

## Welcome to the Graduate Research Fair

Welcome to our annual celebration of graduate student scholarly and creative work. Students share oral and poster presentations of theses, dissertations, capstone/final projects, unique internship experiences, and other scholarly course projects.

We have a new record! There are 288 graduate student presenters this year. This represents a 25% increase over last year's participation and a 45% increase since 2008. The great news is that the event has not only grown in quantity but, most important, in quality of work.

There are 150 faculty mentoring the scholarly projects this year. They represent all colleges and 28 academic departments and schools.

As the event enters its second decade, the reputation and faculty support has grown. The research and scholarly work has matured. Students feel comfortable presenting in multiple years. Team/collaborative projects are more readily shared. Many students use this as a stepping-stone to local, state, national and international scholarly presentations, of which we are very proud.

Thank you for taking the time to view the posters, listen to oral presentations, and network with one another over these student achievements.

Thank you to the faculty judges who reviewed paper submissions for student presenter monetary awards.

Thank you to the faculty room moderators who introduced the oral presenters and kept them on track and on time.

Thank you to the individuals, departments/schools, offices and corporate/ community partners who financially supported the event. We could not offer the event without your generosity.

At the end of the day, 6 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium, we look forward to the 2010 Sigma Xi speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Friedman, from the College of Science and Letters, Illinois Institute of Technology. Her talk, *Archaeological Science: Forging Common Ground across Academic Disciplines*, will address interdisciplinary collaborations that enable cultural and historical understanding through evidence gathering and analysis in the midst of natural disasters, war, looting, agricultural changes, and more.

EMU is proud of its graduate programs and the distinctive professional advantages they offer our graduate students with basic and applied scholarship. On behalf of the Graduate Council, a University committee that plans and helps implement this event, enjoy the day!



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### Event Schedule:

- Lunch in the Grand Ballroom at 11:30 a.m.
- Oral Presentations on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors at 1:15 p.m., 2:45 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.
- Poster Presentations in Room 310 at 2:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Sigma Xi Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Friedman in the Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. *Archeological Science: Forging Common Ground Across Academic Disciplines*