

# Graduate

# Highlights

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## Fellowship programs revamped

Southern Illinois University entered into a consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice on February 9, 2006, concerning three graduate fellowship programs offered on the SIUC campus. The programs are Proactive Recruitment of Multicultural Professionals for Tomorrow (PROMPT), the Graduate Dean's Fellowship, and the Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship offered through the Illinois Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. The latter program is funded by the National Science Foundation in cooperation with Chicago State University.

The Justice Department asserted that these programs were in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, because the PROMPT and Bridge programs were restricted to “‘traditional underrepresented groups’—namely, African Americans, Latino/Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans.” The Graduate Dean's Fellowship was challenged because it “remains open only to women and ‘traditionally underrepresented students who have overcome social, cultural, or economic conditions that have adversely affected their educational progress.’” Under the consent decree, SIUC agreed to “cease setting aside” these programs “on the basis

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## *kudos*

*a sampling of graduate student accomplishments*

**Robert Colombo**, a doctoral student in zoology, won the 2005 Lewis Osborne Student Paper Award at the annual meeting of the Illinois American Fisheries Society in May 2005. The award included a stipend to attend the national meeting of the American Fisheries Society.

**James Saldana** won Best Short Documentary at the 2005 Temecula Valley International Film and Music Festival, second place for documentaries at the 2005 Best Fest America Student Film Festival in San Diego, and Best Documentary Award at the 2005 Planet Ant Film & Video Festival in Detroit for a documentary about Kosovo that he produced as a master's student in interactive multimedia.

**Cherie Green, Deenaz Patel, and Teresa Walls**, master's students in social work, won first place in the student division for a paper presentation at the Illinois State Conference of the National Association of Social Workers in Chicago in September 2005. A paper by master's student **Travis Nottmeir** won second place in the same competition and resulted in changes in the School of Social Work's field seminar and field placement structure.

Two doctoral students in mass communication and media arts, **Bridgette Colaco** and **Daekyung Kim**, presented papers at the International Communication Association's annual meeting in New York in May 2005. Kim also was first author on a top-three faculty paper at the 2005 meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication; and Colaco was co-author on a top-three faculty paper in the international division of the Broadcast Education Association conference.

**Ryan Hibbett**, a doctoral student in English, published an article in the winter 2006 issue of *Twentieth Century Literature*.

**Dwayne Tunstall**, a doctoral student in philosophy, was co-winner of the first Harry Todd Costello Prize for Excellence in Philosophy. The prize was awarded by the Josiah Royce Society for the best paper presented by a graduate student or recent Ph.D. at its semi-annual conference in April 2005.

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**A scene from James Saldana's award-winning documentary, "Our Road to Kosovo."**

**A trio of M.F.A. students** in the English Department's nationally ranked creative writing program penned their way to individual successes in 2005.

- **Michael Meyerhofer** won the **Copperdome Poetry Chapbook Prize** sponsored by Southeast Missouri University Press. He earned honors for his 24-page collection of poems titled "Cardboard Urn," which the press will publish as part of his prize.

- **Ethan Castelo** snared one of three third-place prizes in the highly competitive college fiction contest held annually by **Playboy** magazine. His short story "Nothing Is Impossible" follows a couple trying unsuccessfully to conceive.

- **Chad Parmenter** of St. Louis snagged the **Hotel Amerika Poetry Prize** for a group of his poems. The collection, "Batman in Honey," alludes to the anticipation of pain at the end of romance, he says. *Hotel Amerika* published the pieces in its fall 2005 issue.

**Michael Hernandez**, a doctoral student in anthropology, curated one of the largest and most popular exhibits in the University Museum's history. "Behind the Masks: Art, Culture, and History," which ran from July 5 through December 16, 2005, looked at the use of masks across cultures. It incorporated nearly 300 masks from six continents that had been used for religious rites, theater, protection, sports, therapy, and other purposes. Hernandez recruited a team of graduate and undergraduate students to assist with research and construction of the exhibit.



## Psychology department lauded for minority student success

SIUC's Department of Psychology was one of four psychology departments and seven psychology programs nationwide cited by an article in the journal *American Psychologist* for "exemplary efforts" in the recruitment and retention of racial-ethnic minority students.

