

The College of Arts and Sciences
at the
University of Vermont

Honors Ceremony

2014

*Music performed by David Neiweem, Professor of Music
and Marion B. Coe University Organist and Carillonneur*

*Prelude: Organ music from the English "Restoration Period" (1660-88), John Blow
and Henry Purcell*

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar

Welcome: Antonio Cepeda-Benito, Dean and Professor of Psychology

Guest Speaker: Lynne Bond, Professor of Psychology

Lynne Bond, Ph.D. (Tufts University), has been professor of Psychology at UVM since 1976. She has published widely and received substantial grant funding to support her teaching and scholarship on strategies for promoting healthy individual, family, and community development. Her international scholarship has included teaching UVM students in both Cuba and Mexico. Dr. Bond's outstanding scholarship earned her UVM's University Scholar Award, an Outstanding Book Award from the Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights, and national recognition for her contributions to Service-Learning and Community Partnerships. Her teaching skills earned her three of UVM's faculty awards: the Kidder Outstanding Faculty Award, the Kroepsch-Maurice Teaching Award for Outstanding Professor, and the Outstanding Woman Faculty of the Year Award. Dr. Bond has served in a variety of administrative roles at UVM, including Dean of the Graduate College, and Director of the Undergraduate Program in Psychology, the General Experimental Graduate Program in Psychology, and the Office of Community-University Partnerships and Service-Learning.

Phi Beta Kappa

Remarks: John P. Burke, Associate Dean and Professor of Political Science

Undergraduates Elected in Fall 2013

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| Joseph Carpenter | Andrew McCue |
| Antonia David | Alyssa Micheli |
| Evan Davis–Drennan | Megan E. Noonan |
| Ashley Deeb | Rebecca Norton |
| Emma Fitzsimmons | Jennifer Phillips |
| Samuel Kazman | Daniel Rosenblum |

Undergraduates Invited for Initiation Spring 2014

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| Sarah Aghjayan | Ian Martel |
| Rachel Aronson | Emily Mentes |
| Alma Arteaga | Katie Mercer |
| Robert Benner | Juliana Morris |
| Blair Borax | Annika Nilsson |
| Tanner Bowden | Eliza Novick |
| Lily Carter | Blair Oesterle |
| Anders Christiansen | Rosemary Owen |
| Terese Cioffredi | Maureen Pavlik |
| Laura Davenport | Abigail Pfister |
| Michael Edmondson | Tyler Purinton |
| Ashley Friedman | Timothy Robustelli |
| Joseph Friedman | Jeremiah Rozman |
| Devin Halligan | Zach Silberman |
| Bronwen Hudson | Jessica Slayton |
| Indigo James | Sean Stone |
| Kerry Johnson | Alexandra Sullivan |
| Alexander Jones | Jackson Taymans |
| Erin Kerr | Pedro Teixeira |
| Nathan Latta | David Travis |
| Nicholas Leger | Lindsay Whittaker |
| Grace Levy | Michael Wood |
| Samantha Leopold | |

Honors Thesis Recognition

Remarks: Joel Goldberg, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Chemistry

Rachel Aronson, Eating in Crisis: Culturally Appropriate Food and the Local Food Movement in the Lives of Domestic Violence Survivors. Advisor: Teresa Mares, Ph.D., Anthropology

Katie Bedard, The Effects of Aging and Cancer on the Number of Spacing of Myonuclei in Human Skeletal Muscle Fibers. Advisors: Bryan Ballif, Ph.D., Biology, and Mark Miller, Ph.D., Molecular Physiology and Biophysics

Robert Fox Benner, Anglo or Apeman?: Irish Caricature and Anglo-American Relations, 1861 to 1872. Advisor: Nicole Phelps, Ph.D., History

Samantha Bissonette, Roles of the Kinesin-7 Motor Protein CENP-E and Chromokinesin Kid in Mechanical Regulation of Sister Kinetochore Biorientation during Cell Division. Advisors: Bryan Ballif, Ph.D., Biology, and Jason Stumpff, Ph.D., Molecular Physiology and Biophysics

Blair Borax, On Being Earthlings: Photographic Portraits and Audio Narratives on Human-Earth Connection in Israel-Palestine. Advisor: Adrian Ivakhiv, Ph.D., Environmental Studies

Charles Tanner Bowden, Queen City Stories. Advisor: Gregory Bottoms, M.F.A., English

