Second Annual Outstanding Dissertation Showcase Panel

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Program Schedule

Opening Remarks/Introductions/Moderator
◆ Caroline Turner, Graduate Coordinator
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Welcome Remarks
◆ Vanessa Sheared, Dean
  College of Education
◆ Orn Bodvarsson, Dean
  College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
◆ Julian Vasquez Heilig, Director
  Doctorate in Educational Leadership

Presentations by Outstanding Dissertation Panelists
(Question and Answer to Follow)
◆ Caroline Turner, Introductions
◆ Diane E. Carlson, EdD
  Dissertation Title: Closing the Equity Gap: Social Justice Leadership in California Community Colleges
◆ Erik Cooper, EdD
  Dissertation Title: Efficacy of the California Basic Skills Initiative
◆ Sarah Graham, EdD
  Dissertation Title: An Analysis of a K-12 Grammar-Based English Language Development Program

Closing Remarks
◆ Caroline Turner

Awardees

Diane E. Carlson, EdD
Dissertation Title - Closing the Equity Gap: Social Justice Leadership in California Community Colleges
Dr. Diane Carlson is a full-time professor and chairperson of the sociology department at Folsom Lake College. She is the faculty chair for FLC’s Multicultural and Diversity Committee which supports social justice efforts at the college. Diane is also (joyfully) the advisor for FLC’s newly formed Student Diversity Club. Some of Dr. Carlson’s post-dissertation efforts include incorporating ideas from her dissertation research into the creation of the college’s Student Equity Plan – including building a broader and deeper understanding of student educational and life experiences. While Dr. Carlson is currently working on articles and looking into book publication, she is most excited about the commencement of a documentary version of her dissertation to begin production this summer.

Erik Cooper, EdD
Dissertation Title - Efficacy of the California Basic Skills Initiative
Dr. Erik Cooper is the Dean of Planning, Research, and Resource Development at Sierra College in Rocklin, California. The Planning, Research and Resource Development office collects, analyzes, and disseminates data to the college community, supporting the planning, budgeting and program review activities of the District. Cooper’s dissertation was also selected for the Excellence in Dissertation award by the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges.
About the Annual Outstanding Dissertation Showcase Panel

The Second Annual Outstanding Dissertation Showcase Panel provides an opportunity for authors of outstanding dissertations to present their work. In spring 2014, dissertations were nominated and selected based on the quality of research design, the quality of the written analysis and summary of findings/results, and the potential of the dissertation results for transformation of schools/colleges. This panel serves to showcase the critical research being done by our graduates. Each panelist will provide a synopsis of their dissertation research and how their work has been useful in the context of their career trajectory.

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