



**Oregon State University
Writing Intensive Curriculum**

WIC Culture of Writing Award in the Disciplines

Presented by academic departments and OSU's Writing Intensive Curriculum (WIC), the WIC Culture of Writing Awards recognize the top undergraduate papers written in the respective disciplines during the school year. The awards promote a university culture that values excellence in writing.

2008-2009 Recipients

Josh Williams, Fisheries & Wildlife, for "*Retrospective Evaluation of the Effects of Introduced Goldfish on Life History of Endangered Pahrump Poolfish.*"

Tawnya Redding, Psychology, for "*Greeting Styles and the Establishment of Rapport in a University Writing Center.*"

Antonea Widony, Sociology, for "*The Effects of Education and Race on Attitudes about Capital Punishment.*"

Ben Stiehl, Design and Human Environment, for "*The Remodeling Experience: A Study of Professional Relationships Between a Client and a Remodeling Contractor.*"

Aubrey Chi-Yun Leung, Mathematics, for "*Competitive Exclusion and Coexistence in Competing Infections without Host Mortality.*"

Hanna McGuire, Biochemistry and Biophysics, for "*Inhibition of the intestinal glucose transporter GLUT2 by flavonoids.*"

Brittney Paulsen, Biochemistry & Biophysics, for "*What is an English Major? A Comparative Exploration of Perceptions of English Studies at OSU.*"

Ryan Ramsey, Civil & Construction Engineering, for "*Alternatives Analysis – Albany Transportation Center Improvements*" (team project).

Fernando Macias, Civil & Construction Engineering, for "*Alternatives Analysis – Albany Transportation Center Improvements*" (team project).

Lindsay Higa, Civil & Construction Engineering, "*Alternatives Analysis – Albany Transportation Center Improvements*" (team project).

Brent Bodwell, Civil & Construction Engineering, for "*Alternatives Analysis – Albany Transportation Center Improvements*" (team project).

Kevin Severson, Civil & Construction Engineering, for "*Alternatives Analysis – Albany Transportation Center Improvements*" (team project).

2007 – 2008 Recipients

Karen Barrese, Mathematics, for *“Karen and Matthew in Triangle Town: An Exploration of Chinese Checker Geometry.”*

Jill Bartholomew, Mechanical Engineering, for *“Innovative Technology to Enhance Fine Motor Function” (team project).*

Jennifer Bradley, Design & Human Environment, for *“The Impact of the urban Growth boundary on Portland Oregon.”*

Manh (Mike) Cao, Animal Sciences, for *“Should induced molting be banned in the U.S?”*

Miriam Chaudhary, Industrial & Manufacturing, for *“Korvis Automation RCM Assembly and Test Project” (team project).*

Sara Comstock, Sociology, for *“Varying Degrees: The effect of marital status on support for abortion, controlling for parenthood status.”*

Harold E. Cuffe, Economics, for *“Wealth Distribution and Its Effects on Outward Foreign Direct Investment.”*

Elizabeth Dunfield, Biochemistry & Biophysics, for *“Hydrogen Sulfide Enhances Ulcer healing in Rats.”*

Jaime Junell, Mechanical Engineering, for *“Innovative Technology to Enhance Fine Motor Function” (team project).*

Kyle Latimer, Forest Engineering, for *“Forest Engineering 450 Capstone Project.”*

Kelly Mathews, Sociology, for *“Penalties from the Pews: How frequency of church attendance effects support for capital punishment among Protestants and Catholics, controlling for gender.”*

Katherine Parker, Women Studies, for *“Professionals or Victims: The Feminist Discourse on Prostitution and its Representation in Modern Culture as Examined in Law and Order: SVU.”*

Amy Seto, Design & Human Environment, for *“Radio Frequency Identification in the Retail Industry.”*

Noah K. Strycker, Fisheries and Wildlife, for *“Issues in Natural Resources Conservation Biodiversity: The Endangered Species Act, Critical Habitat, and the Marbled Murrelet”*

Stephen Summers, English, for *“A Reflection on the Artist in ‘The Masque of the Red Death.’”*

Taralyn Tan, Honors College, for Thesis: *“Characterization of the Ovine Prolactin Promoter.”*

Maarika Teose, Honors College, for Thesis: “*The Effect of Temperature on the Survival of Chinook Eggs and Fry.*”

Brett Valenti, Mechanical Engineering, for “*Innovative Technology to Enhance Fine Motor Function*” (team project).

