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# Research Highlights

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE  
ON THE LATEST RESEARCH  
NEWS AT SIUE

## The Spring Symposium: April 8, 2008

Plans are underway for the 2008 Annual Graduate School Spring Symposium scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Activities will include:

**8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Workshop A: Twelve Keys to Successful Grantwriting**

Speaker, Bob Lowman, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Research & Adjunct Assoc. Professor of Psychology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Workshop B: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: What you Need to Know about Allowable and Unallowable Costs in your Grant or Contract**

Presented by: Office of Research & Projects, Fiscal Management

**8:30a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Authors' Display**

Featuring Publications by SIUE Faculty & Staff  
Hosted by Stephen Kerber, University Archivist & Special Collections Librarian and Amanda Bahr-Evola, Archives Specialist

**11:30a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Paul Simon Outstanding Scholar Award Luncheon**

Presentation by the 2007 Awardee, Dr. Brad Cross and Announce-

ment of the 2008 Awardee.

**1:30 – 4:00p.m. Graduate Student Research Symposium**

Graduate students and Undergraduate Research Academy students present research papers, posters, exhibits and performances before an audience of faculty, staff, and fellow students



*Brad Cross accepting the Paul Simon Award*

**1:30 – 4:00p.m. Individual Appointments with Bob Lowman**

Speaker, Bob Lowman, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Research & Adjunct Assoc. Professor of Psychology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Chancellor's Researchers' Reception**

Honoring faculty & staff who submitted external grants from 3/1/2007 – 2/28/2008  
Hosted by Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift

For more information on the Spring Symposium please contact Linda Skelton at [lskelto@siue.edu](mailto:lskelto@siue.edu).

## Upcoming Internal Competition Deadlines:

Friday, February 15: Paul Simon

Monday, March 17: Hoppe Award Program

Monday, March 3: Equipment and Tools

Friday, March 28: Assigned Time for Research

Friday, March 14: Multidisciplinary Teams

Monday, March 31: New Investigator Award

For more information on these competitions please visit [www.siue.edu/graduate](http://www.siue.edu/graduate).

# Call for Students to Present at the Graduate Student Research Symposium

The 2008 Annual Graduate School Spring Symposium will be held on Tuesday, April 8th featuring the Graduate Student Research Symposium.

We encourage faculty and staff in all disciplines to invite their graduate students, and those students in the Undergraduate Research Academy, to participate in the Graduate Student Research Symposium scheduled for Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:00 p.m. in the MUC. This event allows students the opportunity to present research papers, posters, exhibits, and performances before an audience of faculty, staff, and fellow students.

Interested students are asked to submit electronically an abstract of no more than 250 words on their research or creative activities, or of

a faculty mentor's research in which they are active, and a completed Information/Application sheet to the Graduate School by March 18th. These abstracts will be used for planning purposes and will be included in a booklet that will be available the day of the event. **The Information/Application sheet is available at [www.siu.edu/graduate](http://www.siu.edu/graduate).**



*Student presenting research last year*

**Please note that PowerPoint presentations and abstracts must be sent electronically to [lskelto@siue.edu](mailto:lskelto@siue.edu) by no later than 4:30p.m. on March 18, 2008.** Contact Linda Skelton in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research at [lskelto@siue.edu](mailto:lskelto@siue.edu) for more information.

## The 12th Annual Spring Symposium is April 8th

Plans are underway for the 2008 Annual Graduate School Spring Symposium scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2008.



*Bob Lowman*

Grant writing expert, Bob Lowman will present the "Twelve Keys to Successful Grant Writing" workshop in the morning from 8:30 to 11:00 and will schedule individual appointments with faculty and staff from 1:30 to 4:00 to discuss proposal writing and tips on how to get funded. Bob Lowman is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The SIUE Office of Research & Projects, Fiscal Management staff will present "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: What You Need to Know about Allowable and Unallowable Costs in your Grant or Contract" workshop from 10:00 to 11:00a.m.

Scholarly and creative publications by SIUE Faculty will be on display during the Symposium. University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, Stephen Kerber, and Archives Specialist, Amanda Bahr-Evola, will be on-hand to answer questions about the collection. Bibliographies of the works on display will be available. For information on having your works displayed and donating them to University Archives, please contact Stephen Kerber at [skerber@siue.edu](mailto:skerber@siue.edu) or Amanda Bahr-Evola at [abahr@siue.edu](mailto:abahr@siue.edu). Deadline for submission of items for this year's Author's Display is March 14th.

