10:10 am - 10:30 am  What is graduate school? Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral Degrees
                      What am I going to get out of the event today
10:30 am - 11:10 am  Keynote - Anne H. Charity Hudley, Ph.D.
11:15 am - 11:45 pm  Breakout Session 1 (student and faculty panels in STEM, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities)
11:50 am - 12:20 pm  Breakout Session 2 (Repeat of Breakout Session 1)
12:25 pm - 1:55 pm  Lunch, Poster Presentations and University Tables
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  Graduate Dean's Panel (Q&A, conclusion)