



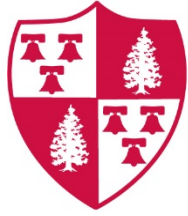
English Department Graduation Ceremony

Graduating Class of 2020

Montclair State University

Thursday, May 28, 2020 | 7 pm

*an online event (registration details
by email)



MONTCLAIR STATE

UNIVERSITY

English Department Convocation

May 28, 2020

Order of Events

Opening Remarks, Dr. Jonathan Greenberg, Chair

Student Speaker: Nelson Vazquez

Poem: "The Season of Phantasmal Peace" by Derek Walcott, read by Kwame Dawes

Student Speaker: Sierra Javras

Reading of Names: Dr. Lee Behlman, Dr. Melinda Knight, Dr. Naomi Liebler, Dr. Jeffrey

Miller, Dr. Monika Elbert, Dr. Laura Nicosia

Faculty Farewell

Recessional: Kool and the Gang

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FACULTY AND STAFF

Jonathan Greenberg, Chair

Naomi Liebler, Deputy Chair

Kim Harrison, Program Administrator

Full-Time Faculty

Fawzia Afzal-Khan

Lee Behlman

Emily Cheng

Monika Elbert

Grover Furr

David Galef

Jeffrey Gonzalez

Melinda Knight

Johnny Lorenz

Alex Lykidis

Patricia Matthew

Lucy McDiarmid

Jeffrey Miller

Laura Nicosia

Wendy Nielsen

Michael Robbins

Adam Rzepka

Art Simon

Keith Slocum

Part-Time Faculty (2019-20)

Rachel Carter

Claudia Cortese

Kathryn Curto

Christopher DeVinck

Janis Hubschman

Dana Maloney

Henry Margenau

Katrina Millan

Francisco Monar

James Nicosia

Jill Rosenberg

Mark Rotella

Nicholas Samaras

Karla Shields

Barbara Slate

Jacob Suskewicz

Patricia Thomas

Sasha Troyan

Boris Tsessarsky

Graduates Who Have Won Departmental Awards and Scholarships

Students Graduating with the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Condon, Chris: W. Leonard Newman Award (Honorable Mention), 2020

Douglas, Maureen: Vivien L. Kwiatek Scholarship, 2019

Florio, Noelle: Frank G. McGuire Scholarship, 2019

German, Yarixa: English Department Award for Creative Nonfiction, 2019

Herrera, Michelle: Vivien L. Kwiatek Scholarship, 2019

Hill, Laneta: Shari Kandell Scholarship, 2019

Javras, Sierra: Frank G. McGuire Scholarship, 2018; W. Bernard Fleischmann Memorial Award, 2020; Elizabeth Dean Eler Memorial Award (Honorable Mention), 2020

Noon, William: W. Leonard Newman Film Award, 2020

Nye, Kaleigh: English Department Award for Creative Nonfiction, 2020

Prusiensky, Justine: Vivien L. Kwiatek Scholarship, 2020

Schwartz, Jessica: Vivien L. Kwiatek Scholarship, 2019

Shanks, Katherine: Anthony J. Lovasco Shakespeare Award (Honorable Mention), 2019; Tom Benediktsson Award for Poetry, 2019

Stupar, Nina: Anthony J. Lovasco Shakespeare Award, 2020, Johnny Mueller Scholarship (Honorable Mention), 2020

Vasquez, Nelson: Johnny Mueller Scholarship, 2020; Vivien L. Kwiatek Scholarship, 2019; Janet Holt Award, 2019

Vallovera, Nathalie: Carter Ross Flash Fiction Award (Honorable Mention), 2020; English Department Award for Creative Nonfiction (Honorable Mention), 2020; Vivien L. Kwiatek Scholarship, 2019; Johnny Mueller Scholarship, 2019; English Department Award for Creative Nonfiction (Honorable Mention), 2019.

