STUDENT AWARDS AND HONORS

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GRADUATE

Sarah Faulkner, English graduate student of JaneFest fame, has the truly rare honor of being awarded a UW Excellence in Teaching Award. She is one of only two Ph.D students in the entire UW system to receive this prize.

Sarah Faulkner won the 2018 Jane Austen Society of North America- Puget Sound Region Essay Contest, which came with a $1000 scholarship, for her essay “Fortune, Work, and Strict Decorum: Social Improvements in Emma.” Click the link if you'd like to read it.

Sarah Faulkner has also won three scholarships: the Katherine Sharpless Coyle Graduate Scholarship, $3500, awarded by the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation this year; the New York Public Library Short-Term Research Fellowship Award of $4000 to work on her dissertation in New York; and the McGill-American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Fellowship for $3000 to study at McGill University in Montreal.

Our final entry in the Sarah ledger is the Chester Fritz International Research Fellowship, which will be used to fund three months of research in Edinburgh. Now let's quickly move on before the talented Sarah Faulkner wins something else ....

Matthew Poland, doctoral student in English, has won the Mičeál F. Vaughan Scholarship for 2017-2018. The award will help support his traveling to London to study Victorian collecting practices of early English dramatic texts at the British Library and at the National Art Library, housed at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Professor Emeritus Mičeál F. Vaughan, long a member of the English department, created this endowment to support travel to primary research libraries and archives for projects involving European texts that date from before 1600.

Matthew Poland also received a travel grant from the Research Society for Victorian Periodicals to present at The Body and the Page in Victorian Culture, which is a joint conference put on by RSVP and the Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada (VSAWC) in Victoria, BC, in July. And, probably most exciting of all, Matt was invited to speak at a conference in Germany, so in September he'll be presenting on "Dickens as Media Theorist" at the Herzog August Bibliothek in Wolfenbüttel – Sehr gut!
E. J. Koh published the collection of poems *A Lesser Love* (Louisiana State University Press), winner of the Pleiades Editors Prize for Poetry. She has also been awarded the American Literary Translator Association's Emerging Translator Mentorship with Don Mee Choi. E. J. Koh's work has been featured on *The Seattle Channel*.

Denise Grollmus received a 2018 Harlan Hahn Endowment Fund grant for her work in disability studies. She also conducted an interview for LA Review of Books. It's [an interview with Leslie Jamison about her new book on addiction](https://lareviewofbooks.org/interview/leslie-jamison/), which relates to Ms. Grollmus' dissertation research, which she discusses in the interview. Finally, through her affiliation with UW Jewish Studies, Denise was tapped to introduce author Gary Shteyngart and professor Sasha Senderovich at the Stroum Lecture Series on May 9, 7 pm, in Kane Hall.

Lydia Heberling is the Soden-Trueblood Graduate Publishing Fellow for the UW Press for the 2018-19 academic year. She is also a Mary and Allan Kollar Endowed Fellow ([click through the link for a recent College of Arts and Sciences article on the Kollar’s marvelous melding of financial support with professional mentoring](https://www.washington.edu/news/2018/04/20/mellon-fellowship-for-reaching-new-publics-in-the-humanities/)).

Ph.D candidate Zhenzhen He-Weatherford is happy to be the recipient of the Mellon Fellowship for *Reaching New Publics in the Humanities*, and an *Expository Writing Program Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Collaboration Grant*.

Laura De Vos and Lydia Heberling have been awarded Allan and Mary Kollar Endowed Fellowships for the 2018-2019 academic year. The fellowship is designed to provide financial assistance to highly deserving full-time graduate students in either American Art History or American literature.

Nancy Fox, doctoral candidate in English language and rhetoric, won the Distinguished Teaching Award from the National Society for Leadership and Success at the University of West Florida. UWF is where Ms. Fox teaches public, professional, and technical writing; works on digital writing curriculum; and, in collaboration with colleagues in English composition, is writing a textbook for UWF's first-year writing sequence.

Ph.D candidate Merzamie Clark has been selected for an award as a 2018 New Directions in the Humanities Emerging Scholar. A former UW Dean's Medal winner and Fulbright awardee, Ms. Clark will present her paper "Interrogating Ideological Homophily in Higher Education: The Exclusion, Silencing, and Othering of Religiously and/or Politically Conservative Students in the Humanities" at the 16th International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania in July.
Ungsan Kim, Ph.D candidate in English, has been awarded a couple of prized fellowships: the Simpson Center's Society of Scholars Fellowship for the 2018/2019 academic year, which supports Kim's dissertation project, "Cruising the Cityscape: Queer Temporality and the Translation of Space in Contemporary East Asian Cinema" with two full quarters of funding; and also the Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research and Study, supporting one full quarter of research and study abroad.

Areej Quraishi, MFA candidate, was nominated for the Antoinette Wills Endowed Scholarship for 2018-2019.

UNDERGRADUATE

Elise Stefanou has been awarded the Lederman Endowed Scholarship, part of a group of endowed scholarships for students in the humanities. The Lederman is awarded to deserving and academically excellent undergraduates in the humanities.

Jaskirat Kaur Hothi (double major with Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies) was awarded an Elizabeth Kerr Macfarlane Endowed Scholarship for meritorious academic performance.

Annie Lewis (double major with History Honors; Spanish and Jewish Studies Minors) received a Bonderman Travel Fellowship. And oh is the Bonderman a peach of an award! $23k attached to a delightful string requiring the recipient spends it traveling to two separate regions of the world, solo, for at least 8 months. Ms. Lewis will travel to China, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, India, South Africa, Tanzania, and Morocco, with the unifying purpose of exploring “how higher education can be more equitable and intentional about supporting social justice.” Annie also serves as the Lead Writing Tutor at UW’s Clue Tutoring Center - click the link for a brief bio.

Annie Lewis also won the Grand Prize from the Library Research Award for Undergraduates.

Samuel Ramberg Wooley Received Honorable Mention for the Library Research Award for Undergraduates.

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