2019 Three Minute Thesis Competition

This year, the Graduate School sponsored the 3MT competition in mid-November. There was a Preliminary Round on Tuesday Nov 12th and a Final Round on Friday Nov 15th. The competition was open to both Masters and Doctoral students. The academic colleges nominated competitors to the Preliminary Round. A panel of judges (faculty members) narrowed the field to eight competitors in the Final Round. A panel of judges from the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, the LA Board of Regents, and the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. I want to thank everyone who contributed to this event from the Colleges that held their own 3MT competitions to the Graduate School staff who helped organize to the judges for their time and to the students for their excellent presentations.

Without a doubt, LSU graduate students are conducting inspirational research. Their ability to craft a three-minute presentation using only one static slide to present their entire thesis or dissertation was astounding. In this newsletter, you will find information about the competitors who won First and Second places and the People’s Choice presentations.

I hope you can attend the 2020 LSU 3MT and hear for yourself the breadth and diversity of the research being conducted by our graduate students.

**FIRST PLACE WINNER**
Andrew Luke Hargroder
History
Under the Banner: Freedom, Slavery, and the US Army Before the Civil War

**SECOND PLACE WINNER**
Xiaodong Zhao
Physics & Astronomy
Real-time tracking of patient position & dose based on VMAT-CT

**PEOPLE’S CHOICE**
Margaret Furtner
Geography & Anthropology
Photogrammetry to microCT Scanning via Surface Deviation Analysis of 3D Digital Models of Hominin Molars

**Contestants**

**Judges**

Malcolm Richardson
Interim Dean
Graduate School

Carol Wicks
Interim Associate Dean
Graduate School

Janna Oetting
Professor
Communication Sciences & Disorders

Suzanne Marchand
Boyd Professor
History

Ralph Bender
Baton Rouge Area Chamber

Susana Schowen
Louisiana Board of Regents

Derek Rovaris
Vice Provost for Diversity
Office of Diversity

John Spain
Baton Rouge Area Foundation
Staff Spotlight

Crystal Harris-Harlaux was originally born and raised in New Roads, Louisiana. After serving as the Director for Graduate Admission for the School of Conflict Analysis & Resolution at George Mason University, Crystal served as the Associate Director of Undergraduate Admission for The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), where she managed the Undergraduate Admissions and Enrollment Data Management teams.

She has worked in both Graduate and Undergraduate Admissions for over 15 years, and continues to be passionate about the field of Higher Education and college access for the underrepresented population. In her role, Crystal will provide oversight for the Graduate Admissions & Recruitment efforts for the Graduate School.

From the Graduate School

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Congrats Class of 2019

WISHING YOU A BRIGHT 2020

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