



*The School of Graduate Studies*  
*congratulates the following 2021 Graduate Awards Ceremony awardees*



*College of Arts and Sciences*

**Friends of Art Best Paper by an MA Student**

Mackenzie Clark - *Art History and Art*

**Friends of Art Best Paper by a PhD Student**

Reed O'Mara - *Art History and Art*

**Best Overall Performance by a PhD Student in Art History and Art**

Bing Wang - *Art History and Art*

**Charles F Mabery Award for Best Thesis in Chemistry**

Jonathan Strobl - *Chemistry*

**Dumitru and Gheorghe D. Mateescu Graduate Student Citizenship Award**

Zakary Ekstrom - *Chemistry*

Sarah Krul - *Chemistry*

Guobi Li - *Chemistry*

Tadeas Liska - *Chemistry*

**Graduate Teaching Award**

Garrett Grimm - *Chemistry*

Evan Van Orman - *Chemistry*

**Naomi Wolin Award for Excellence in New Collaborations or New Directions in Dance**

Christian Mintah - *Dance*

Katie Nabors - *Dance*

**Cleveland Arts Prize: Kathryn Karipides Scholarship in Modern Dance**

Haiyan Chen - *Dance*

**Arthur Adrian and Roger B. Salomon Dissertation Fellowship**

Camila Ring - *English*

Hayley Verdi - *English*





**Neil MacIntyre Memorial Prize**

Andrew Petracca - *English*

**Timothy Calhoun Memorial Prize for Poetry**

Brita Thielen – *English* (First Place)

Charlie Ericson – *English* (Second Place)

**Adel Heinrich Award**

Sarah Coffman - *Music*

**Diversity; Culture; and Community Award**

Elisa Borrero - *Psychological Sciences*

**Donald K. Freedheim Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Service**

Chelsea Day - *Psychological Sciences*

Alexandra Piedra - *Psychological Sciences*

**Ethan Schafer Assessment Award**

Silvia Hernandez - *Psychological Sciences*

Alexandra Smith - *Psychological Sciences*

**Jane Kessler Award for Outstanding Clinical Teaching (4th year)**

Kathy Benhamou - *Psychological Sciences*

Samuel Seidman - *Psychological Sciences*

**Joseph F. Fagan III Award for Research Excellence**

Amanda Merner - *Psychological Sciences*

**Kim Diemert Award**

Nina Pukys - *Psychological Sciences*

**Masters Research Excellence**

Alexandra Piedra - *Psychological Sciences*

**Morris Parloff Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Research**

Eleanor Beale - *Psychological Sciences*

**Sarah Cain Spannagel Graduate Student Award for Meritorious Service to the Clinical Program; Field or Community**

Kelsey Magee - *Psychological Sciences*

**T.J. McCallum Award for Community-Based Scholarship**

Hope Vaccaro - *Psychological Sciences*





## *School of Engineering*

### **Excellence in Departmental/External Service**

Sydney Song - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Victoria Laney - *Biomedical Engineering*

### **Excellence in Graduate Teaching Assistantship**

Prathyush Chirra - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Amogh Hiremath - *Biomedical Engineering*

### **Excellence in Mentorship**

Yijiang Chen - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Prathyush Chirra - *Biomedical Engineering*

### **Outstanding Creativity in Graduate Experiential Instruction**

George Hoferlin - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Olivia Krebs - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Yue Xu - *Biomedical Engineering*

### **Outstanding Graduate Career Award**

Jacob Antunes - *Biomedical Engineering*  
Ujjal Didar Singh Sekhon - *Biomedical Engineering*

### **Outstanding Master's Work**

Ryan-David Reyes - *Biomedical Engineering*

### **Outstanding Publication Award**

Pranjal Vaidya - *Biomedical Engineering*

### **Civil Engineering Student Leadership Award**

Xudong Fan - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Xijin Zhang - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