The Paul Simon Out-

standing Scholar Award Luncheon will feature a presentation by Brad Cross, Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and recipient of the 2007 Paul Simon Outstanding Scholar Award. The 2008 award recipient will be announced at the luncheon. Invitations for this event will be mailed in March.

The Graduate Student Research Symposium will be held in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 featuring paper presentations and poster exhibits by graduate students and students in the Undergraduate Research Academy. An award of \$200 will be given to the best presentation and to the best poster. The Graduate School will offer a prize drawing for any currently enrolled SIUE student who attends one or more student presentation. First prize is an iPod-Shuffle, second prize is a \$50.00 iTunes gift card, and third prize is a SIUE sweatshirt. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. This event is open to the public.

The Chancellor's Researchers Reception, honoring faculty and staff who submitted external grants from March 1, 2007 through February 29, 2008, will begin at 4:30. Invitations for this event will be mailed in March.

To register for a workshop, or for more information about Spring Symposium events, contact Linda Skelton, at [lskelto@siue.edu](mailto:lskelto@siue.edu).



## Graduate School Announces New Funding Competitions

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the addition of four new funding competitions, offered as part of The Graduate School's *Investing in Research Infrastructure* initiative. More information for these competitions can be found on our website at [www.siu.edu/graduate](http://www.siu.edu/graduate). The four new competitions are:

- **Lindsay New Investigator Award**

*Deadline:* March 31.

*Available funds:* \$12,500 per award (up to two awards made per year)

*Purpose:* The New Investigator Awards are made to tenure-track SIUE faculty members in order to recognize and support individual programs of research or creative activities. These Awards recognize faculty members whose research or creative activities have the promise of making significant contributions to their fields of study, their respective school/unit, and to SIUE in general. Recipients are expected to produce published scholarly works/products and externally sponsored grants/contracts.

- **Equipment and Tools Competition**

*Deadline:* March 3.

*Available Funds:* \$100,000

*Purpose:* For the purchase of research equipment and tools. This program will be offered every three years.

The Graduate School will award approximately \$150,000 for the purchase of research equipment and research tools. Re-search tools are defined as any non-consumable item, such as books, data sets, software, etc..

- **Multidisciplinary Research Teams**

*Deadline:* March 14.

*Available Funds:* \$25,000 (up to three awards per year)

*Purpose:* Funding is to support the formation of multi-disciplinary teams to develop and conduct preliminary research.

Each proposed multidisciplinary research team must consist of at least three faculty members. No more than two faculty members can be from the same discipline. The participation of colleagues from other institutions is encouraged, yet may be included only as cost share. The submission of an external grant is required. This program will be offered every three years.

- **Assigned Time for Research**

*Deadline:* March 28.

*Purpose:* Up to two units of assigned time for research to support research projects during the academic year. Requests for assigned time can be made for Fall 2008 and/or Spring 2009 semesters. This program will be offered every three years.

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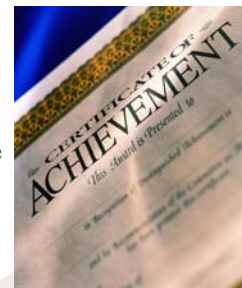
## Senior Project Showcase: Tuesday, April 22, 2008

SIUE's Senior Project Showcase will take place at Morris University Center Tuesday, April 22. Each department and program will be asked to select two outstanding Senior Assignments projects, which will be presented at the Senior Project Showcase. Projects may be individual or done by a group, and all formats, including live readings and performances, will be accommodated at the Senior Project Showcase. Presentations will take place throughout the building from 2-4 p.m., with a formal reception following the activities.

The Senior Project Showcase will highlight the depth and variety of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Senior Assignment program. Each Senior Assignment is uniquely owned by its department and program, and dem-

onstrates what the University's baccalaureate graduates should be capable of achieving. For the third consecutive year, SIUE was cited in the 2008 edition of U.S. News and World Report's *Best Colleges* publication as having an outstanding culminating senior capstone experience. Joining the ranks of Princeton, Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, SIUE is only one two public universities to be heralded in that particular category of the publication.

You may contact Director of Assessment Dr. Victoria Scott at 650-2640 or via e-mail at [viscott@siue.edu](mailto:viscott@siue.edu) for more information on the 2008 Senior Project Showcase.





