

# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

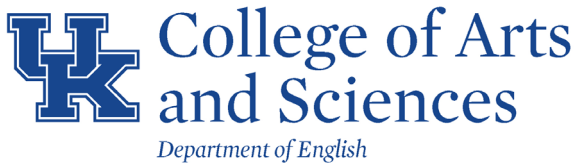
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*Annual Awards Day Ceremony*

**Friday, May 7th, 2021**

**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Registration link: [https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tloanPuSTnSbBt8lvq2uqQ](https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tloanPuSTnSbBt8lvq2uqQ)**



**Thank you for joining  
us for the English  
Department's Annual  
Awards Day.**

**The accomplishments of  
our students would not  
be possible without the  
support of  
family members, friends,  
mentors, and faculty.**

# Fortieth Annual English Awards Day Ceremony

Dr. Jonathan Allison  
**Chair of the Department of English**

Dr. Janet Eldred  
**Associate Chair of the Department of English**

Dr. Michelle Sizemore  
**Director of Undergraduate Studies**

Prof. Frank X Walker  
**Director of Creative Writing**

Dr. Michael Trask  
**Director of Graduate Studies**

**Keynote Address**  
Prof. Crystal Wilkinson

**Alumna of the Year**  
Phillis Rambsy

**Alumnus of the Year**  
Luke Glaser

# Undergraduate Awards

**William Hugh Jansen Undergraduate Award for Distinguished Writing - Literary Studies/Academic Essay Category**

Hannah Timmerman, "Culture and Conquest: Exploring Colonial Domination through Folklore in *Things Fall Apart*," from Jap-Nanak Makkar's ENG 370

**William Hugh Jansen Award for Distinguished Writing - Runner-up, Literary Studies/Academic Essay Category**

Dan Collins, "Magical Places in *The Celtic Twilight*," from Jonathan Allison's ENG 440G

**William Hugh Jansen Undergraduate Award for Distinguished Writing - Creative Category**

Nikinabah McDarment, "Powwow," from Andrew Milward's ENG 507

**William Hugh Jansen Undergraduate Award for Distinguished Writing Runner-up - Creative Category**

Claire McKinney, "Can of Worms," from Andrew Milward's ENG 507

**Barbara Sutton Cowles Scholarship for an Outstanding Senior**

Emilee Veltkamp

**Best Undergraduate Essay in 200-Level Course**

John Lacy, "Ray Bradbury's 'The Veldt' vs. its 1979 Film Adaptation," from Shannon Branfield's ENG 230

**Bill Bridges Scholarship for an Outstanding First-Generation College Graduate Majoring in English**

Bailee Wingo

**Dantzler-Dantzler Award**

**for Academic Achievement by a Senior**

Akhira Umar

**Julester Shradly Post Memorial Scholarship**

Eli O'Neal

**Michael Adelstein Award for Prospective High School Teachers of English**

Heather Hues

**O.J. & Ruby Wilson Scholarship for an Outstanding Senior**

Tara Pulaski

Aileen Tierney

**Patricia and William Stacy Endowed Fellowship in Undergraduate English Education**

Lily Morris

Kayla Sanchez

**Sigma Tau Delta-Meritorious Service**

Haley Powell

Mason Dressler

**Distinction for Best Digital Project in a 200-level Literature and Film Course - Individual Project Winner**

Holden Treadway, “Found Plot Twist: *Night of the Living Dead*” from Katie McClain’s ENG 230

**Distinction for Best Digital Project in a 200-level Literature and Film Course - Runner-up, Individual Project Winner**

Justin Chaney, “*Holmes & Watson: How It Fails to Be a Detective Movie*” from Shannon Branfield’s ENG 230

**Distinction for Best Digital Project in a 200-level Literature and Film Course - Group Project Winner**

Corinne Davies, Ashley Dutton, Dalton Roach, Sarah Ryan, and Ryan Zearley, “*Watchmen: Masks and Justice*” from Katie McClain’s ENG 230

**Distinction for Best Digital Project in a 200-level Literature and Film Course - Runner-up, Group Project Winner**

Abby Eplin, Cassandra Hahn, Jemini McCloskey, Jules Ott, and Ellie Rice, “Motherhood in 1800s America in ‘The Yellow Wallpaper’ and *The Awakening*” from Katie McClain’s ENG 230

