

College of Arts and Sciences Departmental Awards

Departmental Awards in Anthropology

Presented by Associate Professor Cameron Wesson, Chairperson

GEORGE HENRY PERKINS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR

The Perkins Award, named after one of the first professors to offer a course in Anthropology in the United States, is awarded for academic excellence.

Cecilia Buschardt Ackerman

Originally from Augusta, Maine, Cecilia is a double major in Anthropology and Art. She has distinguished herself in the classroom while pursuing her interests in cultural anthropology. Her nomination for this award states that she “consistently demonstrates remarkable maturity as well as intellectual curiosity in her dissatisfaction with easy answers, as she pursues her studies with a singular combination of ambition, inquisitiveness, tenacity, and creativity.” She hopes to continue to pursue her interests in anthropology after taking some time off following graduation.

W. A. HAVILAND MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY

This award honors the student who best epitomizes a four-field activist approach as modeled on our distinguished emeritus, Bill Haviland.

Emily Anne Strattner

Emily Anne is from Jacksonville, Vermont, and is a graduate of Twin Valley High School. She is a double major in Anthropology and Film and Television Studies. She has been active in the Anthropology Club, serving as Treasurer and Vice President, and has participated in archaeological field research in the Caribbean, as well as the Southeast and Northeast US. She is interested in the archaeology of culture contacts between Europeans and Indigenous peoples. She plans to pursue graduate training in archaeology after taking some time off following graduation.

JAMES B. PETERSEN ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD

The Petersen Award is presented to the student who shows a strong desire to follow the "Petersen Path." Dr. Petersen was a dedicated alumnus, professor, and chair of the UVM Anthropology Department.

James Patrick Allen

James, from Charlotte, Vermont, is a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School. He is primarily interested in bio-anthropology, forensics, and archaeology, and is one of the department's most active majors. James has worked closely on research projects with several members of the department faculty and the Consulting Archaeology Program, and has pursued independent research with URECA and APLE grant-funded projects. He is a member of the Honors College and has served as President of the Anthropology Club. James plans to pursue his interests with a career in law enforcement.

Departmental Awards in Art and Art History

Presented by Associate Professor William B. McDowell, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN ART HISTORY

Annina Seiler

Annina impressed the Art History faculty with her excellent writing. Annina's dual interest in art history and anthropology has greatly enriched her art historical interpretations.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS IN STUDIO ART

Cecilia Ackerman

Cecilia is a Studio Art and Anthropology double major whose bold paintings and delicate drawings look at the humor, darkness, and absurdity of being human.

Edward Alonzo III

Ed is smart, well-traveled, well-read, a wonderful conversationalist, kind, helpful, and committed to being an artist.

Departmental Awards in Biology

Presented by Professor Jim O. Vigoreaux, Chairperson

LYMAN S. ROWELL AWARD IN BIOLOGY

This award is presented to the student with the highest achievement in Biology.

Alison Rae Krywaczyk

Alison is from Essex Junction, Vermont and has conducted Honors research and completed a minor in Chemistry. She'll be attending UVM's College of Medicine in the fall.

PAUL A. MOODY AWARD IN BIOLOGY

This award is presented to a student with the highest research achievement in Biology.

Raymond T. Lee

Raymond, from Marstons Mills, Massachusetts, has conducted Honors research in childhood cancer and completed a double minor in Chemistry and Microbiology. He will be attending medical school after he graduates.

BERND HEINRICH AWARD IN PHYSIOLOGY OR EVOLUTION

This award is presented to a student doing outstanding research in physiology or evolution.

Samuel David Paskin-Flerlage

Samuel is from Ithaca, New York and has conducted Honors research in molecular evolution and completed a minor in Chemistry. After graduating he plans to travel before pursuing graduate school in either medicine or biology.

JOHN WHEELER AWARD IN CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

This award is presented to a student doing outstanding research in chemical biology.

Tyler Mills Aten

Tyler is from Montpelier, Vermont and is a McNair Scholar who conducted Honors research in Proteomics. Next year, he will be attending the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, with hopes of becoming an oral maxillofacial surgeon.

GEORGE PERKINS MARSH AWARD IN ECOLOGY/EVOLUTION

This award is presented to a student doing outstanding research in ecology and evolution.

