No powerful mind stops within itself; it is always stretching out and exceeding its capacities. It makes sorties which go beyond what it can achieve: it is only half-alive if it is not advancing, pressing forward, getting driven into a corner and coming to blows; its inquiries are shapeless and without limits; its nourishment consists in amazement, the hunt and uncertainty.

-Montaigne, “On Experience”
Congratulations and Awards Announcements

In Celebration of the Class of 2021
   Andrew Newman, Department Chair

Recognition of Undergraduate Awards
   Kenneth Weitzman, Undergraduate Program Director

Recognition of Undergraduate Honors Theses
   Justin Johnston, English Honors Program Director

Recognition of English Teacher Education Graduates
   Thomas Mangano, Teacher Placement Director

Recognition of Doctor of Philosophy and Master of English Literature Graduates
   Dr. Jeffrey Santa Ana, Graduate Program Director

Alumni Address
   Kenneth Meyer, BA ’77, Comparative Literature and Religious Studies

Student Address
   Samantha Lange, BA ’21, Department Award Winner

Congratulations to the Class of 2021
   English Department Faculty and Staff
Undergraduate Awards

Department Award
Samantha Lange

Homer Goldberg Scholarship
Lara Guenzler

Lillian F. Kahn Award
Abbygail Kydd

Lilian DeWaal Memorial Scholarship
Michelle Farren

Thomas Rogers Award
Julia Goodwin
“Critique of Power Structures in Parable of the Talents” EGL 492, Professor Santa Ana, Fall 2020

Jilliana Ding
“School Systems of Oppression” EGL 301, Professor Weitzman, Fall 2020

Naomi Stampfer Award
Joshua Balan
The Graduates

Doctor of Philosophy in English
Meghan Buckley
Caitlin Duffy
Jon Heggestad
Sara Santos
Asevi Seyran
J. Caity Swanson

Master of Arts in English
Deanna Barclay
Sydney Bryan
Hannah Burke
Meghan Callahan
Matthew Haid
Ashley Kowalcyzk
Elena Losquadro
Gregory Palmer
Alexandra N. Rivera
Rachel Shomer
Gabrielle Stamile

Master of Arts in Teaching English
Michaela Arguello
Vincent Ball
Laura Calandrino
Jacqueline Colloca
Victoria Evola
Brittany Guttieri
Melissa Lamb
Anthony Rosentel
Eleni Stamatinos
Cassandra Teevan
Anthony Toto
Venezia Verdi
Bachelor of Arts

Jessica Alberto               Kelsey Hart
Katherin Alvarado             Jayson Hines
Alexa Anderwkvich            Victoria Hughes
Nadia Aniff                   Stephanie Hwang
Ricardo Batista               Ryan Kani
Elizabeth Blassingame         Melissa Kerman
Kristoria Byrd                Heather Kim
Christen Capobianco           Jane Kim
Anthony Caraturo              Abbygail Kydd
Valerie Cheransky             Ashley Kowalcyzk
Yu-Jin Chung                  Makeba La Touche
Sara Citti                    Michelle Lainez-Pixtun
Reimy Concepcion              Samantha Lange
Camila Cumbe                  Vanessa Lee
Nicole Daly                   Ryan Lenox
Alyssa D'Arrigo               Jeffrey Livingston
Victoria De Angelis           Victoria Losquadro
Benjamin De Stefano           Bonnie Lynch
Ashley Evans                  Colette Lynch
Sean Farnham                  Scott Mackenzie
Sofia Fightmaster             Julia Markey
Parvadi Francis               Sean McDonaugh
Julia Goodwin                 Victoria Manuel
Gwendolyn Goodyear            Katherine McEnery
Marie Gugnishev               Courtney McHale
Matthew Haid                  Shannon McHugh
                                      Cindy Mizaku
                                      Paige Nardo
                                      Joseph Noto
                                      Zachary Ostrach
                                      Ryan Pavich
                                      Jolena Podolsky
                                      Danielle Polito
                                      Jessica Popovski
                                      Joanna Randisi
                                      Jordyn Rickles
                                      Sumayra Sayeed
                                      Anthony Scheller
                                      Blake Schnell
                                      Zachary Schulman
                                      Danysse Serrano
                                      Patanjali Sharma
                                      Diane Sheehan
                                      Eva Smith
                                      Noe Sorto
                                      Erin Stavola
                                      Samantha Stewart
                                      Paige Swift
                                      Lauren Taglienti
                                      Elise Verret
                                      Sophie Wehner
                                      Derek Wong
                                      Jun-Yi Wu
Minor of Arts

Joseph Amarando  
Melissa Brooks  
Marc Julien Calza  
Kellyann Campisi  
Jillian Engel  
Saransh Grover  
Seungsoo Im  
Christopher Mayer  
Leo Miller  
Shannon Murphy

Jonathan Puma  
Lily Robinson  
Kevin Rogers  
Gissel Rovelo  
Kimberly Schoedler  
Christina Schumchyk  
Filza Siddiqui  
Nicholas Sterge  
Julie Truncali  
Patrick Wszeborowski
Baccalaureate Honors

