The Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award

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Sponsored by MSU Alumni Association and Office of the Graduate School

The Office of the Graduate School, in cooperation with the MSU Alumni Association, sponsors each year the selection of an Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor. The selection of a member of the MSU faculty is based on well documented examples of the highest dedication to graduate students while serving as an outstanding mentor.

A mentor can be a major advisor or a member of a graduate committee but being an outstanding mentor is much more than simply advising. A mentor provides wisdom, technical knowledge, assistance, support, encouragement, empathy and respect throughout, and most probably beyond, your graduate career. A graduate student reaps exceptional benefits from the mentor’s support, skills, wisdom and coaching. Mentoring also brings to a graduate student an understanding how his/her distinctive skills and ambitions fit into the opportunities offered by a graduate education. The mentor emphasizes the importance of scholarship, and university life and offers guidance in career choices.

Recipients of Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor

2017 Selection: Dr. James C. Giesen, Department of History (link: http://www.history.msstate.edu/)

2016 Selection: Dr. Brian Baldwin, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Plant of Soil Sciences (link: http://www.pss.msstate.edu/)

2015 Selection: Dr. Veera G. Gude – Civil and Environmental Engineering (link: http://www.cee.msstate.edu/)

2014 Selection: Dr. Mark Schilling (Wes) - Food Science Nutrition and Health Promotion (link: http://www.fsnhp.msstate.edu/)

2013 Selection: Dr. Gary Ervin - Biological Sciences (link: www.biology.msstate.edu)

2012 Selection: Dr. Sandra Eksioglu - Industrial and Systems Engineering (link: www.i.s.e.msstate.ed)