Katherine Colby Jerome

Katherine, from Shaftsbury, Vermont, has conducted Honors research in molecular ecology and completed a double minor in Chemistry and Studio Art. She is going to take a year off to travel and hike the Long Trail before entering dental school to become a general practitioner dentist.

Departmental Awards in Biochemistry

Presented by Professor Christopher C. Landry, Co-Director

ROBERT WOODWORTH AWARD

The Robert Woodworth Award particularly recognizes the student in the senior class with the most outstanding academic record.

Ethan Hathaway

Ethan's wide-ranging interests include pharmacology research on cellular signaling related to stroke, summer research on compounds used to cure addiction, and a newfound interest in finance and investments. He plans to work for a year and read all of the great books before completing a Ph.D. and an M.B.A.

Departmental Awards in Chemistry

Presented by Professor Christopher C. Landry

THE AMERICAN CHEMISTRY SOCIETY GREEN MOUNTAIN SECTION AWARD

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

Jonathan James Hulce

Jon has performed research both in synthetic organic chemistry and in neurobiology, and he has a minor in physics. He is currently deciding whether to pursue his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Harvard University or the Scripps Research Institute.

CHARLES E. BRAUN AWARD

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

L. Taylor Elrod

Taylor wants to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry upon graduation in the area of organometallic chemistry. He has been accepted into several Ph.D. programs and is currently deciding which university to attend.

Jonathan James Hulce

Departmental Awards in Classics

Presented by Associate Professor Mark D. Usher, Chairperson

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."

Tyler Mayo

Tyler, from Hardwick, Vermont, is a double major in Greek and Latin. Tyler wrote an Honors thesis on Presocratic cosmology. He hopes to teach for a year before going on to graduate school in Classics. Non-academic interests include listening to electronic music.

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.

Umer Shaikh

Umer hails from Essex, Vermont. He wrote an Honors thesis on Plato's *Meno* and hopes to pursue graduate studies in philosophy in the near future.

Tyler Mayo

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.

Keith Williams

Keith is from Burlington, Vermont, and is a double major in Classics and Anthropology. Keith wrote an Honors thesis on Roman emperors' use of religious propaganda. He hopes to pursue a career in archaeology.

JOHN H. KENT BOOK AWARDS

Michael Boccagno

Michael, from Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania, plans to attend law school after graduation. In addition to interests in Classics and Political Science, he enjoys traveling and live music.

Tanner Lake

Tanner, of Braintree, Vermont, plans to take time off after graduation before applying to programs in Classics and/or archaeology. As a McNair Scholar, he built a replica of an ancient kithara last summer. In the short term, Tanner hopes to organize the first-ever *Dionysia* festival in Burlington.

Steven Vincent Scalia, Jr.

Vinnie is a native of Queensbury, New York. He plans to stay in Burlington and pursue a professional road cycling contract, though he says it is the history, literature, art, and philosophy of antiquity that fuels his thought world.

Departmental Awards in Communication Sciences *Presented by Professor Barry Guitar*

MARGARET KYTE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The Margaret Kyte Award was initiated in 1979 as a memorial by the family of undergraduate student Margaret Kyte.

Jenny Bibens

Jenny is from Springfield, Vermont and has been involved in outreach community activities through the UVM Speech and Hearing Club as well as volunteering at Fletcher Allen Health Care where she performed newborn hearing screenings. Jenny plans to attend graduate school for Speech-Language Pathology in New England.

RODNEY EVERHART AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CLINICAL PROMISE

The Rodney Everhart Award was initiated in 1967 by the Vermont Speech-Language Hearing Association (VSLA) in honor of Rodney Everhart, a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) in Vermont.

Naomi Hertsberg

Naomi, from Glencoe, Illinois, completed her undergraduate honors research thesis under the direction of CMSI faculty member Dr. Barry Guitar. During her junior and senior year at UVM, Naomi served as treasurer for the UVM Speech and Hearing Club. Naomi plans to attend graduate school for speech–language pathology and focus her research on stuttering.

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES DEPARTMENTAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND PROFESSIONAL PROMISE

The Departmental Award was initiated in 1988 by former Communication Sciences Chair and Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Jim Lubker.