Neil Brandt, Changing Actors and Discourse: An Analysis of Ten Years of Media Coverage In Vermont's Wind Power Debate. Advisors: Stephanie Kaza, Ph.D., and Richard Watts, Ph.D., Environmental Studies

Connor Burns, Intuitional Reliability. Advisor: Don Loeb, Ph.D., Philosophy

Anders Christiansen, Evaluating Workplace Democracy In Mondragon. Advisor: Jan Feldman, Ph.D., Political Science

Kiah Coble, Topophilia in Provincetown. Advisor: John Gennari, Ph.D., English

Antonia David, The Impact of Humanitarian Norms on Post–Cold War Humanitarian Interventions. Advisor: Melissa Willard–Foster, Ph.D., Political Science

Laura Davenport, *Knights & Neighves*: An Animated Adventure. Advisor: Sarah Nilsen, Ph.D., Film and Television Studies

Daniel Davis, Why Does Modern Science Need a Father?: French Cartesianism and the Performance of the Scientific Subject. Advisor: Paul Deslandes, Ph.D., History

Jonathan Deangelis, Cenotaph. Advisor: William McDowell, M.F.A., Art

Ashley Lauren Deeb, The Role of Seasonal Attitudes in Seasonal Affective Disorder. Advisor: Kelly Rohan, Ph.D., Psychological Science

Madeline Delaney, Late I Find You Buried: Where Intimacy, Apostrophe, and the Abstracted Muse Intersect. Advisor: Emily Bernard, Ph.D., English

Stefanie Doucette, Writing with Vévés: Haitian Vodou and History in the Works of Edwidge Danticat. Advisor: Helen Scott, Ph.D., English

Michael Eaton, Small Town Sense of Place: The Search to Find Meaning in a Rural Setting. Advisor: Tom Simone, Ph.D., English

Michael Edmondson, The Will of a Man: Innocent III and the Failure of the Fourth Crusade. Advisor: Sean Field, Ph.D., History

Emma Fry Fitzsimmons, Hegemonic Universalism: Framing Secularism and Womanhood in the French Veil Conflict. Advisor: Luis Vivanco, Ph.D., Global and Regional Studies

Joseph Friedman, Disability and Diversity in the Green Mountain State: A Critical Ethnographic Exploration of Neurodiversity, Genomic Technologies, and Eugenics in Vermont. Advisor: Jeanne Shea, Ph.D., Anthropology

Kelsey Lockhart Giustra, *Belle Femme: An Interpretation of a Play to Raise Awareness for Violence Against Women*. Advisor: Sarah Carleton, M.F.A., Theatre

Kody Grasset, *The Woods: An Exploration of Sexuality through Dramatic Form*. Advisor: Gregory Ramos, M.F.A., Theatre

Holly Greenleaf, *The Greenleaf Farm Resiliency Project: An Ecological Landscape Design*. Advisors: Thomas Hudspeth, Ph.D., and Amy Seidl, Ph.D., Environmental Studies

John Sanford Hart, *The Demise of the Citizen–Soldier and Its Implications for the Role of the American Army*. Advisors: Paul Deslandes, Ph.D., and Andrew Buchanan, Ph.D., History

Sydney M. Healy, *Sustainability Narratives in Las Salinas Grandes: Subalternity, Environmental Justice, and Researcher Reflexivity*. Advisor: Richard Watts, Ph.D., Environmental Studies

Bronwen Hudson, *Poetry as a Complex System*. Advisor: Andrew Barnaby, Ph.D., European Studies/English

Alexander Jones, *"Dual Track Advocacy:" Legal Strategies, Political Strategies and Their Intersection in the Marriage Equality Movement*. Advisor: Alec Ewald, Ph.D., Political Science

Samuel Kazman, *Exploring the Laffer Curve: Behavioral Responses to Taxation*. Advisor: Nathalie Mathieu–Bolh, Ph.D., Economics

Rivka Kelly, *The Duchess: An Analysis of the Life and Legacy of Louisa Lane Drew*. Advisor: John Forbes, M.F.A., Theatre

Erin Kerr, *More than the Marshall Plan: Evaluating Official Development Assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Advisor: Pablo Bose, Ph.D., Geography

Avalon Lambert, *The Impact of Chronic Pain on Cognitive Functioning*. Advisors: William Falls, Ph.D., Psychological Science, and Magdalena Naylor, Ph.D., Psychiatry

