

**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
Awards Committee Meeting Minutes  
Graduate and Professional Student Office, Student Union Room, 306  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:00pm – 2:00pm

**ROLL CALL:**

**Awards Committee**

Kimberly Florence, Chair / Educational Psychology & Higher Education	<u>✓</u>
Mark Elkouz, Civil & Environmental Engineering	<u>✓</u>
Heidi Manlove, Environmental & Occupational Health	<u>✓</u>
Sarah Oettinger, Social Work	<u>✓</u>
Amaya Worthem, Journalism & Media Studies	<u>✓</u>

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT** **INFORMATION ONLY**  
The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm.
2. **OLD BUSINESS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - None
3. **NEW BUSINESS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - GPSA Awards' applications review: The GPSA awards committee reviewed 6 applications for the Merit award, 1 applications for the Service award, and 3 applications for the Outstanding Mentor Award. And one nomination for Distinguished Contribution. The awards committee unanimously approved 3 awards for Merit, 3 awards for Service, and 3 awards for Outstanding Mentor.
  - The committee's decisions for the 2016 Awards are attached and also available on the [GPSA website](#).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT - none** **INFORMATION ONLY**
5. **ADJOURNMENT** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
Chair Florence adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm.



## Annual GPSA Awards' Recipients 2016

**GPSA Merit Award:** acknowledges graduate and professional students who have proven to be outstanding scholars in their field.

- **Chao Chen**, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and Construction
- **Erdogan Kaya**, Department of Teaching & Learning
- **Shelly Volsche**, Department of Anthropology

**GPSA Service Award:** acknowledges graduate and professional students who have displayed outstanding performance through their dedication and service to the UNLV and Las Vegas communities.

- **Leisze Lapping-Carr**, Department of Psychology

**GPSA Mentor Award:** acknowledges UNLV faculty, staff and/or mentors from the community who have demonstrated continued success in preparing graduate and professional students for academia and as future colleagues.

- **Dr. Jennifer Guthrie**, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies
- **Dr. Laurel Pritchard**, Assistant Director for Undergraduate Research
- **Dr. Emily Troshynski**, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice

**GPSA Distinguished Contribution:** This award was enacted to bestow formal recognition upon devoted supporters of graduate and professional students who have made contributions that better the life of graduate and professional students.

- **Dr. Peter Gray**, Professor, Department of Anthropology and GPSA Faculty Advisor