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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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not be entirely accurate. This program is not an official university document, and does not constitute that those
whose names appear have completed degree requirements.
Welcome to the 115th University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Commencement.

This is the day to recognize our graduating students’ academic effort and remarkable personal commitment. As you look around, you can appreciate our need for the size of the UWM Panther Arena.

As we celebrate our graduates, we can also look to these outstanding individuals with a great sense of hope. For some, the work and impact of a university is viewed as complete when students conclude their studies. This is not the case at UWM. Our students, alumni, faculty and staff are engaged in lifelong research, critical thinking and collaboration with local as well as global businesses, industries, community and non-profit organizations, and other educational institutions. These partnerships lead to more innovation and create jobs for our students after they graduate. You’ve set the bar higher for new levels of cooperation and entrepreneurship. An academic degree brings newfound opportunities and exceptional value to both the recipient and the wider community.

On behalf of the UWM faculty and staff, I congratulate all of today’s graduating students. When combined with those who preceded them in May, the Class of 2016 is an impressive 5,000+ students.

To all our guests here to witness today’s event, I thank you for supporting your adult child, relative, spouse, partner, or friend. And to all our graduates, I offer my best wishes in all your endeavors. Please keep us apprised of your many successes.

Best regards and congratulations,

Mark A. Mone
Chancellor
THE STORY OF THE UWM SEAL

Official ceremonial activities and actions of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee nearly always make use of the UWM seal. It can be found on all significant university documents. The key elements of the UWM corporate seal are the university’s logo in the center and the years above the word “Milwaukee.”

The logo was redesigned in 1999 to more distinctly represent the university. Distinguishing elements of the redesigned logo include the different typefaces used for the letters “UW” and “M,” which reflect the diversity inherent at UW-Milwaukee, and the overlapping of the “W” and the “M” to show the connection between the University of Wisconsin System and Milwaukee’s university. The two wavy banners below the letters “UWM” show movement and suggest a continuum of education throughout one’s life. The banners also represent waves and emphasize how Milwaukee and the campus are located near water. The nimbus, appearing behind the logo, symbolizes educational enlightenment.

The three years noted in the corporate seal are 1849, 1885 and 1956.

1849 represents the era that higher education began in this state. Wisconsin became the 30th state in the union on May 29, 1848. Less than two months later, on July 26, the University of Wisconsin was established under provisions in the new state constitution. One of the initial steps to prepare students for university was enrolling young people in preparatory classes. On February 5, 1849, 17 boys arrived for preparatory classes in space borrowed from the Madison Female Academy. This date is referred to in Wisconsin education as Founders Day. Then, in autumn 1850, the first University of Wisconsin freshman class assembled in Madison for first-year instruction as part of a four-year college curriculum.

1885 denotes the beginnings of public higher education in Milwaukee at the Milwaukee State Normal School. The Wisconsin legislature in 1880 approved expanding higher education by establishing nine normal schools around the state. The first students in Milwaukee were admitted in 1885. In the beginning, curriculum was limited to a two-year teacher-training program. As its educational mission evolved, the school’s name changed. It became the Milwaukee State Teachers College in 1927 and the Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, in 1951.

1956 signals the beginning of the modern era of public higher education in Milwaukee. During the late 1940s and early 1950s, many proposals to expand higher education offerings in Milwaukee were considered. The successful proposal approved in 1955 combined the previously mentioned Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee office of the University Extension Center, an auxiliary of the University of Wisconsin in Madison. The new university was considered a part of the University of Wisconsin and classes at the new University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee began in the fall of 1956.
A Quick History of UWM

The name has changed—several times—but the roots of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee go back to 1885 when Wisconsin established the Milwaukee Normal School, a two-year teacher’s college.

