

## CLER TO RECEIVE AWARD

Congratulations to Stacie Cler (Boesdorfer), who has won the Outstanding University Graduate Student Teaching Award Level II Masters. She will receive her honor on Founder's Day.

## 3-MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION NOMINEE

Matt Drummer (Standard) is amongst four students who were nominated by CAS to participate in the University 3-Minute Thesis competition. The competition will be held at the Normal Theatre on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. Great job, Matt!

## SPRING 2017 SEMINAR SERIES

**3:00 p.m. in Julian Hall room 225**

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| February 3  | Marjorie Jones (Illinois State University), "New Directions for Leishmania Therapy???? How about Electromagnetic Radiation!!"                    |
| February 10 | Seth Filbrun, "Formation, Characterization, and Optimization of Antibody-Gold Nanoparticle Conjugates"   |
| February 17 | Kiran Tripathi, "Mechanistic Study of Arene C-H Bond Functionalization by Carbene Insertion"   |
| February 24 | Charles Rice (Oklahoma University), "Disabling Teichoic Acid to Kill MRSA with Beta Lactam Antibiotics"  |
| March 3     | Jeffrey S. Moore (University of Illinois)  |
| March 10    | Craig Wallace, Synthesis, Characterization, and Incubation of Vanadium Complexes with <i>Leishmania tarentolae</i> "                             |
| March 17    | <b>Spring Break – No Seminar</b>   |
| March 24    | Benjamin Dorsey, "Glutathione S-transferase"   |
| March 31    | Taylor Arledge, "Computational Study of the Properties of Carbon Nanotubes"  |
| April 7     | Mark Oblazny, "Chemical Fluorescence Probe for Detection and Diagnosis of Toxic Amyloid $\beta$ -Aggregates"                                     |
| April 14    | Jade Katinas, "The Inhibitory Effects of Unique Sulfonamides on <i>Leishmania tarentolae</i> and Potential Pathways of Inhibition"               |
| April 21    | Ramzi Farran (Fenwick H.S.), Bernard L. Ryder Distinguished Alumni Lecture   |
| April 28    | Austin Penn, "Copper Dye-Based Solar Cells"  |
| May 5       | Erasmus Jugovic, "Synthesis and Characterization of Mixed Donor Ligands and Their Corresponding Effect on the Chemical Properties of Metal Ions" |

- Finals Week (details TBD) Craig Haynes, "An Asymmetric Glycolate Aldol Addition Reaction Pathway Employing an N<sub>3</sub>-(methoxyphenoxyacetyl)oxazolidine-2-thione as Chiral Auxiliary and the Computational Study of Select Glycolate Aldol Adducts"
- Sayed Gafur, "A Conia-Ene-Type Cyclization under Basic Conditions and Its Application in an Efficient Synthesis of (-)-Lycoposerramine R"
- Mollie Metallo, "Total Synthesis of Vinblastine, Related Natural Products, and Key Analogues and Development of Inspired Methodology Suitable for the Systematic Study of Their Structure-Function Properties"
- Navneet Sahota, "Development of New Routes for the Synthesis of Carbaporphyrins and Carbachlorins"

## DATES AND DEADLINES

- February 1 -Summer Course Offerings available on My.IllinoisState.edu.  
-Registration date/time assignments for Summer 2017 available on My.IllinoisState.edu after 1 p.m.
- February 3 -Last day for undergraduate students planning on receiving a degree in May to apply and pay the fee for graduation. Applications may be submitted online through My.IllinoisState.edu.
- February 10 -Last day to withdraw from a first-half semester course. A withdrawal grade of WX is assigned.  
-Last day to drop the Credit/No Credit (Pass/Fail) or Audit option from a first-half semester course.  
-Deadline for Summer textbook information to be entered into the Illinois State Textbook Ordering System.
- February 13 -Undergraduate and Graduate diplomas mailed to December 2016 graduates.  
-Advanced Registration for Summer begins at 8 a.m.
- February 15 Last day to drop a full semester course and receive 25% tuition adjustment. There will be no adjustment in charges for full semester course withdrawals after this date.

## STUDENT, FACULTY and STAFF ACTIVITIES

### Publications

- Jean M. Standard, "Effects of Solvation and Hydrogen Bond Formation on Singlet and Triplet Alkyl or Aryl Carbenes," *Journal of Physical Chemistry A* **2017**, *121*, 381-393.

