



Division of Graduate Studies & Continuing Education

3rd Annual Graduate Studies Banquet & Awards Ceremony Held Awards Ceremony Includes Awards for Distinguished Graduate Faculty and Graduate Students with Keynote Speaker Stephen Skinner, Esq.

Shepherd University's Division of Graduate Studies held its third annual banquet on Friday, May 13 in Erma Ora Byrd Hall, honoring two graduate students and one faculty member with distinguished graduate studies awards.

The honorees were Melanie Goldsborough, of Shepherdstown, Distinguished Graduate Student of Scholarship Award; Jessica Detrick, of Berkeley Springs, Distinguished Graduate Student of Professionalism Award; and Dr. Georgiann Toole, Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award. Goldsborough, who earned a master of arts in curriculum and instruction, and Detrick, who earned a master of business administration, were selected from more than 200 graduate degree-seeking students.

The five finalists for the Distinguished Graduate Student of Scholarship Award were Goldsborough, Eric Morris, Patricia Lorenzen, Thanh Nguyen, and James Southern.

The five finalists for the Distinguished Graduate Student of Professionalism were Detrick, Bonnie Robinson, Jason Smith, Patricia Lorenzen, and James Southern.

Nominees were named from each of the five degree programs, including Master of Arts in Teaching, College Student Development and Administration, Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction, Masters of Business Administration, and Master of Music in Music Education and the awards were decided through an application process that was judged on pre-determined criteria and was reviewed by an external reviewer.

Goldsborough and Detrick each received \$300 awards, plaques, and their names placed on a permanent plaque.

Dr. Georgiann Toole, graduate coordinator for the Master of Arts in Teaching program, was selected as the Distinguished Faculty award winner.



(L to R): Stephen Skinner, Esq., Keynote Speaker
Dr. Richard Helldobler, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Nominees were reviewed by an external peer-reviewed panel from multiple disciplines to determine five finalists based on teaching, scholarship, and community service. The five finalists were Dr. Toole, Dr. John "Quincy" Adams, Dr. Sylvia Shurbutt, Dr. Mark McCoy, and Dr. Yuying "Joey" Xie. Dr. Toole received a personal plaque, her name placed on a permanent plaque, and a \$500 professional development award. Dr. Russell Porter, dean of graduate studies and continuing education, presided over the event. Dr. Richard Helldobler, vice president for academic affairs, introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Stephen Skinner, attorney at Skinner Law Firm and member of the Shepherd University Foundation Board of Directors.

Graduate Faculty & Student Awards



Dr. Georgiann Toole is pictured with Dr. Richard Helldobler, VPAA

Faculty Award

Dr. Georgiann Toole, Coordinator of the Masters of Arts in Teaching program was awarded the 2011 Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award.



(L to R) Dr. Richard Helldobler, VPAA Melanie Goldsborough

Student of Scholarship

Melanie Goldsborough, (MACI program) is the 2011 winner of the Distinguished Graduate Student of Scholarship Award.



(L to R) Dr. Richard Helldobler, VPAA, Jessica Detrick, and Dr. Heidi Dobish, MBA Program Coordinator

Student of Professionalism

Jessica Detrick, a 2011 MBA graduate, is the winner of the Distinguished Graduate Student of Professionalism Award.

Educational Ethics Conference

William A. Kaplin, research professor of law at the Catholic University of America was the featured keynote speaker when Shepherd University hosted the, "Education Ethics: Improving Diversity and Reducing Inequity from Elementary to Graduate School", on October 14-15. Over 120 teachers, graduate students, higher education, K-12 administrators, and scholars participated in the event. The educational ethics conference was designed for elementary and secondary teachers, higher education board members and administrators, graduate students in college administration, undergraduate and graduate teacher students, state and local board members, superintendents, and staff and board attorneys. The primary objectives were synthesis and evaluation of diversity, systemic inequities, education ethics, and emerging cooperative efforts between K-12 and higher education.

The event began with an opening reception and dinner on Friday evening at Erma Ora Byrd Hall with an opening keynote from Kaplin and Dr. Brian Haynes, vice president for student affairs at Clayton State University. Saturday featured breakout sessions with locally and regionally recognized panelists.

Other speakers included Dr. Bruce Flack, past academic chancellor for the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission; Fr. Anthony E. Giampietro, associate professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Saint Thomas in Houston, Texas; Dr. LeRoy Jones, II, associate dean of the College of Arts and Science and associate professor of chemistry at Chicago State University; Dr. Russell Porter, George Washington Living Ethics Scholar and professor of business at Shepherd; Arthena Sewell Roper, cultural diversity coordinator for Jefferson County Schools; Thomas C. Segar, vice president for student affairs at Shepherd; Dr. Douglas C. Smith, director of graduate and continuing education at Shepherd; Dr. Richard A. Stevens, assistant professor and program coordinator of the College Student Development and Administration program at Shepherd; Veronique Walker, director of diversity and student services for Berkeley County Schools; and Dr. Dwayne Wright, chair of the Department of Education at Shepherd, coordinator of the Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction Program, and assistant professor of education.

Sponsors for the event included the Shepherd University Division of Graduate Studies, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, The George Washington Institute of Living Ethics, The Dreyfuss Initiative, and American Public University System.