Some important dates:

1885 Milwaukee Normal School opens to train teachers in downtown Milwaukee at 18th & Wells
1892 University of Wisconsin offers day and evening classes in Milwaukee
1909 With the completion of a new Milwaukee Normal School building (today’s Mitchell Hall) the campus moves to its present location
1920 The University of Wisconsin Extension Division, formed in 1907, takes over responsibility for UW instruction in Milwaukee
1927 Normal school becomes Milwaukee State Teachers College with 4-year degree
1928 UW Extension opens Milwaukee Center downtown
1951 Milwaukee State Teachers College becomes Wisconsin State College with liberal arts degrees
1956 WSC & UW Milwaukee Extension merge to form UWM
1961 The 8.6-acre Milwaukee-Downer Seminary site, including 3 buildings, is purchased
1963 UWM offers first PhD degree, in mathematics
1964 UWM buys Milwaukee-Downer College buildings, expands campus
1965 UWM purchases the 6.3-acre Milwaukee University School campus
1970 Three residence towers, collectively called Sandburg Halls, open for student housing
1988 UW System designates eight Centers of Excellence at UWM
1995 Division of Outreach and Continuing Education Extension (now the School of Continuing Education) moves to new offices in the downtown Plankinton Building
2000 UWM awards diploma to 125,000th graduate;UWM named among top 102 public doctoral research universities in nation
2001 Governor announces honors academy at UWM
2002 Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts opens. Fourth tower added to Sandburg Residence Halls.
2005 Men’s basketball team advances to Sweet 16 in NCAA Tournament.
2006 $100-million Campaign for UWM announced. Pavilion athletics complex and Kenilworth Square mixed-use student housing facility open. Men’s and women’s basketball teams both advance to NCAA Tournament.
2008 Campaign for UWM is completed more than a year early with $125 million pledged to the university.
2010 The School of Freshwater Sciences and Zilber School of Public Health become the first new academic schools established at UWM since the 1960s. UWM acquires the former Columbia Hospital campus: 11 acres; seven buildings with more than 800,000 gross square feet of space; and about 900 parking spaces.

By the turn of the century, the school had expanded to offer programs in the liberal arts and science as well as education. By the ’30’s, the school, now called Milwaukee State Teachers College, was a national leader in innovative teacher education, with 1,500 students. A student from the 1916-17 academic year, Golda Meir, became prime minister of Israel from 1969-1974.

After World War II, the College was authorized to award four-year bachelor degrees and in 1951 became Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee. Five years later it combined with the Milwaukee Extension Center, which had been the local outreach program of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Together, the two institutions became the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with its focus on academic research, teaching and community service.

Since its founding, UWM has expanded its programs so that today its 14 schools and colleges offer 94 undergraduate programs, 53 masters and 32 doctoral degrees.
CHANCELLOR’S MEDALLION

The medallion for Chancellor Mark Mone was designed and fabricated by Frankie Flood, Associate Professor of Art and Design, after talking with Chancellor Mone about his vision for UWM’s future. With water from Lake Michigan in its center chamber – and spheres representing how student knowledge grows at UWM-Milwaukee – the Chancellor’s Medallion is full of symbolism specific to UWM.

THE MEANING OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic gowns were worn as early as the 12th century. Their primary purpose then was to protect the wearer against the elements. When accepted styles of dress began to change in the 16th century, those in the legal and medical professions as well as scholars in the universities retained the traditional dress of gowns and hoods. The origin of the cap is unclear.

Styles and colors had no particular meaning until 1895 when an “Intercollegiate Code” established design and color criteria. The bachelor’s gown has long, pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master’s gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrist; the rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, the front part has an arc cut away. The gown may be worn open or closed. The doctor’s gown has velvet down the front with three bars of the same velvet across the sleeves. It may be worn open or closed.

The academic hood is the visual representation of the academic degree. The level of the degree is indicated by the length of the hood and the width of its velvet edging, with the doctoral hood being the largest. The color of the lining of the hood denotes the school conferring the degree, the color of the velvet binding denotes the field of study. The color denoting the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is gold, dark blue is the color denoting philosophy; therefore, all recipients of the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) at UWM wear hoods lined with gold and trimmed in dark blue velvet.

Other trim colors that you may observe among the masters candidates and the faculty are:

- BLUE VIOLET — Architecture
- WHITE — Art
- BROWN — Art/Dance/Drama
- BEIGE — Business Administration
- LIGHT BLUE — Education
- ORANGE — Engineering/Computer Science
- PEACOCK — Human Resources & Labor Relations
- LEMON — Library & Information Science
- PINK — Music
- APRICOT — Nursing
- GOLD — Science
- CITRON — Social Work/Criminal Justice

Honors: The gold cord, worn by some of the bachelor’s degree candidates, identifies those students who have been awarded Commencement Honors for high academic achievement throughout their career at UWM. An asterisk (*) is directly after the names of bachelor’s degree candidates awarded Commencement Honors in this program.

