

Black for Dummies) will be produced in 2017 by Mosaic Theater, Washington, D.C.

- **Liz Maestri** wins the Wichita State University Playwriting Contest, which will result in a full production of her play *House Beautiful* at Wichita State, Kansas.

Students in the School of Architecture and Planning's Real Estate Development Graduate Studio receive \$2,250 in prizes in a design challenge titled "Rethink the Traditional Shopping Center." The challenge, funded by Kalis Holdings LLC, invites students to design buildings for the Warrenton Towne Center in Virginia. **John Berrios** and **Alexander Collich** win first prize; **Dylan Beato** wins second prize; **Pedro Gomide**, **Daniel Hinchcliff**, and **Luis Sotelo** win third prize; and **Andy Blackmore** wins an honorable mention.

Undergraduates **Christopher Broad**, **Santino Cozza**, and **Peter Gartland** attend the 2015 MathFest, an annual conference sponsored by the Mathematical Association of American. **Peter Gartland**, senior mathematics major, gives a presentation on his research with Professor Kiran Bhutani. Gartland also presents at the Midwest Graph Theory Conference at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio (April 2016), "On Secure, Co-secure, and Perfect Secure Domination in Graphs." He also presents "Jordan Decomposition and Semisimple Lie Algebras" at two conferences: the 2016 Student Mathematics Conference at Moravian College, and the 2016 Mathematics Association of America Spring regional conference.

William Brown, a graduate student in politics, is chosen by the Bryce Harlow Foundation as a fellow. The fellowships are awarded annually to graduate students who aspire to careers in government relations and lobbying. Fellows attend graduate school part time while working full time. Brown was one of 24 fellows selected from more than 60 applicants.

Karen Carducci, doctoral candidate in Greek and Latin, is awarded a Professional Development Grant by the Classical Association of the Atlantic States to present her paper "Implicit Stipulations in the Testamentum of Gregory of Nazianzos vis à vis the Testamenta of Remigius of Rheims, Caesarius of Arles, and Aurelianus of Ravenna" at the 17th International Conference on Patristic Studies held Aug. 10 to 14 in Oxford, England.

For his continued excellence in research, graduate student **Marco Carmignotto** (working with Prof. Tanja Horn) is selected for the 2015 Jefferson Science Associates/Jefferson Laboratory Graduate Fellowship to conduct research related to the theoretical and experimental programs at the Jefferson Laboratory including nuclear and related particle physics.

Architecture students **Ariadne Cerritelli**, **Matthew Hoffman**, and **Joseph Taylor** win a design competition sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to design the furniture to be used by Pope Francis during his September visit to the University. After the papal Mass, the furniture is placed on the main altar in the Basilica's Great Upper Church.

Nicole Conte, third-year law student, represents Kevin McDonald, whose life sentence was commuted to time served by President Obama on Dec. 18.

James Glasgow, senior mathematics and philosophy major, delivers the talk "Analytic and Probabilistic Techniques in the Analysis of Leader Election Algorithms" at the Undergraduate Math Lecture Series on April 28.

Francesca Gualano, freshman philosophy major, presents her research talk, "On the well-posedness of the Gurevich-Zybin System and the modeling of dark matter physics" at the 2016 Mathematics Association of America Spring regional conference.

Michaela L. Zajicek-Farber, associate professor in social work, and **Joan Hodges-Wu**, graduate social work student, receive a \$5,000 grant from National Catholic School of Social Service: Consortium on Catholic Teaching and Center for the Advancement of Children, Youth, and Families for developing and implementing a pilot study of a new assessment instrument, designed to address the well-being of survivors of torture. Results of the project are also presented at the National Research Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs in Washington, D.C., and are being published in the *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*. They also receive a \$2,000 faculty Grant-in-Aid from the University's Graduate Studies Office, for implementing a reliability study of the instrument.