Students Graduating with the Degree of Master of Arts

Gonzalez, Addys: Mary Bondon Graduate Scholarship, 2019

THE GRADUATES

May 2020

Nora Abdelaziz
Kevin Adame, *cum laude*
Tyra Addison
Joseph Almonte
Caitlynn Alvarez
Kassandra Amaral
Daniela Antunez
Christian Aricapa
Jamilet Banks
Kourtney Bartholomew
Shayleigh Battle
Stephanie Backwood
Alexa Borino
Francesca Caliguire
Matthew Cangialosi
Adrianna Caraballo
Marlene Cerqueira
Kelsey Claesson
Emmanuel Class
Christopher Condon
Ashley Costa
Malcolm Crenshaw-Ball
Katiann Critchley, *magna cum laude*
Kristen D'Amico, *magna cum laude*
Shannon Donaghy, *cum laude*
Maureen Douglas, *magna cum laude*
Ryan Fabyanski
Abigail Fana, *magna cum laude*
Nicoletta Fischetti
Noelle Florio, *summa cum laude*
Antoinette Galassa
MacKenzie Garrity, *magna cum laude*
Gabriella Giacometti
Matthew Gonzalez
Ayla Grebe
Melissa Haag
Timothy Hall
Alondra Hansen-Liranzo
Melissa Hasch-Piro
Jessica Hernandez
Michelle Herrera, *summa cum laude*
Deziah Hill

Carmen Hodgson
Sage Hughes-Arciuch
Gabrielle Igartua
Alexis Ihnken
Tristan James
Sierra Javras, *summa cum laude*
Jessica Kosinska, *magna cum laude*
Marisa Kravatz
Lea Kronsteiner
John Lanigan
Ciara Lewis
Daphney Louis
Danielle Manzetti
Valaniece Martin
Charmaine McCain
Alexa Mermini
Kristen Milburn, *magna cum laude*
Lauren Mitchell, *cum laude*
Kiyana Moore
Meagan Morillo
Meredith Mulinos, *magna cum laude*
Victoria Namnama, *summa cum laude*
Summer Nawaz
Erica Nguyen
Carlie Nielsen
William Noon
Kaleigh Nye
Damien Olague
Autumn Pekala, *summa cum laude*
Michael Petrozzino, *magna cum laude*
Amanda Pimentel, *cum laude*
Emily Pirrello
Justine Prusiensky
Victoria Rayside
Kaitlin Reinhardt, *summa cum laude*
Stephanie Roa
Aimee Ruiz
Shannon Russell
Luisa Sanchez, *cum laude*
Katherine Shanks
Gabrielle Sheehan, *cum laude*
Arianne Smith
Victoria Snyder
Patricia Sroka, *summa cum laude*

Veronica Stankard
Abigail Stokes
Nina Stupar, *summa cum laude*
Lisbelis Torres
Tinnapat Triamarit
Allison Van Etten
Nelson Vazquez
Erin Webb
Jamie Weinstein

January 2020

Mariam Abdul-Rafiu
Elizabeth Ajuis, *cum laude*
Jasmine Barber
Cindy Bernard
Marie-Esther Buh, *magna cum laude*
Deanna Carsillo
Amanda Christiano
Maritza Cruz
Nyajah Dancy
Zhane Daughtridge
Brianna DeCicco
Michelle Dester, *summa cum laude*
Wendy Faria
David Furnari
Alexis Garcia
Yarixa German
Francis Gonzalez
Lauren Guzman
Rebecca Hafelfinger
Paul Henry
Erika Jakubiszen
Adam Kenter
Vihan Khanna

Andrew Maciolek
Victoria Marcucci
Luke Martino, *magna cum laude*
Nalanie Mercado
Jessica Metcalf
Isabel Muriale
Gabriella Mustica
Laurel Naik, *summa cum laude*
Derrick Nelson
Belinda Olmo
Luis Paredes
Matthew Penny
Hailey Ryder
Kristin Savino
Grace Scarpino
Jessica Schwartz, *summa cum laude*
Bianca Stephens
Giovanni Strangio
Emalee Vega
Casey Walsh
Jake Weiss

August 2020

Christian Benevento
Patricia Carr
Laneta Hill
Rashawn Horne
Tamara Kipkeeva
Keila Montes de Oca
Bruna Spoto
Nathalie Vallovera
Lauren Washburn

MASTERS OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Dania Abdelsalam

Thesis: Tension within Immigrant Identity in South Asian and Asian Characters in The Reluctant Fundamentalist, Everything I Never Told You, and Disgraced.

Caitlin Casey

Thesis: "Mutually Exclusive": Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

Addys Gonzalez

Thesis: Stellar Transfigurations of Disabled Bodies: Wangechi Mutu and Afrofuturism.

Elizabeth Pantirer

Thesis: Anti-Semitism in American Realist Literature: Edith Wharton's Sim Rosedale, a Thorn in American Identity.

Alan Schultz

Thesis: Politically Correct Language in George Carlin.

Megan Thompson

Thesis: Magic in the Classroom: The School Story and the Implications of Discipline in Harry Potter.



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