

Henry J. Kears, and his wife, Mary Geirin Kears, were longtime friends of Rochester Institute of Technology and generous advocates of the education of young men and women. Henry Kears, who died in 1975, was founder and President of H.J. Kears, Inc. He was the site developer and paving contractor of the Rochester campus in Henrietta and personally directed the preparation of the grounds for the construction of the new campus buildings opened in 1968. When the bids for the development of the new campus were received, Mr. Kears's bid was the lowest bid by such an obvious margin that it was clear to all involved that Henry Kears wished to contribute significantly to building the new RIT. Mary Kears was a member of the Nathaniel Rochester Society prior to her death in 1979. In her will, Mrs. Kears left an endowment to Rochester Institute of Technology to be used at the Institute's discretion. Characteristically, there were no conditions attached to the generosity of the Kearses.

In their honor, the annual Henry and Mary Kears Distinguished Lecture and Student Honor Awards are now established in the College of Liberal Arts. An annual Distinguished Lecture on a topic of Liberal Education is given at a ceremony to honor the undergraduate students each year who have produced the most outstanding research papers or projects in areas of study and degree programs in the College of Liberal Arts:

Student Honor Awardees are selected by the faculty who teach in the respective areas of Liberal Arts. The purpose of the Student Honor Awards is to recognize those students who have in their course work in Liberal Arts manifested the ideals and standards of excellence, of creative endeavor, and of scholarship.

The College of Liberal Arts
Presents

*The Twenty-Ninth Kearsse
Distinguished Lecture
and
Student Honor Awards Ceremony*

Speaker:

Dr. Peter Ferran
Professor, Fine Arts Department
College of Liberal Arts

“College: What’s the Use?”

Thursday, April 23, 2009
3:00 PM
Carlson Auditorium

Rochester Institute of Technology

Reception immediately following Ceremony
Outside 1125 Auditorium

PROGRAM

Kearse Student Honor Award Ceremony

Welcome

Dr. Suzanne Graney, Associate Dean

*Presentation of Awards
Faculty*

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Suzanne Graney, Associate Dean

The 2009 Kearse Distinguished Lecture

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Closing Remarks

2009 KEARSE STUDENT HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Awards in Core, Concentration, Minor, and Elective courses

Lynda Redden *Award in Communication*

College: Liberal Arts
Program: Professional Technical Communication
Course: Mass Communications
Professors: Rudy Pugliese
Paper: **"Digital Television: Beyond Better Pictures"**

Benjamin Gardner *Award in Economics*

College: Computing and Information Science
Program: Computer Science
Course: Public Finance
Professor: Thomas Hopkins
Paper: **"Public Finance in Legalized Gambling"**

Adam Ryan *Award in English: Writing*

College: Imaging Arts and Sciences
Program: Professional Photographic Illustration
Course: Photography and Writing
Professor: Janet Zandy
Paper: **"Visual Realism and Walker Evans"**

William Dollinger *Award in English: Creative Writing*

College: Computing and Information Science
Program: Information Technology
Course: Creative Writing
Professor: Linda Reinfeld
Paper: **"Poems by Will Dollinger"**

Robert Mizelle *Award in English: Literature*

College: Applied Science & Technology
Program: Civil Engineering Technology
Course: Shakespeare: Tragedies
Professor: Richard Santana
Paper: **"Nice Guys Finish Last"**

Alice Goldfuss *Award in Fine Arts*

College: Imaging Arts and Sciences
Program: Film and Video
Course: Queer Looks
Professor: Cyril Reade
Paper: **"The Meat of the Matter: Masculinity, Homosexuality, and 1950s Beefcake"**

Matthew LeStrange *Award in History*

College: Engineering
Program: Electrical Engineering
Course: Monuments and Memory
Professor: Eric Nystrom
Paper: **"The Jerry Rescue Memorial"**

Lauren Courtney *Award in Philosophy*

College: Imaging Arts and Sciences
Program: New Media-Publishing
Course: Sustainability Ethics
Professor: Evan Selinger
Paper: **"A Philosophical Analysis of our Moral Obligations to Future Generations as a Core Dimension of Sustainability Ethics"**

Katherine Sullivan *Award in Political Science*

College: Applied Science and Technology
Program: Applied Arts & Sciences
Course: American Foreign Policy
Professor: Ivan Kenneally
Paper: **"Globalization of Internet Policies"**

Rebecca Brown *Award in Psychology*

College: Science
Program: Imaging Science
Course: Attention & Spatial Vision
Professor: Andrew Herbert
Paper: **"Auditory Attention and its Effect on Change Blindness"**

Abigail Koehler *Award in Science, Technology and Society*

College: Science
Program: Physician Assistant
Course: Biomedical Issues Science and Technology
Professor: Deborah Blizzard
Paper: **"The Dangers of Must See TV"**

Kearse Awards in Degree Programs

Ashley Cole

Award in Advertising & Public Relations

College: Liberal Arts
Program: Advertising & Public Relations
Course: Senior Thesis in Communication
Professor: Bruce Austin and Wilma King
Paper: **“Wino’ One Buys from North Dakota: A Pilot Study Examining the Relationship Between Product Origin and Self-Reported Perceptions of Value and Taste”**

Lea Khavari

Award in Advertising & Public Relations

College: Liberal Arts
Program: Advertising & Public Relations
Course: Senior Thesis in Communication
Professor: Bruce Austin and Tracy Worrell
Paper: **“IDK My BFF Jill: The Social Phenomenon of Text Messaging and Its Effect on Interpersonal Communication”**

David Jakubiec

Award in Criminal Justice

Andrew Kilcer

William Sager

College: Liberal Arts
Program: Criminal Justice
Course: Seminar in Criminal Justice and Public Policy
Professor: Tom Castellano
Paper: **“The War on Drugs”**

Christopher Lominac

Award in Economics

College: Liberal Arts
Program: Economics
Course: Intermediate Macroeconomics
Professor: Michael Vernarelli
Paper: **“What Goes Up Must Come Down? The Carter Administration and the Battle against Inflation, 1977-1981”**

Deborah Runke

Award in Psychology

College: Liberal Arts
Program: Psychology
Course: Senior Project
Professor: Nicholas DiFonzo
Paper: **“Why Seek Forgiveness? Using Expectancy, Instrumentality, and Valence Theory”**

Bryan Comer

Award in Public Policy

College: Liberal Arts
Program: Public Policy
Course: Senior Project
Professor: James Winebrake
Paper: **“Effect of the 2007 Heavy-Duty Highway Rule on pH Levels of Surface Waters in New York State”**

McKenzie Prize for Writing in the First-Year

Delavan Smith

McKenzie Prize – First Prize

College: Science
Program: Applied Mathematics
Professor: Paulette Swartzfager
Paper: **“Rhetorical Analysis of ‘The Human Right to Water’”**

Andrew Hayworth

McKenzie Prize – Second Prize

College: Computing and Information Sciences
Program: Applied Networking & System Administration
Professor: Andrew Perry
Paper: **“Ride a Plane, or Ride a Cowboy”**