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Announcement

Nancy Walter has received the 2014 award for Distinguished Service to Student Researchers

Over the past 6 years, Nancy Walter has worked with dozens of students to improve their research, classroom, and professional work. Whether tutoring students who stopped in at the Psychology lab for research help, peer-reviewing thesis projects for fellow students, or assisting students in data analysis with class projects, Nancy has devoted a great deal of time to help students perfect their research skills. Furthermore, Nancy has worked hard to promote student scholarship at Metropolitan State. Nancy often expressed the belief that just because Metro State is a non-traditional school is no reason to limit the experiences available to students – particularly the opportunity to engage in research and scholarship. Nancy acted on this belief to help create the Annual Psychology Research Colloquium, a forum at which many students have been able to share the results of their research. More recently, Nancy has been instrumental in founding the student journal, *Applied Psychological Research* (she is a co-editor).

Nancy Walter earned her B.A. from Metropolitan State in 2011. After a short break, Nancy returned to school and is currently working to complete her M.A. in Psychology at Metropolitan State. Nancy has presented research at 5 state and regional meetings and published the results of one project as a chapter in an edited book. Her thesis research (in progress) examines factors that may motivate low income senior citizens to take advantage of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program.

The Center for Psychological Research sponsors an Award for Distinguished Service to Student Researchers that recognizes an individual who provides significant and outstanding contributions to students involved in behavioral science research and scholarship. This individual provides advice, guidance, and mentoring to help students develop their research and scholarly activities to an advanced level. Typically, award winners have mentored or assisted students whose research has been presented at conferences or resulted in a journal publication.