Ian Martel, *The Dust*, a Novel. Advisor: Kevin Moffett, M.F.A., English

Colleen McCarthy, Effects of Pravastatin on Vascular Adaptation and Reproductive Outcome in Two Rat Models of Gestational Hypertension. Advisors: Jim Vigoreaux, Ph.D., Biology, and George Osol, Ph.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology

Andrew McCue, *Le Devoir du Journaliste: François Mauriac, Albert Camus et la Libération de France*. Advisor: Meaghan Emery, Ph.D., French

Juliana Morris, The Relationship between Landscape, Tree and Bird Biodiversity throughout Vermont. Advisor: Ruth Mickey, Ph.D., Statistics

Annika Nilsson, Birthing between a Rock and a Hard Place: Maternal Choice in a Polarized Debate. Advisor: Jeanne Shea, Ph.D., Anthropology

Rebecca Colburn Norton, Messaging in Scaliness: A Programming Language for Wireless Sensor Networks. Advisor: Christian Skalka, Ph.D., Computer Science

Eliza Novick, Considering Bi-dialectal Education from Three Perspectives: Language as a Right, Language as a Resource, and Language as a Problem. Advisor: Maeve Eberhardt, Ph.D., Linguistics

Katherine O'Shea, Genetic Study of Recent Samples of American Marten (*Martes americana*) from Vermont. Advisor: Charles William Kilpatrick, Ph.D., Biology

Blair Oesterle, The Portrayal and Performance of Nerds in Contemporary Literature. Advisor: Emily Bernard, Ph.D., English

Samantha Owen, Gender and Vision through the Lens of Cindy Sherman in the Pictures Generation. Advisor: Anthony Grudin, Ph.D., Art History

David Plotkin, Peter and the West: How Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* Expanded Beyond its Folkloric Origins into an American Idiom. Advisor: Kathleen Scollins, Ph.D., Russian

Tyler Purinton, Intervention or Inaction?: Bridging the Gap between Realism and Constructivism by Examining American Decision-making in Humanitarian Crises. Advisor: Melissa Willard-Foster, Ph.D., Political Science

Mariah Rae, Children Coping with Stress: The Role of Autonomy Support and Psychological Control. Advisor: Jamie Abaied, Ph.D., Psychological Science

Yael Rhodes, Es Lo Que No Tenemos Aquí, Libertad: An Ethnographic Study on Resources and Barriers amongst Latino/a Migrant Farmworkers in Vermont. Advisor: Teresa Mares, Ph.D., Anthropology

Hannah Rickner, The Immunolocalization of Purinergic Signaling Receptors in the Supporting Cells of the Mammalian Vomeronasal Organ. Advisor: Rona Delay, Ph.D., Biology

Corrie Roe, The History of the Ethnographic Collection at the Fleming Museum. Advisor: Jennifer Dickinson, Ph.D., Anthropology

Erin Elizabeth Roelke, Activation of the Endocrine Stress Response by *Pituitary Adenylate Cyclase-activating Polypeptide* (PACAP) in the Bed Nucleus of the Stria Terminalis (BNST): A Dose Response Curve. Advisor: Sayamwong Hammack, Ph.D., Psychological Science

Shae Rowlandson, A Test between Plant and Fish Oil Sources: The Potential Benefits of Diet Enhanced with Omega-3 Fatty Acids. Advisors: Christopher Landry, Ph.D., Biochemistry, and Tom Jetton, Ph.D., Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

Zachary Silberman, Identification of Regulatory Mechanisms of the ERK/MAPK Pathway by Pituitary Adenylyl Cyclase Activating Polypeptide Stimulation. Advisor: Bryan Ballif, Ph.D., Biology

Jessica Slayton, Ekphrasis in the Modernist Aesthetic: Virginia Woolf's Use of Painting in *To the Lighthouse* and Its Effect on Linguistic Expression. Advisor: Tom Simone, Ph.D., English

Ian Straus, Incongruity Theory and the Explanatory Limits of Reason. Advisors: Tyler Doggett, Ph.D., Philosophy, and Todd McGowan, Ph.D., Film and Television Studies

Mary Struziak, Age- and Sex-dependent Expression of Estrogen Receptors in Vomeronasal Sensory Neurons. Advisor: Rona Delay, Ph.D., Biology