The pewter-colored stole recognizes undergraduate students receiving the Honor’s Degree. This special diploma is awarded in recognition of outstanding academic achievement to students who have completed the requirements of the University Honors College and achieved an overall grade point average of 3.5 or above.

The red, white, and blue cord is being worn by our veterans and military service members.
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PRELUDE
   UWM Wind Ensemble
   John Climer, Conductor

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
   Lucas Pastrana, Vocalist

WELCOME
   Mark A. Mone, Chancellor
   University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS
   Michael M. Grebe, Regent
   UW System Board of Regents

GREETINGS FROM THE UWM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
   David Misky, President
   UWM Alumni Association

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES
   Mark A. Mone, Chancellor
   Johannes Britz, Provost and Vice Chancellor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
   Avi Shaked, Founder and Chief Executive Officer
   Onward Technologies, Chicago IL

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC DEGREES
   Mark A. Mone, Chancellor
   University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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CHRIS G. KEGEL  
President, CEO, and Sole Owner, Wheel & Sprocket

HONORARY DOCTOR OF BUSINESS  
Escorted by: Kanti Prasad, Dean of the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business

CHRIS G. KEGEL  
Chris Kegel was born and raised in West Allis, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of Nathan Hale High School. Chris lives in Greenfield, Wisconsin with his wife Mary. Chris has four adult children Noel, Julian, Amelia and Tessa; and five siblings Jerry, Bill, Ed, Dave and Melissa (deceased).

In 1973, Chris began working as a bicycle mechanic at Wheel & Sprocket within weeks of the store opening. Through the years, Chris worked in every aspect of the business eventually becoming the partner of the original owner. In 1989, he became the sole owner and President of Wheel & Sprocket.

Through the years, Wheel & Sprocket has grown from its original Hales Corners, Wisconsin location to include 6 other locations in Metro Milwaukee, Wisconsin’s Fox Valley and Evanston, Illinois.

Through Chris’ leadership, Wheel & Sprocket has grown in to Wisconsin’s largest bicycle retailer. Wheel & Sprocket has consistently ranked in the Nation’s Top 100 Bicycle Retailers for over twenty years, and has been recognized as the #1 Bicycle Retailer of the Year by the National Bicycle Dealer Association (NBDA).

Chris is a tireless bicycle advocate and has a national reputation for creating more bicycle friendly communities. Chris advocacy work includes Oval Office meetings with two US Presidents. Chris has been or currently serves on the board of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), Bikes Belong, the League of American Bicyclists, the National Bicycle Dealers Association (NBDA), Recreation for Individuals Dedicated to the Environment (RIDE), the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Off Road Bicycling Association (WORBA), the Wisconsin State Trails Council, the Mequon Trails committee and Ozaukee Interurban Trail Advisory Council.

Chris and the Wheel & Sprocket team donate hundreds of hours each year to support dozens of community events and charity rides including the Ride of Silence, the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF) Ride for the Arts, the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer (MACC Fund) Trek 100, the American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Scenic Shore 150, and the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin Ride Across Wisconsin. Since 1998, Chris has provided significant event support to many Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) events including the ride in Death Valley, California.

Chris has been recognized with numerous awards and recognitions including the UPAF Community Service Award, the Trek Bicycle Corporation Legends Awards, and the JDRF Black Tie Honoree Award. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and West Allis Mayor Dan Devine each declared September 25th, 2016 “Chris Kegel Day.” The Ozaukee County Board has declared October 3rd each year as “Chris Kegel Day” on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. On November 3rd, 2016, the Milwaukee County Board renamed the country’s first mountain biking trails as the “Chris Kegel Alpha Trail.”
AVI SHAKED is founder and CEO of Onward Technologies, a corporate IT services and custom software development provider since 1987. Avi sold his company to a public company in 1998 and successfully negotiated its return in 2000, rebranding it as Onward Technologies.

