

# OSU Department of Sociology Awards 2021

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EMCEE: Chris Knoester

Thanks to all the committee & department members who  
fielded nominations, decided winners, and organized the virtual presentations!

# SGSA Awards

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Presented by Jasmine Whiteside



**S G S A**  
**S P R I N G**  
**A W A R D S**

2020 & 2021



**2020**

***Most Supportive Staff Member Award***

- They have been so helpful and effective in their short time in our department. They are always extremely on top of emails and scheduling. They go out of their way to facilitate multiple events in our department, and they are a genuinely kind person.





**MARLISS  
MCGARVEY**



2020

***Most Supportive Faculty Member Award***

- They are hands down one of the most supportive faculty members I have gotten the chance to work with over the years. They are committed to fostering the academic, mental, physical, and social well-being of their students. Outside of more typical support (like reading paper drafts and offering thoughtful comments to writing and conversations about books, articles, etc.), they readily hold regular meetings with their students to set semester goals and work with them to develop a concrete plan for achieving those goals. I cannot say enough about the breadth and depth of the support they offer their students.





# KARA YOUNG





# **Student Teaching Award 2020**

## ***Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award***

- They are one of the best instructors I have for this semester. They really love to teach their students and does like to get to know them more as a person. They are also thoughtful, always wants to hear their students' opinions about what they think of the class, over topics we go over, and about how difficult the exams and quizzes are so that they can prepare us better







# BRANDON MOORE





# **Student Teaching Award 2020**

## ***Outstanding Independent Instructor Award***

- They really are dedicated and has a passion for teaching. They discuss topics and engage the entire class whether its with thought provoking questions, leading student dialogue, or pictures of their pug, lecture is never boring and I enjoy their class.....



**CHRIS  
KLEPS**



**2020**

***Outstanding Department Service Award***

- They are always eager to help other grad students, particularly when it comes to new technology or software. They held a workshop for building a professional website, and I hope there is more participation from grad students in the future. They are so helpful and knowledgeable, and always makes themselves available to others.



**PETER  
CHOI**





**2021'S AWARDS**

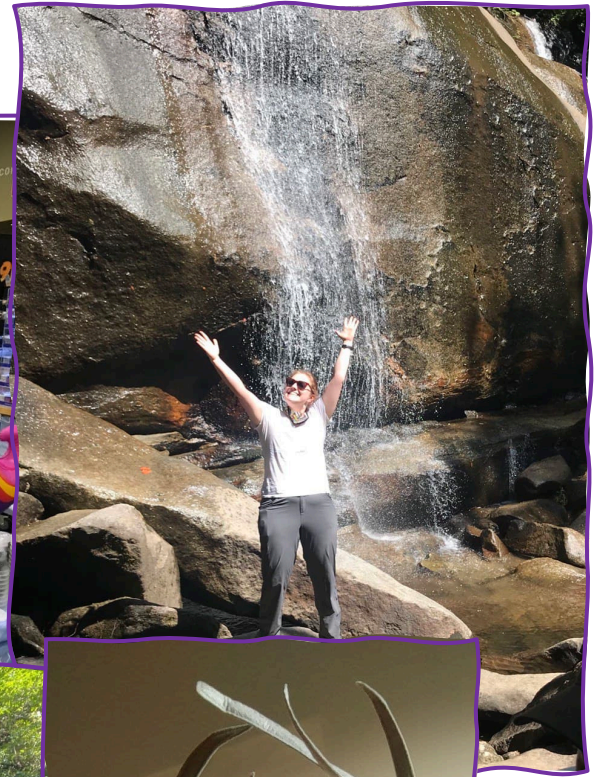
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**SURVIVAL  
OF THE  
FITTEST**





**2021  
MOST  
SUPPORTIVE  
STAFF  
MEMBER  
AWARD**





**Prof & Instructional  
Coordinator Deb Wilson**

But let's talk about the runner-up.....

- We never would've made it through the chaos of the pandemic and online teaching without them! They (and in so many cases, they alone) was there to put all of the schedules together to consider, re-consider and work through all of the problems that came with the transition to teaching and they never once said it was too much!
- We see you!







