Graduate Student Recognition Lunch
May 5th, 2011
Spice Box
Bevier Hall

2010-2011
Graduate Student Accomplishments
Human and Community Development Graduate Students

HCD Continuing Graduate Students

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## Publications


**Keating, K.** & Gasteyer, S (2011). The role of cultural capital in the development community leadership: Toward an integrated program model. *Community Development.*


Presentations – Conferences


Wu, J (2010). *Negotiating identity: A conversation between students and professionals*. Workshop presented at the National Council on Family Relations Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

**Grants, Awards, Honors, Leadership Activities**

**Tahreer Araj**  
- World Bank Fellowship – 2010-2011  
- Evelyn Accad International Research Award  
  Women & Gender Studies – UIUC  
- Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund Educational Grant  
  2010-2011  
- Swedish International Development Agency  
  Travel Grant - 2010  
- Rural Sociological Society – Member  
- Middle East Studies Association – Member  
- Midwest Sociological Society – Member  
- American Sociological Association – Member  
- International Association for Feminist Economics – Member  
- Lee Student Support Fund Committee – Member

**Jill Bowers**  
- Illinois Council on Family Relations  
  President-Elect and Conference Chair 2010-2011  
  Present, 2011-pres

**George Bunting**  
- Collegiate FFA  
  President  
- Leadership Education  
  Kayenta, AZ Navajo Reservation
Sarai Coba-Rodriguez -
Graduate College Fellowship – 2010-2011
Illinois Graduate Student Organization
2010-pres
Illinois Student Council for Family Relations - Member
America Reads/America Counts
Graduate Coordinator
Illinois Student Council for Family Relations - Member
Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health – Member

Kimberly Crossman -
Best Student Poster
IL Council on Family Relations Annual Conference
Illinois Council on Family Relations – Board member
National Council on Family Relations
Student/New Professional Representative
Proposal Reviewer
ILCFR, NCFR
Illinois Student Council on Family Relations
President 2010-2011

Sarah Curtiss -
Janice M. Smith Graduate Fellowship
HCD 2010-2011
Clareta Walker Graduate Fellowship
HCD 2010-2011
Ernest Anderson Graduate Fellowship
HCD 2010-2011
Emily Schroeder Graduate Fellowship
HCD 2010-2011

Helen Emery -
Jonathan Baldwin Turner Graduate Fellowship
ACES 2010-2011

Maria Galarza-Heras -
CONACYT Fellowship
The National Council for Science and Technology of Mexico
Conference Travel Award
Graduate College – Fall 2010
Susan Kahl Bates Leadership Development Award
ACES – Summer 2010

Colleen Gibbons -
McKinley Health Center Student Advisory Board Co-chair
2010-present
HCD Graduate Student Organization
President – 2009-2010
Illinois Council on Family Relations
Executive Committee 2009-present
Illinois Student Council on Family Relations - Member

Aisha Griffith -
Conference Travel Award – Spring 2011
Graduate College
Travel Award for Professional Development
ACES
National Council on Family Relations – Member
National Black Student Graduate Association – Member
Society for Research on Child Development - Member
Megan Haselschwerdt - Outstanding Student Research Award
Illinois Council on Family Relations
Jesse Bernard: Outstanding Student Research Award
National Council on Family Relations
Student/New Professional President for the Day Award
National Council on Family Relations
NCFR Award Committee – Member
Journal of Family Theory and Review
Ad hoc Reviewer
Family Relations
Grad Student Reviewer
Graduate Student Organization
Awards and Speaker Committee

Fay Hodza - Rita and Arthur Goodman Fellowship
2010-2011
Gamma Sigma Delta Graduate Fellows Award
2008-2011
Provost & Graduate College Advisory Board – Member
Community Action and Support Ministry
Wesley Foundation
African Students Organization – Secretary General
Graduate Student Organization - Treasurer
HCD

Kari Keating - Illinois Leadership Center Coach (2008-pres)
UI Leadership Coordinating Committee (2010-pres)
ACES Library Subcommittee (2010-pres)

