



College of Liberal Arts ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SPRING 2021

CONGRATULATIONS

College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts honored Dr. Christian Bolden (SOCI), Mr. Myric Polhemus (PSY), and Dr. Jeff Wilson (GEO) at the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards in April.

John Blair (ENG)

John Blair's poem, "In the Tin Factory," won the 2021 Robert Frost Poetry Prize.

Cyrus Cassells (ENG)

Cyrus Cassells was named a Texas Poet Laureate in May 2021.

Naomi Shihab Nye (ENG)

Naomi Shihab Nye was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

Aimee Roundtree (ENG)

Aimee Roundtree (Associate Dean for Research and Promotion) received the Mariel M. Muir Excellence in Mentoring Award for 2021. She is also an Emerging Leaders Program fellow hosted by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.



2021 Distinguished Alumni Honorees, Myric Polhemus, Jeff Wilson, & Christian Bolden

Nabila Cook (COLA)

Nabila (Nay) Cook, Senior Administrative Assistant, College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office, was named the April 2021 Employee of the Month.

Sergio Martinez (WLL)

Sergio Martinez was recognized as International Studies Professor of the Year 2019-2020 by the Center for International Studies at Texas State.

Camrie Piper (PHIL)

Camrie Piper, Administrative Assistant III, received the Doctoral Merit Fellowship, the Frank L. and Alice A. Christ Endowed Scholarship, and Staff Educational Developmental Leave. The Office of Disability Services (ODS) also awarded Camrie the 2020-2021 Staff Recognition Award.

Yasmine Beale-Rivaya (WLL)

Yasmine Beale-Rivaya is the College of Liberal Arts National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching Professor (2021-2024).

Moira Di Mauro-Jackson (WLL)

Moira Di Mauro-Jackson received this year's Registered Student Organization Advisor of the Year award. Dr. Mauro-Jackson represents Pi Delta Phi French National Honor Society and Le Cercle Français.

David Navarro (WLL)

David Navarro received the 2020 John K. Walsh Article of the Year Award for "Revalorización de los conceptos de pecado y delito en las Siete Partidas y las Cantigas de Santa Maria."

IN THE NEWS

Kent Reilly (ANTH)

National Geographic featured Kent Reilly's museum exhibition--Spiro and the Art of the Mississippian World--hosted by The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum from February 12 to May 9, 2021.

Nicholas Herrmann (ANTH)

Nicholas Herrmann was recently interviewed by *Corridor News* about the current work on the Phillips project in Fredericksburg. The project records the history of African American cemeteries.

Kate Spradley (ANTH)

Kate Spradley and Operation ID were featured in *Texas Monthly*. Dr. Spradley also published an Op-Ed in *The Daily Beast*: "The Many Nameless Migrant Skeletons Buried Along America's Border."



From the Spiro Mounds exhibit

Jill Pruetz (ANTH)

Jill Pruetz was interviewed by BBC radio about the origins of humanity's relationship with fire and how its energy advanced our ancestors' intelligence.

Debra Monroe (ENG)

Debra Monroe interviewed writer Cassandra Lane in *Electric Literature* about the generational trauma of racial violence.

Carolyn Boyd (ANTH)

The work of Carolyn Boyd and Shumla Archaeological Research & Education Center were featured by Marfa Public Radio, *The Art Newspaper*, and *ARTnews*.

Sarah Coleman (HIST)

Sarah Coleman was interviewed in an NPR article, "A 50-Year Look At American Immigration."

Caroline Ritter (HIST)

Caroline Ritter was featured in a *New Books Network* podcast about her book *Imperial Encore* and culture in the British Empire.

Louie Dean Valencia-Garcia (HIST)

Louie Dean Valencia-García was interviewed about fascism on the *Texas Standard*, a Texas Public Radio show.



Dr. Kate Spradley

IN THE NEWS

Dwight Watson (HIST)

Dwight Watson was quoted in an NBC article, "How Black Lives Matter Changed Americas View on Race." He also discussed racial disparities in police violence on *Town Square* with Ernie Manouse on News 88.7 Houston Public Media.

Thomas Alter (HIST)

Thomas Alter discussed traumatic historical events and Texas labor law in the context of February's winter storm on the *Texas Standard*.

Allison Robinson (HIST)

Allison Robinson and Brandon Jett (History alum) wrote an op-ed, "The chilling similarities between the pro-Trump mob and lynchings a century ago," for *The Washington Post*.

Casey Nichols (HIST)

Casey Nichols was featured in *Engaging Research* by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.



