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Doctoral Candidate Lauren Manheim of the Industrial and Organizational Psychology Program, assisted by undergraduates Justin Walker and Michele Boogart, prepares to administer research surveys for the College Board Project. Story on page 4.

DEAN'S MESSAGE

One of the most enjoyable activities for a graduate dean is to talk with enthusiastic and committed graduate students and faculty about the multiple facets of their graduate programs. In this edition of *The Graduate Post*, we highlight one of MSU's premier graduate programs. Ranked number 1 for several consecutive years by U.S. News and World Report and in the April 2002 report on the "Top I-O Psychology Doctoral Programs of North America" in the journal The Industrial-Organizational Psychologist (Vol 39 #4, pages 17-25), the faculty and graduate students in MSU's Industrial and Organizational Psychology represent a core of excellence. Together, they collaborate on research projects, provide invaluable outreach to the private sector, and participate in a rigorous curriculum. As you read the story that begins on page 4, you will also realize that excellence is also defined in and by the program faculty as a significant level of personal interaction between faculty and graduate students. The Graduate School is pleased to recognize the faculty and graduate students in Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

Along with the enjoyment of talking with graduate students and faculty about their programs is the personal satisfaction and delight in learning about the disciplinary cultures across the University. Understanding the many disciplinary cultures (other than my own as a plant biologist) is not only fascinating but also important in my role as Graduate Dean. In addition, sharing information about the traditions of graduate programs may well encourage some interesting experiments and pilots in other programs. In this edition of *The Graduate Post*, as we continue to highlight the professional development activities of graduate students, we focus on the humanities and the importance of professional conference organizing. Each of the featured humanities departments in the College of Arts and Letters has organized and hosted a major



conference during the past year. This not only provides the graduate students with an excellent networking opportunity, but also makes our programs visible for everyone who participates. As you read this article (page 8), you will have an appreciation for the enthusiasm with which the graduate students provide the necessary leadership for a successful conference. Kudos to these graduate student leaders!

As usual in *The Graduate Post*, we highlight the graduate students who have traveled to conferences, with Graduate

School support, to present their research. We applaud these students for participating in their disciplinary conferences and for representing MSU. And, we are pleased to present a view from Kevin Johnston, Coordinator of the MSU Teaching Assistant Program, on mentoring.

Finally, it is my great pleasure to announce Professor Judith Stoddart as the incoming coordinator of the University Distinguished Fellowship Program. Judith, a National Merit Scholar and a Rhodes Scholar, is a faculty member in the Department of English. We welcome Judith to the Graduate School on May 15. I hope you will extend your congratulations to Judith and that you will interact with her frequently.

Have a safe and happy summer!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen L Klomparens".

Karen Klomparens
Dean of the Graduate School

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