The purpose of the article, which appeared in the February-March 2006 issue, was to identify recruitment and retention strategies that other departments and programs could adopt to be more successful in this area. The authors were Margaret Rogers (Univ. of Rhode Island) and Ludwin Molina (UCLA).

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of race, national origin or sex." SIU will also provide training to its staff and take other necessary steps to carry out the agreement, and the consent decree will terminate on February 9, 2008.

SIU and its campuses have a long-standing tradition of welcoming individuals from all social, ethnic, and cultural groups. The PROMPT and Graduate Dean's Fellowship programs have been revised to meet the conditions established under the consent decree, and are now "open to individuals whose personal or family background, life, and/or cultural experiences could contribute to a more reflective, responsive environment in the program, the institution, and the larger academic community." The Bridge Fellowship program will lapse after the current cohort and is not at issue.

SIUC remains firmly committed to being a diverse university community, reflective of and responsive to our citizenship. We are targeting enrollment growth of 1,300 graduate students by 2010, while simultaneously increasing our representation from underserved groups. We look forward to working with you as we strive to achieve these goals. ♦

—David Wilson, Associate Dean and Director, Graduate School

## Technology grants made for FY 2006

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean made the following awards in the Graduate Technology Enhancement program for FY 2006.

- Art & Design (Diana Baumbach/Shelby Shadwell): \$8,744
- Sociology (Kathy Ward): \$7,544
- English (Michael Molino): \$7,415
- Educational Psychology and Special Education (Lyle White/Todd Headrick): \$6,524
- Geography & Environmental Resources (Tonny Oyana): \$4,637
- Curriculum & Instruction (Joseph Kallo): \$3,772
- Physics (Robert Baer/Frank Gaitan): \$3,423
- CESL/Linguistics (Cheryl Ernst): \$380 ♦

The departments and programs were selected based on two criteria: (1) being nominated or identified in one of three earlier venues related to ethnic minority graduate training, and (2) enrolling 20 percent or more ethnic minority students.

Successful recruitment strategies, the authors found, included financial aid, personal contacts by faculty in recruiting students, involvement of minority faculty and students in recruitment efforts, and links with historically black colleges and universities and other institutions of color.

Retention strategies included providing students the opportunity to collaborate with faculty on research related to diversity issues, offering diversity-related courses, and providing mentoring and social support. ♦

—Marilyn Davis

## Ph.D. program in applied physics gets off to a good start

The Department of Physics' new doctoral program in applied physics opened its doors in fall 2005 and has already admitted its first nine students.

The availability of this degree marks the culmination of a more than 20-year effort on the part of the physics faculty to obtain a doctoral outlet for their students. By improving both research and educational opportunities at SIUC, the new program is a clear instance of advancing the goals of *Southern at 150*.

Research in the new program is focused, in both theory and experiment, on materials and condensed matter physics. The program also has a strong theoretical effort in quantum computing.

Specific research areas currently being explored include: bulk magnetic and electrical properties of materials; nanocomposites, including nanocomposite thin films for biomedical implants and other applications; nanosensors; computer simulations of gas interactions with nanostructured solids; quantum error correction codes; decoherence theory; gas adsorption on nanostructured materials and gas storage; production of thin magnetic films by pulsed laser deposition and their study with X-ray synchrotron radiation and magnetic probes; spintronics; and computer simulations of polymer surfaces and interfaces and adhesion. ♦

—Aldo Migone, Chair, Physics

## Master's of legal studies geared for mid-career professionals

The School of Law's new master of legal studies (MLS) program opened to students in fall 2005. The 30-credit-hour program provides the opportunity to earn either a master of legal studies in health law and policy, or a master of legal studies—a more general program tailored to an individual student's interests.

The class is designed for mid-career professionals who don't need a law degree but do need an in-depth understanding of the law and its applications in their chosen professions. Enrollees to date include two employees with the Illinois State Police, a health care manager, a business officer, a psychology professor whose research concerns legal issues such as workplace discrimination, and Carbondale's mayor.

There are three required courses: Introduction to American Law and Legal Systems, Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers, and a capstone writing requirement. The remaining curriculum, for the most part, is from courses the law school offers regularly. Students can complete the program in two years. ♦

—Pete Rosenbery,  
Media & Communication Resources

## Library improves ranking for third consecutive year

**Morris Library** once again improved its ranking among members of the Association of Research Libraries, moving from no. 79 to no. 74.