Alexandra Sullivan, It's Not Hot to Be Cool: The Predictive Effect of Social Status Goal Orientations on Depressive Symptoms. Advisor: Dianna Murray-Close, Ph.D., Psychological Science

Pedro Teixeira, The Portrayal of Suicide in Postmodern Japanese Literature and Popular Media. Advisor: Kyle Ikeda, Ph.D., Asian Languages and Literatures

Holly Trantham, American Regionalism in a Televised Context: *Parks and Recreation* Revises a Genre. Advisor: Valerie Rohy, Ph.D., English

David Viscido, Taste Identification of L-arginine, L-serine and L-MSG by WT and T1R KO Mice Using CTA Methodology. Advisor: Eugene Delay, Ph.D., Biology

Anna Weber, The Cost of Survival: My Grandfather's Capture and Imprisonment in Occupied France and Poland. Advisor: Gregory Bottoms, M.F.A., English

Erin M. White, The Wonderful (Natural) World of Disney: Dilemmas of Authenticity in Visual Culture About Nature. Advisor: Luis Vivanco, Ph.D., Anthropology

Benjamin Whitney, Community in Action: Using the Green Mountain Club as a Model for Community Building. Advisor: Stephanie Kaza, Ph.D., Environmental Studies

Michael Wood, Political Alienation in American Society. Advisor: Nicholas Danigelis, Ph.D., Sociology

Alexandra Nevill Wozniak, Knockdown of Peroxiredoxin 3 in Malignant Mesothelioma Cells Reduces FOXM1 Expression and Affects Mitochondrial

Structure and Function. Advisors: Christopher Landry, Ph.D., Biochemistry, and Nicholas Heintz, Ph.D., Pathology

College of Arts and Sciences Departmental Awards

Anthropology Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Deborah Blom, Chair

GEORGE HENRY PERKINS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR

This award is named for George Henry Perkins, a UVM faculty member in Geology and later Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Perkins is credited with teaching one of the first formal courses in Anthropology at an American university. The Perkins Award is presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated superior intellectual commitment to Anthropology during the completion of their degree.

**Joseph R. Friedman
Daniel A. Rosenblum**

W. A. HAVILAND MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY

A Mayanist archaeologist by training, William Haviland served UVM for more than 30 years as a faculty member and Chair of the Department of Anthropology. Bill's career was characterized by his desire to apply anthropological perspectives to modern social problems. The Haviland Award is presented to the graduating senior who best exemplifies Bill's commitment to finding solutions for real-world crises through the use of anthropological perspectives.

Rachel A. Aronson

JAMES B. PETERSEN ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD

This award is named for Dr. James B. Petersen, a UVM graduate who later returned as a faculty member and Chair of the Department of Anthropology. Jim's enthusiasm for all things archaeological is legendary, leading to substantial intellectual contributions to the archaeology of the Northeast, the Caribbean, and Amazonia. The Petersen Award is presented to the graduating senior with a sub-disciplinary focus on archaeology, who best exemplifies Jim's passion for archaeology.

Joy C. Tatem

Art and Art History Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Thomas Brennan, Chair

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN ART HISTORY

This award is given to a senior Art History major for academic excellence and commitment to the field of Art History.

Jordan Lovejoy
Rosemary Owen

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN STUDIO ART

This award is given to a senior Studio Art major for academic excellence and commitment to their creative and artistic work.

Jonathan Deangelis
Jazmine Rodriguez

Asian Languages and Literatures Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Kyle Ikeda

PETER SEYBOLT ACADEMIC AWARD

This award was initiated after the Department of Asian Languages and Literatures was founded in 2007 and was named after the founder of the Department, Professor Peter Seybolt, in August 2012, to commemorate his dedication and contribution to Asian language education. It is given to the top graduating seniors who major in an Asian language based on their academic performances.

Pedro M. Teixeira
Maureen L. Pavlik
Hanna B. Miyake

Biochemistry Awards

Presented by Professor Christopher Landry, Director

LOUISE NUTTER AWARD

Louise Nutter enrolled at UVM at fifteen and went on to graduate with a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and later became a professor of Pharmacology at the University of Minnesota. The Louise Nutter Award recognizes a female Biochemistry major for excellence in academics and research.