Jessica Sara Bernstein

Jessica, of Wilmette, Illinois, is a double major in Communication Sciences and Psychology. She has served as president of the UVM Speech and Hearing Club, director of the CMSI student peer–advising group, and as a faculty research assistant in CMSI and Psychology. After taking a year off, Jessica plans to attend graduate school for speech–language pathology in Fall 2011.

Departmental Awards in Economics

Presented by Associate Professor Sara Solnick, Chairperson

S. WILLIAM GERSTEN SCHOLARSHIP

This award recognizes the high achievement economics majors from out of state.

S. William Gersten was a 1965 UVM graduate in economics, who went on to a successful career on Wall Street.

Laura Jastrab

Laura is a double major in Economics and Political Science from Massachusetts. She studied at Tilberg University in the Netherlands, and has a particular interest in health care policy.

LOHMAN AWARD

This award for an outstanding economics major is named for Professor Lohman who served as professor and chair of the Economics Department from 1945–1963.

Wesley Christensen

Wes is a Vermonter and a double major in economics and music. His instrument is the clarinet. His economics professors note that he approaches difficult problems carefully and systematically, and his research papers are sophisticated and well-written.

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.

Brett Schulte

Brett was an Anthropology major back in 2000 and his report card was, shall we say, checkered. But he returned to school in 2008 to major in economics and minor in statistics, enrolling in the most challenging classes, and his performance has been extraordinary. He works full time off campus and acts as a research and teaching assistant on campus. Obviously, he is very determined and hard-working, and he has excellent time-management skills.

FREEMAN SALTUS AWARD

This award is given to a senior whose academic achievement is outstanding.

Katherine Gaire

Katherine is a double major in Economics and Political Science, and she's the daughter of two UVM graduates. In addition to impressing her professors as a student, she has served numerous economics faculty as an excellent, very conscientious teaching assistant.

Ashley Holmes

A double major in Economics and Spanish with a minor in Mathematics, Ashley is a top performer in the classroom and had a great experience studying in Granada, Spain. She showed diligence and strong skills in her research project on network effects in the airline industry.

Departmental Awards in English

Presented by Professor Tony Magistrale, Chairperson

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.

William Terry Clark

"Billy Clark is probably the best reader and original thinker I've had at UVM," stated one of his professors. Billy, from Westwood, Massachusetts, is broadly intellectual and adventuresome in his thinking and exhibits enormous intellectual curiosity.

MARION BERRY ALLBEE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPOSITION

Given by Dr. Roger Allbee, UVM College of Medicine, in memory of his wife, UVM Class of 1931, and awarded for Outstanding Nonfiction Prose.

Jae N. Vick

Jae's essay, "The Gifted Monster," combines insightful analysis and real-world experience with a masterful prose style to produce an engrossing, often surprising analysis of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Jae, an English major from Burlington, Vermont, illustrates the similarities between Shelley's "monster" and the skills and challenges of gifted and talented children.

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.

Kimberly Anne Sanzo

Kimberly, from Newington, Connecticut, wrote a short story titled "The Altruist," seamlessly melding American and Italian landscapes, and youthful and more mature memory-scapes. Her story examines the effects on an Italian-American family when the father is diagnosed with cancer. It is heartfelt and deeply satisfying fiction.

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 and/or research of Shakespeare.

Carl J. Mehrmann

Carl, an English and Philosophy double major from Duxbury, Massachusetts, is an exceptionally deserving recipient of the Pope Award for outstanding scholarship on Shakespeare. He is an excellent, agile reader of Shakespeare, as is apparent in his paper, "Art, Authenticity and Power in *The Tempest*."

BENJAMIN B. WAINWRIGHT AWARD

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

Ariel R. Wengroff

Ariel is a double major in Sociology and Political Science from Oak Park, Illinois. Often working

with short, spare lines, no more than six words long, Ariel manages to unravel large skeins of meaning — as well as pure enjoyment for the reader. Her language is both sophisticated and earthy, immersing the reader in a thoughtful, sensuous experience.

Environmental Studies Program Award

Presented by Professor Stephanie Kaza, Director

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIORS 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.

Connor L. Gibson

Connor has shown a high commitment to academic excellence as a T.A. in ENVS 001 and has been a tireless environmental advocate inspiring fellow students and co-facilitating the Students-Teaching-Students course, "Environmental Activism."

