

# CONVOCATION 2017



## Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature

### INTRODUCTION

Professor Paul Firbas  
Director of Undergraduate Studies

### WELCOME

Professor Kathleen Vernon  
Department Chair

### SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI ADDRESS

Dr. Kathleen Kasten

### COMMENCEMENT SALUTES

Mary Kate Donovan, PhD, Spring 2017  
Melissa Gartner, BA, Spring 2017  
Mercedes Trejos, BA and MAT, Spring 2017

### HONORS AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

### UNDERGRADUATE BEST ESSAY AWARD PRESENTATION

Presented by Professor Javier Uriarte  
Jordany Rodríguez, "*Los emblemas masculinos  
en La casa de Bernarda Alba*"

## **UNDERGRADUATE HONORS**

Presented by Professor Lena Burgos-Lafuente

Best Spanish GPA: Melissa Marie Gartner

Best Overall GPA: Melissa Marie Gartner

Ward Melville Valedictorian: Melissa Marie Gartner

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society: Nahae Kim

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Hazey Pérez, “*La honra de la mujer en la época medieval*”

## **EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE TEACHING AND TERESA SCHUEREN TUTORING AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Presented by Professor Lilia Ruiz-Debbe

Natalia Polito and Carolina Vittor, Graduate Teaching Award

Ignacio Arellano Torres, Tutoring Award

## **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY AWARDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Presented by Professor Adrián Pérez-Melgosa

Gabriel Rudas-Burgos, Summer 2017,

Cornell University School of Criticism and Theory  
Scholarship

José Chueca, 2017-18 Graduate Fellowship and  
Faculty Research Award

Javier Gastón-Greenberg, Public Humanities  
Fellow, The Humanities Institute

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

### **B. A. MAJOR IN SPANISH**

Annam Hudda Baig	Nahae Kim
Sean Alexander Bily	Kareena Kongyingyong
Deisy G. Espana	Marisa Lockwood
Gabriella Ferro	Kaileigh Elizabeth Nelson
Jennifer Fogarty	Jordany Rodríguez
Danielle Frosch	Briana Trilho
Monica Fung	Helen Marie Tristano
Melissa Maria Gartner	Andrea Urias de la Cruz
Jennifer Ashley Henck	Jeremy Adam Wolfe
Chereen Christel James	Caitlin Elizabeth Zaugg

### **MINOR IN SPANISH**

Mihai Ovidiu Florin Andrecu	Elizabeth Grace McLachlan
Joshua Andre Bravo	Andrea Lucrecia Leiva
Dennis Gutierrez	Karina Mitrova
Diana Hernandez	Frelix Emmanuel Rosario
Felicia Afara Khan	

### **M.A.T.**

Viviana Cardona	Yasaman Soroush
Itzel Cedilo	Valeria Tovar
Ricardo Colón	Mercedes Emelina Trejos
Mayra Salazar	

### **M. A.**

Laura P. Casas Gutiérrez,  
*What about Graffiti?*

María Clara Gutiérrez,  
*Beyond a Home Language: A case study of Spanish as a Heritage Language Developed in the Home Sphere and in a Dual Language Program*

**PH. D.**

Mary Kate Donovan,  
*Imagining the Orient: Representations of the Chinese  
in Modern Spanish Culture*

Ericka Herbias,  
*“Cholibiris Chicha Madeinusa Warmi”: Performance  
andina de los ‘Zorros’ de Arguedas en los medios y las  
artes del Perú: Tulio Loza, Lorenzo Palacios ‘Chacalón’  
y Magali Solier (1960-2010)*

Stefania Licata, *Cultures and Imaginaries in Transit  
between Africa and Europe*

José Rodríguez, *New Visions of the Past:  
Reinterpretations of Venezuelan History in  
Contemporary Film and Literature*

RECEPTION



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