# Graduate Awards

**A&S Certificate for Outstanding Teaching**

Katie McClain

**Ben Wathen Black Memorial Graduate Scholarship  
in British Literature**

Matthew Wentz

**Ellershaw Award for an Outstanding PhD  
Candidate**

Brittany Sulzener

Jillian Winter

**Patricia and William Stacy Endowed Fellowship in  
Graduate English Education**

Emily Goldsmith

**Robert L. Doty English Graduate Support Fund**

Deb Daley

**William J. Sowder Award For Best Graduate  
Student Critical Paper**

Alex Gergeley

# Creative Writing Awards

## **William Hugh Jansen Award**

Gavin Colton (graduate)

## **Betty Combs Owen Recruitment Scholarship**

Lucy Jayes

## **Dantzer-Farquhar Award for Creative Writing**

Dan Collins (nonfiction), “Dear Dan,”  
selected by Dr. Megan Pillow, co-editor of *The Audacity*, and UK PhD in English alumna

Jamie Moss (fiction), “Sweetpea,” selected by  
Dr. John Duncan, UK MFA alumnus in fiction

Nicole Stewart (poetry), “Pantoum of a  
Supernova,” selected by Dorian Hairston, UK  
MFA alumnus in poetry

## **Nikky Finney Graduate Fellowship**

Shanita Jackson (rising 2nd year)  
Isaiah Underwood (incoming 1st year)

## **Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Award**

Jordan Honeyblue (poetry), “MT-DNA,”  
selected by Dorian Hairston, UK MFA alumnus  
in poetry

Sarah Jiang (fiction), “Panning for Gold,”  
selected by Dr. John Duncan, UK MFA alumnus



in fiction

Erika Simpson (nonfiction), “If You Ever Find Yourself,” selected by Dr. Megan Pillow, co-editor of *The Audacity*, and UK PhD alumna in English

**Outstanding MFA Teaching Assistant**

Shanita Jackson

**UK Libraries King Library Press Poetry Broadside Contest**

Betsy Packard (graduate), “Bloody Harlan,” selected by Kentucky poet Dr. Jeremy Paden

Nia Doyley (undergraduate), “Contemporary black girl,” selected by Kentucky poet Dr. Jeremy Paden

# Faculty Awards

**A&S Outstanding Teaching Award for Lecturers**

Michael Carter

**Ellen Rosenman Distinguished Faculty Award**

Joyce MacDonald

**William S. Ward Prize**

Michelle Sizemore

# Graduate Degrees

## **MFA**

Titus Chalk  
Gavin Colton  
Emily Goldsmith  
Jordan Honeyblue  
Sarah Jiang  
Chantel Kelly  
Michael McEwen  
Gabrielle Oliver  
Erika Simpson

## **MA**

Darby Campbell  
Hannah Gautsch  
Alex Gergely  
Rachel McCoy

## **PhD**

Claire Lenviel  
Leslie Malland  
Robert Gorum  
Benjamin Wilson

# Undergraduate Degrees

Marty Anderson  
Logan Back  
Sydney Banks  
Kayla Biddle  
Paige Blackburn  
Jordan Bradt  
John Cardoza  
Lydia Cassim  
Daniel Collins  
Marissa Cremeans  
Helena Cybriwsky  
Abigail Davis  
Mason Dressler \*  
Emilee Egbert \*  
Victoria Ferguson  
Remy Gaines \*  
Miranda Griffith  
Cole Hendricks  
Josephine Higgins  
Julia Johnston  
Olivia Jones  
Kristen Karem \*  
Morgan Kindel  
Henry Knollenberg  
Brittney Kurkowski  
Aime Mabika  
Kennedy Miller  
Lily Morris  
Eli O'Neal \*

Morgan Nickson  
Skyler Phillips \*  
Haley Powell  
Tara Pulaski \*  
Jacob Robinson  
Kayla Sanchez  
William Sexton  
Dalton Stokes  
Kaitlynn Thomas  
Aileen Tierney \*  
Connor Toles  
Akhira Umar \*  
Heather Whitaker  
Bailee Wingo \*  
Alexa Witt

\* **Graduating with Honors**  
**ΣΤΔ Sigma Tau Delta**

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