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Bothmann, whose thesis advisor was Cynthia Miller, Department of Geography, researched "The Historical Geography of Good Thunder, Minnesota: 1870-2005." His thesis was selected as winner of the competition by the University Graduate Committee, and it now will be part of the annual Distinguished Thesis Award competition sponsored by the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools.

Four other finalists were recognized by the committee: James Dimock, a graduate student in Speech Communication, was recognized for "The Place of Parliamentary Debate in a Pedagogy of Argumentation" (advised by Leah White). Roman Filipovych, a graduate student in Physics and Astronomy, was recognized for "Development of the Software Solution to the Calculation of Quantum Mechanical Commutates" (advised by Igor Kogoutiuk). Teresa Brown, a graduate student in Psychology, was recognized for "Cultural Intelligence and Collective Efficacy Perceptions in Multinational Dispersed Teams" (advised by Andrea Lassiter). Kate Peterson, a graduate student in Human Performance, was recognized for "The Relationship Between Depression and Aerobic Fitness in College-Age Students" (advised by Mary Visser).

Minnesota State Mankato has participated in the Distinguished Thesis competition since the early 1990s. Departments nominate excellent theses for consideration by college committees, each of which forwards one nominee to the Graduate Committee for judging. Finalists will be honored at an awards luncheon in April 2007.