Lindsey A. Gillies

Lindsay has served and inspired many students as an EcoRep, writing tutor, member of Students for Peace and Global Justice, ENVS 001 T.A., and co-facilitator of the Students-Teaching-Students course, "Ecological Tipping Points and World Systems Analysis."

Departmental Award in Geography

Presented by Associate Professor Meghan Cope, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN GEOGRAPHY

The Outstanding Senior Award is given to the graduating senior Geography major in recognition of academic excellence and exemplary department citizenship.

Conor Eamon Donegan

Conor is a Geography major focusing on physical geography with a minor in Environmental Science. His academic record is stellar as evidenced by a suite of awards and honors including nomination to the Gamma Theta Upsilon (Geography Honor Society), the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and this award from the Geography Department. He made a mark with sophisticated final projects such as the one he did assessing landscape and climatic factors associated with forest fires in the western states of the U.S. for a class in Geographic Information Systems, which the professor described as "very creative." He is currently applying to graduate programs.

GLEN ELDER AWARD

The Glen Elder Award recognizes a top Geography senior whose work on issues of social justice, sexuality, South Africa, or political geography has embodied the spirit of Glen's life-long commitments and interests.

Katherine Jones

Katherine is majoring in Political Science and Geography. She has been an engaged and lively participant in many classes, taking an especial interest in issues of race, social justice, migration, and human rights. Katy's work on and interest in such diverse topics as Roma identity, transnational elites, and indigenous rights in border regions make her an excellent candidate for the Glen Elder Award. Katy has also been a tremendous asset to the "Race and Ethnicity in the U.S." course, for which she has served as a T.A. during the past two semesters. She is preparing for graduate studies in human and cultural geography.

Departmental Award in Geology

Presented by Professor Charlotte Mehrtens, Chairperson

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.

Graham Hagen-Peter

Graham hails from Underhill, Vermont and was the recipient of the Tinker Award, a scholarship given to an outstanding junior in geology at UVM. Graham is completing a senior research project under the guidance of Prof. Laura Webb that involved doing fieldwork in the Gobi desert of Mongolia this past summer. The result of Graham's research is being prepared for publication in an international geology journal. Graham will be attending graduate school in geology next year.

Halen Andrew Earle

Hal, from Middlebury, Vermont, is a Geology major with a minor in Mathematics. He has plans to pursue a career in medicine following his graduation from UVM. Last summer, Hal worked six weeks in the field with Vermont Geological Survey geologists and has been working on data analysis and writing his research for publication since this academic year. The results of his

research, which made significant advances in our understanding of the origin of geologic structures in the Champlain valley and Green Mountains, were presented at two geology conferences this year.

Departmental Awards in German and Russian

Presented by Professor Dennis Mahoney

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN GERMAN

Kim Cornett

Kim, who is a gifted student of languages (German and Chinese), interned with the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin. She plans to spend a year in Berlin before starting graduate school.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN RUSSIAN

Megan Luttrell

Megan, the recipient of the 2008 Kidder Award as Outstanding Sophomore, volunteers in the Russian immigrant community, and is completing a senior honors thesis in the Russian Department.

Departmental Awards in Global and Regional Studies

CLAIRE M. LINTILHAC MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ASIAN STUDIES

Presented by Assist. Professor Erik Esselstrom, Asian Studies Program Director

Rachel Catherine McNeil

Rachel excelled in all areas of her Asian Studies major, with a language concentration in Japanese, and she will graduate with college honors. Ms. McNeil hopes to live and work in Europe after leaving UVM.

Bailey Ashton Adie

Ms. Adie earned exceptional results in all of her Asian Studies coursework, with a language focus in Chinese, and she will earn college honors. She plans to attend graduate school in the United Kingdom next fall.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

Presented by Associate Professor Gayle Nunley, Romance Languages

Matthew Munro Greene

Matt's outstanding performance in European Studies has included a year abroad in Graz, Austria, and a minor in Italian Studies.

Samuel Lopez-Barrantes

Samuel has combined his excellent record in European Studies with study abroad in France and a minor in Holocaust Studies.

Departmental Awards in History

Presented by Professor Steven Zdatny, Chairperson

PAUL D. EVANS AWARD

The Paul D. Evans Award, named in honor of a historian whose career at UVM stretched over four decades, is given annually to the outstanding senior History major.

