

CHASS Graduate Committee Report, Spring 2012

The CHASS Directors of Graduate Programs meet monthly to tackle a range of issues facing graduate programs, graduate program directors, and graduate faculty. This committee works to develop and support the college's 15 masters programs and 4 PhD programs and includes representation from all CHASS departments.

Agenda items, Spring 2012:

- Courses, curricula, and administrative actions (on-going)
- Graduate Recruitment events and initiatives, including Visit NC State Day
- IGERT-related recruitment, course and curricular actions
- Graduate Program Assessment
- Innovative Summer Courses
- GSSP and residency issues
- Policy changes proposed by the Graduate School, including changes to the full time rule, administration of oral exams, student conduct, etc.

Awards and Recognitions:

An ad hoc committee of DGPs considered nominations for the **University Alumni Distinguished Outstanding Graduate Professor Award**. **Dr. Ted Greenstein (SOC)** and **Dr. Chris Anson (ENG)** were selected as the CHASS nominees for this award. Both will be honored at the CHASS Faculty Awards Ceremony in April. The CHASS winner will be announced at that event.

The call for nominations for the **CHASS Thesis/Dissertation Awards** was distributed in March, 2012. DGPs will work with programs to forward nominations for these awards. **Nomination deadline is May 1, 2012.**

NC State hosted Graduate Education Week in March. Events included the annual Graduate Research Symposium and the annual Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards luncheon. Approximately 30 graduate students from CHASS participated in the Research Symposium. Top awards went to the following CHASS graduate students:

1st place in Social Sciences and Management: **Amy Garrett (Anthropology)**

3rd place in Social Sciences and Management: **Kristen Rectenwald (Anthropology)**

3rd place in Humanities and Design: **Ashley R. Kelly and Meagan Kittle Autry (Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media)**

Approximately 15 CHASS Graduate Student Teaching Assistants were nominated for the **Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award**. **Steven Toaddy (PSY)** was honored as the CHASS winner of the award.

Admissions Update

CHASS has received 1,308 applications for its graduate programs for enrollment in the Fall 2012 semester. This number is down slightly ($n=-35$ or -2.6%) from last year at this time, it still represents that 3rd largest pool of applicants after the College of Engineering and PAMS. The selectivity (recommended for admission / number of applications) of the current applicant pool is 35.8% and in-line with last year's figure (difference = -0.1%). Further, the college's applicant yield (new enrolled/recommended for admission) stands at 17.9%. It should be noted, however, that the new enrollment process is far from complete with 455 (34% of total applicants) applications awaiting decision.