Alexandra Wozniak

EDWARD BRESNICK AWARD

A former Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, Edward Bresnick helped to start the Vermont Cancer Center and was a well-known educator. The award named for Dr. Bresnick recognizes academic and research achievement in medical Biochemistry.

Shae Rowlandson

Biology Awards

Presented by Professor Jim O. Vigoreaux, Chair

KURT MILTON PICKETT AWARD

This award is presented to the student with outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology. Dr. Pickett arrived in the Biology Department as an Assistant Professor in 2007 and was promoted to Associate Professor shortly before his death in 2011 after a seven-year courageous struggle with cancer. Dr. Pickett was one of the world's foremost experts in the systematics of wasps and the evolution of social behavior in insects, and he traveled extensively to collect and observe wasps in a wide variety of habitats.

Katie L. Bedard

PAUL A. MOODY AWARD

This award is presented to a student with outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology. Moody was born in Randolph Center, Vermont in 1903, received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, and returned to Vermont to join the Department of Zoology (now Department of Biology). He was a loved teacher, and rose to be Chairperson of the department. Dr. Moody first studied vision in rodents, but is best known for being a founder of modern systematic studies.

Zachary H. Silberman

BERND HEINRICH AWARD

This award is presented to a student with outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology. Dr. Heinrich, Emeritus Professor of Biology, has been a member of the Biology Department since 1980. He has had a long career in science in ecological physiology, animal behavior, and evolutionary ecology. Dr. Heinrich has produced hundreds of publications in the best journals and is often regarded as one of the world's foremost ecologists and naturalists.

Michael E. Kosofsky

JOAN M. HERBERS AWARD

This award is presented to a student with outstanding academic performance in Biology. Herbers arrived at UVM in 1979 as the first tenure-track female professor in the history of the Department of Biology and quickly rose to full professor, the highest rank for a faculty member. Dr. Herbers has been for many years one of the world's most important researchers in animal behavior, especially the social behavior of ants.

Shad A. Orechovesky

GEORGE PERKINS MARSH AWARD

This award is presented to a student with outstanding academic performance in Biology. Marsh was one of the great figures in Vermont and U.S. history. He is regarded as the founder of the environmental movement with his 1864 publication of Man and Nature, which is still in print. The book influenced many important scientific and political figures, including Theodore Roosevelt.

David J. Viscido

Chemistry Awards

Presented by Professor Dwight Matthews, Chair

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY GREEN MOUNTAIN SECTION AWARD

This award is given to an outstanding senior chemistry major for academic performance in chemistry.

Aliya S. Lapp

Eva A. Rouanet

CHARLES E. BRAUN AWARD

The Braun Award is given to an outstanding senior chemistry major for performance of research in chemistry in memory of Charles Braun, former Department Chair and the first Dean of the Graduate College.

Rebecca B. Watson

Classics Awards

Presented by Professor Mark Usher, Chair

THE FREDERICK ARNOLD VINTON PRIZE

The Frederick Arnold Vinton Prize was established in 1951 by Hope Vinton in honor of her father, a medical doctor. It is awarded to "the student or students, male or female, who shall exhibit, in the opinion of the majority of the professors and instructors in Latin and Greek, exceptional proficiency in the study of said languages."

Sean M. Stone

Lindsay M. Whittaker

KIRBY FLOWER SMITH LATIN PRIZE

The Kirby Flower Smith Latin Prize is named after a formidable, energetic Latinist, UVM class of 1884, and later Professor of Classics at Johns Hopkins. The prize was given in his memory by his wife in 1919. It recognizes superior performance in Latin language and literature.

Bronwen E. Hudson

Kaitlin E. Knox

Sean M. Stone

JOHN H. KENT MEMORIAL AWARD IN CLASSICS

The John H. Kent Memorial Award honors a UVM Professor and Chair of Classics and former Dean of the Graduate College in the '50s and '60s, who had a very distinguished career as an epigraphist. It is awarded to the best overall senior or seniors in Classics.

Michael R. Edmondson

Scott A. Scribi

Christina Aubrey Wagner

Computer Science Award

Presented by Associate Professor Maggie Eppstein

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

This award is given to the top senior Computer Science major based on their academic performance as well as their commitment to the field of Computer Science.

Rebecca Norton

Economics Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Sara Solnick, Chair

JOHN H. CONVERSE AWARD

This award is for a senior whose academic achievement is outstanding. It is named in honor of John H. Converse, a former trustee of the University who was instrumental in establishing coursework in Economics at UVM in 1899.