Kara L. DeDonato

Kara's Honors thesis, "Defining White Female Gender Roles: The Work of the Puritan Captivity Narratives," examines how clergy and other writers in late seventeenth- and eighteenth-century colonial America used the genre of the Early American captivity narrative as a means to proscribe female behavior. After graduation Kara plans to take some time to travel and then attend graduate school to earn a Ph.D. There she wants to continue her work on the history of women in Colonial America. Kara's eventual goal is to curate in a national museum.

Departmental Award in Mathematics

Presented by Professor Jun Yu

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN MATHEMATICS

Adam Douglas Herb

Adam is a native of Holland, Vermont and along with his major in Mathematics, is graduating with three minors: Computer Science, Film and Television Studies, and History.

Departmental Awards in Music

Presented by Associate Professor D. Thomas Toner, Chairperson

YANDELL OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN MUSIC AWARD

This award recognizes a student who has made an outstanding contribution to the musical life of the Department.

Xiudan Lin

Pianist Xiudan Lin has performed with many chamber ensembles at UVM and played a Chopin concerto with the UVM Orchestra. A Bachelor of Arts student with a very high GPA, Xiudan is universally praised as an outstanding all-around student/performer. Ms. Lin has been accepted into the graduate program at Indiana University for next year.

LYMAN S. ROWELL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the senior in Music or Music Education with the highest G.P.A. in music courses.

Wesley Christensen

Over his years at UVM, Wesley has performed with the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, as well as performing in many chamber ensembles. He was one of the winners of this year's orchestra concerto competition, and performed a movement of the Finzi clarinet concerto with the orchestra last month.

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.

Jordan Lewis

A double major in Music (with a concentration in Jazz Studies) and English, Jordan showed tremendous growth as a pianist while at UVM, becoming the pianist of the University Jazz Ensemble.

PAPPOUTSAKIS AWARD

This award is given to a graduating senior in Music who has shown excellence in conducting/directing.

Abby Shocik

Abby is a Music Education major from Charlton, Massachusetts. She has played horn in the Concert Band, Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble during her time at UVM, and gave a Senior Recital in the fall. Abby is an Honors College student who student-taught at Mt. Mansfield Union High School this semester.

Departmental Award in Philosophy

Presented by Professor William Mann, Chairperson

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.

Isaac Jonathan Backus

Isaac is intrigued mainly by physics, astrophysics, and the philosophy of science. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in physics.

Umer Farooque Shaikh

Umer plans to attend graduate school. His interest is in the history of philosophy, with particular focus on the history of ancient philosophy, especially Plato.

Departmental Awards in Physics

Presented by Professor Dennis Clougherty, Chairperson

CROWELL AWARD

The award is given to a senior Physics major who, in the judgment of the appropriate faculty members, has demonstrated promise in experimental physics through an experimental research project.

Owen D. Myers

Owen, from Amherst, Massachusetts, has always had a profound interest in the working nature of the universe. In his early teens, he realized that physics and math were the powerful tools that both addressed some of his curiosities and could be used to affect the world in positive ways. That epiphany and others have given him the drive to eventually complete a Ph.D. program allowing him to continue learning and eventually give back to the scientific community which he has been so grateful to take from. He has already begun graduate studies in the Materials Science Program at UVM.

DAVID W. JUENKER PHYSICS PRIZE

The prize is given to the most outstanding Physics major, as determined by the Physics faculty.

Janet S. Soltau

Janet grew up in South Burlington, Vermont, and developed her interest in physics her senior year when she found that it explained why everything happened in the world. Janet majored in math, physics, and education at UVM, and while dabbling in both research and teaching, she found she much prefers the instructional side of science. Janet was a finalist at the SERCh (Science and Energy Research Challenge) for the work she did at Argonne National Lab in 2009. Janet plans to be a high school math and physics teacher when she graduates, and will be working at Colchester High School next year as a math teacher.

Departmental Awards in Political Science

Presented by Professor George H. Moyser, Chairperson

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, and is given annually to recognize the outstanding senior in the Political Science Department for academic achievement and demonstrated leadership capabilities in the study and practice of Political Science. It was first awarded in 1998.