### **Craig J. Miller Memorial Award**

Xudong Fan - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Shifa Zhong - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

### **Kenneth M. Haber Award**

Zhuoying Jiang - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Mohammad Minhajur Rahman - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Xijin Zhang - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

### **Roy Harley Prize**

Yihan Duan - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
Kuan Huang - *Civil and Environmental Engineering*





**Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Graduate Research Award in memory of Xiaoyang Zhao**

Clarissa Goldsmith - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Yanjun Li - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Yuncheng Man - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Yue Qiu - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

**Graduate Student Teaching Award**

Clayton Cooper - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Pushkal Kannan - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

Chinmay Shingote - *Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering*

*Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences*

**Arol Shack Award**

Weidi Qin - *Social Welfare*

*Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing*

**Benita Martocchio Award for Excellence in Oncology Nursing**

Tongyao Wang - *Nursing*

**Dean's Legacy Award**

Mary Ann Lawlor - *Nursing*

**Marie Haug Award**

Chengming Han - *Sociology*

Devon Jones – *Social Work and Nonprofit Organizations*

*School of Medicine*

**Herbert S. Steuer Award for Excellence in Anatomy**

Kate Bodnar - *Anatomy*

Amber Jin - *Anatomy*

**Charlotte Smith Award**

Marc Kusaka - *Public Health Nutrition*





**Academic Excellence for the Master's Degree**

Joe Magoline - *Biomedical and Health Informatics*

Lindsay Petrenchik - *Epidemiology & Biostatistics*

Lexi Hubbel - *Genetics and Genome Sciences*

**Outstanding Student Educator Award**

Carolyn Rutishauser - *Anatomy*

**Arthur F.W. Hughes Award**

Chen Weng - *Genetics and Genome Sciences*

**Lester O. Krampitz Award for Best Predoctoral Research**

Angelica Cruz Lebron - *Molecular Biology and Microbiology*

**Doctoral Excellence**

Tian He - *Biochemistry*

Niha Beig - *Biomedical Engineering*

Caroline El Sanadi - *Clinical Translational Science*

Zita Hubler - *Genetics and Genome Sciences*

Courtney Hershberger - *Molecular Medicine*

Zhaoqi Dong - *Neurosciences*

Daniel Leonard - *Pathology*

Xu Han - *Pharmacology*

Yuan Cai - *Physiology and Biophysics*

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**Graduate Student Appreciation Award**

Rong Bai - *Social Welfare*

Adrienne Bedell - *Music*

Victoria Laney - *Biomedical Engineering*

Colette Ngana - *Bioethics*

Guillermo Pereda - *Anatomy*

Katrina Piemonte - *Pharmacology*

Brita Thielen - *English*

Katie Troike - *Molecular Medicine*

**Graduate Dean's Instructional Excellence Award**

Kathleen DiDomenico - *Art History and Art*

David Dimitrie - *Biology Department*

Aziz Radwan - *Electrical, Computer and Systems Engineering*

Michael Slone - *Sociology*

Hayley Verdi - *English*





**Lenore A Kola Graduate Student Community Service Award**

Carolyn Rutishauser - *Anatomy*

**Ruth Barber Moon Award**

Kristina Collins - *Electrical Engineering*

Daniel Hamilton - *Anthropology*

Erica Johnson - *Organizational Behavior*

Aaron McPeck - *Music*

**Richard A. Zdanis Research Fellowship Award**

Nathan Dougherty - *Music*

*John S. Diekhoff Award to Faculty*

**John S. Diekhoff Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching**

Philip Cola, PhD - *Associate Professor, Department of Design and Innovation*

Andrew Crofton , PhD - *Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy*

**John S. Diekhoff Award for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring**

Jessica Fox, PhD - *Associate Professor, Department of Biology*

Daniel Goldmark, PhD - *Professor, Department of Music*



*Congratulations to*

*all of our*

*Award Winners!*

