

## **University of Northern Colorado Professor Receives Outstanding Graduate Alumni Honor from Eastern Illinois University**



Dr. Donald Finan, a faculty member in the University of Northern Colorado's College of Natural and Health Sciences, School of Human Sciences has been inducted to the 2010 Eastern Illinois University Class of Outstanding Graduate Alumni. The honor is conferred by the EIU Graduate School and the Graduate Alumni Advisory Board. Dr. Finan was nominated for the honor by the graduate program in Communication Disorders and Sciences, of which he is an alumnus. Dr. Finan has authored or co-authored over 90 publications and scientific presentations in the area of movement control for speech and feeding behaviors. Dr. Finan's collaborative work has yielded two patent applications and the genesis of a start-up company to produce the NTrainer System®, a device to improve the feeding behavior of newborn infants who demonstrate difficulty with oral feeding at birth. Dr. Finan has directed speech science programs for the Conference on Motor Speech and the International Conference on Spoken Language Processing. He is currently on the steering committee of the Speech Science and Craniofacial Disorders Special Interest Division of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.