Bethany J. Lipman

Beth received top scores in every political science class she took. She is a double major in Political Science and English. Her teachers spoke not only of her excellent work on papers and exams, but also of the extraordinary contributions she routinely made to class and seminar discussions. Beth was chosen as one of the first teaching assistants in the department in the fall of 2009, and her performance was outstanding. She participated in both the Semester in Washington program and the University of Virginia Semester at Sea program while at UVM.

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

Established through a generous endowment by Warren and Mildred Austin, this award is given annually to an undergraduate student for special achievement in the study of international relations. It honors particularly, the service of Warren Austin as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. This prize was first awarded in 1955.

Megan Marie Peterson

Megan has been a consistently excellent student of Political Science in general and International Relations in particular. She spent a semester in Denmark studying European Politics and Society in an experiential learning program and has plans to pursue a career in international law.

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZE IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

The prize is awarded to an undergraduate student who, in the opinion of the prize committee, demonstrates outstanding achievement in the field of American politics and government. The prize was established in 1998.

Rachel Anna Shapiro

Multiple professors have praised Rachel's work in their courses and nominated her for this award. She has received full A's in every course she has taken in the subfield. Rachel is also writing a very promising thesis entitled "The Modern American Conservative Movement and its Transformation of the Republican Party." Overall, she is regarded as an outstanding student of American politics and government.

PHILO SHERMAN BENNETT PRIZE

This prize is awarded to a student who, in the opinion of the selection committee, has written the best essay in the field of political theory.

Bethany J. Lipman

Beth's paper, "A Case for Small-Scale Direct Democracy, Unraveled," is a thoughtful, elegantly-written comparison of the merits of large, representative democracy with small-scale participatory democracy. Beth draws together very different, challenging sources—from Rousseau and Joseph Schumpeter to our own Frank Bryan—with great skill and insight. She not only captures their meaning concisely, but brings them into a fruitful dialogue with one another, and in so doing develops her own original point of view.

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZE IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

The prize is awarded to an undergraduate student who, in the opinion of the prize committee, demonstrates outstanding achievement in the field of comparative politics. The prize was established in 1998.

Caryn Ann Devins

Caryn is a double major in Political Science and Spanish. She completed a study abroad program in Argentina and a College Honors thesis entitled "Economic Survival Mode and its Detrimental Effect on the Rule of Law: A Case Study in Argentina." She has earned considerable praise by finishing her degree with a nearly perfect academic record that ranks among the highest of all political science majors.

Departmental Awards in Psychology

Presented by Associate Professor William A. Falls, Chairperson

DONALD G. FORGAYS OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

This award is given annually to the senior Psychology major who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship in all courses in Arts and Sciences as well as achievement in independent research and scholarship.

Sarah Phoebe Roberts

Sarah is a community leader in the prevention of sexual abuse both through her high-quality research and her role as peer educator.

HEINZ L. ANSBACHER AWARD

This award is given annually to the senior Psychology major who has conducted outstanding research or scholarship with a humanistic element in the tradition of individual psychology.

Julia A. Camuso

Julia's research on birth control has uniquely addressed biological and psychological factors to reduce unwanted pregnancies and HIV/STI in young women.

JOHN DEWEY AWARD

This award is given annually to the senior Psychology major who has conducted outstanding independent research while maintaining high scholastic standards in Psychology and overall.

Zoe Anastasia Chapman

Zoe's research interests are in the area of adult mood disorders and the contribution of elements of religious affiliation to psychological well-being. After graduation, Zoe plans to secure a research assistant position in preparation for pursuing doctoral education in clinical psychology.

GEORGE W. ALBEE AWARD

This award is given annually by the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Conference on the Primary Prevention of Psychopathology to the senior Psychology major who has demonstrated interest, competence, and originality in subject matter and coursework related to the topic of prevention of psychopathology.

Elizabeth Ann McCallion

Elizabeth excels in scholarship, conducted independent research on stress reduction through Mindfulness Training, and devoted several semesters to research on panic disorder and nicotine withdrawal.

Departmental Award in Religion

Presented by Associate Professor Kevin M. Trainor, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN RELIGION

Award recipients are chosen by Religion Department faculty based on their scholarly excellence in the Department and University, and their active engagement in Department activities.

Elizabeth Ann McCallion

Elizabeth, a double major in Religion and Psychology from Westchester, NY, is writing an Honors thesis on the therapeutic effects of mindfulness meditation.

