

Showcasing Graduate Education at Local, State, and National Levels: Lessons Learned

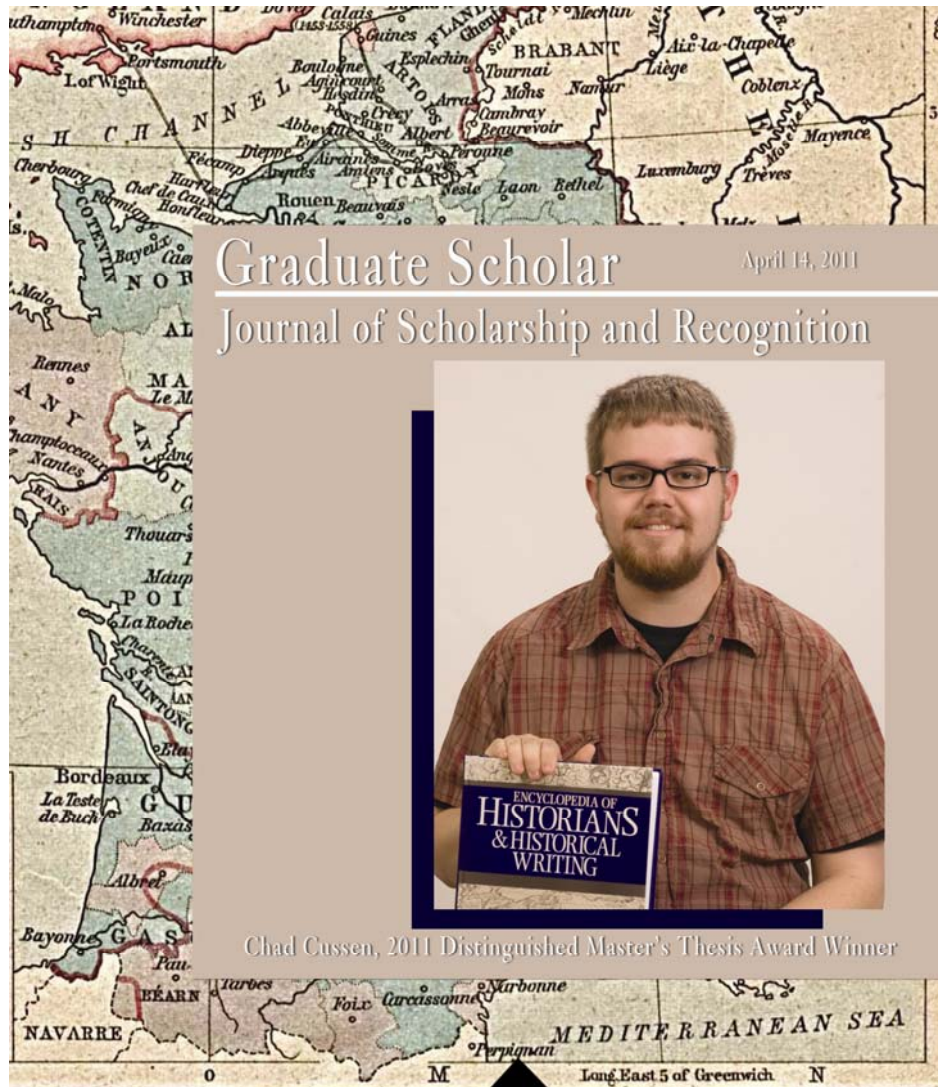
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Local Initiatives

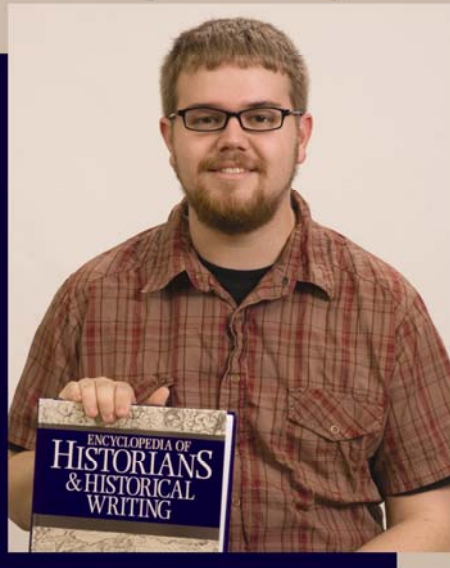
- Graduate Research at Eastern
 - Capitol Rotunda Springfield
- Graduate Study & Research at Eastern
 - Illinois State Fair
- Graduate Research Video Showcase
 - Campus, Local Legislators, Partners, YouTube
- Journal of Achievement & Alumni Awards
 - Copies to legislators



Graduate Scholar

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Journal of Scholarship and Recognition



Chad Cussen, 2011 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award Winner

Showcasing Student Research and Creative Activity

Showcasing Alumni Achievement

2011 Outstanding Graduate
Alumni Awards



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Lessons Learned

- Print Showcase Documents
 - Share during hill visits
- Video Showcases
 - Preserved and shared
 - Available around the world
 - Can be easily shared with legislators and partners
 - Compelling to “meet” the researcher

State & National Initiatives

- Illinois Association of Graduate Schools
- Traditions
 - Annual Fall Conference
 - State Legislative Panels
 - National Legislative Panels
 - Campus Locations

Illinois Summit: The Path Forward

- Introduction: James Wimbush
- The Path Forward Video
- Legislative Panel
- Business & Industry Panel
- University Leaders Panel
- Concluding Remarks
- Videotaped

Legislative Lessons Learned

- Supported the PF Recommendations
 - Funding for new initiatives
 - Funding for existing programs
 - Improvements/changes in visa process
- Willingness to Promote Support for Areas Outlined in the Report
- Willingness to work on the Hill for Support
- Identification of Past Support



Business/Industry Lessons Learned

- Supported the PF Recommendations
 - Partnerships for financial support
 - Partnerships for underrepresented participation
 - Skills for future jobs
- Affirmed Importance of
 - Current commitments to graduate education
 - Strengthening university collaborations
 - An educated workforce
 - Fine arts & humanities



University Panel Lessons Learned

- Affirmed Support for PF Recommendations
 - Completion rates
 - Master's rigor
 - Non-academic pathways
- Shared These Issues
 - Impressive degree completion programs
 - Resistance of faculty to non-academic pathways
 - Critical importance of rigor

Actions Post Summit

- Hill visits
- Electronic letters with links to Print Showcase and Video Showcase
- Letters highlighting constituent achievements
- Fall 2011 Follow-up Summit

Value to Graduate Study at EIU

- ❑ Contributions of graduate study to local and state economy
- ❑ President/Provost promote the graduate enterprise as essential to EIU
- ❑ College deans see Graduate Dean as a conduit for securing resources in their colleges

Value to the Graduate Dean

- The Graduate School
 - A tool for local, state and national recognition
 - A pathway for increasing access to quality
 - An asset for acquiring resources
 - A repository of expertise for addressing challenges