# Activities from the Institute for Urban Research by Andy Theising, Director

## Thanks and Best Wishes to Dave Ault

Last month, the IUR staff gave Dr. David Ault a warm send-off as he steps down from his long and distinguished service with the IUR. Dr. Ault has been an integral part of the IUR since its inception, and served for years as its director. Thank you, Dr. Ault, for your hard work and dedication to the mission of the Institute.

## A New Program for a New Year

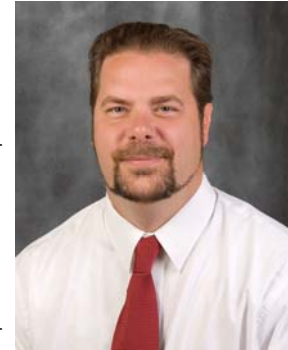
It is my pleasure to announce the 2008 Urban Scholars Program. This program is designed to recognize existing campus scholarship that focuses on urban issues, while helping to extend that scholarship in new directions with support from the IUR. Several scholars on campus have agreed to bring their research to the IUR, and work with IUR staff to advance and expand their projects.



Dr. Nic Guehlstorf

Two of this year's Urban Scholars are Dr. Jeremy Jewell of Psychology and Dr. Nic Guehlstorf of Environmental

Sciences. Dr. Jewell has a strong record of working with at-risk youth and mentorship programs, and the IUR will support his scholarship aimed at identifying and developing effective programming for this population. His work fits nicely with some of the IUR's ongoing services to the Illinois court system.



Dr. Jeremy Jewell

Dr. Guehlstorf has studied Brownfields extensively. His recent study of government capacity to address Brownfield problems in urban areas identified the need for further work on the subject. The IUR will support Dr. Guehlstorf as he chairs a new interdisciplinary research team that will examine Brownfields in Metro East and ways to effectively address them.

Congratulations to Drs. Jewell and Guehlstorf. More announcements will come in the next issue of *Research Highlights*. Good luck and best wishes to all for a very happy, safe, and productive 2008!

## America COMPETES Act Increases Research Funding

The America COMPETES Act (America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act) was signed into law by the President on August 9, 2007. This Act authorizes a total of \$33.6 billion dollars over fiscal years 2008-2010 for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education programs across the federal government; Authorizes multiple grant programs at various federal agencies to help educate current and future teachers in the areas of science and math education; Creates the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Establishes the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E), designed to engage in high-risk, high reward energy research under the Department of Energy; And keeps budgets for research programs at the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science on a path to doubling within the near term. Some highlights include:

- \$22 billion for the National Science Foundation, putting NSF on a path to double in budget approximately seven years, increasing support for a variety of programs including the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) program, CAREER grants for young faculty, and a new program of seed grants.
- Nearly \$17 billion for Energy Department programs, keeping the Office of Science on a seven-year doubling path, and establishing an Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E), patterned after DARPA, to support high-risk, high-reward research.

For more information visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/08/20070809-6.html>.

By-James W. McMurtray , Executive Director  
National Alliance of State Science & Mathematics Coalitions

# Awarded Grants & Contracts: November 1, 2007—December 31, 2007

## College of Arts & Sciences

Brown, Venessa	Social Work	\$5,616	Permanency Enhancement Project/Symposium	African American Family Commission/DCFS
Brugam, Richard	Biological Sciences	\$500	Lake Education Assistance Program Grant	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Gay, Pamela	Physics	\$6,416	Astronomy Cast Student Questions Show	NASA/Sonoma State University
Taylor Jr., Morris	Public Administration & Policy Analysis	\$4,950	Internship with Lewis & Clark Library System	Lewis & Clark Library System
	Public Administration & Policy Analysis	\$6,036	Internship with the Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon	Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon
Wei, Chin-Chuan	Chemistry	\$44,948	Mechanism of Calcium-Induced Electron Transfer in NADPH Oxidase 5 and Dual Oxidase (DUOX)	Cottrell College Science Awards/Research Corp.

