



Department of English

**DIPLOMA CEREMONY**

May 19, 2018



# welcome graduates, families, and friends!

This is an exciting day for us, faculty and staff in the English department, as we honor and congratulate our undergraduate and graduate students on receiving their degrees from Carnegie Mellon University: 15 students who are receiving a B.A., five receiving a B.S., one receiving a B.H.A., eight Additional Majors, 24 Minors, 15 receiving an M.A. in Literary and Cultural Studies, 11 receiving an M.A. in Professional Writing, eight receiving an M.A. in Rhetoric, and seven receiving a Ph.D.

You, students, will carry the Carnegie Mellon University English degree throughout your lives. We eagerly await what your journey will hold and hope to remain partners with you in your careers going forward. Your success is our success. Our faculty and staff are proud of you and will miss you. I am grateful to them for their dedication to teaching and mentoring. I am also grateful to you, parents, relatives, and friends, who have given our graduates the support they needed to reach this milestone. It takes hard work to earn a degree in English at Carnegie Mellon, but they could not have done it without support—emotional and practical—from all of you, friends and families. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach them and learn from them.

We are not saying goodbye to you: as alumni, you will always remain our students, and we look forward to learning about your achievements, your plans, your bold ideas. Come back and visit!

Sincerely,

**Andreea Deciu Ritivoi**

Professor and Head, Department of English

# diploma ceremony

May 19, 2018

## WELCOME & REMARKS

Andreea Deciu Ritivoi  
Professor and Head, Department of English

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS

Marian Aguiar  
Professor of English, Director of Graduate Studies

## REMARKS BY GRADUATING MASTERS STUDENTS

M.A. in Literary and Cultural Studies: Chloe Alexander Perry  
M.A. in Professional Writing: Nathan A. Healy  
M.A. in Rhetoric: Emily Dejeu

## PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF ARTS DIPLOMAS

Marian Aguiar  
Professor of English, Director of Graduate Studies

## REMARKS BY GRADUATING SENIORS

Creative Writing Program: Marcel Legros  
Professional Writing Program: Maria Navarro-Gutierrez  
Technical Writing & Communication Program: Amber L. James  
English (EBA) Program: Apeksha Atal

## PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS

James Wynn  
Associate Professor of English, Director of Undergraduate Studies

## CLOSING REMARKS

Andreea Deciu Ritivoi  
Professor and Head, Department of English

## RECEPTION

Please join us in the Schatz Dining Room on the second floor of the Jared L. Cohon University Center following the diploma ceremony to congratulate our graduates.

*Please remain seated until all the graduates have departed the auditorium.*

# department of english faculty

## **Marian Aguiar**

Associate Professor of English, Director of Graduate Studies

## **Jane Bernstein**

Professor of English

## **Gerald Costanzo**

Professor of English, Director of Carnegie Mellon University Press

## **Douglas Coulson**

Assistant Professor of English

## **James Daniels**

Thomas Stockham Baker University Professor of English

## **Sharon Dilworth**

Associate Professor of English, Director of Creative Writing

## **Linda Flower**

Professor of English

## **Kevin Gonzalez**

Assistant Professor of English

## **Suguru Ishizaki**

Professor of English, Director of Rhetoric

## **Barbara Johnstone**

Professor of English and Linguistics

## **David Kaufer**

Mellon Distinguished Professor of English

## **Jon Klancher**

Professor of English

**Jane McCafferty**

Professor of English

**Noémie Ndiaye**

Assistant Professor of English and Comparative Literature

**Christine Neuwirth**

Professor of English and Human-Computer Interaction, Director of M.A. in Professional Writing

**Kathy M. Newman**

Associate Professor of English

**John Oddo**

Associate Professor of English

**Richard Purcell**

Associate Professor of English

**Lauren Shapiro**

Assistant Professor of English

**David Shumway**

Professor of English

**Kristina Straub**

Professor of English, Director of Literary and Cultural Studies

**Christopher Warren**

Associate Professor of English, Director of B.A. in English

**Necia Werner**

Associate Teaching Professor of English, Director of Professional and Technical Writing

**Danielle Wetzel**

Teaching Professor & Director of First-Year Writing

**Jeffrey J. Williams**

Professor of English



**Stephen Wittek**

Assistant Professor of English

**Joanna Wolfe**

Teaching Professor of English, Director of the Global Communication Center

**James Wynn**

Associate Professor of English, Director of Undergraduate Studies

# department of english staff

**Eyona Bivins**

Administrative Coordinator

**Mike Brokos**

Assistant Director of First-Year Writing Program

**Laura E. Donaldson**

Undergraduate Academic Coordinator

**Daniel Hirsch**

Media Coordinator

**Jen Loughran**

Assistant Director of Graduate Programs

**Vickie McKay**

Office Manager and Special Projects Coordinator

**Nicholas Ryan**

Business Manager

*Bagpiper: George Balderose*

# class of 2018

## Doctor of Philosophy in Literary and Cultural Studies

### **Juliann Elizabeth Reineke**

"Three Sheets to the Wind: The Jolly Jack Tar and Eighteenth-Century British Masculinity"

