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English Graduate Student News 2009-2010

Greetings!

Graduate Student Graduation is tonight, May 7, 2010 at 7 pm at the Ramsey Center. Congratulations to all our graduate student graduates!

I hope you are all getting ready for summer and a break from a rigorous and productive semester. Below is a list of some of the various and impressive accomplishments of the English Graduate Students at Western Carolina University; I realize that there is certainly more information that is missing from this list, but these are the things that were sent to me by students and faculty. Congratulations to everyone listed below, to all of our graduates, and to anyone else whose accomplishments are not listed.

If you have not already done so, please join the WCU English Graduate Student group on Facebook! Here's the link to the page:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=86069051492>

Please keep me informed about your successes, and I'll look forward to keeping this newsletter going. Enjoy your summer!

Best,
Laura

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Graduate Research Symposium Presenters (March 11, 2010):

- Forrest Caskey:** “A Phonological and Prosodic Study of the ‘Gay voice’: Voice Stress Analysis Using Empirical Mode”
“The Rhetoric of African American Women”
- Jason Hertz:** “White, not Quite; Black, Get Back!: Ambivalence, Posturing and Signifyin(g) in the Poetry of Langston Hughes”
“Paths of National Redemption: J.M. Coetzee and Keri Hulme in Conversation”
- Brad Reisinger:** “The Pacification of the Oral narrative in Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart*”
- Nicole Jaronsinski:** “(Re)creation of History in Tiananmen Square 1989”
- Heather Williams:** “Living in Borrowed Splendor: The Rhetoric of the 1944 Polio Epidemic in Hickory, North Carolina”
* “‘The Difference of One Sun’s Rise’: Conflicting Time in Sindiwe Magona’s *Mother to Mother*”
- Joy Neaves:** “Truth, Fiction, Reconciliation, and Social Change”
- Ethan Burns:** “Adventures in Postcolonial Photojournalism: The Spiti Situation”
- Jennifer Doyle-Corn:** “A Most Recalcitrant Patriot: Oscar Wilde’s Irish Vision of Socialism”
- Paula Bolado:** “Wulfert Road and the Alligators: Turning Fear into Respect for Sanibel Island’s Natural Ecology”

* **Heather Williams** won both the Best Humanities Presentation and the Best Overall Research Presentation for “‘The Difference of One Sun’s Rise’: Conflicting Time in Sindiwe Magona’s *Mother to Mother*”

Other Awards and Honors

David Joy (MA, Professional Writing Concentration, 2009)

Karen Nicholson Best Thesis Award

Jennifer Doyle-Corn

Dean’s Outstanding Scholar Award from the College of Arts & Sciences;
Dennis J. McKeivlin Memorial Graduate Award; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society induction

Alan Wray

Theodore L. Hugelot Outstanding Graduate Assistant Teaching Award

Jason Hertz, Krystal Smith, and Heather Williams

Sigma Tau Delta Honor Society induction

Forrest Caskey

Best Paper Award at TALGS (TESOL and Applied Linguistics Graduate Student Conference)

External Conference Presentations

Jennifer Doyle-Corn presented work at the “Writing into the Profession” Graduate Student conference at UNCG and at the Sigma Tau Delta International English Convention in St. Louis

Forrest Caskey, Jason Hertz, Nicole Jaronsinski, Emily Darnell, and Maleah Pusz presented work at the “Instrumental English: Interdisciplinary Approaches to English Studies Grad Conference” at UNCW

Forrest Caskey, Tom Baden, and Jennifer Jenkins presented papers at the annual TALGS (TESOL and Applied Linguistics Graduate Student Conference) held in Greenville.

Graduate Program Acceptances/Jobs

Jennifer Doyle-Corn (MA Literature Concentration): Ph.D. program in English, Florida State University, beginning fall 2010

Julia McLeod (MA Literature Concentration, 2008): Ph.D. program in English, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, beginning fall 2010

Paula Bolado (MA Professional Writing Concentration): Will be teaching at Tuscola High School starting in August

Publications

Brad Reisinger will be publishing a book-length report on the history of WCU's work in international education titled, *Global Outreach: WCU and the Inter-Regional Center*. It will be published by the Department of Educational Outreach and the office of the Chancellor Emeritus this summer.

Jennifer Doyle-Corn published a critical essay in the *Sigma Tau Delta Review*.

TESOL International Practicum

The following students will be traveling abroad to fulfill the requirements of the TESOL practicum:

Forrest Caskey: Germany
Charlie Litwin: Spain

Rachel Carpenter: Korea
Nathan Smith: Ecuador