Samuel Kazman

FREEMAN SALTUS AWARD

This award recognizes seniors with high academic achievement. It was established in 1950 as a bequest from Freeman M. Saltus.

**Nicholas Ciani
Riley Quinn**

English Awards

Presented by Professor Valerie Rohy, Chair

SAMUEL N. BOGORAD AWARD

Given in memory of English professor Samuel Bogorad who taught from 1946 to 1982, it is presented to one outstanding senior majoring in English.

Blair Oesterle

DOUGLAS A. PINTA AWARD

Established in memory of a UVM graduate, it is presented to a student who has discovered the wonder of creative writing.

Rachel J. Bennett

WILLARD B. POPE AWARD

In honor of Dr. Willard Pope, Professor Emeritus of English, this award is given to an upperclassman who excels in the study of Romanticism.

**Aubrey Bauer
Joshua MacGregor**

BENJAMIN B. WAINWRIGHT AWARD

Professor Wainwright taught at UVM from 1925 to 1963. This prize is given to the student who submits the best poem each year.

Dacota Lynn Pratt-Pariseau

Environmental Sciences Award

Presented by Professor Charlotte Mehrtens, Director

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

The Environmental Sciences Program faculty presents this award to the most outstanding graduating senior on the basis of overall GPA, GPA in Environmental Science courses, as well as excellence in undergraduate research.

Lauren Wroblewski

Environmental Studies Awards

Presented by Professor Stephanie Kaza, Director

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The Environmental Studies Program faculty presents this award to the graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, environmental leadership, and campus and community activism and service.

Alma M. Arteaga

Margaret E. Galka

IAN A. WORLEY AWARDS FOR CREATIVE AND INDEPENDENT THINKING IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Named for the Director of the Environmental Program from 1994 to 2008, these awards are intended to encourage and support creativity and independent thinking in the pursuit of addressing environmental goals. Students and faculty recognized with this award will receive financial support for their proposed innovative and imaginative projects.

Mackenzie Jones

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Ellen Andersen

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Outstanding Senior Award honors students who embody a combination of theory and activism.

Madi Boyett
Indigo James

ELLEN HAMILTON AND LIDA MASON AWARD

The Ellen Hamilton and Lida Mason Award honors academic excellence in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies.

Indigo James
Joshua MacGregor

Geography Awards

Presented by Professor Meghan Cope, Chair

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN GEOGRAPHY

This award is given to the top senior Geography major(s) based on their academic performance as well as their commitment to the field of Geography.

Erin Kerr

GLEN ELDER AWARD

Glen Elder was a beloved geography professor, department chair, and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences who died suddenly in 2009. The Glen Elder Award is made every year to a top Geography senior whose work on issues of social justice, sexuality, South Africa, or political geography has embodied the spirit of Glen's commitment and interests.

Gavin Santacross

Geology Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Andrea Lini, Chair

CHARLES G. DOLL AWARD

The Charles Doll Award is given to the most outstanding graduating senior in Geology. Charles Doll was the state geologist and began teaching full time at UVM in 1927. He was Chairman of the Department of Geology from 1946 until his retirement in 1964. He also produced the first state bedrock geologic map. The selection criteria for the Doll Award are based on a combination of overall

grade point average, grade point average in Geology, undergraduate research, and service to the Department. The recipient of this award receives a gift and their name is engraved on a plaque that hangs in the Department seminar room. The list of Doll Award winners is a distinguished one and includes individuals who have gone on to significant professional achievements.

Travis C. Dawson

German and Russian Awards

Presented by Professor Helga Schreckenberger, Chair

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN GERMAN

This award is given to a senior German major for academic excellence and commitment to the field of German Studies.

Jonas Gray

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN RUSSIAN

This award is given to a senior Russian major for academic excellence and commitment to the field of Russian Studies.

Jackson Taymans

Global and Regional Studies Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Peter VonDoepp, Acting Director; and Professor Steven Zdatny, History

GLOBAL STUDIES SCHOLAR AWARD

Presented to the outstanding senior who exhibits exceptional scholarship in Global Studies and in all courses in Arts and Sciences, as well as achievement in independent research and scholarship.

