Brigham Young University
Announcement of Thesis & Dissertation Defenses

Devin Morgan Theurer
English, MA
Title: An Annunciation for a Secular Age: The Struggle for Faith in Mary Szybist's Incarnadine
Committee Chair: Trenton L. Hickman
March 12, 2018
10:00 AM in 4188 JFSB

Mari Noelani Kirsten Oto
Teacher Education, MA
Title: Ethnic Identity and School Belonging Among Pacific Islander High School Students
Committee Chair: Erika Feinauer
March 12, 2018
12:30 PM in 221 MCKB

Scott Jared Heidbrink
Computer Science, MS
Title: A Large-Scale Analysis of How Open SSL Is Used in Open-Source Software
Committee Chair: Daniel Mark Alexander Zappala
March 12, 2018
3:00 PM in 3350 TMCB

Davis Kealanohea Kane
Counseling Psychology, PhD
Title: Moderation and Mediation Analysis of Religious Commitment, Positive Personality Traits, Ethnic Identity, and Well-Being Among Polynesian Americans
Committee Chair: Gerald Kawika Allen
March 12, 2018
3:00 PM in 307 MCKB

Joshua Rex Curtis
Civil Engineering, MS
Title: Effect of Inclined Loading on Passive Force-Deflection Curves and Skew Adjustment Factors
Committee Chair: Kyle Rollins
March 12, 2018
4:00 PM in 368F CB

Joshua Evans Price
English, MA
Title: Machismo, Carnival, and the Decolonial Imagination in the Writings of Junot Díaz
Committee Chair: Trenton L. Hickman
March 13, 2018
3:00 PM in 4068 JFSB

Janice Si-Man Lam
Linguistics, MA
Title: Second Language Semantic Retrieval in the Bilingual Mind: The Case of Korean-English Expert Bilinguals
Committee Chair: Dan P. Dewey
March 14, 2018
7:00 AM in 4086 JFSB

Jodi Mikolajcik Petersen
TESOL, MA
Title: Performance Self-Appraisal Calibration of ESL Students on a Criterion-Referenced Reading Comprehension Assessment
Committee Chair: Troy L. Cox
March 14, 2018
10:00 AM in 4188 JFSB

Gwyneth Elaine Gates
TESOL, MA
Title: Analysis of Rehearsed Speech Characteristics on the Oral Proficiency Interview—Computer (OPlc)
Committee Chair: Troy L. Cox
March 14, 2018
1:15 PM in 4010 JFSB

Geoffrey W. Ritter
Geology, MS
Title: Lithofacies and Sequence Architecture of the Upper Paradox Formation (Middle Pennsylvanian) in the Subsurface Northern Blanding Subbasin, Paradox Basin, Utah
Committee Chair: John Henry McBride
March 14, 2018
3:00 PM in N131 ESC

Jared Russell Patten
Electrical & Computer Engineering, MS
Title: A Flexible FPGA-Assisted Framework for Remote Attestation of Internet-Connected Embedded Devices
Committee Chair: James K. Archibald
March 15, 2018
9:00 AM in 460 CB

Wesley James Turner
Creative Writing, MFA
Title: The View from Babel
Committee Chair: Stephen B. Tuttle
March 15, 2018
11:00 AM in 4198A JFSB
Richard Vernon Oblad  
Nutritional Science, MS  
Title: Application of Mixture of Design Response Surface Methodology for Combination Chemotherapy in PC-3 Human Prostate Cancer Cells  
Committee Chair: Jason Donald Kenealey  
March 15, 2018  
12:00 PM in 232 ESC

Erich Allen Mielke  
Mechanical Engineering, MS  
Title: Force- and Motion-Based Methods for Planar Human-Robot Comanipulation of Extended Objects  
Committee Chair: Marc D. Killpack  
March 15, 2018  
2:00 PM in 260 MOA

Jonathan Jacob Welling  
Technology, MS  
Title: Parent Reciprocal Teaching: Comparing Parent and Peer Reciprocal Teaching in High School Physics Instruction  
Committee Chair: Geoffrey Albert Wright  
March 15, 2018  
4:00 PM in 230 SNLB

Rachel McPherson Zitting  
Communication Disorders, MS  
Title: Perceptual Proficiency Ratings in Obstruent Productions of L2 Learners of English as a Function of Speech Task Type and Listener Expertise  
Committee Chair: Shawn L. Nissen  
March 16, 2018  
10:00 AM in 125 TLRB