

GRADUATE STUDIES

GRADUATION PROGRAM 2020



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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear students, parents, families, faculty, and staff,

This program honors all of those students who completed a graduate degree in the College of Arts and Letters this semester, Spring 2020. Truly, we can say that rarely, if ever, has a class of FAU students overcome such obstacles in the completion of their degrees. It is beyond unfortunate that we cannot gather together (at least not yet!) to celebrate your accomplishments, but this does not mean that we do not appreciate them. The Spring 2020 graduating class, as we all know, had to suddenly stop attending face-to-face classes mid-semester due to the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic in our country. In addition, many graduates had to move their own teaching online, with little or no prior training. Students in a range of disciplines had to submit theses online in an entirely different protocol than they had come to expect and could not meet with their advisors as scheduled. Likewise, fine arts students were prevented from exhibiting or performing their final projects as they expected, forced to forego a culmination and celebration of their studies. In addition to these academic obstacles, students, friends, and family members were losing their jobs and falling prey to the virus, while everyone's daily routines were thrown into turmoil. Nevertheless, the students featured on this website persevered and completed difficult courses of study even under the best of circumstances. Listed here are students who completed M. A.'s, M. F. A.'s, M. M.'s, and M. A. T.'s in a wide range of disciplines, as specified more thoroughly elsewhere on this site. We could not be prouder of you all, as well as the families, friends, faculty and staff that made it all possible. We look forward to gathering together and celebrating your achievements during better times. In the meantime, we encourage you take a moment and savor what you have achieved. It is truly remarkable. Congratulations!



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Horswell'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

MICHAEL J. HORSWELL
DEAN, DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE
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GRADUATES | SPRING 2020

M.A. IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Stephen Amorino
Taylor Testa

M.A. IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES (SCMS)*

Jordan Bowles
Tana Le
Christina Primo

M.A. IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE (LLCL)**

Annaliz Faife Casas
Mauricio Garcia
Gabriela Penagos

M.F.A. IN CREATIVE WRITING (ENGLISH)

Cherri Buijk
Emily Donovan
Daniel Graves
Benjamin Kerns
Brittany Rigdon

M.A. IN ENGLISH

Andrew Hudnall
Marie Junco
Bailey Maxwell
Oleksiy Ostaltsev
Lucas Townsend
Isaac Zepeda

M.A. IN HISTORY

Angela Hawley
Yasmin McGee
Clive Powell

M.A. IN LINGUISTICS (LLCL)

Russell Clemmons
Noora Gichi
Ivy Gilbert
Christopher Shepler
Emily Utz
Cynthia Vidal

M.F.A. IN MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERTAINMENT (SCMS)*

Alberto Alvarez
Alex Henry
Brandon Martinez
Monisha Ramachendran
Selvaraj

M.M. IN MUSIC

Irina Antsiferova
Luis Castillo
Benita Dzhurkova
Brandon Fuente
Michael Miranda
Daniel Riano-Restrepo
Barbara Salani
Sergey Skobin

M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Daniel Camacho
George Hnatiuk
Anthony Namnum
Rebecca Seide
José Velasquez-Diaz

M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

Malcolm Brown
Danirah Downs
Kelly Fraidenburg
Brianna Guinn
Katherine Haggar
Julia Hemer
Thelma Noel
Jessica Shoemaker
Paula-Ann Wynter

M.A. IN TEACHING OF FRENCH (LLCL)**

Samia Benyounes
Laura Deveze Menezes

M.F.A. IN VISUAL ARTS (VAAH)***

Karen-Janine Cohen
Penelope Fedor
Symantha Jones
Jason Levan

M.A. IN WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Kelsey Golden
Annelyn Martinez
Elena Steinhaus

*School of Communication and Multimedia Studies

** Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature

*** Visual Arts and Art History

“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language. And next year’s words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.”

- T.S. ELIOT



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