


MEMO TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies

FROM: James E. Garvey, Interim Graduate Dean 

SUBJECT: Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award

DATE: December 1, 2014

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the competition for the 28th annual Outstanding Dissertation Award and to issue this request for nominations. The award, originally funded by Richard and Donna Falvo through the SIU Foundation and approved by the Graduate Council in September 1987, was awarded for the first time at the May 1988 commencement.

As outlined in the attachment, the following rules apply:

- (1) Only one dissertation from your doctoral program may be nominated.
- (2) The nominated dissertation must have led to graduation during the 2013-2014 academic year (December 2013, May 2014 and August 2014 graduations).
- (3) The attached nomination form is to be completed, with the student's approval, by the dissertation adviser. This form can be downloaded from our website at [http://gradschool.siu.edu/\\_common/documents/ODA\\_nomination.pdf](http://gradschool.siu.edu/_common/documents/ODA_nomination.pdf).

Please submit electronically a copy of the completed dissertation, along with the nomination form, including the abstract and supporting materials via email to [grad.deansoffice@siu.edu](mailto:grad.deansoffice@siu.edu).

If you do not have a dissertation from your program that you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination. The deadline for completed nominations is **Friday, January 23, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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