Memorial for George Floyd in Minneapolis, MN

Shannon Duffy (HIST)

Shannon Duffy hosted an episode of the Organization of American Historians podcast examining the history of smallpox in early America.

Joseph Laycock (PHIL)

Joseph Laycock was quoted in a *Bloomberg* article, "Nike's Satan Shoe Lawsuit Is a Slam Dunk."

Natasha Mikles (PHIL)

Natasha Mikles wrote an article, "Indians are forced to change rituals for their dead as COVID-19 rages through cities and villages," published by *The Conversation*.

Ashleen Machleen Bagnulo (POSI)

Ashleen Bagnulo discussed the storming of the U.S. Capitol on January 6th on Houston Public Access TV's *Public Affairs* program sponsored by the Houston League of Women Voters.

Beto O'Rourke (POSI)

The *University Star* interviewed visiting professor and former Congressman Beto O'Rourke.

Jennifer Clegg (PSY)

Jennifer Clegg's research, "Is non-conformity weird?" was featured in an article by the *BBC*.



Mickles wrote about mass cremations in Bengaluru, India, due to the large number of COVID-19 deaths

IN THE NEWS

Katherine Warnell & Jennifer Clegg (PSY)

The Texas State Newsroom covered research on children's development by Katherine Warnell and Jennifer Clegg.

Billy Fields (POSI)

Billy Fields was recently interviewed by the podcast *Active Towns* about his new book *Adaptation Urbanism and Resilient Communities: Transforming Streets to Address Climate Change*. He also appeared on a webcast at Florida Atlantic University's Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions (CUES) discussing the topics and main findings of the book.

Ty Shepis (PSY)

Ty Shepis was quoted in a *USA Today* article, "It's time to stop saying words like 'Schitzo' and phrases like 'I'm so OCD.' Here's why."

Rhonda Balzarini (PSY)

Psychology Today featured Rhonda Balzarini's research in an article, "When Your Romantic Partner Fails to Meet Your Sexual Ideal."

Joseph Kotarba (SOCI)

The Texas State Newsroom featured Joseph Kotarba's research and teaching, "Music Across the Life Course Project."



Billy Fields

Bagnulo discussed the January 6 Capital Riots.



STUDENTS & ALUMNI

D'Artagnan Elliot, Natalie Quientero- Flores, Drew Ducote, Katelyn Domer

The following students won the 2021 Undergraduate Research Expo:

Oral Presentations

1st Place: D'Artagnan Elliot, Anthropology and French double major (Advisor: Gyongyi Pisak)
2nd Place: Natalie Quientero-Flores, Psychology major (Advisor: Jennifer Clegg-Petz)

Poster Competition

1st Place: Drew Ducote, Geography major (Advisor: Eric Sarmiento)
2nd Place: Katelyn Domer, Psychology major (Advisor: Kate Warnell)

Victoria Elizondo

International Studies graduate student Victoria Elizondo was selected as a Boren Fellowship recipient.



Gaby O'Connor



Model United Nations students

French Club (WLL)

The French Club (Le Cercle) received the Texas State University Organization of the Month award for May.

Christian Wallace

English alum Christian Wallace's podcast *Boomtown* (an 11-part series about how the West Texas oil industry is reshaping the country's climate, economy and geopolitics) will be developed as a show, *Land Man*, produced by Yellowstone's Taylor Sheridan.

Antonio Beardall

Anthropology doctoral student Antonio Beardall (Mentor: Nick Carter) received a \$9,000 Texas State Doctoral Merit Fellowship.

Gaby O'Connor

Alumna Gaby O'Connor (dual French/German & Spanish major and Honors minor) was awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Model United Nations (POS)

The following students won awards at the Southern Regional Model United Nations (SRMUN) in March.

Representing the United Mexican States, Kaela Thompson, Catching Valentinis-Dee, Joseph Bahr, and Andrea Garcia Rodriguez won Outstanding Delegation.

Representing the Russian Federation, Dalton Powell, Ana Moreno, Kaitlyn Rodriguez, Daniel Amoo, Aaron Acevado, Bridget Negrete, Marie Frere, Samuel Trusdale, Taylor Williams, and David Moncada won 'Distinguished Delegation.

Kaela Thompson won Best Delegate in her committee, General Assembly Plenary.

Catching Valentinis-Dee, Joseph Bahr, Kaitlyn Rodriguez, and Daniel Amoo won Co-Best Delegate awards in their committee, General Assembly Fourth.

Aaron Acevado and Bridget Negrete won Best Delegate in the World Food Program – Executive Board committee.