Washington, D.C.-based ARL has been collecting data on member libraries since 1961; SIUC has been a member since the 1960s. The association includes five factors in its formula: number of cumulative volumes, number of volumes added that year, number of current serials, number of full-time equivalent staff, and expenditures.

## SIUC grants rebound from state budget cutbacks, but NSF rankings lag behind

**SIUC** faculty, staff, and students were awarded nearly \$64 million in grants and contracts in FY 2005 (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005). About \$30 million supported research projects, with another \$6 million supporting training projects and the remainder supporting public service projects.

Grant funding from the state of Illinois to SIUC rebounded in FY 2005 to nearly \$15 million after the statewide cutbacks of the previous fiscal year.

Federal grant funding totaled \$31.5 million, including flowthrough dollars (federal funds subcontracted through state or local agencies, industry, or nonprofit organizations). This is the highest federal grant total in SIUC history.

Grant funding from the National Science Foundation totaled \$4.4 million in FY 2005. Funding from the National Institutes of Health increased again, to \$8.8 million. NIH funding to SIUC researchers has more than doubled since FY 2002.

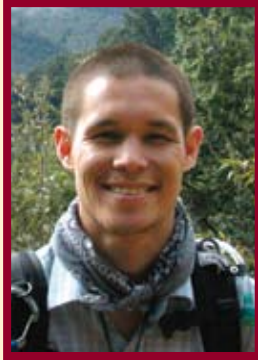
For detailed grant statistics, see [www.siu.edu/orda/reports/grantdata/fy05.html](http://www.siu.edu/orda/reports/grantdata/fy05.html).

Meanwhile, SIUC slipped from 100th to 105th in the National Science Foundation's latest ranking of academic research and development expenditures at public universities and colleges. SIUC also moved back to 145th among *all* U.S. universities, public and private. These ratings, however, do not reflect expenditures during the most recently completed fiscal year, but during FY 2003 (July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003).

The NSF bases its annual assessments on total research and development funds expended in science and engineering fields over the fiscal year. These funds come from grants and contracts received from national, state, corporate, and nonprofit agencies and organizations, as well as from institutional sources. For the full NSF report, see [www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf05320/](http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf05320/). ♦

—Marilyn Davis

## Top graduate research awards go to plant biologist, anthropologist



The SIU Alumni Association's **2005 Outstanding Thesis Award** went to **Joshua Der**.

The association selected Der for his work titled "Molecular Phylogenetics and Classification of Santalaceae." This research examined the evolutionary relationships within the sandalwood family, which includes plants such as mistletoe and sandal tree.

Der used DNA sequence data to infer the relationships among genera and in turn to revise the classification of the major groups within the family. He now is pursuing a doctorate in biology at Utah State University.

Der also was **one of three winners of the 2006 Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Outstanding Thesis competition**. His advisor was Daniel Nickrent, professor of plant biology.

The **2005 Outstanding Dissertation Award** went to anthropologist **Matthew Tornow**.

For his dissertation, Tornow traveled around the world to gather data on the fossils of a group of early primates called omomyids that lived from 55 to 25 million years ago in North America, Europe, Asia, and possibly Africa. Understanding this group of primates is key to understanding the origins and evolution of higher primates, including humans. But scientists have not agreed on the story told by the fossils.

Tornow used new measurements, and new types of measurements, of nearly 800 specimens (teeth, ankle bones, and other skeletal material) to arrive at a comprehensive assessment of how the various groups of North American omomyids were related to each other and evolved. His study, which includes illustrations that he did himself, is a **"major advance in our understanding of primate evolution,"** according to John Fleagle, a distinguished professor of anatomy at Stony Brook Health Sciences Center in New York.

Tornow already has several publications in press. His advisor was Susan Ford, professor of anthropology.

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**Nancy Martin**, a doctoral student in business and administration, was one of only 40 students from around the world selected to participate in the 2005 International Conference on Information Systems Doctoral Consortium in Las Vegas.

**Sandra Wiebe**, a postdoctoral fellow in family and community medicine, won a fellowship to attend the John Merck Fund Summer Institute on the Biology of Developmental Disabilities in July 2005 at Princeton University.

