

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

41st

Annual Awards Day Ceremony

Friday, April 29th, 2022

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Cornerstone - Esports Theater

 **College of Arts
and Sciences**

Department of English

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

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

Forty-first 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

Dr. Michael Trask
Director of Graduate Studies

Prof. Frank X Walker
Director of Creative Writing

Keynote Address
Dr. DaMaris B. Hill

2022 English Alumnus Award
Dr. Jeff Zurcher (BA '98), The Calipari
Foundation

2022 English Alumna Award
Dr. Salome Nnoromele (PhD '95), Interim Vice
President for Diversity and Inclusion, Ohio
University

Undergraduate Awards

Dantzler-Dantzler Award for Academic Achievement by a Senior

- Alex Stoeckle

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

- Hailey Combs

Patricia and William Stacy Endowed Fellowship in Undergraduate English Education

- Deidra White

Julester Shradly Post Memorial Scholarship

- Clayton Dalton
- Hannah Timmerman

Barbara Sutton Cowles Scholarship for an Outstanding Senior

- Tanner Eckstein
- Jordan Keator

Michael Adelstein Award for Prospective High School Teachers of English

- Sam Johnson

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

- Alex Stoeckle

Sigma Tau Delta-Meritorious Service

- Jorden Keator

William Hugh Jansen Undergraduate Award for Distinguished Writing

- Deidra White, “Woodstock”
- Claire McKinney, “The Sea Close, the Sky Closer”

Best Undergraduate Essay in 200-Level Course

- Ian Harrison, “Ethnic Zombification: *Get Out* and *Night of the Living Dead*”
- Meghan Brockhman, “Rom Coms and Regency” - Honorable Mention

Best Digital Project in a 200-level Literature and Film Course - Individual Project

- Haley Patterson, “Isolation: Beyond the *Yellow Wallpaper*”
- Clayton Dalton, “Murder, She Wrote,” - Runner up

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

- Shayla Anaskevich, Jordan Balleza, Alexis Feltner, Michelle Jelencic, and Emma Plaxico, “The Relationships of Sisters in the Aftermath of a Missing Father Figure”

John Spalding Gatton Provost Scholarship

- Paige Johnson

Graduate Awards

2022 Provost Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

- Emily Naser-Hall

Ellershaw Award for an Outstanding PhD Candidate

- Jessica Van Gilder

William J. Sowder Award For Best Graduate Student Critical Paper

- Alex Gergely
- Hannah Schultz

Ben Wathen Black Memorial Graduate Scholarship in British Literature

- Katie Kohls

Patricia and William Stacy Endowed Fellowship in Graduate English Education

- Shannon Branfield

Robert L. Doty English Graduate Support Fund

- B Bailey
- Caitlin Coulter

Creative Writing Awards

Betty Combs Owen Recruitment Scholarship

- Savannah Bowen

Dantzler-Farquhar Award for Creative Writing

- Nonfiction: Dorothy Moore, “Mae, Make the Fire”
- Fiction: Blake Gidley, “Seasick”
- Poetry: Deidra White, “Meihua”

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Award

- Nonfiction: Lucy Jayes, “Survival Kit”
- Fiction: Allegra Solomon, “True Blue”
- Poetry: Alfonso Zapata, “Perishable Goods”

Nikky Finney Graduate Fellowship

- Incoming: Jazmin Witherspoon
- Returning: Kasimma

Outstanding MFA Teaching Assistant

- Betsy Packard

The Paul and Alice Richardson Creative Writing Scholarship

- Tyler Patton

UK Libraries King Library Press Poetry Broadside Contest

- Undergraduate: Atticus Combs
- Graduate: Betsy Packard

William Hugh Jansen Award

- NitaJade

Faculty & Staff Awards

2022 A&S Faculty Promotion of Diversity or Inclusion Award

- Crystal Wilkinson

2022 A&S Faculty Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award

- Marion Rust

2022 A&S Faculty and Teaching Awards in the Humanities

- Regina Hamilton-Townsend

2022 A&S Staff Diversity and Inclusivity Award

- Kristen Pickett

2022 Provost Outstanding Teaching Award for Faculty

- Regina Hamilton-Townsend

Ellen Rosenman Distinguished Faculty Award

- Crystal Wilkinson

Twenty-Five Years of Service

- Michael Carter

Faculty Retirements

- Walter Foreman, 50 years of service.
Retiring July 2022
- Gurney Norman, 43 years of service.
Retiring December 2022
- Armando Prats, 47 years of service.
Retiring July 2022

Graduate Degrees

MA

Mark Hines

Sue Mize

Jamison Stoike

MFA

Kevin Bond

Chioma Ezeano

Payton Howard

Shanita Jackson

Betsy Packard

Allegra Solomon

PhD

Shannon Branfield

Kathryn McClain

Undergraduate Degrees

Haley Abrams
Madeleine Bittancourt
Asa Brackett *
Hailey Combs * ΣΤΔ
Jerri Cook
Clayton Dalton *
Tanner Eckstein *
Katherine Elliott
Dillon Ellzey *
Jalynn Felton
Blake Gidley
Kaelyn Harris *
Emmajean Hearty
Samuel Johnson
LaNina Jones
Jordan Keator * ΣΤΔ
Madison Krogman
Bethany Lawless
Ava Lawrey
Lisa Lawton
Jessie Lemaster
Noah Mattox
Claire McKinney *
Teresa Mehaffey
Katilin Meredith
Rachel O'Rourke *
Natalie Parks *
Bay Phillips
Benjamin Rigney

Destiny Robertson
Victoria Robinson *
Rachael Scott
Eliot Sharp
Madison Spray
Sierra Stewart
Alexandra Stoeckle
Shelby Stratton
Hannah Timmermann * ΣΤΔ
Ryan Walker
Deidra White *
Emma Wicke

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

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