Daniel Laxman - Conference Travel Award – Spring 2011
Graduate College
Susan Kahl Bates Leadership Development Award
ACES – Fall 2010
Society for Research in child Development Travel Award
2011
National Council on Family Relations – Member
Illinois Council on Family Relations – Member
Society for Research in child Development – Member
UI College Teaching Effectiveness Network - Member

Vanja Lazarevic - Louis V Logeman Graduate Student Teaching Award
ACES
Jewell L. Taylor National Graduate Fellowship
American Assoc of Family & Consumer Science
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Guest Editor
Society for Research in Child Development – Member
Society for Research on Adolescence – Member
American Psychology Association – Affiliate Member
Illinois Council on Family Relations – Member
Illinois Student Council on Family Relations – Member
National Council on Family Relations
Candice Miller - Hort Club – Member  
  UIUC  
  AGED Club – Member  
  CFFA - Member

Elissa Thomann Mitchell - Susan Kahl Bates Leadership Development Award  
  ACES – Spring 2011  
  National Council on Family Relations – Member  
  Illinois Council on Family Relations  
  Executive Board – Spring 2011-2013.  
  Illinois Student Council on Family Relations  
  President Emeritus – Fall 2010-Spring 2011  
  Society for Research on Child Development - Member

Samantha Nielsen - Graduated College Fellowship 2010-2011

Mathew Ong - Jonathan Baldwin Turner Graduate Fellowship  
  ACES 2010-2011

Michaela Palchick - Jonathan Baldwin Turner Graduate Fellowship  
  ACES 2010-2011

Stephen Cole Perry - Jonathan Baldwin Turner Graduate Fellowship  
  ACES 2010-2011

Monica Pierce - Jonathan Baldwin Turner Graduate Fellowship  
  ACES 2010-2011  
  AGED Club - Member

Melissa Pognon - Office of Inclusion and Cultural Relations  
  Program Coordinator – UI  
  Learning in Communities – LINC  
  Service Learning Project Manager - UI

Emilia Poppe - Graduate Student Organization – President  
  HCD  
  Medical Scholars Program Advisory Committee  
  Class One Elected Representative

Gwedolyn Soult - The Louis V. Logeman Graduate Student Teaching Award  
  ACES

Rebecca Swartz - Susan Kahl Bates Leadership Development Award  
  ACES – Spring 2011
Keith Taylor -

The Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Award
Spring 2010-Spring 2012
Illinois Cooperative Council
Oct 2010 – pres
Common Ground Food Cooperative Board
Oct 2010 – pres
Illinois Student Senate, Environmental Committee
April 2010 – pres
Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) Steward Committee
December 2007 – pres
Rural Sociological Society, Communications Committee
August 2007 – pres
Ralph K. Morris Foundation Fellowship
2010-2011

Candi Thorson -

Marshall & Gwen Scott Graduate Fellowship
ACES – 2010

Steve Tran -

Research Apprentice Program (RAPP)
ACES

LaTesha Washington -

Susan Kahl Bates Leadership Development Award
ACES – Fall 2010

Tamekia Wilkins -

Conference Travel Award
Graduate College – Fall 2010

Ashley Wittenauer -

Jonathan Baldwin Turner Graduate Fellowship
College of ACES

Joanna Wu -

APA Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs Grant Program
2010-2011
The Urban Institute: Income and Benefits Policy Center
UI Associate – Summer 2011
American Psychological Association - Member
Association for Asian American Studies - Member
HCD Graduate Student Organization
Executive Board 2010-2011
Illinois Student Council on Family Relations
Secretary, 2010-2011
UI Provost and Graduate College Student Advisory Board
2011-2012
HCD Teaching Assignments Summer 2010, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011

Summer 2010

Comparative Family Org (HDFS 220/ANTH 210) - Instructors
Vanja Lazarevic, Elissa Thomann Mitchell

Fall 2010:

