DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Annual Awards Day Ceremony

Friday, April 28, 2023
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
The Cornerstone – Esports Theater
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 Shrady 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

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