**Amber Britton**, a master's student in counseling education, was awarded a 2005 Ross Trust Graduate Scholarship by the American Counseling Association.

**Michael Mohr** and **Brian Gordon**, master's students in physical education, co-authored an article with Taeho Yoh that appeared in *The Sport Journal* 9(1): 2006.

**Akm Khairul Islam**, a doctoral student in political science, presented a paper on post-Cold War U.S.-China relations at the Illinois Political Science Association conference in Chicago in November 2005.

**France Belley**, a doctoral student in geology, is the recipient of a Geological Society of America Graduate Research Grant and an Institute for Rock Magnetism Visiting Fellowship.

**Dan Vaughn**, a doctoral student in geology, received a Dissertation Research Grant from Sigma Xi.

**Khadija Stewart**, a doctoral student in electrical engineering, won one of four poster awards for a presentation at the Indiana Women in Computing conference held in February 2006.

**Kathleen (Kassie) Chaffee**, a doctoral student in chemistry, has been selected to attend a meeting of Nobel Laureates in Germany this summer at the invitation of the National Science Foundation.

**Anthony Stevens**, a master's student in geology, is one of only five recipients of an International Association for Mathematical Geology Student Award, which carries a \$1,000 stipend.

**Paul Kaelin**, a master's student in geology, won the Geological Society of America's Medlin Award in support of his laboratory research in coal science.

**Fang Tan**, a master's student in professional media practice, won a bronze plaque at the 2005 Columbus Film Festival and second place in the student competition at the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival for the documentary "In the Middle."

**Joseph Khalil**, a doctoral student in mass communication and media arts, had an article on Arab reality television published in *Transnational Broadcasting Studies* 1:2 (2006).

**Cory Byers** and **Lindsey Moron**, master's students in professional media practice, received numerous awards for their work in 2005 from the Broadcast Education Association, the Illinois Broadcasters Association, and the

Society of Professional Journalists. And **Arjiit Banerjee**, a master's student in media management, won several awards at the Illinois College Press Association and the College Newspaper Business & Advertising Managers conference.

**Luke Wiley**, a doctoral student in physiology, received a national Sigma Xi Research Grant-in-Aid. He also co-authored two papers in the journal *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science* in 2005 and early 2006.

**Yuping Williamson**, a master's student in chemistry, was awarded one of only five travel grants from Pfizer Corp. to attend and present research results at the American Chemical Society's spring 2006 meeting in Atlanta.

**Kanokporn Triwitaykorn** and **Jeffrey Shultz**, doctoral students in plant biology, and **Faiza Tebji**, **Satsuki Yaegashi**, and **Hiro Ishihara**, master's students in plant, soil, and agricultural systems, were co-authors on papers that appeared in the journal *Genome* in 2005. Yaegashi and PSAS master's students **Rubina Ahsan** and **Kay Shopinski** also were co-authors on a paper in *Theoretical Applications of Genetics* in 2005.

**Rajsree Mungur**, a master's student in molecular biology, microbiology, and biochemistry, was co-author on a paper published in the *Journal of Biomedicine and Biotechnology* in 2005.

Several master's students in physics co-authored papers with faculty that appeared in scientific journals in 2005: **Mathiewos Debessai**, an article in the journal *Vacuum*; **Luke Heroux**, an article in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*; **Tekeste Maeruf**, articles in the journal *Vacuum* and the *Journal of Vacuum Science Technology*; **D.H. Minott**, an article in the *Journal of Applied Physics*; **Paul Shreeman**, an article in *Applied Physics Letters*; and **Yu Zhang**, an article in the *Journal of Vacuum Science Technology*. Likewise, several doctoral students in applied physics co-authored papers in scientific journals as well: **Mahmud Khan**, articles in the *Journal of Applied Physics* and the *Journal of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology*; **Vaiva Krungleviciute**, an article in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*; and **Ran Li**, an article in the journal *Optics and Spectroscopy*.

**Matthew Bergbower**, a doctoral student in political science, presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in April 2005 and published a book review in *Political Studies Review* 4(1).

**Soydan Ozcan** and **Kok-Wai Hee**, master's students in mechanical engineering, both co-authored papers that appeared in the journal *Wear* in 2005.

