



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION**  
**Awards & Recognition Graduate Ceremony**  
**2020-2021**

May 7, 2021 ~ 6:00-6:45 pm (virtual on Teams)



**GRADUATE HONOREES**

**RHETORICAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE**

**2020**

Jessica Gehrke  
Taylor Katz  
David Lee  
Cassidy Rentmeester  
Nathaniel Repay  
Lisa Roth

**2021**

Alexandra Parr Balaram  
Alisa Davis  
Kristin Wagel  
Ryan Paul Winn

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION AWARD**  
**2020**

Research: Sabrina Fuller - MA  
Service: Alisa Davis – MA  
Teaching: Nathaniel Repay - MA

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION RECOGNITION AWARD**  
**2021**

Research: Emily Godager - PhD  
Service: Benjamin Davis - PhD  
Teaching: Samentha Sepulveda - PhD

**MELVIN H. MILLER GRADUATE AWARD – MA  
2020**

Research: Nathaniel Repay  
Service: Cassidy Rentmeester  
Teaching: Sabrina Fuller

**MELVIN H. MILLER GRADUATE AWARD – PhD  
2020**

Research: Taylor Katz  
Service: Jacki Willenborg  
Teaching: Michael Cody Coker

**MELVIN H. MILLER GRADUATE AWARD – MA  
2021**

Research: Kari Pink  
Teaching: Rachel Zawicki

**MELVIN H. MILLER GRADUATE AWARD – PhD  
2021**

Research: Jessica Kahlow  
Service: Michael Cody Coker  
Teaching: Benjamin Davis

**MELVIN H. MILLER AWARD FOR TOP COMMUNICATION GPA  
2020**

Sabrina Fuller, Masters  
Giselle (Zhixin), Masters  
Michael Cody Coker, Doctoral  
Jessica Kahlow, Doctoral  
Lisa Roth, Doctoral

**MELVIN H. MILLER AWARD FOR TOP COMMUNICATION GPA  
2021**

Emily Gerlikovski, Masters  
Allyson Hayden, Masters  
Joshua Holt, Masters  
Carrie Jones, Masters  
Sue Lim, Masters  
Kari Pink, Masters  
Jesus Rivera, Masters  
Michael Cody Coker, Doctoral  
Jessica Kahlow, Doctoral  
Megan Montgomery, Doctoral  
Lisa Roth, Doctoral

**DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION RESEARCH GRANT  
Spring 2021**

Mackenzie Boedeker & Jacki Willenborg (collaborators)  
Emily Gerlikovski  
Carrie Jones  
Sierra Kane  
Dathan Simpson

**AMELIA LUCAS TRUST FUND  
Fall 2019**

Nathaniel Repay

**Spring 2020**  
Jessica Kahlow

**Fall 2020**  
Danielle Romo

**JOHN PAUL JONES MEMORIAL TRUST**

**Fall 2019**

Comfort Adebayo  
Mackenzie Boedeker  
Nathaniel Repay

**Spring 2020**

Mackenzie Boedeker  
Giselle (Zhixin) Pu  
Megan Orcholski

**Fall 2020**

Sue Lim  
Jillian Schemenauer

**RENEE A. MEYERS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Fall 2019**

Riley Richards

**Fall 2020**

Jessica Kahlow

**GRADUATE DEGREES**

**MASTER'S DEGREE**

**Spring 2020**

Sabrina Fuller

*Image, Industry, and Ink: Communication of Tattoo Policies by  
Human Resource Professionals*

Major Professor: Sarah Riforgiate

Giselle (Zhixin) Pu

*Serendipitous News Discovery Increases News Consumption  
in News Recommender Systems*

Major Professor: Erin Ruppel

Cassidy Rentmeester  
*M.A.P.P.*  
Major Professor: Leslie Harris

Nathaniel Repay  
*M.A.P.P.*  
Major Professor: Kathryn Olson

**Spring 2021**

Alisa Davis  
*Voices of the Say Her Name Campaign: Theorizing an Activist Rhetoric of Blame*  
Major Professor: Sara VanderHaagen

Sue Lim  
*Adoption of a Self-Care Therapy Mobile App: Application of Uses and Gratification Theory, Self-Efficacy, and Response Efficacy*  
Major Professor: Mike Allen

Alexandra Parr Balaram  
*M.A.P.P.*  
Major Professor: Leslie Harris

**DOCTORAL DEGREE**  
**Spring 2020**

Tosin Adebayo  
*Maternal Healthcare Experiences of African American Women:  
A Relational Dialectics Perspective*  
Major Professor: Erin Parcell

Megan Orcholski  
*'Would You Say You Had Sex if...': Rhetorical Meaning-Making Within Intimate Encounters and Their Discourses at the Macro, Meso, and Micro Levels*  
Major Professor: Leslie Harris

Angela Victor  
*Communicating About Routine Childhood Vaccines: Meta-Analysis of Parental Attitudes, Behaviors, & Vaccine Hesitancy*  
Major Professor: Mike Allen

**Spring 2021**

Jessica Kahlow  
*Improving Neurodiverse Relationships: Comparing Relational Quality and Maintenance Channels in Individuals With and Without ADHD*  
Major Professor: Erin Ruppel

Riley Richards  
*To Disclose or Not Disclose: The Proposition and Test of the Sexual Self-Disclosure Decision Model (SS-DDM)*  
Major Professor: Erin Ruppel

Samentha Sepulveda  
*An Internatural Communication Study of Identity Within Nonprofit Animal Shelters*  
Major Professor: Sarah Riforgiate



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