Departmental Awards in Romance Languages

Presented by Associate Professor Gayle R. Nunley, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN FRENCH

Laura Oakes Cannon

Laura's outstanding work in French has included a semester abroad on the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN ITALIAN STUDIES

Christopher J. Peck, Jr.

At UVM Chris has combined his passion for Italian Studies with advanced work in French and Spanish as well.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN SPANISH

Keiti Elizabeth Botula

Keiti's achievements in Spanish include study abroad in Argentina and an Honors thesis on Guatemalan writer, Rodrigo Rey Rosa.

Departmental Awards in Sociology

Presented by Associate Professor Thomas Streeter, Chairperson

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.

Ashley Goodrum

Ashley is a brilliant and dedicated non-traditional student who impressed her professors with her excellent grasp of everything from statistics to W.E.B. Du Bois to natural disasters. She is interested in pursuing a career in teaching.

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).

Elysia Nelson and Ashley Goodrum

Elysia and Ashley were both selected as T.A.s for their work for our methods course; even when they were students in this course, they went out of their way to help fellow students, and went even further in their capacity as T.A.s, so impressing Professor H. Gil McCann that he said, "they were among the best T.A.s in this course over the several decades I have been teaching it."

Sylvie Bell

Sylvie was a T.A. in two courses and impressed each professor with her sociological insights, teaching abilities, attention to detail, and good-natured demeanor.

JEANNETTE R. FOLTA MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to the graduating senior who has succeeded academically by virtue of special fortitude in the face of significant challenges and has plans to pursue a graduate degree.

Meaghan Wall

Meaghan faced severe pressures early on in her undergraduate career – for example, the death of her father, and medical and financial stress – and yet managed to turn these difficulties into learning experiences. She rose to the challenges, working through her degree with effectiveness and enthusiasm; in one recent semester, she successfully juggled six classes along with an internship, a Teaching Aid position, and a part-time job. She became a model for us all, and intends to pursue a graduate degree in social work.

Departmental Awards in Theatre

Presented by Professor Jeffrey R. Modereger, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN THEATRE

Joshua Clarke

“Joosh,” who will graduate with dual degrees in English and Theatre, performed in the UVM productions of *Arms and the Man*, *The Toys Take Over Christmas*, *The Underpants*, *Macbeth*, *Eurydice*, *The Seagull*, and several Festivals of One Acts. Joosh is also a playwright and just recently added *The Weir* to his directorial credits.

GEORGE B. BRYAN AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Anne Stauffer

Past experiences with the Theatre Department include performing in *La Ronde*, *Eurydice*, *Arms and the Man*, *The Toys Take Over Christmas*, and several seasons of the Festival of One Acts. Annie was a member of the University Players, served as a teaching assistant, and is thrilled to be taking the next step as director of her Senior Thesis One Act.

THE EDWIN W. LAWRENCE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DEBATER

Madeline Murphy Hall

Madeline has been an exceptional debater and student at UVM. She was voted Best First-Year Student Debater, was the president of the Lawrence Debate Union, and is also a coach and judge. She was the first UVM student to win a major tournament (Cornell) when UVM started participating in the World Universities Debating Championship format. From her first day on the team to the night she will say farewell, there have been nothing but positive experiences. She has been an exemplary influence on those around her.

Women's and Gender Studies Program Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Felicia A. Kornbluh, Director

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

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

Juliana Marton

Juliana has a passionate intellectual and activist devotion to the care of childbearing women. She has been able to fulfill both aspects of this dedication simultaneously and outstandingly while working with pregnant teens at the Lund Center. She maintained a superb grade point average at UVM and has studied to become a Certified Doula. She has been accepted to Birthwise, a school that trains certified professional midwives (CPMs).

ELLEN HAMILTON AND LIDA MASON AWARD

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

Berkeley Brooks

Berkeley, a Sociology minor, is extremely sharp, thoughtful, and hard working. She has been real asset to the program and someone who has gained a great deal from her Women's and Gender Studies education.

Hannah Howard Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the College of Arts and Sciences

Presented by the Chairperson of the student's major

The Hannah Howard Award is presented each year to the graduating senior with the highest academic standing in the college.

TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY

Recessional Music

Maestoso

Edgar Arro

Reception to follow in Billings