

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

42st

Annual Awards Day Ceremony

Friday, April 28, 2023

2:00 pm – 3:30 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-second Annual English Awards Day Ceremony

Jill Rappoport

Chair of the Department of English

Crystal Wilkinson

Associate Chair of the Department of English

Michelle Sizemore

Director of Undergraduate Studies

DaMaris B. Hill

Director of Graduate Studies

Frank X Walker

Director of Creative Writing

2023 English Alumnus Award

Dr. Terrence Tucker (PhD '06), current Chair
of English at the University of Memphis.

Undergraduate Awards

Dantzler-Dantzler Award for Academic Achievement by a Senior

- Sydney Scaggs

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

- Colton Barton

Julester Shradz Post Memorial Scholarship

- Caitlin Billica
- Eleni Karelis

Barbara Sutton Cowles Scholarship for an Outstanding Senior

- Shayla Anaskevich
- Bre Younger

Patricia and William Stacy Endowed Fellowship in Undergraduate English Education

- Kayleigh Dayka

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

- Colton Barton

Michael Adelstein Award for Prospective High School Teachers of English

- Savannah Hinton

The Paul & Alice Richardson Creative Writing Scholarship

- Cierra Moore

William Hugh Jansen Undergraduate Award for Distinguished Writing

- Tyler Patton - Creative Writing Category
- Lukas Bratcher - Creative Writing Category
- M.E. Boileau - Literary Studies/Academic Essay Category

Best Undergraduate Essay in 200-Level Course

- Taylor Decker - Winner
- Riley Moses - Honorable Mention

Graduate Awards

2023 Provost Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

- Katie Kohls

2022-2023 College of A&S Outstanding TA Award Winner

- Kimaya Thakur

Ellershaw Award for an Outstanding PhD Candidate

- Hannah Schultz

William J. Sowder Award For Best Graduate Student Critical Paper

- Grace Vowels for “*Uncle Tom’s Cabin* and the Unimpressible Body”
- David Gifford for “Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen-Killer: Auricular Confession in Robert Browning’s *The Ring and the Book*”

Ben Wathen Black Memorial Graduate Scholarship in British Literature

- Sarah Garrod

Robert L. Doty English Graduate Support Fund

- Anika Jensen

Jean G. Pival Outstanding Teaching Assistant

- Daria Goncharova

Creative Writing Awards

Gurney Norman Prize

- Eli Hughes

Jane Gentry Vance Poetry Prize

- Eleni Karelis

Betty Combs Owen Recruitment Scholarship

- Jeremy Tavares

Dantzler-Farquhar Award for Creative Writing

- Alaysha Crowe - Prose Category
- Shelby Grissom - Poetry Category

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Award

- Deidra White - CNF Category
- Henry Knollenberg - Fiction Category
- Alfonso Zapata - Poetry Category

Nikky Finney Graduate Fellowship

- Jazmin Witherspoon
- KeeShawn Murphy

UK Libraries King Library Press Poetry Broadside Contest

- Jazmin Witherspoon
- Eleni Karelis

Faculty & Staff Awards

2023 A&S Outstanding Teaching Awards

- Peter Kalliney

2023 A&S Promotion of Diversity or Inclusion Award

- Frank X Walker

2023 A&S Distinguished Service or Engagement Award

- Michelle Sizemore

Ellen Rosenman Distinguished Faculty Award

- DaMaris Hill

Faculty Retirements

- Marion Rust

Graduate Degrees

MA

Samuel Aftel
Sarah Garrod
Grace Vowels

MFA

Yusuf Akman
Daniel Collins
Sajida DiAugustine
Dorothy Freeman
Lucy Jayes
Henry Knollenberg
Kasimma
Clay Shields
Alfonso Zapata

PhD

Zach Griffith
Richard Halkyard
Margaret Kelly
Emily Naser-Hall
Justin Roberts
Brandon West

Undergraduate Degrees

Shayla Anaskevich *

Colton Barton *

Caitlin Billica

Lukas Bratcher

Ethan Brock

Andrew Corder

Kayleigh Dayka

Lauren Denton

Hannah Dockery

Thomas Ensor

Morgan Estes

Shelby Grissom *

Cassandra Hahn *

Ian Harrison *

Savannah Hinton

Erin Inouye

William Jac

Paige Johnston

Eleni Karelis *

Emma Markert

Avery McCann

Tonni McNeese

Alexis Meade *

Grace Moehring *

Cierra Moore

Lauren Myfelt

Laura O'Flanagan

Brooklyn Plotner

Hanna Rellar

Stephanie Roberts

Orlando Rojas-Mercado

Sydney Scaggs

Mark Stephens

Nicholas Taylor

Ella Webster

James Whitaker

Meggie Wilson

Breanna Younger

*** Graduating with Honors**

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