## School of Business

Mister, Kwa	School of Business	\$210,000	Illinois Entrepreneurship Network SBDC/ITC Grant #08-801126	Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Segal, Madhav	Management & Marketing	\$12,826	MMR-PRI Internship	Pragmatic Research, Inc.
	Management & Marketing	\$13,750	MMR-UA Internship	Unicom-Arc
	Management & Marketing	\$13,750	MMR-DMR Internship	Dmrkynetec

## School of Dental Medicine

Rowland, Kevin	Dental Medicine	\$15,730	The Role of Cold-Sensitive TRP Channel in Generating Dental Pain	American Association of Endodontists Fpimdatopm
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## School of Education

Reading, Gloria	Curriculum & Instruction	\$5,000	Travelling the Middle East Through Literature and Poetry: A Human Connection	Illinois Humanities Council
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## School of Engineering

Hubbard, Kevin	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	\$2,480	Development of a Novel Plant Covering Device	Barbara Conrad
	Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	\$4,807	Development of An Accelerometer Initiated Impact Dissipation Device	Hanley Industries, Inc.

## Library & Information Services

Johnson, Charlotte Bouman, Kathy	Library & Information Services	\$1,000	Lewis and Clark and Indian Country: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries	National Endowment for the Humanities
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## National Corn to Ethanol Research Center

Caupert, John Jr.	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$300	NCERC Fermentation Lab Services—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$400	NCERC Pilot Plant Services—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$1,000	NCERC Fermentation Lab Services—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$2,500	NCERC Workforce Training—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$30,000	NCERC Pilot Plant Services—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$40,000	NCERC Workforce Training—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$140,000	NCERC Pilot Plant Services—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$40,000	NCERC Workforce Training—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$4,750	NCERC Fermentation Lab Services—Private Agreements	Private Client
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$10,000	NCERC Analytical Lab Services—Private Agreements	Private Client

## School of Nursing

Gaehle, Kay	Primary Care/Health Systems	\$17,500	Memorial Medical Center—CSA—Gaehle	Memorial Medical Center
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## Student Affairs

Dabbs-Kayser, Rebecca Horton, Christy	Early Childhood Center	\$44,000	ISBE Early Childhood Block Grant Early Learning Partners	Edwardsville Community School District #7
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## University Services to East St. Louis

Jamison, Theodore	University Services to East St. Louis	\$2,400	Summer Youth in the Arts Internship FY 07-08	Illinois Arts Council
Mallory, Hazel	University Services to East St. Louis	\$2,065,597	FY 2007-08 Balance of Head Start Operating Grant (PA 4122)	Department of Health and Human Services

# Submitted Grants & Contracts: November 1, 2007—December 31, 2007

## College of Arts & Sciences

Abusharbain, Elaine	Biological Sciences	\$5,143	Research on Engaging Local Schools in the Mississippi River Curriculum	National Great Rivers Research & Education Center
Brunkow, Paul	Biological Sciences	\$1,530	Distribution of the Chinese Mystery Snail in the Lower Illinois River	National Great Rivers Research & Education Center
Essner, Richard Minchin, Peter	Biological Sciences	\$6,000	A Multivariate Habitat Model for the State Threatened Cerulean Warbler and Other Neotropical Migrant Songbirds in Southwestern Illinois	National Great Rivers Research & Education Center
Fowler, Thomas	Biological Sciences	\$6,000	Molecular Comparison of Fungal Communities Associated with <i>Trilium recurvatum</i> on Lowland and Sloped Sites of a Mississippi River Bluff Forest	National Great Rivers Research & Education Center
Hildebrandt, Mark	Geography	\$1,800	Cold Regions and Climate Change in Silverton, Colorado	American Association of Geographers
Ibrosecheva, Elza	Mass Communications	\$25,000	Women, Media and Politics in Bulgaria	American Council of Learned Societies
Minchin, Peter	Biological Sciences	\$6,000	Patterns of Native and Exotic Plant Diversity in Fragmented Bluff Forests: A Test of the Biotic Resistance Hypothesis	National Great Rivers Research and Education Council
Ramsby, Howard	English Languages & Literature	\$41,500	Modern Black Persona Poems: Understanding A Prevailing Mode of Poetic Practice	Ford Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship
Retzlaff, William	Biological Sciences	\$6,000	Using Native Plant Species in Midwestern Green Roof Systems	National Great Rivers Research and Education Center
Sabby, Jeffrey	Physics	\$10,000	SIUE Automated Observatory	Illinois Space Grant
Sawyer, Sara	Biological Sciences	\$5,950	The Effect of Temperature on Freshwater Hydra	National Great Rivers Research and Education Center
Schulz, Kurt	Biological Sciences	\$5,375	Temporal and Spatial Patterns of Asiatic Honeysuckle Invasion	National Great Rivers Research and Education Center
Shabestary, Nahid	Chemistry	\$241,940	Application of Gas-Expanded Liquids and Gemini Surfactant in Triphase Catalysis	National Science Foundation
Shaw, Michael	Chemistry	\$258,771	RUI: Metal-Mediated Transformations of Alkynes & Poly(Phenylene) Ethynylenes	National Science Foundation
Song, Myung-Sin	Mathematics & Statistics	\$235,818	Collaborative Research: RUI: Analysis of Fractals, Image Compression, Entropy Encoding, Karhunen-Loeve Transform	National Science Foundation