Mr. Shaked was born in 1950 in Israel and grew up on a farm. After completing his service in the Israeli Air Force, he moved to the United States where he received a vital scholarship at UWM in 1977 for which he is eternally grateful. Avi graduated in 1980 with a BS in Electrical Engineering and then worked as a design engineer at IBM where he worked on the design for the System 36 a new minicomputer.

The impact of the scholarship and education Mr. Shaked received from UWM prompted Mr. Shaked and his wife, Dr. Babs Waldman, to establish a foundation to provide scholarships for engineering students at UWM in 2006. Over 250 students have received scholarships so far.
DOCTORAL DEGREES

GRADUATE SCHOOL
Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska
Dean of the Graduate School

*Indicates August 2016 Graduate

AFRICOLOGY

Maxime Sarah Mianzokouna
“The Developmental State Economic Model versus Neo-Liberal Principles: The Case of Rwanda and Burundi”
Major Professor: Abera Gelan

Anastacia J Scott
“Decolonizing African-American Museums: A Case Study on Two African-American Museums in the South”
Major Professor: Doreatha D Mbalia

Benjamin David Wendorf
“Rail: African Labor and the Ties That Bind in the Atlantic World”
Major Professor: Jeffrey Sommers

ANTHROPOLOGY

Michelle M Birnbaum
“The Richter Site (47DR80): Reviewing Prehistoric Cultural and Technological Change on Washington Island, Door County, Wisconsin”
Major Professor: John D Richards

Emily Jane Epstein
“Nobi Ni-Tse’te’ede (House on the Cold One): Hunter-gatherer Household Archaeology and Climate Change, Harney County, Oregon”
Major Professor: Jean L Hudson

Ethan Adam Epstein
“Late Paleo-Indian Period Lithic Economies, Mobility, and Group Organization in Wisconsin”
Major Professor: Robert J Jeske

ARCHITECTURE

Myounghee Jorn
“Cultural Attributes and Housing Adjustment Behaviors: Exploring how Korean Elderly Immigrants Mediate their Cultural Needs through Dwelling”
Major Professors: Brian Schermer and Gerald Weisman

Amin Mojtahedi
“An Architecture of Social Learning and Knowing”
Major Professor: Brian Schermer

Mark A Proffitt
“Exploring the Costs and Values of the Household Model in Long Term Care”
Major Professors: Brian Schermer and Gerald Weisman

Payman Sadeghi
“High-Performance Building Envelope: An Energy Evaluation of a Double-Skin Façade Linked into the Earth”
Major Professor: Michael Utzinger

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Sreya Biswas
“Tracking Folate Receptor (FR) Subtypes ± and ² in Cells of Epithelial and Myeloid Origin, to Improve Cell Targeting and the Anti-Tumor Immune Response in a Mouse Breast Cancer Model”
Major Professor: Douglas Steeber

Katrina Lynn Olsen
“Ultrastructural Changes during Pollen Wall Development and Germination in Arabidopsis thaliana”
Major Professor: Heather Owen
CHEMISTRY

*Rasha Khaled Abuflaha
“Electrical Measurements and Attenuated Total Reflection: Infra-red Spectroscopic Study of Aromatic Compounds on Gold Granular Films”
Major Professor: Wilfred T Tysoe

Shamsul Arefin Ahmed
“Method Development for the Short Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of 5-Chloro-7-benzoyl 2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]furan -3-carboxylic acid (BRL-37959) and its Analogs: Potent Anti-Cancer Agents and Cyclooxygenases (COX) Enzyme Inhibitors”
Major Professor: Mahmun Hossain

*Brett Allen Beaupre
“The Function of Renalase”
Major Professor: Graham R Moran

*Robert William Hoppe
“Molecular Retention in Water: Design, Synthesis, and Characterization of Rigid Molecular Receptors and Enzymatic Mechanistic Probes”
Major Professor: Alan W Schwabacher

*Mohammad Rezaul Karim
“Insight into Cellular Zinc Trafficking Using Various Zinc Fluorescent Sensors”
Major Professor: David H Petering

Bradley Michael Moran
“Experimental Methods in Cryogenic Spectroscopy: Instrument Design through Analysis”
Major Professors: Jorg C Woehl and Peter Geissinger

