

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE



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2024

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Professor Paul Firbas, Departmental Chair

REMARKS

Jennifer Aucapina Quito (B.A.)

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UNDERGRADUATE HONORS & AWARDS

Presented by Professor Daniela Flesler

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS

Jennifer Aucapina Quito

“Bilingüismo y poder en *Los ríos profundos* de José María Arguedas” (Advisor: Paul Firbas)

Thaily Ribandeneira-Peñaranda

“Impacto de la comunicación en la salud en poblaciones inmigrantes hispanohablantes en Estados Unidos”
(Advisor: Elena Davidiak)

Arman John Guimaraes Movsesian

“Máscaras de la sociedad: un examen de la hipocresía social en el mundo del Lazarillo de Tormes”
(Advisor: Victoriano Roncero-Lopez)

UNDERGRADUATE BEST ESSAY AWARD

Presented by Dr. Sebastián López Vergara

Julien Torrento

"El otramiento de los cuerpos disidentes en el cuento
“Los niños morados” de Yolanda Arroyo Pizarro"

BEST SPANISH MAJOR GPA

Presented by Professor Paul Firbas

Michelle Vilkas

UNDERGRADUATE NON-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Presented by Dr. Elena Davidiak

BEST OVERALL UNIVERSITY GPA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

(GPA 3.85+)

Nicole Diakos

Jason Karalis

Sophia Mastrangelo

Samantha Monroy

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MAGNA CUM LAUDE

(GPA 3.7+)

Olivia Sasso

STONY BROOK CHAPTER OF PHI BETA KAPPA, ALPHA BETA OF NEW YORK

Presented by Aura Colon

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Jason Karalis

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Olivia Rose Sasso

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WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER PREPARATION AWARDS

Presented by Dr. Zaida Corniel

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GRADUATE PRESENTATION HONORS & AWARDS

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SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD

Presented by Professor Victoriano Roncero-López

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TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE TEACHING

Presented by Kathleen Vernon

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Beatriz Solla Vilas

NON-DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Presented by Professor Joseph Pierce

LACS SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT

Jesús Jiménez Valdés

Beatriz Solla Vilas

2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING BY A GRADUATE STUDENT

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STONY AWARD FOR NURTURING A WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE CAMPUS CULTURE

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EDWARD GUILIANO, PHD '78, GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM, FALL 2023

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Gisele Blain de Dios

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AN ONLINE COURSE,
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GRADUATE EXTERNAL AWARDS

Presented by Professor Fernando Loffredo

THOMA FOUNDATION
TRAVEL AWARD

Henry Ibáñez Mogrovejo

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POETRY PROJECT NY

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TRAVEL AWARD, GETTY INSTITUTE

Juan David Parra

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Professors Paul Firbas, Daniela Flesler and Javier Uriarte

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Nicole Diakos Ψ
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Olivia Rose Sasso Ω
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Michelle Vilkas Ψ

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Debbie Elisa Cajamarca
Lauren Grace Canavan
Theda Clesceri
Orla Catherine Connolly
Molly Daly

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Helen Goro
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Anna Kritikos
Juliette Noelle Krockta
Snowiya Multani
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Ω - MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Ψ - SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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