

Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies

2021-2022 Annual Awards Ceremony

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Hauptman Medal for Excellence in Spanish

Eric Marsh

Hauptman Medal for Excellence in Portuguese

Cristina Cortez

Outstanding Majors

Emma Donnelly, Wen Jiang, Jessica Judkins Cooke, Brett Moore, Cameron Coakes

Outstanding Spanish Heritage Students

Pablo Chen

Justin Guerra

Outstanding UF Online Spanish Students

SPN 1130:

Lisa Hoskins - recipient

Ikram Elkheir, Matthew Collins - finalists

SPN 1131:

Ava Sommer - recipient

Robert Caplin, Jennifer McRae - finalists

Emerging Scholar Award

Reese Jett (Faculty Mentor - Crystal Marull)

Kathleen Diamond Study Abroad Scholarships

Kristen Deaver (Seville, Spain)

Self Harper (Valencia, Spain - FSU)

Blaire Moraski (Dominican Republic)

Alexandra Quintana (Seville, Spain)

Marissa Thomson (Dominican Republic)

Madison Verdone (Seville, Spain)

Honors Societies Initiates

Phi Lambda Beta (Portuguese Honor Society):

Cristina Cortez

Jamie Ferrer

John Jacqmein

Isabella Montoya-Bedoya
Veronica Quiroz Olivares
Angeles Ramirez

Sigma Delta Pi (Hispanic Honor Society):

Isabel Curtis
Regan Erickson
Alice Fatula
Elizabeth Foltz
Kendall Jung
Johnathan Nolan
Madison Ragazzone
Payne Sewnarine
Karina Valencia

Phi Beta Kappa Electees (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022)

Anna Long
Aslyn Mattson
Kelly Welch
Briana Wiggins
Christina Zucaro

GRADUATE STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Spanish Degrees Earned (* Anticipated by Summer 2022)

M.A.: Fernanda González, Zane Price, Gabriela Rivera Marín
Ph.D.: María Hernández González, Nancy Pinzón, Marc Gandarillas*

Job Placements

Marc Gandarillas – Assistant Professor, University of North Dakota
Melany Vergara – Bilingual Professional Development Specialist, NGO Adelante Mujeres
Zane Price – Language modeler, Tansa Systems

Outstanding Graduate Students (elected by faculty)

Hispanic Linguistics:

PhD: Diana Velázquez López
Leire Echevarría Canal (honorable mention)
MA: Alba Santamaría-Gallego and Hannah Treadway (*ex aequo*)

Spanish & Spanish American Literature:

PhD: María Victoria Muñoz
MA: Fernanda González

CLAS Travel Awards

Leire Echevarría Canal, Ivana Frisa, Diana Velázquez-López, Irene Zurita-Moreno

2022 Summer Assistantships

Dominican Republic: María Victoria Muñoz

Valencia (Spain): Irene Zurita-Moreno, Analiz Faife Casas

Research Awards

CLAS Dissertation Fellowship: María Hernández González

DuoLingo Research Grant: Diana Velázquez-López

James Miller Award for the best student essay at the 43rd International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts: María Victoria Muñoz

Most Promising Graduate Student in Spanish as a Heritage Language Award: Leire Echevarría Canal

2022 Virtual Summer Residency at the National Humanities Center: Marina Cuartero Marco

Ruth McQuown Scholarship Supplementary Award: Marina Cuartero Marco

Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship: Hannah Treadway

Teaching Awards

SPS Award for Cooperative Leadership in Teaching:

Greity González Rivera (Lower Division Spanish)

María Victoria Muñoz (Upper Division Spanish)

Daniela Núñez de Álvarez Stransky (Heritage Spanish)

Southern Conference of Language Teaching (SCOLT) Leadership Award: Grisell Santiago

Hall of Fame teacher for Florida chapter of American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP): Grisell Santiago

UFIC Certificate of Outstanding Merit: Marc Gandarillas

UF Presidential Service Award

Marc Gandarillas

Whitney Koonce Memorial Award

Tania Abella Fernández

Honors Societies Initiates

Sigma Delta Pi (Hispanic Honor Society):

Greity González

María Victoria Muñoz

Enrique Muñoz Mantas

Grisell Santiago

Outgoing OEGE Officers

President: Diana Velázquez-López

Vice-president: Alba Santamaría-Gallego

Treasurer: Daniela Núñez de Álvarez Stransky

Graduate student representatives: Diana Velázquez-López, Enrique Muñoz-Mantas

Incoming OEGE Officers

Co-Presidents: Alba Santamaría-Gallego, Jade Sierra

Treasurer: Valeria Pagliai

Graduate student representatives: M. Laura Mecias, Daniela Núñez de Álvarez Stransky