*Lisa Susannah Mueller
“Structural and Functional Characterization of Acetoacetate Decarboxylase-like Enzymes”
Major Professor: Nicholas R Silvaggi

*Michael Ming-Jin Poe
“Synthesis of Subtype Selective Bz/GABA(A) Receptor Ligands for the Treatment of Anxiety, Epilepsy and Neuropathic Pain, as well as Schizophrenia and Asthma”
Major Professor: James M Cook

Shalini Srinivasan
“Persistence in STEM: Integrating Self-Efficacy, Outcome Expectations and Performance to Develop a Predictive Model”
Major Professor: Kristen L Murphy

Veera Venkata Naga Phani Babu Tiruveedhula
Major Professor: James M Cook

Christopher Michael Witzigmann
Major Professor: James M Cook

*Nina Yina Yuan
“Development of Cellular High Throughput Assays to Determine the Electrophysiological Profile of GABA(A) Receptor Modulators for Neurology and Immunology”
Major Professor: Alexander Arnold

COMMUNICATION

*Michael G Blight
“Relationships to Video Game Streamers: Examining Gratifications, Parasocial Relationships, Fandom, & Community Affiliation Online”
Major Professor: Erin Ruppel

Jessica Samens
“How Individuals Disclose Health Information: A Study Examining the Choices Made When Sharing Health Information”
Major Professor: Mike R Allen
ECONOMICS

*Hadiseh Fariditavana
“Exchange Rate and the Trade Balance: Is the Link Symmetric or Asymmetric?”
Major Professor: Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee

Seyed Hesam Ghodsi
“Do Economic Fundamentals Have Symmetric or Asymmetric Effects on House Prices?”
Major Professor: Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee

*Mona Khadem Sameni
Major Professor: Scott Drewianka

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

*Alina Aloma
“Exploring Proximal and Distal Psychosocial Stressors Influencing the Health Outcomes of Urban American Indians in the Midwest”
Major Professor: Shannon Chavez-Korell

*Wen-hsin Chang
“Predictors of International Students Socio-cultural Adjustment”
Major Professor: Nadya Fouad

*Lindsay Erika Danforth
“The Effects of Gender Role Conflict, Stigma, and Social Support on Help-Seeking in Male Service Members”
Major Professor: Stephen R Wester

Leanne Louise Freeman
“Assessing Model-Data Fit for Compensatory and Non-Compensatory Multidimensional Item Response Models Using Vuong and Clarke Statistics”
Major Professor: Bo Zhang

*Shin ye Kim
Major Professor: Nadya Fouad

Charisse A Kroner
“The Impact of Teacher Accountability Measures on Teacher Self-Efficacy Beliefs”
Major Professor: Jacqueline Nguyen

Ernesto Noam Lira De La Rosa
“Examining the Intersections of Gay Male Identity, Ethnic Identity, and Spirituality and their Relationship with Internalized Heterosexism”
Major Professor: Shannon Chavez-Korell

Marisela Lopez
“Examining Psychologists Competence and Cultural Adaptations in Therapy when Working with Latina/o Clients”
Major Professor: Shannon Chavez-Korell

Samuel Reese Purdy
“Structures and Strategies that Support Instructional Coaching”
Major Professor: Karen C Stoiber

ENGINEERING

*Suboh Alkhushayni
“Improving the Consistency of Usage of Health Tracking Software for the Caregivers of the Elderly with MCC while Addressing the Motivation and the Usability”
Major Professor: Susan W McRoy

Behnam Azimi
“Improving the Speech Intelligibility by Cochlear Implant Users”
Major Professor: Yi Hu

*Mehdi Azimipour
“Deep Tissue Light Delivery and Fluorescence Tomography with Applications in Optogenetic Neurostimulation”
Major Professor: Ramin Pashaie

Ahmadreza Baghaie
“Image Registration and its Applications in Biomedical Image Processing”
Major Professor: Zeyun Yu
Doctoral Degrees

Christopher A Baker
“Investigation of Sparsifying Transforms in Compressed Sensing for Magnetic Resonance Imaging with FastTestCS”
Major Professor: Guangwu Xu