## School of Business

Gupta, Manu	Economics & Finance	\$35,509	Overvaluation and Earnings Management	Sloan Foundation
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## School of Education

McVicker, Claudia	Curriculum & Instruction	\$5,000	The Liverpool Project: An Intercontinental Comparison of Literacy Practices of U.S. & British Teachers	International Reading Association
Rose, Paul	Psychology	\$26,599	Understanding and Enhancing the Valuation of Liberal Education	Spencer Foundation

## School of Engineering

Morgan, Susan Slattery, Diane	Civil Engineering	\$600,000	Creating Educational Opportunities Through Partnerships	National Science Foundation
Bouvier, Dennis	Computer Science	\$389,352	Automatically Animating Musical Performance	National Science Foundation

## National Corn to Ethanol Research Center

Caupert, John Jr.	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$9,999	Commercial Validation & Development of Analytical Tools for the Dry Grind Ethanol Industry	Illinois River Energy
Wrenn, Brian	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$3,000,000	Capital Funds for NCERC	Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Development
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$1,000,000	Operating Funds for NCERC	Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Development
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$110,750	Pretreatment of Corn-Fiber Cellulose Using An Electrohydraulic Shock Wave Generator	Illinois Corn Marketing Board
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$110,750	Enhanced Efficiency of Starch Extraction and Hydrolysis by Electroporation	Illinois Corn Marketing Board
Zhang, Yanhong	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$37,342	Assessment of An In Vitro Procedure to Measure Amino Acid Digestibility in DDGS Fed to Pigs	University of Illinois/ Illinois Corn Marketing Board
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$37,939	Concentration and Form of Sulfur in DDGS and the Impact of Sulfur on Digestibility and Pig Performance	University of Illinois/ Illinois Corn Marketing Board
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$67,428	Nationwide Survey of Prevalence and Levels of Mycotoxins in Distiller's Dried Grains with Soluble (DDGS)	Illinois Corn Marketing Board

## National Corn to Ethanol Research Center Cont.

Zhang, Yanhong	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$84,366	Ready Determination of DDGS Nutritional Value, Risk Factor and Flowability By Near-Infrared Technology	Illinois Corn Marketing Board
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$61,298	Nationwide Survey of Prevalence and Levels of Mycotoxins in Distiller's Grains with Soluble (DDGS)	National Pork Board
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$76,696	Ready Determination of DDGS Nutritional Value, Risk Factor and Flowability by Near-Infrared Technology	National Pork Board
	National Corn to Ethanol Research Center	\$62,857	Sulfur Concentration in Distiller's Grains with Soluble (DDGS) and its Impact on Palatability and Pig Performance	National Pork Board

## School of Nursing

Clement, Jaquelyn	Nursing	\$0	Nurse Anesthesia Traineeship Grant	Department of Health & Human Services/ HRSA
Clement, Jaquelyn	Nursing	\$0	Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Grant	Department of Health & Human Services/ HRSA

## School of Pharmacy

Witt, Ken	Pharmacy	\$387,350	Somatostatin Agonist Treatment for Cognitive Aging and Dementia	National Institutes of Health/ NIGMS
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## Student Affairs

Kutterer-Siburt, Suzanne	Kimmel Leadership Center	\$1,000	McCormick Raise Your Voice Regional Fellows	Illinois Campus Compact
Kutterer-Siburt, Suzanne	Kimmel Leadership Center	\$1,000	McCormick Raise Your Voice Campus Stipend	Illinois Campus Compact

## University Services to East St. Louis

Turley, Janina	University Services to East St. Louis	\$10,000	Project Success Empowerment Zone	Greater St. Louis Regional Empowerment Zone
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