Tristan Wagner, Industrial & Manufacturing, for “*Korvis Automation RCM Assembly and Test Project*” (team project).

2006-2007 Recipients

Kirsten Aagesen, Mathematics, for “*Rational Tangles and Continued Fractions.*”

Brett Blundon, Fisheries & Wildlife, for “*Pheromone production and function in fishes.*”

Eric Brocks, Biochemistry & Biophysics, for “*The role of the nucleotide excision repair enzymes CSA and XPA in bulky DNA adduct removal in Zebrafish (Danio rerio).*”

Zac Castro, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering, for “*Key Advantage Production Line Improvements at GE Security in Salem, Oregon*” (team project).

Amanda Comer, Mechanical Engineering, for “*Thermal Weed Seed Killer*” (team project).

Bryan T. Cook, English, for “*Conceptions of Pleasure.*”

Amanda J. Deney, Liberal Studies, Social Sciences emphasis (OSU-Cascades Campus), for critical Book Reviews of Akhil Reed Amar and Alan R. Hirsch’s “*For the People: What the Constitution Really Says about Your Rights*” and Adrienne Rich’s *On Lies, Secrets & Silence: Selected Prose.*”

Erica A. Dietz, Liberal Studies, Humanities emphasis (OSU-Cascades Campus), for “*Faulkner and Picasso: How Modernism Demands the Thought Process of its Audience*” and *Environmental Consequences of Conquest.*”

Janelle Dunlap, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering, for “*Key Advantage Production Line Improvements at GE Security in Salem, Oregon*” (team project).

Kristina Gustin, Mechanical Engineering, for “*Thermal Weed Seed Killer*” (team project).

Brandon Koida, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering, for “*Key Advantage Production Line Improvements at GE Security in Salem, Oregon*” (team project).

Tram Le, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering, for “*Key Advantage Production Line Improvements at GE Security in Salem, Oregon*” (team project).

Rebecca Mitchell, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering, for “*Key Advantage Production Line Improvements at GE Security in Salem, Oregon*” (team project).

Michelle Mullett, Mechanical Engineering, for “*Thermal Weed Seed Killer*” (team project).

Katy Mullis, Design and Human Environment, for “*A SWOT Analysis of Walgreens in the Competitive Pharmacy Marketplace.*”

Mariah Parker-deFeniks, Sociology, for “The Interaction Effect of Socioeconomic Status Measures on the Correlated Attitude-Behavior Relationship.”

Christie VanLaningham, University Honors College, for “*What Fools Call Crime: The Boundaries of the pornographic Imagination in Sade’s La Philosophie Cans Le Boudoir.*”

Brendan Welsh, Forest Engineering, for “*Timber Plan for West of the Rockies.*”

Sarah Wiebenson, Women Studies, for “*A Journey to Agnosticism.*”

Kyle Zirschky, Mechanical Engineering, for “*Thermal Weed Seed Killer*” (team project).

2005-2006 Recipients

Calvin Hughes, Sociology for “*A State of Crisis: Alcohol Use Among Oregon High School Students.*”

Robyn Lopez Melton, Liberal Studies for “*A Woman’s Role.*”

Shawn Majors, Geosciences for “*Chemical Variability Comparisons of Springs and their Relationships to Local Lithologies.*”

Eddie O’Donnell, Biochemistry and Biophysics for “*Pathogenic Mechanisms of Cancer Causing hMLH1 Mutations.*”

Catherine Owens, Agricultural and Resource Economics, for “*Assessing the Economic Impact of NRCS Programs on Baker County Oregon’s Economy: A Proposal.*”

Danya Rumore, Agricultural and Resource Economics for “*Agri-Environmental Policy: Greening Agriculture.*”

Sharon Sternadel, Mathematics for “*Circles in a One-Way Street Taxicab Model.*”

Margaret Jo Whiting, Women Studies for “*Yanyun Zhao: A Story of Progress in China.*”