Sydney M. Healey

THE PEDRO ALBIZU CAMPOS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

The award is named after a hero of the independence movement in Puerto Rico who was a student at UVM before transferring to Harvard, where he earned his law degree. It recognizes excellence in the field of Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Marina R. Sterrer

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR IN THE EUROPEAN STUDIES PROGRAM

This award is given to the graduating European Studies major who has most excelled in coursework, research, and study abroad.

Bronwen E. Hudson

History Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Paul Deslandes, Chair

PAUL D. EVANS AWARD

The History Department annually recognizes its in-state outstanding graduating senior(s) with the Paul D. Evans Award for Excellence in History. Paul D. Evans had a distinguished career as a professor of history from the 1930s until his retirement in 1972. This award is given to the in-state senior history major(s) with the strongest academic record as measured by overall grade point average and grade point average in History courses. Consideration is also given to the level of difficulty of the courses taken within the major and preference accorded to those students doing a senior honors thesis in History.

Michael R. Edmondson

PHI ALPHA THETA ESSAY PRIZE

The History Department annually recognizes the best seminar paper nominated by a history faculty member and submitted by a student to the Phi Alpha Theta Essay Prize committee. The winning paper is expected to present an original argument and be based on primary historical evidence.

Larkin S. Coffey

Music and Dance Awards

Presented by Professor D. Thomas Toner Jr., Chair

YANDELL OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN MUSIC AWARD

The Yandell award is given to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to the musical life of the department.

Jacob Ungerleider

YANDELL PRIZE

This prize is given to the student who, in the opinion of the Music Department faculty, has shown the most improved performance over their time at UVM.

Natalie Slack

LYMAN ROWELL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC

*The **award** is given to the graduating senior in Music or Music Education with the highest G.P.A. in music courses. It is named for Lyman S. Rowell (1904–1984), Class of 1925, who was a long-time faculty member and President of UVM from 1966–1970.*

Jacob Ungerleider

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN DANCE AWARD

*This **award** is given to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding contribution to dance at UVM.*

Caitlin Rae Dalere

Laura L. Gordon

Philosophy Awards

Presented by Professor Terence Cuneo

JOHN DEWEY PHILOSOPHY PRIZE

The John Dewey Philosophy Prize, named in honor of UVM's most illustrious alumnus, is awarded by the Department of Philosophy to students for outstanding undergraduate coursework and research done in the discipline of Philosophy.

Ian Martel

Political Science Awards

Presented by Professor Robert V. Bartlett, Chair

WARREN R. AND MILDRED AUSTIN PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

Warren R. Austin (UVM class of 1899) won a special election to the U.S. Senate from Vermont in 1931 and was subsequently re-elected to two full terms. He resigned his seat in August 1946 when he

was appointed by President Truman as the second United States Ambassador to the United Nations, serving in that capacity from 1946 to 1953. This prize, established by the generous bequest of Warren and Mildred Austin, is given to the graduating senior who excels in the study of international relations, as chosen by the international relations faculty of the department.

Antonia David

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZE IN POLITICAL THEORY

This award, selected by the political theory faculty of the department, is given to the graduating senior political science major who excels in his or her coursework in, research about, and commitment to the study of political theory.

Alexander W. Jones

PHILO SHERMAN BENNETT PRIZE

Philo Sherman Bennett's 1905 will bequeathed \$10,000 to be distributed to twenty-five colleges for the establishment of a prize for "the best essay discussing the principles of free government." Bennett prizes are awarded at, among other institutions, Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Brown, the University of Oregon, the University of California at Berkeley, and Bowdoin. The prize is awarded by the department's political theory faculty to the student who submits the best essay in the field of political theory to the competition.

Emma K. Stern

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZE IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

Comparative politics is the study of the domestic political systems and processes of countries other than the United States. This award, selected by the comparative politics faculty of the department, is given to the graduating senior political science major who excels in their coursework in, research about, and commitment to the study of comparative politics.

Anders A. Christiansen

ELLIOTT A. BROWN AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This award was established through a generous endowment by Elliott A. Brown, who majored in Political Science in the department and graduated from UVM in 1959. It was established in memory of his parents, Marguerite (Peg) F. Brown and Louis E. Brown. It is given annually by the department's director of undergraduate studies, in consultation with the faculty, to recognize the outstanding graduating senior major in the department for academic achievement and demonstrated leadership

capabilities in the study and practice of political science.