Program News

We welcome several new graduate program coordinators to Graduate Studies & Continuing Education this semester:



Dr. Joseph Robbins, Adult & Online Education Program Coordinator

In an ongoing commitment by Shepherd University to provide lifelong learning opportunities and access to community members, Dr. Joseph W. Robbins, assistant professor of political science, has been appointed as the program coordinator for adult and online education. Robbins is working to expand Shepherd's offerings in both online educational courses, as well as courses in the graduate program. He was also the 2010 winner of the Faculty Research Award.



Dr. Georgiann Toole, MAT Program Coordinator

Is currently an Assistant Professor at Shepherd University, where she teaches the freshman education seminar and graduate educational research methods, and supervises the graduate theses for the Department of Education. Dr. Toole is the coordinator for Social Studies Education and for the Master of Arts in Teaching degree. She is the founder and director of the Antietam Women's Ensemble, a community chorus whose musical mission includes raising community awareness of social issues.



Dr. David Gonzol, MMME Program Coordinator

Dr. David J. Gonzol is Associate Professor and Director of Music Education at Shepherd University. Dr. Gonzol is a frequent clinician, giving presentations to chapters as well as state, regional, and national conferences of the Organization of American Kodály Educators and the American Orff Schulwerk Association. He is a visiting educator at area schools and libraries, and his research is published in the *Philosophy of Music Education Review*, *Kodály Envoy*, and *The Mountain Lake Reader*.



Dr. William Zimmer, MBA Program Coordinator

Local entrepreneur and Shepherd University professor Dr. Chip Zimmer has been selected to lead Shepherd's Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program, which will celebrate its sixth anniversary this fall. Zimmer, the owner at Zimmer Marketing Group and Senior Compass Resource Guide in Hagerstown, Maryland, joined the Shepherd faculty in 2010 and teaches business and marketing classes.

Finalists for Distinguished Graduate

Faculty Awards

Based on Outstanding Teaching, Scholarship and Community Service, there were five outstanding finalists for the 2011 Distinguished Graduate Faculty

- Dr. Georgiann Toole – MACI *
- Dr. John “Quincy” Adams – MA–CSDA
- Dr. Sylvia Shurbutt – MAT
- Dr. Yuying “Joey” Xie – MBA
- Dr. Mark McCoy – MMME



Finalists for Distinguished Graduate

Student Awards

Based on a sustained record of scholarship towards completing their degree, there were five outstanding finalists for the 2011 Distinguished Graduate Student of Scholarship:

- Ms. Melanie Goldsborough – MACI *
- Mr. Eric Morris – MA–CSDA
- Ms. Patricia Lorenzen – MAT
- Dr. Thanh Nguyen – MBA
- Mr. James Southern – MMME

Finalists for Distinguished Graduate

Student Awards (cont'd)

Based on a sustained record of professionalism towards completing their degree, there were five stellar finalists for the 2011 Distinguished Graduate Student of Professionalism:

- Ms. Bonnie Robinson – MA–CI
- Mr. Jason Smith – MA–CSDA
- Ms. Patricia Lorenzen – MAT
- Ms. Jessica Detrick – MBA *
- Mr. James Southern – MMME

McMurrin Society Scholarship – Awarded to Laura Gilpin for \$1,000

* denotes winner

Division News

We've added a lot of new features in Graduate Studies to better service current & prospective students:

- **Online application** – easy & convenient!
 - http://www.nationalappcenter.com/applications/Xapplication/apply.html?application_id=3853

- **Graduate Orientation** – your one-stop shopping list for services that lead to success at Shepherd. This 8-minute video guides you through the Graduate Studies website, with resources for course rotation, program information, and links to important offices like the registrar, financial aid, and admissions.
 - <http://www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/orientation/>

- **Facebook Page** – get the latest news & updates at our Facebook page.
 - <http://www.facebook.com/ShepherdUniversity>

- In the area of Continuing Education, we continue to offer many EDPD (Education Professional Development) courses for teachers, as well as many Continuing Education (CE) offerings that are online.



Assistant Graduate Faculty members who started in 2008 are reminded of their status review for the 2011–2012 academic year. Be sure to keep track of all your professional development and scholarship activities for promotion to the next level as Associate Graduate Faculty.

SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l. to r., front row) are Dr. Russell Porter, Stephen Skinner, Dr. Georgiann Toole, Dr. Richard Helldobler, Patricia Lorenzen, Dr. John "Quincy" Adams, and Dr. Yuying "Joey" Xie; (second row) Bonnie Robinson, Melanie Goldsborough, Jessica Detrick, and Dr. Scott Beard; and (third row) Dr. Thanh Nguyen, Jason Smith, Dr. Mark McCoy, Eric Morris, and James Southern.

Financial Assistance

There are many opportunities to receive help with tuition. The Division of Graduate Studies offers numerous possibilities to help students defray the cost of graduate tuition:

Each semester, we offer GRAs (Graduate Research Assistantships) which cover the cost of 1 graduate credit.

Full-time employees of Shepherd or Blue Ridge Technical College may apply for a tuition waiver, up to six credits per semester maximum. Students working for the Shepherd University Research Corporation (SURC) may also apply.

• Graduate Studies tuition waivers are also available without obligation.

All forms can be found at:

www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/forms.html

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Tuition Waiver Information

Forms for Graduate Studies
Tuition Waivers, GRA waivers,
Faculty-Staff waivers and
Student Affairs Scholarship
recipient waivers can be found
on the forms page:

[www.shepherd.edu/
Graduate-studies/forms.html](http://www.shepherd.edu/Graduate-studies/forms.html)

Please note the following deadlines:

Fall Semester: July 1st

Spring Semester: November 1st

Summer Session(s): March 1st.