

# GRADUATE STUDIES

GRADUATION PROGRAM 2020



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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS  
Florida Atlantic University

# 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 stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Horswell'.

**MICHAEL J. HORSWELL**  
DEAN, DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE  
OF ARTS AND LETTERS

# GRADUATES | SPRING 2020

## M.A. IN ANTHROPOLOGY

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Stephen Amorino  
Taylor Testa

## M.A. IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES (SCMS)\*

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Jordan Bowles  
Tana Le  
Christina Primo

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

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Annaliz Faife Casas  
Mauricio Garcia  
Gabriela Penagos

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

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Cherri Buijk  
Emily Donovan  
Daniel Graves  
Benjamin Kerns  
Brittany Rigdon

## M.A. IN ENGLISH

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Andrew Hudnall  
Marie Junco  
Bailey Maxwell  
Oleksiy Ostaltsev  
Lucas Townsend

## M.A. IN HISTORY

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Angela Hawley  
Yasmin McGee  
Clive Powell

## M.A. IN LINGUISTICS (LLCL)

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

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

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Alberto Alvarez  
Alex Henry  
Brandon Martinez  
Monisha Ramachendran  
Selvaraj

## M.M. IN MUSIC

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

## M.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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

## M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

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

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

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Samia Benyounes  
Laura Deveze Menezes

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

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Karen-Janine Cohen  
Penelope Fedor  
Symantha Jones  
Jason Levan

## M.A. IN WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

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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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