

UNLV 2010 Regent Scholar, Graduate Nominee: Kris Gunawan

Kris Gunawan holds a B.A. in Psychology from CSU-Fullerton and an M.A. in Experimental Psychology from CSU-Fullerton. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in UNLV's Experimental Psychology program where he is researching the evolutionary basis of memory as well as exploring mental model representation in memory that are created while people read narratives. He has two publications that will soon appear in the *British Journal of Psychology* and in *Memory and Cognition*. He is active in the field having attended three national research conferences in the past year, where he presented papers and posters. He is also active in departmental service having served the last two years as the graduate student coordinator of the department's subject pool which has the responsibilities of ensuring experiments receive IRB approval, keeping the website updated, and answering undergraduate student questions about research participation. He is currently the Psi Chi Honor Society graduate liaison. Kris was elected as the Membership and Volunteers Officer for the Association for Psychological Science (APS) Student Caucus – a national organization. This required him to communicate with students worldwide regarding research opportunities available in the organization and organizing volunteers for the annual APS convention; an ambitious undertaking while a full-time student. Kris's goal is to be a faculty member. He has taught courses and is continually looking to improve his skills and pedagogical strategies and shows great enthusiasm for the classroom. Kris is the well-rounded scholar that we hope all of our students become.

[Nominated by Dr. David Copeland, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology]