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ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE DEAN
WINS PRIZE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Elizabeth Peck Learned cited for outstanding master's thesis

BRISTOL, R.I., June 8, 2007 – At its commencement ceremony on June 7, the Harvard Extension School awarded Betsy Peck Learned, Roger Williams University's associate dean of University libraries, the "Annamae and Allan R. Crite Prize" for her master's thesis.

Ms. Learned graduated from the school's continuing studies division with a master of liberal arts degree in the history of art and architectural history. The prize is presented annually to a student completing an outstanding master's thesis in the arts.

Ms. Learned's 120-page thesis, titled "Ernest Fenollosa's 'Final Asian Man' and the Growth of *Nihonga* in Meiji Japan," investigated Mr. Fenollosa's work with two Japanese artists towards a blending of Eastern and Western painting methodologies.

Ms. Learned previously earned a bachelor of arts and master of library science degrees from Indiana University. She joined Roger Williams in 1986 and worked as an architecture librarian until her becoming associate dean in 2005. She lives in Barrington with her husband and two children.

For more information about Ms. Learned, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (401) 254-3178.

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