**2021**

***Most Supportive Faculty Member Award***

- They go above and beyond to make sure their students are represented, emotionally stable and feel good about where they are their academic journey. They make sure we don't lose focus of what really matters.... Whether there's a formal advising relationship or not



**V I N N I E**  
**V I N V I N**  
**R O S C I G N O**





# **Student Teaching Award 2021**

## ***Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award***

- They are extremely knowledgeable and is very patient. I can really tell that they enjoy their work, the social sciences, and statistics. To have the enthusiasm from the instructor and the teaching assistant, it sets the tone of the class so that everyone can be excited to learn about a difficult topic. Thank you!





# MELISSA ALCARAZ





# **Student Teaching Award 2021**

## ***Outstanding Independent Instructor Award***

- They are so helpful, understanding, patient, and fair. They recognize that this is not an easy time for their students but still pushes us to be great. They are flexible but not a pushover.





# ERICK AXXE



**2021**

***Outstanding Department Service Award***

- They are a fierce advocate for positive social change in our department. They have prompted necessary conversations that have raised our consciousness about departmental structures, cultures, and interactions that systematically exclude our colleagues with marginalized identities, on top doing pathbreaking research. While our department has a long way to go to foster equity and inclusion, their work has placed us on the right path. Thank you!



**CHLOE  
DUNSTON**





**2021**

***Most Supportive Graduate Student Award***  
***\*NEW\****

- I'm not quite sure what their job description is, but they go above and beyond whatever it is.
- Cares deeply
- Wonderful mentor & friend
- Looks after the first years
- Speaks truth to power
- Good ally
- Hosts many social gatherings 😊



# ALEX KEMPLER





**WE  
SURVIVED!**

# Department Awards

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Outstanding Faculty Award presented by Dr. Sarah Hayford

Outstanding Lecturer & Staff Awards, and Graduate Paper Awards presented by Dr. Dana Haynie

# *Outstanding Faculty Award*

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Honoring a faculty member who, in the last year, has gone beyond their regular teaching and service responsibilities in improving the intellectual, administrative, or general social environment of the department.

*Dana Haynie*



# *Outstanding Staff Award*

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Honoring a staff member who, in the last year, has made exemplary contributions to improve or make life smoother in the daily workings of the department.

*Jill Morris*





# *Outstanding Lecturer Award*

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Honoring a lecturer for their excellence in teaching.

*Danielle Schoon*



# Frank Mott Paper Award

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The Frank Mott Award recognizes the outstanding work of a Sociology Department graduate student whose research addresses population and health issues.

# Melissa Alcaraz & Chrissy Edmunds

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"Childhood Material Hardship and Adolescent Mental Health"

# *Elizabeth Menaghan Paper Award*

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The Elizabeth Menaghan Award recognizes the outstanding work of a Sociology Department graduate student whose research addresses marriage and family.

# Young Choi

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"Race, Nativity, Marriage, and Health: How Does Interracial Marriage Shape Women's Health?"

# Graduate Awards

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Presented by Dr. Sarah Hayford

# Silverman & Summer Methods Awards

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Silverman Award Winners

**Jacob Képes,  
Alex Kempler,  
Elizabeth Martin,  
& Maria Orsini**

Summer Methods Award Winners

**Young Choi,  
Story Edison,  
& Lawrence Stacey**



# *Outstanding Second Year Paper*

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This award recognizes the outstanding work of a graduate student on their second-year paper.

*Chloe Dunston*



# *Outstanding PhD Student Award*

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This award recognizes the outstanding work of a graduate student with PhD standing.

Sadé Lindsay



# Undergraduate Awards

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Presented by the Undergraduate Advising Team

*Frederick E. Lumley  
Memorial Scholarship*

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Colin "CJ" Johnson,  
& Victoria Smith



*Alberta Garber Scott Fellowship*





Lily Goldberg, Selin Haas,  
Conner Hicks, Riley Nicole Reese,  
& Devin Reeves

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*Outstanding Senior:  
Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies*

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Octavion  
Spears



*Outstanding Senior: Sociology*



Sydney  
Green



# A SURPRISE AWARD?

Please welcome these members of leadership for a special award announcement!

Dr. Bruce McPheron, Executive Vice President and Provost

Dr. Helen Malone, Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources

Dr. Gretchen Ritter, Executive Dean and Vice Provost, Arts and Sciences

Dr. Ryan King, Divisional Dean, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Kristi Williams, Chair, Department of Sociology

*Provost's Award:  
Distinguished Teaching by a Lecturer*

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*Lynette Martin*



*Thank you for  
Attending!*

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Congratulations to all of us (for surviving 2020)

– BUT –

Especially to our WONDERFUL award recipients for their contributions to our department!