

TCPAH Faculty and Students featured during annual meeting of *Texas Association of Graduate Schools*.

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TCPAH founding Co-Director Dr. Kris Chesky was invited as the featured presenter during



the ***Association of Texas Graduate Schools*** 2019 annual meeting welcoming dinner. Because the ATGS meeting was hosted by UNT, the intention of this presentation was to showcase an exemplary example of interdisciplinary collaboration at UNT.

Dr. Chesky shared his experiences as a researcher and provided an overview of the local and national impact of the TCPAH. He also challenged Texas Graduate School leaders to consider academic flexibility in graduate programs that enable and facilitate

interdisciplinary research. He used jazz training as a metaphor for training researchers.

To provide exemplar examples of graduate students who are pushing beyond traditional discipline-specific boundaries, Chesky introduced three of his doctoral students.

Nabeel Zuhdi, who holds a BS in geology, MM in Classical Guitar, and currently working on a Ph.D. in Music with a Concentration in Performing Arts Health described his epidemiologic research and then performed two compositions for the classical guitar.



The evening ended with a grand performance by opera singer Xiaoyue Liu accompanied by pianist Haoyue Liang. Xiaoyue and Haoyue are from China, pursuing Doctorates in Performance, and active researchers in performing arts health researchers.

