

## DIVISION OF GRADUATE STUDIES OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD

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| 1991 | William Morison, <i>M.A. in History: <u>The Amateur As Tyrant: A Socioeconomic Study of Kritias</u></i><br><i>Chair: Loy Bilderback</i>  | 2001 | Odette Larson, <i>M.A. in English: <u>Paying the Fiddler</u></i><br><i>Chair: John Hales</i>  |
| 1992 | Penny Carlo, <i>M.S. in Civil Engineering: <u>Selenium and Nitrate Removal by Slow Sand Filtration</u></i><br><i>Chair: Karl Longley</i>   | 2002 | Nathan Orgill, <i>M.A. in History: <u>The British Press and the Outbreak of the First World War</u></i><br><i>Chair: John Bohnstedt</i>   |
| 1993 | Calvin Erdman, <i>M.S. in Geology: <u>The Precious Metal Deposit at Gold Mountain, Tonopah Divide District, Esmeralda County, Nevada: Geology, Structural Control of Mineralization, Hydrothermal Alteration, and Fluid Inclusion Characteristics</u></i><br><i>Chair: Art Barabas</i> | 2003 | Sheryl Timberlake, <i>M.A. in International Relations: <u>The Impact of China on California's San Joaquin Valley Agricultural Trade</u></i><br><i>Chair: Lyman Heine</i>  |
| 1994 | Janet Conlee, <i>M.S. in Plant Science: <u>Spectral, Autoregression, and Nonstatistical Analyses of Daily Sex Pheromone-Baited Trap Capture Data for the Presence of Lunar Periodicity</u></i><br><i>Chair: Mark Mayse</i>   | 2004 | Victoria Malko, <i>M.A. in History: <u>War in Chechnya: Responses in Russia and the United States</u></i><br><i>Chair: Michelle DenBeste</i>  |
| 1995 | Eric Johnson, <i>M.A. in Biology: <u>Aspects of the Biology of Pacific (Eptatretus stoutii) Hagfishes from Monterey Bay, California</u></i><br><i>Chair: Greg Cailliet</i>   | 2005 | Matt Ashworth, <i>M.S. in Biology: <u>A Multigene Approach to the Phylogeny of the Dasycladales (Chlorophyta, Ulvophyceae)</u></i><br><i>Chair: Rick Zechman</i>  |
| 1996 | Xun Jiang, <i>M.A. in Geology: <u>Modeling of Groundwater Flow and Contaminant Transport for Operable Unit-2 Pinedale Groundwater Site, Fresno, California</u></i><br><i>Chair: John Suen</i>  | 2006 | Michael Maníquiz, <i>M.F.A. in Creative Writing: <u>We Have to Go Inside</u></i><br><i>Chair: Connie Hales</i>  |
| 1997 | Amy Philpott, <i>M.A. in International Relations: <u>The Political Power and Stability of the Chilean Socialist Party in Contemporary Politics</u></i><br><i>Chair: Freeman Wright</i>   | 2007 | Tatjana Sikuljak, <i>M.S. in Plant Science: <u>Seasonal Population Dynamics and Incidence of Xylella Fastidiosa in Potential Insect Vectors of Almond Leaf Scorch Disease</u></i><br><i>Chair: Andrew Lawson</i>                                      |
| 1998 | David Martin Hollis, <i>M.A. in Biology: <u>Acoustic Relationships of the Western Toad, Bufo boreas, and the Yosemite Toad, Bufo canorus: Vocalization and Its Role in Natural Hybridization</u></i><br><i>Chair: David Grubbs</i>   | 2008 | Daniel Tennant, <i>M.S. in Physics: <u>Scattering of Light in Born-Infeld Electrodynamics</u></i><br><i>Chair: Gerardo Munoz</i>  |
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|      |  | 2010 | Vernon Creviston, <i>M.S. in History: <u>The Quebec Act: Politics, Religion, and the Rejection of the British Monarchy in the American Colonies</u></i><br><i>Chair: Brad Jones</i>   |