Contemporary Issues in ACES (ACES 101) TA:
TA’s:
Gwendolyn Soult

Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105) TA’s:
Fay Hodza, Jessica Miller
Jonathan Chiao, Tamekia Wilkins

Intro to Research Methods (HDFS 290) TA;
Joanna Wu

Socialization and Development (HDFS 401)
LaTesha Washington, Aisha Griffith

Critical Family Transitions (HDFS 425) TA’s:
Vanja Lazarevic, Steve Tran

Practicum in HDFS (HDFS450) TA:
Elissa Thomann Mitchell

Spring 2011

Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105) TA’s:
Jessica Miller, Amanda Walner
Tamekia Wilkins

Research Methods (HDFS 290) TA:
Joanna Wu

Infancy and Early Childhood (HDFS 301) TA:
Daniel Laxman

Adolescent Development (HDFS 405) TA’s:
Aisha Griffith,
LaTesha Washington

Practicum in HDFS (HDFS 450) TA:
Elissa Thomann Mitchell

Comparative Family Org (HDFS 220/ANTH 210) TA’s:
Fay Hodza, Jonathan Chiao
Steve Tran

Intro to Ag & Leadership Education (AGED 100) TA:
George Bunting

Training & Development (AGED 300) TA:
George Bunting

Intro to Family Studies (HDFS 120) TA’s:
Instructor: Jill Bowers
Kimberly Crossman, Fay Hodza

Practicum in HDFS (HDFS 450) TA:
Elissa Thomann Mitchell

Prof Development in Leadership Education (AGED 310) TA:
George Bunting
# List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students

(“Incomplete” was dropped Summer 2007)

## Spring 2010:

- Niki Bornes – HDFS 105
- Jonathan Chiao – HDFS 120
- *Kimberly Crossman – HDFS 290
- *Megan Hasselschwerdt – HDFS 120
- *Vanja Lazarevic – HDFS 220
- *Jordan Levey – HDFS 105
- Elissa Thomann Mitchell – HDFS 220
- *Aimee Rickman – HDFS 405

## Summer 2010

- Elissa Thomann Mitchell – HDFS 220

## Fall 2010

- Jonathan Chiao – HDFS 105
- Kimberly Crossman – HDFS 340
- Aisha Griffith – HDFS 401
- Jessica Miller – HDFS 105
- Jonnna Wu – HDFS 290
- Gwendolyn Soult – ACES 101

* Instructor ratings were outstanding

## OTHER SPECIAL NOTES

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DEGREES

Master’s Degree – HCD

Melissa Pognon
May 2011
Chair – Dr. Robert Hughes; Second Reader: Dr. Harwood, Urban Planning
Thesis Title: *Both Sides of the Story: Exploring University Relations with Local African-American Communities*

Master of Science in HCD

Ashley Wittenauer
May 2011

MS/MSW (Joint Degree)

Kiera Schell Berry
December 2010
Melissa Grahn Box
December 2010
Jordan Levey
December 2010

Master’s Degree – Agricultural Education

Candi Thorson
December 2010
Chair - Dr. James Anderson
Thesis Title: *Reform Considerations for an Agricultural Teacher Education Program: A Case Study*

PhD – HCD – Human Development & Family Studies

Tahreer Abed Araj
May 2011
Committee – Dr. Gale Summerfield, Chair; Dr. Ann Reisner, Dr. Soo Ah Kwon, Dr. Brian Dill, Dr. Robert Hughes, Dr. Stephen Gasteyer
Dissertation Title: *From Services to Ideological Formation: Building Community Agency in Palestine*

Kari Hall Keating
May 2011
Committee – Dr. Christy Lleras, Chair; Dr. Marcela Raffaelli, Dr. Aaron Ebata, Dr. Stephen Gasteyer
Dissertation Title: *Training Civic Bridge Builders: Outcomes of Community Leadership Development Programs*

Job Positions

Kari Keating – Visiting Extension Associate in LCED, Human and Community Development

Tahreer Araj – Position at Birzeit University
CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!