**Manish Paliwal**, a postdoctoral fellow in surgery who is working on projects with the Center for Advanced Friction Studies, co-authored two papers in 2005, one appearing in the *Journal of Mechanical Engineering Science* and the other in the *Journal of Sound and Vibration*.

A number of graduate students in curriculum and instruction gave presentations with faculty at various national conferences in 2005: **Nancy Blechle**, **Shannon Clapsaddle**, **Kane Gilmour**, **Kiersten Hillkirk**, **Kim Rowden**, and **Robbie Zirkelbach** at the Association of Teacher Educators annual meeting in Chicago; **Jamie Walczak** and **Neal Young** at the Association of Teacher Educators Summer Conference in Bismarck, S.D.; **Mary Beth Goff** and **Alison Alstott** at the International Reading Association conference in San Antonio; and **Tina Carpenter** and **Crystal Caffey** at the National Reading Conference annual meeting in Miami.

**Andrew Barrett**, a master's student in curriculum and instruction, co-presented a paper at the 10th International Computer-Assisted Assessment Conference in Loughborough, England, in July 2005.

**Linda Smith**, a doctoral student in anthropology, received an Illinois Association of Museums Award of Excellence for the 2005 University Museum exhibit she curated, "Words, Wood, and Wire: The History of Southern Illinois as Told Through Folk Songs and Musical Instruments."

**Amy Pinney**, a doctoral student in speech communication, published an article in the journal *Qualitative Inquiry* in 2005. She received the top contributed paper award in performance studies and theatre at the Central States Communication Association meeting in April 2005, and she gave a performance as an invited artist at the University of Missouri-Columbia in February 2005.

**Nicole Defenbaugh**, a doctoral student in speech communication, had the top student paper in the Ethnography Division at the National Communication Association conference in Boston in November 2005.

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**Vaiva Krungleviciute.**

## 2005-06 Morris Fellowship recipients named

Three students were awarded \$15,000 Morris Fellowships for doctoral study at SIUC during 2005-06. The fellowships support promising scholars with strong potential for academic research.



**Steve Nenninger** (above left) is enrolled in the College of Business and Administration's doctoral program in finance. A full-time instructor at Southeast Missouri State University, his alma mater, for the last three years, Nenninger plans to focus on developing his research skills so he can add to his field's knowledge base in such areas as investments, retirement planning, corporate finance, and banking efficiencies and profitability when he returns to teaching.

**Charles Stapleton** (middle) is enrolled in SIUC's Department of Philosophy. Blending a focus on 19th- and 20th-century continental philosophy with interests in classical American philosophy and the philosophy of religion, Stapleton chose SIUC because of faculty strengths in those areas. He also hopes to deepen



his understanding of the philosophy of history. After completing his degree, he plans on a university teaching career.

**Nicholas Zaunbrecher** (right) is enrolled in the Department of Speech Communication, where he is focusing on performance studies. Zaunbrecher has worked as a performer in an improvisational theater ensemble, designed show formats, organized workshops, and assisted in training new performers. He hopes to combine his interests in philosophy, aesthetics, performance methods, human culture, communication, and language into a set of skills that will allow him to teach at the university level and work with performance groups.



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**Jacqueline Prime**, a master's student in anthropology, gave presentations at the 2005 annual meeting of the Canadian Physical Anthropology Association and the 2005 annual meeting of the Midwest Primate Interest Group.

**Alison Fisher**, a doctoral student in speech communication, contributed a chapter to *Directing Forensics* (Waveland Press, 2005).

**A.L. Zimmerman**, a doctoral student in speech communication, co-authored a chapter in *Intercultural Communication: A Reader* (11th ed.; Wadsworth, 2005).

**Sachiko Tankei**, a doctoral student in speech communication, gave performances of "On Becoming Japerican" at several other universities and at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender meeting in Reno, Nev., in October 2005.

**Diana Tigerlily**, a doctoral student in speech communication, gave performances at the Association for Theater in Higher Education pre-conference, Brava Theatre for the Arts, in San

Francisco, July 2005, and at the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender meeting in Reno, Nev., in October 2005, among others.

**Rachel Gartner**, a master's student in professional media practice, has been accepted into the Washington Center internship program for summer 2006.