*Committee Chair: Professor Kristina Straub*

### **D.J. Schuldt**

"The Dissenting Academies and the Literary Politics of the 1790s"

*Committee Chair: Professor Jon Klancher*

### **Jamie Smith**

"Rights and Rites: Revolution, Gender, Performance, and Religion in British Novels of the 1790s"

*Committee Chair: Professor Kristina Straub*

### **Pavithra Tantrigoda**

"Contesting 'Green Imperialism': Rights and Ecology in South Asian Literature"

*Committee Chair: Professor Marian Aguiar*





## Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric

### **Ana Leigh Cooke**

"Collaborating in Public: How Openness Shapes Global Warming Articles in Wikipedia"

*Committee Chair: Professor Christine Neuwirth*

### **Derek Graves Handley**

"Strategies for Performing Citizenship: Rhetorical Citizenship and the Black Freedom Movement"

*Committee Chair: Professor Andrea Ritivoi*

### **Ryan T. Roderick**

"Self-regulation and Writing Transfer: How Students Navigate Unfamiliar Writing Situations"

*Committee Chair: Professor Joanna Wolfe*

# **Masters of Arts in Literary and Cultural Studies**

Arianna Garofalo

Alexander Hall

Catherine Heiner

Alexander Kisiel

Sandra Kruse

Jon Andrew McIntire

Alison Diana Meehan

Chloe Alexander Perry

John (Jack) Quirk

Scott Riess

Adrianna M. Rodriguez-Diaz

Bliss Ana Saleebyan

Christopher Alexander Smida

Katie Stallsmith

Kelsey Amanda Trimm



## **Master of Arts in Professional Writing**

Zachary Carlson

Kevin Fedigan

Maggie Geier

Nathan A. Healy

Michael Phillip Heslink

Allyson Hoover

Samantha Jamison

Kylie Janoso

Erin Mulhern Rovelstad

Jacob Shriver

Charlotte Underhill

## **Masters of Arts in Rhetoric**

Anthony Cali

Sophie Allende Dean

Emily Dejeu

Rebecca M. Lee

Laura McCann

Taylor Rugg

Audrey Strohm

Yishan Wang

## Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing

**Sarah Elizabeth Bender**, Bachelor of Arts \*\*

Creative Writing with an additional major in Professional Writing

**Stephanie Haber**, Bachelor of Arts \* \*\*

Creative Writing with an additional major in Decision Science and a minor in Film and Media Studies

**Isabel S. McCarthy**, Bachelor of Arts \* \*\*

Creative Writing with an additional major in Professional Writing and a minor in Social and Political History

**Mariana Elizabeta Saric**, Bachelor of Arts \* \*\*

Creative Writing

**Ian Sears**, Bachelor of Arts \*

Creative Writing with minors in International Relations & Politics and Mathematical Sciences

**Ana Karina Van Nortwick**, Bachelor of Arts

Creative Writing with an additional major in English and a minor in Philosophy

## Bachelor of Arts in English

**Stephanie Guzik**, Bachelor of Arts

English with an additional major in Professional Writing and a minor in Psychology