Saman Beyhaghi
“Investigation of a Novel Turbulence Model and Using Slots for Improving Aerodynamic Performance”
Major Professor: Ryoichi S Amano

Anju Bhatt
“Analysis of Two Stage Nested Queue Model with Application in Healthcare”
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Suha Mubarak Lasassmeh
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Major Professor: Chiu Tai Law

Jianyang Li
“Novel Nanomaterials for Lithium Ion Batteries and Oxygen Reduction Reaction”
Major Professor: Yingchun Yuan

Shengyi Li
“Corrosion of Aluminum Current Collector in Cost-Effective Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Batteries”
Major Professor: Benjamin C Church

Ke Liu
“Radial Basis Function: Applications and Parallelization”
Major Professor: Zeyun Yu

Thomas Aminga Omwando
“A Fuzzy Inference System Approach for Evaluating the Feasability of Product Remanufacture”
Major Professor: Wilkistar A Otieno

*Kamil Samara
Major Professor: Hossein Hosseini

*Seyedmohammadsadegh Shams
“Experimental, Analytical and Numerical Characterization of Effects of Fiber Waviness Defects in Laminated Composites”
Major Professor: Rani El Hajjar

*Sk Eklas Hossain
“Addressing Instability Issues of Constant Power Load Using Storage System in Microgrid Application”
Major Professor: Ronald A Perez

*Chunqi Shen
“Modelling of Dreissenid Mussel Impacts to Lake Michigan”
Major Professor: Qian Liao
*Meysam Tabandeh Khorshid
  “Nano-Crystalline Metal Matrix Nano-Composites Reinforced by Graphene and Alumina: Effect of Reinforcement Properties and Concentration Mechanical Behavior”
  Major Professor: Pradeep Rohatgi

Rohit Ugle
  “Performance Optimization of Onboard Lithium Ion Batteries”
  Major Professor: Anoop K Dhingra

Xinxin Wang
  “A Modeling and Experimental Investigation of Beach Groundwater Flow”
  Major Professor: Qian Liao

*Luke Gerard Weber
  “Control and Stability of Microgrids Utilizing Synchronous Generators”
  Major Professor: Adel Nasiri

Jingcheng Wu
  “Travel Time Estimation on Urban Arterials: A Real Time Aspect”
  Major Professor: Xiao Qin

Ming Xu
  “Image Segmentation Based on Feature-Sensitive and Adaptive Meshes”
  Major Professor: Zeyun Yu

**ENGLISH**

Roswitha T Both
  “The Comedians: A Novel”
  Major Professor: George Clark

Peter Joseph Brooks
  “Content and Context: Objective Formation in FYC Activity Systems”
  Major Professor: David P Clark

Erika Marie Mueller
  “The Waiting House”
  Major Professor: Kimberly Blaeser

*Dawn Arendt Nawrot
  “The Female Accomplice: Rape, Liberalism, and the Eighteenth-Century English Novel”
  Major Professor: Barrett Kalter

Alexis F Pegram
  “Identifying with “the Native” in Anglo-American Environmental Writing: A Rhetorical Study”
  Major Professor: Anne Wysocki

Anna Jeanene Storm
  “Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Zora Neale Hurston, and the Creation of “Authentic Voices” in the Black Women’s Literary Tradition”
  Major Professor: Gregory S Jay

**FRESHWATER SCIENCES**

Jared Scott Bozich
  “Surface Functionalization and Core Chemical Composition Impact the Toxicity of Nanomaterials to D. Magna”
  Major Professor: Rebecca D Klaper

*William Kort
  Major Professor: Nancy K Frank

Shelby Lynne LaBuhn
  “Evaluation of Dissolved Oxygen Dynamics and the Impact they have on Hypoxia in Green Bay, Lake Michigan”
  Major Professor: J Val Klump

**GEOGRAPHY**

*Wenliang Li
  “Large-Scale Urban Impervious Surfaces Estimation through Incorporating Temporal and Spatial Information into Spectral Mixture Analysis”
  Major Professor: Changshan Wu

*I-Hui Lin
  “Assessing the Effects of Parks on Surrounding Property Values Using Hedonic Models and Multilevel Models”
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