Alexander W. Jones

FRANK M. BRYAN PRIZE IN AMERICAN POLITICS

This award, selected by the American politics faculty of the department, is given to the graduating senior political science major who excels in his or her coursework in, research about, and commitment to the study of American politics. It is, as of this year, named in honor of Prof. Frank M. Bryan, who is retiring from the department after 36 years of loyal service to the department, the University, and the state of Vermont. It is supported by the contributions of a number of Prof. Bryan's friends and colleagues.

Padraic T. Mackin

Psychological Science Awards

Presented by Professor William A. Falls, Chair

DONALD G. FORGAYS OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

The award is given annually to a senior psychology major who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship in all courses in Arts and Sciences as well as achievement in independent research and scholarship. This awardee has among the highest GPAs of psychology majors and has completed notable scholarly projects in or out of the classroom. The award is named for Donald G. Forgays, who was Professor of Psychology at UVM from 1964 until his death in 1993. Department Chair Forgays guided the expansion of the department and the establishment of its doctoral program, which is now internationally known.

Alexandra Sullivan

JOHN DEWEY AWARD

This award is given annually to two seniors (one of whom must be a psychology major) who have conducted outstanding independent research in psychology while maintaining high scholastic standards overall. This award is named for John Dewey, an 1879 alumnus of UVM who pursued a career in education, philosophy, and psychology, and was a noted educator and philosopher. Often known as "the father of progressive education," a movement that flourished in the early twentieth century and continues to influence modern educators, Dewey believed that experience was the best way for students to learn how to create the conditions for democracy, solve social problems, and engage in moral decision-making. Undergraduate independent research is such a tool.

Ashley Deeb

Erin Roelke

Religion Awards

Presented by Professor Kevin M. Trainor, Chair

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN RELIGION

The award recipient is chosen by the department faculty based on the student's scholarly excellence in the department and university, as well as their active engagement in department activities.

Gina M. Blacutt

Andrew D. McCue

Romance Languages and Linguistics Awards

Presented by Professor Cristina Mazzoni, Chair

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN FRENCH

The award is given annually to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in French.

Michael Wood

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN ITALIAN STUDIES

The award is given annually to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in Italian.

Luca Piccin

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN LINGUISTICS

The award is given annually to the outstanding linguistics graduate. This award exemplifies academic success, research ability, and overall excellence in and enthusiasm for the study of language.

Jessica Blier

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN SPANISH

The award is given annually to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in Spanish.

James Alford

Sociology Awards

Presented by Professor Thomas Streeter, Chair

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN SOCIOLOGY

This award is given to the graduating senior whose outstanding academic work has both reflected and perpetuated the sociological enterprise inside the classroom and beyond.

Michael Wood

VALERIE MOORE MEMORIAL T.A. AWARD

This award is presented to the graduating senior who, as a teaching assistant, exemplified the special teaching commitment and effectiveness of Professor Valerie Ann Moore (1997–2006).

Katie Mercer

FRANK SAMPSON EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL THEORY AWARD

This award is given in the spring to a graduating senior who has excelled in social theory and intends to go to graduate school. Samuel “Frank” Sampson was a founding member of UVM’s AKD and a professor and Chair in the Sociology Department, whose interests were many, but whose passion was social theory. It is hoped, through this award, to support and encourage students in the academic commitment to the development of sociological theory. This award will be paid to the student upon enrollment in graduate school.

Michael Wood

Theatre Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Gregory Ramos, Chair

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN THEATRE

The Outstanding Senior in Theatre Award is presented to the theatre major or minor who has demonstrated a competence in and enthusiasm for several areas of theatrical production. The recipient of this award will have provided substantial evidence of an understanding of the important interrelationships that exist between all aspects of theatrical production. A combination of quality work in the classroom and production are the prerequisites for consideration for this recognition.

Rivka Kelly

DR. GEORGE B. BRYAN AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP

This award reflects the belief that sound theatre practice is grounded in a firm grasp of theatre history, literature, and theory. It recognizes the theatre major or minor whose scholarly work reflects high achievement through effective research techniques, exemplary writing skills, and keen analytical insight.

Kody Grasset

THE EDWIN W. LAWRENCE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DEBATER

This award is presented to the UVM student who demonstrates distinction in competitive debates, helps and teaches other debaters on the team, and demonstrates an ethic of hard work and determination.

Dillon P. McConnell

Recessional: Music from the Court of Venice, c. 1780

Reception to follow in Billings