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 Hoeferlin - 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
Mohammod 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!