

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

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**School of Design:**

*Mason Nabors – Architecture*

*Mary Taylor Carwile – Interior Design*

*Christian McLean – Graduate Architecture*

*Casey Voinche – Communication Design*

*Shane Greer – Studio*

*Peter Hay – Graduate Fine Arts*

**School of Literature and Language:**

*Alana Crump – English*

*Emily Traylor – Modern Languages*

*Lydia Andreu – Graduate English*

**General Studies:**

*Rachel Fontana*

*Dustin McClure*

**Department of History:**

*Katherine Strahan*

*Brittany Coffinbarger*

**Department of Journalism:**

*Hannah Schilling*

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**School of the Performing Arts:**

*Alyce Tarver – Music*

*Molly Page – Theatre*

**Department of Professional Aviation:**

*Keelan Carnal – Professional Aviation*

*Keely Herrington – Aviation Management*

**Department of Speech:**

*Sarah Jones – Speech Communication*

*Hayden Holtzclaw –  
Pre-Prof. Speech Pathology*

*Lacey Dugas – Speech Pathology*

*Kaylee Laitinen – Audiology*

**Department of Social Sciences:**

*Bryant Devilier – Sociology*

*Gary Michael Reed – Political Science*

*Ramsey Morein –  
Geographic Information Science*

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PRESENTS

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Thursday, April 24th, 2014

# FACULTY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2014

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Keynote Speaker  
Adam Owens

Adam Owens graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts (summa cum laude) in Political Science. After graduating, Adam attended the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he received a Master of Science in International Affairs. After graduation Adam worked for Congressman Rodney Alexander before moving to the Office of Naval Intelligence. He is currently the Country Director for Syria in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. For his efforts in this position, Adam was awarded the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service.

## NOMINEES SELECTED FOR PRESENTATION

Robert Brooks, Associate Professor, Architecture, School of Design and Marla Emory St. John, Assistant Professor, Interior Design, School of Design, “Muddy Boots and Black Shirts: An Alternative View from the Ivory Tower”

Genaro Kÿ Lý Smith, Instructor, English, School of Literature and Language, “Poetry Reading from *The Land Baron’s Sun: The Story of Lý Loc and His Seven Wives*”

Frank Hamrick, Associate Professor, Studio Art, School of Design, “I Want To Believe”

Dr. Joe L. Alexander, Professor, Music, School of the Performing Arts, “Musical Performance/ Analysis of *The Brewing Suite*”

## DEPARTMENTAL NOMINEES

School of Design:  
Robert Brooks, Architecture  
Marla St. John, Interior Design  
Frank Hamrick, Studio Art

School of Literature and Language:  
Genaro Kÿ Lý Smith, English

School of the Performing Arts:  
Dr. Joe L. Alexander, Music

Department of Speech:  
Dr. Kerrilyn R. Phillips, Speech Pathology

Department of Social Science:  
Mark Melder, Sociology

Moderator: Dr. Stephen Webre