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ELECTRONIC THESES & DISSERTATIONS

Dinner Banquet at the Carnegie Music Hall
Thursday, June 11 · 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.

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MENU

COCKTAILS IN THE ROTUNDA

DINNER

Salad with Rolls and Butter

Seasoned Vegetables

Oven Roasted Red Skin Potatoes with Fresh Herbs

Penne Pasta with a Creamy Vodka Sauce

Grilled Breast of Chicken in a light Caper Sauce

Baked Orange Roughy in a Chardonnay Beurre Blanc

Carved Sirloin of Beef

DESSERTS

Sliced Fresh Fruit garnished with Berries

Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing

Key Lime Pie Square

Chocolate Raspberry Cake

Tiramisu Parfaits

AGENDA

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Samba Nova Quartet

Daniel Ferreras – guitar and keyboards

John Hagen – saxophone and piano

Matt Marble – percussion

Victor Mucino – guitar

INTRODUCTION

Rush Miller

*Hillman University Librarian and Director,
University Library System (ULS), University of Pittsburgh*

UMI PROQUEST WELCOME ADDRESS

Austin McLean

*Director of Scholarly Communication and Dissertation Publishing,
ProQuest / UMI*

ETD AWARDS PRESENTATION

Christine Jewell

NDLTD Awards Committee Chair, University of Waterloo, Canada

NDLTD ETD 2009 AWARD WINNERS

The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) consortium is pleased to announce this year's award winners. The awards recognize students who have written exemplary electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs), students who have experienced professional successes as a result of the ETD process, and individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the ETD community. These ETD Awards recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the worldwide ETD movement.

INNOVATIVE ETDs

The Innovative ETD Award recognizes student efforts to transform the genre of the print dissertation through the use of innovative software to create cutting edge ETDs. Use of renderings, photos, video and other multimedia objects that are included in the electronic document were considered as part of the innovation of the work.

» **Raquel Gutierrez, Leadership and Change, Antioch University, 2008**

TITLE: "Life-Affirming Leadership: An Inquiry into the Culture of Social Justice."

URL: www.ohiolink.edu/etd/view.cgi?acc_num=antioch1226609058

» **Lara Fackrell, Master of Landscape Architecture, Kansas State University, 2008**

TITLE: "Equestrian communities: design features and development process."

URL: <http://hdl.handle.net/2097/792>

» **Kelly C. Barkhurst, Master of Fine Arts, College of Creative Arts, WVU, 2008**

TITLE: "Design Taking Action: A holistic approach to design problem solving applied to disease education."

URL: <http://hdl.handle.net/10450/6003>

INNOVATIVE LEARNING THROUGH ETDs

The Innovative Learning through ETDs Award recognizes a student whose professional life has been enhanced by the ETD process.

» **Shirley Stewart Burns / Ph.D. History, West Virginia University**

Shirley's ETD, "Bringing Down the Mountains: The Impact of Mountaintop Removal on Southern West Virginia Communities", has allowed her to accomplish her goal of raising the public consciousness and discourse about mountain top removal. She was able to reach a world-wide audience almost instantaneously, resulting in publication of a book that is now in use in the K-12 and

higher education curriculum. A press release about her success is available at www.wvutoday.wvu.edu/news/page/6644/. Her dissertation is available at <http://hdl.handle.net/10450/4047>

» **Jeffrey Coughler / Master of Fine Arts, Computer Graphics Design, Rochester Institute of Technology**

Jeffrey's thesis project, titled "ASL Finger Challenge", is an online interactive, instructional application for improving finger spelling reception when using American Sign Language. The significance of his work and its applicability to finger spelling in other languages was recognized and rewarded with a Fulbright Scholarship to Italy. From January through July 2007, Jeffrey conducted research in Rome, Italy, where he created an additional fingerspelling reception module using the Language of Italian Signs.

ETD LEADERSHIP

The ETD Leadership Award recognizes members of the university community whose leadership and vision has helped raise awareness of the benefits of ETDs, and whose efforts have improved graduate education through the use of ETDs.

» **Thomas Dowling, Assistant Director, Library Systems, Client/Server, OhioLink, Columbus, OH**

Thomas has led the way in the adoption of electronic theses and dissertations in Ohio by creating and managing OhioLINK's Electronic Theses and Dissertations Center, a consortium of 88 universities and colleges. OhioLink serves as a model for digital library consortia networks, and is the first ETD consortium established in the world. The OhioLink Web site is available at www.ohiolink.edu/etd/.

» **John Hagen, Manager, Institutional Repository Programs, West Virginia University Libraries**

Over the past decade, John's commitment to ETDs at West Virginia University (WVU) has resulted in a program that serves as a model for many other universities. John has led regional and international workshops for the NDLTD, and he has hosted many visitors who come to WVU to learn about the ETD program. John has become recognized internationally for his ETD implementation and open access advocacy. More information about John is available at www.libraries.wvu.edu/theses/index_JH.htm.