Brigham Young University
Announcement of Thesis & Dissertation Defenses

Sanam Jivani Lalani
Clinical Psychology, PhD
Title: Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury on Pediatric Brain Volume
Committee Chair: Shawn D. Gale
June 4, 2018
10:00 AM in 1043 KMBL

Teresa Marie St. Pierre Nufer
Neuroscience, PhD
Title: Variable Modulation of Inputs to GABA Cells in the Ventral Tegmental Area and Hippocampus
Committee Chair: Jeff Glen Edwards
June 4, 2018
10:00 AM in 5001 LSB

Truedson Jerald Sandberg
English, MA
Title: "What do the divils find to laugh about" in Melville's The Confidence-Man
Committee Chair: Jason A. Kerr
June 4, 2018
11:00 AM in 4188 JFSB

TJ Moore
Marriage, Family, & Human Development, PhD
Title: Article 1- "God Will Glorify Your Marriage": Marital Satisfaction and Relational Spirituality in Religious Black Couples. Article 2- "A Godly Man": A Qualitative Exploration of the Influence of Religion on Black Masculinity and Fatherhood
Committee Chair: Loren Dean Marks
June 4, 2018
2:00 PM in 2110 JFSB

Spencer J. Blaylock
Technology, MS
Title: A Systematic Process for Implementing Mass Customization in Residential Preconstruction
Committee Chair: Clifton B. Farnsworth
June 6, 2018
9:00 AM in 230 SNLB

Matthew R. Okazaki
Technology, MS
Title: Friction Bit Joining of Similar Alloy Sheets of High-Strength Aluminum Alloy 7085
Committee Chair: Michael Paul Miles
June 6, 2018
9:00 AM in 245 CTB

Muriel Tahiamei'ani Longstaff
Biology, MS
Title: The Evolution of Tiller Grain Domestication Shows Diversity: Morphological Variance Observed in Maize, Sorghum, and Setaria
Committee Chair: Clinton Jeremy Whipple
June 7, 2018
8:30 AM in 4014 LSB

Jeanette Alicia Fuhriman
Spanish and Portuguese, MA
Title: Attitudes of University Students in Castellón de la Plana Toward Valencian Catalan
Committee Chair: Geoffrey Lynn Williams
June 7, 2018
10:00 AM in 3198 JFSB

Zachary Anderson Miller
Mass Communications, MA
Title: Like and Shout: How Do Fans Engage with Content on the BYU Football Facebook Page?
Committee Chair: Kristoffer D. Boyle
June 7, 2018
2:00 PM in 370 BRMB

Aubrey Jeanette Decker
Technology, MS
Title: Test Method for Predicting Failure Modes in Protective Films
Committee Chair: Andrew Robert George
June 8, 2018
8:00 AM in 245 CTB
Laurie Langlois Denning  
English, MA  
Title: L. T. Meade's Avaricious Anomaly: Madame Sara, British Imperialism, and Greedy Wolves in *The Sorceress of the Strand*  
Committee Chair: Leslee Thorne-Murphy  
June 8, 2018  
10:00 AM in 4188 JFSB

Adam Baxter Christensen  
Technology, MS  
Title: The Feasibility of Augmenting a Fixed-Gap Bobbin Friction Stir Welding Tool with Cutters to Join Enclosed Castings  
Committee Chair: Yuri Hovanski  
June 8, 2018  
10:30 AM in 245 CTB

Nicole Réalle McCullough  
School Psychology, EdS  
Title: A Comparison of Special Admit and Regular Admit College Football Athletes' Academic Progress and Perceptions of Academic Support Services  
Committee Chair: Gordon Stanley Gibb  
June 8, 2018  
12:00 PM in 343 MCKB

Erin Elizabeth Hiatt  
Food Science, MS  
Title: Optimization of Oat Amylase During Sprouting to Develop Sweetness  
Committee Chair: Oscar Arthur Pike  
June 8, 2018  
1:00 PM in S232 ESC

Dallas C. Smith  
Mathematics, PhD  
Title: Network Specializations, Symmetries, and Spectral Properties  
Committee Chair: Benjamin Zachary Webb  
June 8, 2018  
3:00 PM in 301 TMCB