



## **Conference of Southern Graduate Schools 2011 master's thesis awards**

### **Math, Physical Sciences and Engineering (1 award)**

Physics, Chemistry (excluding Biochemistry), Astronomy, Atmospheric Sciences, Geology, Earth Sciences, Oceanography, Metallurgy, Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Sciences, and Engineering

and

### **Humanities and Fine Arts (1 award)**

History, Classics, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, Speech, American Studies, Archeology, Art, Music, Philosophy, Theology, Religion, Theater, Language, Literature, and Architecture

### **Candidacy**

Graduate Deans or their designee(s) at CSGS member institutions may nominate one person whose thesis has been accepted in partial fulfillment of master's degree requirements during the past two academic years and/or summer sessions (Fall 2008 through Summer 2010)

### **Award**

- \$1,000 plus travel expenses for the awardees to attend the 2011 CSGS meeting in Huntsville, Ala., where the award will be presented on Feb. 26, 2011.

### **Deadline**

The Graduate Dean or designee shall provide the following materials as part of the nomination dossier to be received no later than October 15, 2010:

- A web link to an electronic thesis or three copies of the thesis (no originals)

- Letters of endorsement from the major professor and either the Director of Graduate Studies, the Graduate Dean, or the Dean's designee
- Certification by the Graduate Dean or designee that the thesis was approved in partial fulfillment of requirements for the master's degree within the past two academic years and/or summer sessions (Fall 2008 through Summer 2010)
- An abstract of the thesis (1-2 pages, double-spaced), prepared by the nominee
- A brief resume or CV on the nominee (1-2 pages)

An electronic file (preferred) or three paper copies of the nomination materials should be submitted to the Committee Chair no later than Oct. 15, 2010:

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Virginia Commonwealth University  
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### **Evaluation Process**

Each thesis will be reviewed by faculty members in the field from CSGS member institutions and will be evaluated on the basis of clarity of style and presentation, scholarship, research methodology, and contributions to the field or discipline.

### **Members of the Thesis Awards Committee**

Doug Boudinot, Chair  
Mildred Fuller  
Edelma Huntley  
Jennifer Martin  
Terry McConathy  
Debra Moriarity  
C. Eddie Palmer  
J. Bruce Rafert  
Thomas Reynolds  
Bob Roer  
Lawrence Shirley  
Andrew Sustich  
John Watret

## Previous award winners

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ted Wesermann (1990)               | Hamsell M. Alvarez (2003)   |
| Steven B. Broyles (1990)           | Linda Miller Cantara (2003) |
| Marshall Rand (1992)               | James B. Davis (2004)       |
| Jeanne A. Peter (1993)             | Russell Davis Day (2004)    |
| Cynthia Enid Romero-Arroyo (1994)  | Jonathan W. Roller (2005)   |
| Todd G. Wetzel (1995)              | Lara B. Crowley (2005)      |
| Brenda G. Wristen (1996)           | William R. Cooper (2006)    |
| James E. Reaux (1997)              | Jennifer J. McMahan (2006)  |
| Anna L. Meaux (1998)               | Destiny Birdsong (2007)     |
| Andrew Glenn Edward Haskell (1999) | Mark Losego (2007)          |
| Lester Baker Perry (2000)          | Mason R. McWatters (2008)   |
| Michael Gregory Janech (2000)      | Elizabeth Rahn (2008)       |
| Terry O'Brien Pettinger (2001)     | James Savage (2009)         |
| Gery Daniel Dorazio (2001)         | George Kablick (2009)       |
| Amy Hudnall (2002)                 | Steven McMurray (2010)      |
| Rebecca Elaine Blanton (2002)      | Jessica Kaczorowski (2010)  |

## **Conference of Southern Graduate Schools**

### **2011 ETD master's thesis award**

#### **Innovative Application of Technology to Scholarship in a Master's Thesis**

##### **Candidacy**

Graduate Deans or their designee(s) at CSGS member institutions may nominate one person whose thesis has been accepted in partial fulfillment of master's degree requirements during the past two academic years and/or summer sessions (Fall 2008 through Summer 2010) and have filed an electronic thesis.

##### **Award**

- \$1,000 plus travel expenses for the awardee to attend the 2011 CSGS meeting in Huntsville, Alabama where the award will be presented on Feb. 26, 2011.

##### **Deadline**

The Graduate Dean or designee shall provide the following materials as part of the nomination dossier to be received no later than Oct. 15, 2010:

- A web link to an electronic thesis
- Letters of endorsement from the major professor and either the Director of Graduate Studies, the Graduate Dean, or the Dean's designee
- Certification by the Graduate Dean or designee that the thesis was approved in partial fulfillment of requirements for the master's degree within the past two academic years and/or summer sessions (Fall 2008 through Summer 2010)
- An abstract of the thesis (1-2 pages, double-spaced), prepared by the nominee
- A brief resume or CV on the nominee (1-2 pages)

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## **Evaluation Process**

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Lawrence Shirley  
Andrew Sustich  
John Watret

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|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kristen M. Rosenfeld (2006)   | Payal Chakravarty (2009) |
| Jennifer Brooke Landry (2007) | William Story (2010)     |
| Emily K. Davis (2008)         |                          |