Texas State University Final 3MT® Competition
April 7, 2015
10:00-12:00
LBJ 3-14

Master of Ceremonies:
Dr. Andrea Golato, Dean of The Graduate College

Doctoral Student 3MT® Presenters:

Yogendra Bordiya
Jumping Genes Regulate the Immune System of Plants
Aquatic Resources, College of Science and Engineering

Elizabeth Threadgill
Assessing the Media Literacy of First-Year College Students
Developmental Education, College of Education

Xi Gong
Exploring Associations between Environmental Risk Factors and Low Birth Weight
Geographic Information Science, College of Liberal Arts

Oleksandra Sehin
Evaluating Internationalization Efforts in Select Award-winning Institutions of Higher Education: Where are the International Graduate Students?
Adult, Professional, and Community Education, College of Education

Sydney Granger
Influence and Preparation: TAs and Tutors as Developing Professionals
Developmental Education, College of Education

Rain Nox
Wildfire Mitigation Behavior on Single Family Residential Properties near Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Wildlands in Austin, Texas
Geography, College of Liberal Arts

Kate Bell
The Population Genomics and Architecture of Jaw Morphology in a Trophically Polymorphic Cichlid
Aquatic Resources, College of Science and Engineering
3MT® Judges:
Chair: Dr. Debbie Thorne, Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs, Texas State University
The Honorable Daniel Guerrero, Mayor, City of San Marcos
Mr. Mike Jansen, Director of Development, Texas State University
Mr. Dan Eggers, Director of University Marketing, Texas State University

Presentation Awards:
Awards at the University Final Competition level include:
   First Place Winner - $500
   Runner-up - $350
   People’s Choice - $250

Conference of Southern Graduate Schools’ 3MT® Competition:
The First Place Winner of the Texas State University Final Competition will have
the opportunity to compete in the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools’ 3MT® competition the
following year, with travel/lodging to the conference funded by The Graduate College.

Presentation Rules:
- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or
  “movement” of any description, the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the
  oration).
- No additional electronic media (e.g., sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g., costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are
  permitted.
- Laser pointers are not considered props and are allowed.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and presenters exceeding 3 minutes are
  disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g., no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the platform.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their
  presentation through movement or speech.
- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judging Criteria:
At every level of the competition each presenter will be assessed on three judging criteria:
- Comprehension (e.g., did the presentation make the research understandable to the
  audience, and was the significance of the research conveyed?)
- Engagement (e.g., did the presentation capture and maintain the audience’s attention,
  and did the presentation convey excitement and enthusiasm for the research?)
- Communication (e.g., was the research communicated appropriately to a non-specialist
  audience, and did the presentation provide adequate background information to illustrate
  points?)

Each criterion is equally weighted and has an emphasis on audience.