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2023

Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature



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Professor Kathleen Vernon
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UNDERGRADUATE HONORS AND AWARDS

Presented by Professor Joseph Pierce

UNDERGRADUATE BEST ESSAY AWARD

Thaily E Penaranda Ribadeneira, "*Despertando al Futuro:
La Crítica a la Globalización y al Capitalismo en 'Sleep
Dealer' de Alex Rivera*"

GPA HONORS

Presented by Professor Joseph Pierce

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS (SPANISH MAJORS)

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(GPA 3.5+)

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Michelle Vilkas

**GRADUATE PRESENTATION
HONORS AND AWARDS**

Presented by Professor Javier Uriarte

MA BEST ESSAY AWARD

Victor L. Romero, "*Maternidad y trabajo
doméstico en Amador, The Second Mother y Roma*"

PHD BEST ESSAY AWARD

Helena Merino Fernández, "*Discapacidad
y monstruosidad en Marianela de Galdós*"

Presented by Professor Aurélie Vialette

WINTER RESEARCH AWARD

María Medín Doce

SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD

José Gabriel Alegría

Mario Fernando Henao León

Samuel Espíndola Hernández

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EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE TEACHING

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