Phi Beta Kappa

Victoria Losquadro
Victoria Manuel
Mary Rose Romano

Summa Cum Laude

Yu-Jin Chung
Sean Farnham
Gwendolyn Goodyear
Ashley Kowalcyzk
Abbygail Kydd
Samantha Lange

Summa Cum Laude

Victoria Losquadro
Scott MacKenzie
Blake Schnell
Eva Smith
Lauren Taglienti

Magna Cum Laude

Katherin Alvarado
Camila Cumbe
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Alyssa D'Arrigo
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Jane Kim

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Cum Laude

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Victoria De Angelis
Marie Gugnishev
Stephanie Hwang
Vanessa Lee
Jeffrey Livingston

Cum Laude

Colette Lynch
Julia Markey
JoAnna Randisi
Sumayra Sayeed
Anthony Scheller
Patanjali Sharma
Diane Sheehan
Doctoral Dissertations

Meghan Buckey
Warscapes: Mapping the American War in Iraq through Literature
2-April-2021

Caitlin Duffy
Animating, Consuming, Haunting, and Going Wild: (Neo)Liberal Subjectivity in the American Gothic Tradition
29-April-2021

Jon Heggestad
Hideous Progenitors: Queer Reproduction from Frankenstein to Fan Fic
9-April-2021

Sara Santos
Becoming Posthuman: Neoliberal Security, Historical Recovery & Apocalyptic Ecology
9-August-2021

Arsevi Seyran
Un-Palpable Design: Negative Capability in Elizabeth Bishop’s Poetics
30-April-2021

J. Caity Swanson
Title Forthcoming
16-August-2021

Master of Arts Theses

Deanna Barclay
The Burden of a Mother
December 2020

Sydney Bryan
Overlapping Others: An Analysis of the Intersection Between Black Feminism and Science Fiction
December 2020

Hannah Burke
Title Forthcoming
August 2021
Megan Callahan  
The “Dangers” of Literacy:  
How Literacy Laws in Early America Ensured the Continuation of Slavery and the Oppression of Enslaved Peoples  
December 2020

Matthew Haid  
Representations of Class in British Poetry and Music  
May 2021

Ashley Kowalczyk  
The Games We Read - Video Games As Literature  
August 2021

Elena Losquadro  
Aspects of Chastity and Female Sexuality in "Measure for Measure"  
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Gregory Palmer  
Spiritual Destruction and Healing of The Human-Nature Bond: Eco-Consciousness and Eco-Spirituality in the Films of Hayao Miyazaki and Multi-ethnic North American Literature  
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Alexandra N. Rivera  
The Manipulations of an Epic Poet: Dante's Use of Vergil and Ulysses in Inferno XXVI  
December 2020

Rachel Shomer  
Deconstructing Twisted Ideals: Analyzing The Stone Gods Through the Möbius strip  
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Gabrielle Stamile  
“Security gives way to conspiracy”: Brutus’s and Macbeth’s Control and Overconfidence  
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Yu-Jin Chung
Shell Shock as the Initial Stage to Freudian Λόγος: Septimus’s Psychic Breakout from the Inarticulate “Religion” of Darwinian and Social Darwinian Ideas in Virginia Woolf’s *Mrs. Dalloway*

Evan Donnellan
'You Don't Shoot Your Audience': Lynn Ramsay and Film Adaptation

Jen Giuffrida
Improper Indoctrination: The Downfall of Gilead in *The Handmaid’s Tale*

Gwen Goodyear
Stop and Smell the Roses’ to Survive: An Analysis of Nature’s Healing Power in Margaret Atwood’s *The Handmaid’s Tale*

Julia Goodwin
Narrative Structure and Authorial Intent in *The Great Gatsby* and *The Sun Also Rises*

Marie Gugnishev
Winning the War on Memory: *The Things They Carried* and Ideology Acting as Imperialism

Jessica Hernandez
Theology in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*

Stephanie Hwang
The Soul of Korean Beauty: Han Kang's Expression of *Han* and the Duality of Korean Beauty Standards

Abbygail Kydd
Feeding Identities in the Anthropocene
Samantha Lange
Killing Romanticism in *Madame Bovary*

Scott Mackenzie
Two Astronomers Walk into a Bard – An Analysis of Shifting Cosmologies in Shakespeare’s Plays

Clare Meany
Less is More: Lydia Davis and the Genre of Microfiction

Jolena Podolsky
Poetic Analysis of *Catholic Guilt*

Eva Smith
Defeating Death: Navigating the relationship between the apocalypse and early transhumanist themes in two post nuclear science fiction short stories

Tayla Straub
Think outside. No box required: Barbara Kingsolver’s Conception of an Antidote to Female Oppression via the Environment in *Prodigal Summer*
it seems they were all cheated of some marvelous experience
which is not going to go wasted on me which is why I'm telling you about it

Frank O’Hara, “Having a Coke With You”