Andrea Garcia Rodriguez, Marie Frere, and Samuel Truesdale won Co-Best Delegate awards in their committee, Commission on Narcotics and Drugs.

Finally, David Moncada won Best Delegate.

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Asa Johnson, Andrea Pinon, Allison Tinglov, Patrick Moloney, Houston Hataway, Emma Jane Park and Ugonne Etufugh

The following students are semi-finalists for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program's 2021-22 competition cycle.

GRADUATES: Asa Johnson (ENG) and Andrea Pinon (GEO)

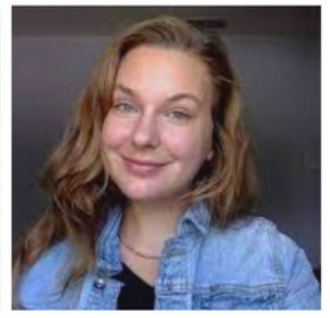
UNDERGRADUATES: Allison Tinglov and Patrick Moloney (POSI), Houston Hataway and Emma Jane Park (WLL), and Ugonne Etufugh (PSY).

Mei Yang & Sojung Huh

Geography doctoral students Mei Yang and Sojung Huh were awarded P.E.O International Peace Scholarships.



D'Artagnan Elliot



Houston Hataway, Patrick Maloney, and Emma Jane Park

Ivanna Robledo

Anthropology graduate student Ivanna Robledo (Mentor: Nick Herrmann) is the 2021 College of Liberal Arts Outstanding MA Student.

Tomas Morin

English alum Tomas Morin published his poem "New Year's Eve" in the *New York Times*.

Emma Andrews

English MFA student Emma Andrews has an op-ed featured in CNN Opinion.

Stacey Swann

English MFA alum Stacey Swann's upcoming debut novel--*Olympus, Texas*--was selected for *Good Morning America's* book club.

Molly Miranker

Geography doctoral student Molly Miranker (advisor: Alberto Giordano) received the P.E.O Scholar Award.

Luise Noel

English graduate student Luise Noel has been awarded a P.E.O. International Peace Scholarships.

English

English MFA alumna Stanislav Rivkin, Amanda Scott, and Bonnie Cisneros, along with current MFA students Nour Al Ghraoui and Charlene Caruthers, were featured in an article, "A labor of love': MFA women express inclusivity, culture through writing," in *The University Star*.

Ali Riegel

English graduate student Ali Riegel was selected as the 2021-22 Clark Writer-In-Residence.

Misty Schieberly

World Languages and Literatures alumna Misty Schieberly received the prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship.

Fatima Bouderdaben & Sara Moya

Anthropology graduate student Fatima Bouderdaben and Geography graduate student, Sara Moya were awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

FUNDING

Carolyn Boyd

Carolyn Boyd received an NEH grant (\$145,049.61) for her project, Origins and Tenacity of Myth, Ritual, & Cosmology in Archaic Period Rock Art of Southwest Texas & Northern Mexico.

Heather Smith

Heather Smith was awarded an \$8,000 REP grant for research on "Geoarchaeological Coring at Spring Lake, San Marcos, TX.

Emily Brunson & Monica Schoch-Spana

Emily Brunson and Monica Schoch-Spana the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative for her project, "The Community's Role in an Equitable and Effective COVID-19 Vaccination Rollout."

Jennifer Jensen

Texas Parks and Wildlife funded Jennifer Jensen's project, "GIS Data Update for Healthy Creeks Initiative."

Kate Spradley & Nicole Taylor

Kate Spradley and Nicole Taylor received a \$16,000 REP grant for research on "Migrant Death Practices: Understanding Institutional Decision-making in the Treatment of Unidentified Human Remains."

Dwonna Goldstone & Gloria Martinez

Dwonna Goldstone and Gloria Martinez received a grant from the Hogg Foundation for their project, "Black Mental Health in the Age of COVID-19 at Texas State University."

Aimee Roundtree

Aimee Roundtree secured a research contract from the Department of State Health Services to test their digital products.

Nick Herrmann

Nicholas Herrmann is collaborating on a Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (HHRRC) Award for work on "Anthropological Analysis of Victims of the Soviet-Era in Georgia."

Danny Wescott & Deborah Cunningham

Danny Wescott and Deborah Cunningham received a grant from the National Institute of Justice for their project, "Body Mass Estimation using Bone Micro- and Macro-Structure: A Practical Approach."

Jennifer Clegg

Jennifer Clegg was awarded a grant from the John Templeton Foundation for her project "Natural and supernatural representations in nonreligious households: Examining nonreligious parents' and children's explicit and implicit beliefs."

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