**Matthew Zechmeister**, a master's student in geology, and **Navani MathanaSekaran**, a master's student in electrical engineering, were co-authors on a 2005 paper in *Tectonophysics*.

**Kristina Dzara**, a doctoral student in sociology, won the Graduate Student Paper of Distinction Award at the Mid-South Sociological Association meeting in fall 2005.

**Evertt Beidler**, a master's student in art, won the commission to produce a commemorative sculpture at Fort Defiance Park, Cairo, Ill.; the piece was installed in November 2005.

**David Linneweh**, a master's student in art, had six paintings accepted for the AAF Contemporary Art Fair in New York City. ♦

## Recent graduate faculty honors

**Najjar Abdul-Masawwir** (Art and Design) had a solo show at the Mitchell Museum, Mount Vernon, Ill., in June 2005.

**Ken Anderson** (Geology) is co-editor in chief of *Geochemical Transactions*.

**Siva Balasubramanian** (Marketing) was named to a Fulbright Research Chair at the University of Alberta at Edmonton's School of Business for spring semester 2006.

**Andrzej Bartke** (Medicine) received the American Aging Association's 2005 Denham Harman Research Award.

**Jonathan Bean** (History) has been named a Visiting Scholar in Residence at the Social Philosophy & Policy Center at Bowling Green State University for summer 2006.

**Beverly Brown** (Educational Psychology and Special Education) was honored with the Association of Specialists in Group Work's highest award, the Eminent Career Award, in 2005.

**Nazeih Botros** (Electrical and Computer Engineering) is the author of *HDL Programming Fundamentals: VHDL and Verilog* (Charles River Media, 2005).

The Association of Black Sociologists honored **Thomas Calhoun** (Sociology) with its 2005 A. Wade Smith Award for Teaching, Mentorship, and Service.

**Peter Chametzky** (Art and Design) received a German Academic Exchange Service Study Visit Award for three months of research in Berlin on 20th-century German art.

**Harris Deller** (Art and Design) was included in the 2005 International Invitational Ceramic Art Exhibition in Yixing, China.

**Jennifer Dunn** (Sociology) won the 2005 Charles Horton Cooley Book Award from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction for *Courting Disaster: Intimate Stalking, Culture, and Criminal Justice* (Aldine de Gruyter).

**Patricia Elmore** (Educational Psychology and Special Education) was named a fellow of the American Counseling Association in April 2005.

**Peter Fadde** (Curriculum and Instruction) gave three presentations at the 11th World Congress on Sport Psychology in Sydney, Australia, in 2005.

**Charles Fanning** (English) was awarded a 2005-06 Newberry Library Fellowship for his research on immigrant/ethnic history and literature.

**Ann Fischer** and **Michael Young** (Psychology) have been named fellows of the American Psychological Association.

The Central States Communication Association named **Craig Gingrich-Philbrook** (Speech Communication) its Outstanding Scholar for 2005.

**Carla Gorman** (Art and Design) serves as president of the national Design Studies Forum.

**Roy Heidinger** (Zoology) was inducted into the American Fisheries Society's Hall of Excellence in September 2005.

**Bruce Hooper** (Geography) published *Integrated River Basin Governance: Learning from International Experiences* (IWA Publications, London) and was a 2005 Water Studies Fellow with the Army Corps of Engineers' Institute for Water Resources.

**Scott Ishman** (Geology) was chosen to join the International ANDRILL Program, which is exploring Antarctica's role in global climate change.

**Rodney Jones** (English) published his eighth book of poetry, *Salvation Blues*, in 2005 (Houghton Mifflin).

**Christopher Kohler** (Zoology) is serving as president of the American Fisheries Society.

**Andrei Kolmakov** (Physics) gave the keynote address at the Eurosensors XIX international conference in Barcelona, Spain, in September 2005.

**Sajal Lahiri** (Economics) co-edited *Economic Theory in a Changing World* (Oxford University Press, 2005).

**Mary Ellen Lamb** (English) has just published *The Popular Culture of Shakespeare, Spenser, and Jonson* (Routledge, 2006).

**Heather Lapham** (Anthropology) has published *Hunting for Hides: Deerskins, Status, and Cultural Change in the Protohistoric Appalachians* (Univ. of Alabama Press, 2006).

**Jiyong Lee** (Art and Design) won the Emerging Artist Award at the Glass Art Society Annual Conference in Adelaide, Australia.

