



Dissertation prizes go to history, medicinal chemistry doctoral graduates

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May 16, 2007, LAWRENCE — Winners of the Haglund and Argersinger prizes for outstanding dissertations at the University of Kansas will be honored during the doctoral hooding ceremony at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, in the Lied Center.

Mark D. Hersey in history won the \$1,000 Dorothy Haglund (pronounced HAYG-lund) Prize for his dissertation, “ My Work is that of Conservation: The Environmental Vision of George Washington Carver.”

Christina Sheree Stauffer in medicinal chemistry won the \$1,250 Marnie and Bill Argersinger Award for her dissertation, “Total Synthesis and Structure-Activity Relationship Studies of Antifungal Peptidyl Nucleoside Antibiotics.”

“The Haglund and Argersinger dissertation prizes honor Dorothy Haglund’s and Dean William Argersinger’s efforts to improve graduate education, and we celebrate the creation of new knowledge and research by recognizing these outstanding graduate students and their scholarly works,” said Diana Carlin, dean of the Graduate School and International Programs.

The Haglund Prize for an outstanding doctoral dissertation was established in 1979 through former vice chancellor and dean William J. Argersinger Jr., his wife, Marnie, and their friends, in cooperation with KU Endowment. The prize was established to honor the late Dorothy Haglund, who served KU graduate students from 1940 until her retirement in 1983. In 1992, Argersinger and his wife established a fund to provide an additional dissertation prize. Before a dissertation may be nominated into the competition for either the Haglund or Argersinger prizes, doctoral candidates must pass their dissertation defense with honors.

Prize winners and finalists are listed below by hometown, date of graduation, field of study and dissertation topic. Parents’ names and previous degrees earned are included when available.

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