**Jessica Keast**, Bachelor of Arts \*\*

English with an additional major in Professional Writing and a minor in Drama

**Ariana Mapua**, Bachelor of Arts \* \*\*

English with an additional major in Economics

**Charis-Marie Vanderpuye**, Bachelor of Arts

English with an additional major in Psychology

## Bachelor of Arts in Professional Writing

**Julia Gnip**, Bachelor of Arts \*\*

Professional Writing with minors in Business Administration and Russian Studies

**Sarah Goodman**, Bachelor of Arts

Professional Writing

**Levi Soler**, Bachelor of Arts

Professional Writing

**Jeneni Withers**, Bachelor of Arts \*\*

Professional Writing with an additional major in Creative Writing

**Christian Zeitler**, Bachelor of Arts \*\*

Professional Writing with an additional major in Creative Writing

## Bachelor of Science in Technical Writing and Communication

**Abigail Cho**, Bachelor of Science

Technical Writing and Communication with a minor in Physics

**Amber L. James**, Bachelor of Science \* \*\*

Technical Writing and Communication with a minor in Biomedical Engineering

**Lydia Kim**, Bachelor of Science

Technical Writing and Communication

**Erin Nielsen**, Bachelor of Science \*\*

Technical Writing and Communication

**Anna Rose Novak**, Bachelor of Science

Technical Writing and Communication with an additional major in Creative Writing

## Bachelor of Humanities and Art

**Joshua Brown**, Bachelor of Humanities and Art

Technical Writing and Music Technology with a minor in Sound Design

## **Additional Major in Creative Writing**

**David Beinhart**, Bachelor of Science  
Business Administration with an additional major in Creative Writing

**Amanda Malia Kennedy Courtney**, Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Drama with an additional major in Creative Writing

**Sinead Foley**, Bachelor of Science  
International Relations and Politics with an additional major in Creative Writing

**Sarah Ho**, Bachelor of Science  
Business Administration with an additional major in Creative Writing

**Marcel Legros**, Bachelor of Arts  
Physics with an additional major in Creative Writing

**Alex Moschetti**, Bachelor of Arts  
Chemistry with an additional major in Creative Writing

## **Additional Major in English**

**Apeksha Atal**, Bachelor of Science  
Biological Sciences with an additional major in English

## **Additional Major in Professional Writing**

**Maria Navarro-Gutierrez**, Bachelor of Arts  
Global Studies with additional majors in Professional Writing and Hispanic Studies



## **Minor in Creative Writing**

Andrew Afable

Matthew Bofenkamp

Jeremy Goldstein

Erica Lynn Frank

Vanessa Siriwalothakul

## **Minor in English**

Ning Guan

## **Minor in Film and Media Studies**

Andrew Afable

Ryan Chandler

Bronwyn Donohue

Stephanie Haber

Tiffany Kakkanatt

Rebecca Marcus

Grant Wilmer

Stephen Yamalis

Fan Zhang

## **Minor in Gender Studies**

Anna Baldi

Simran Jagtiani

Gillan Johnson

## **Minor in Professional Writing**

Katherine Cao

Whittney Chu

Emily Ernst

Samantha D. Mack

Yiyi Zhao

## **Minor in Technical Writing**

Marina McIntosh



# awards to graduates

## **Adamson Student Writing Awards**

### ***Poetry***

Marcel Legros, First Place

Isabel S. McCarthy, Honorable Mention

### ***Nonfiction***

Maria Navarro-Gutierrez, First Place

Sinead Foley, Second Place

### ***Fiction***

Sinead Foley, Third Place

### ***Edythe & Leon Nagin Award for Best Senior Honors Thesis***

Isabel S. McCarthy

### ***Donna Greer Memorial Award***

Isabel S. McCarthy

## **Andrew Carnegie Society Scholar**

Amber L. James

Maria Navarro-Gutierrez

## **Charles C. Dawe Memorial Award Scholarship**

Maria Navarro-Gutierrez

## **Dietrich College Graduate Student Teaching Award**

Ana Leigh Cooke, 2016

Jamie Smith, 2018

# awards to graduates

## **English Department Graduate Student Teaching Award**

Ana Leigh Cooke, 2015  
Juliann Elizabeth Reineke, 2016  
Jamie Smith, 2017

## **Erwin R. Steinberg MAPW Scholarship**

Nathan A. Healy

## **Meeting of the Minds Dietrich Humanities Award**

Stephanie Haber

## **Phi Beta Kappa**

Isabel S. McCarthy  
Maria Navarro-Gutierrez

## **Three Minute Thesis**

Juliann Elizabeth Reineke, Second Place, 2016

# sigma tau delta

Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, was founded in 1924 at Dakota Wesleyan University and has over 800 active chapters throughout the U.S., Europe, Middle East and Caribbean. The central purpose of the society is to “confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies.” Sigma Tau Delta also recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature.

Apeksha Atal  
David Beinhart  
Sarah Elizabeth Bender  
Alysa Bradbury  
Jeremy Goldstein  
Stephanie Haber  
Jessica Keast

Samantha D. Mack  
Ariana Mapua  
Isabel S. McCarthy  
Maria Navarro-Gutierrez  
Ana Karina Van Nortwick  
Jeneni Withers  
Yiyi Zhao

## student advisory committee

The English Department Student Advisory Committee is comprised of students across all undergraduate majors in English. Each academic year, the English faculty selects the committee; these selections are based on a student’s academic background, leadership, potential, and commitment to the program. SAC provides a communication link and promotes activity between the English student body and the department’s faculty, staff, and administration.

Stephanie Haber  
Ariana Mapua  
Isabel S. McCarthy  
Jeneni Withers



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