**Robbie Lieberman** (History) is the new editor of the international journal *Peace and Change*.

**Karen Lips** (Zoology) was one of 20 North American environmental scientists awarded a 2005 Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowship from the Stanford Institute for the Environment.



Jennifer Dunn.



Siva Balasubramanian.

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The **National Endowment for the Humanities** awarded prestigious 2005 summer stipend grants to **Jyotsna Kapur** (Mass Communication and Media Arts) and **Kevin Dettmar** (English) for book projects. Both also had books published in 2005. Kapur is the author of *Coining for Capital: Movies, Marketing, and the Transformation of Childhood* (Rutgers Univ. Press). Dettmar published *Is Rock Dead?* (Routledge), was the 20th-century section editor of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of British Literature*, and co-edited *Blackwell's Companion to Modernist Literature and Culture*.

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**F. Bary Malik** (Physics) is co-author of *Nuclear Fission and Cluster Radioactivity* (Springer-Verlag, 2005).

**Khafilah Malik-McCurdy** (Curriculum and Instruction) is founding editor of the *Journal of African American Children's Literature*.

**Maria Mallette** (Curriculum and Instruction) co-authored *Teaching Early Literacy: Development, Assessment and Instruction* (Guilford, 2005) and co-edited *Innovative Approaches to Literacy Education* (International Reading Association, 2005).

**John McIntyre** (Curriculum and Instruction) received the 2005 President's Award from the Association of Teacher Educators.

**Mizan Miah** (Social Work) served as a delegate to the 2005 Social Work National Congress in Washington, D.C.

**Aldo Migone** (Physics) was elected as a fellow of the American Physical Society for his experimental research.

**Salah-Eldin Mohammed** (Mathematics) gave an invited address at the International Conference on Mathematical Analysis in Assiut, Egypt, in January 2006. Mohammed also was named SIUC's Outstanding Scholar for 2006.

**Alice Noble-Allgire** (Law) was selected in January 2006 as one of the "10 Best Law Professors in Illinois" by the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*.

**William Osborne** (Engineering) was selected as a fellow by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

**John Phelps** (Forestry) received the Forest Products Society's 2005 Fred Gottschalk Award for exceptional service.

## SIUC Graduate Programs Administration

**John A. Koropchak**, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean

**David L. Wilson**, Associate Dean and Director of the Graduate School

**Patricia McNeil**, Assistant Dean, Graduate School

**Ratna Sinha**, Associate Director, Graduate School

**Elisabeth Reichert** (Social Work) was named a member of the International Federation of Social Workers Human Rights Commission.

A play by **David Rush** (Theater) won first place in the Fremont Centre Theatre's 2004-05 New Playwrights Contest.

**Joseph Schafer** (Crime Study Center) was awarded a 2006 Fellowship in Residence at the FBI National Academy.

**Sharon Shrock** and **William Coscarelli** (Curriculum and Instruction) gave the keynote address at the 10th International Computer-Assisted Assessment Conference in Loughborough, England, in July 2005.

**Rick Smith** (Art and Design) was commissioned to design 12x16' ornamental gates for the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis. The piece was dedicated in October 2005.

**John Summey** (Marketing) received the Marketing Research Association's inaugural Impact Award in November 2005.

**Linda Toth** (Pharmacology) received the American Society of Laboratory Animal Practitioners Excellence in Research Award in July 2005.

**Stephen Tyman** (Philosophy) published *A Fool's Phenomenology: Archetypes of Spiritual Evolution* (Univ. Press of America, 2005).

**Jan Waggoner** (Curriculum and Instruction) was one of four recipients of Dare To Be Great awards, given by the Illinois Women Administrators (IWA) to leaders in the state.

**Walter Wallis** (Mathematics) gave an invited address at the 30th Australasian Conference on Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing at the University of Queensland, Australia, in December 2005.

**George Waring** (Zoology) received the Animal Behavior Society's 2005 Distinguished Teaching Award in August 2005.

**Vincent Webb** (Crime Study Center) was co-author of *Policing Gangs in America* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2005).

**Paul Welch** (Anthropology) published *Archaeology at Shiloh Indian Mounds, 1899-1999* (Univ. of Alabama Press, 2006). ♦

