

GSAS NEWS

Convocation: A Photo Essay



Thousands of family members, friends, faculty, and staff gathered to celebrate 660 graduating MA candidates and 340 graduating PhD candidates on Sunday, May 19. View the photographs [here](#). Visit the [GSAS Facebook page](#) to see many more.

Convocation: Videos

[Video of MA ceremony](#)

[Video of PhD ceremony](#)

Five Minutes, Four Slides, No Notes: Students Present Their Research at GSAS Master's SynThesis Competition



GSAS master's students showcased their thesis research at the fourth annual Master's SynThesis Competition on May 9. Twelve students from as many master's programs presented their research to a general audience and an interdisciplinary panel of faculty and alumni judges. Topics ranged from coral bleaching to framing access to water as a human rights issue to using patient-derived stem cells to study ALS. Ivana Dizdar, an MA candidate in Modern Art: Critical and Curatorial Studies, was awarded first place for her presentation on "He Loves Me Not: The Art of Tanja Ostojčić and Daniela Ortiz, from EU Migration to Anti-Celebration." Read more [here](#).

PhD Students Across the Ivy League Presented Their Work at the Ivy 3MT Competition



On April 25, GSAS and the United Nations celebrated scholarly achievements of PhD students across the Ivy League by hosting the inaugural Ivy 3MT Competition. Finalists presented their dissertation research in three minutes to an audience of more than 200 people using only one slide. Bailey Brown, a Sociology candidate at GSAS, won the Audience Choice Award for her presentation, titled "Kinder Panic: School Selection and Parental Uncertainty." Read more about the event [here](#).

GSAS Students Learned About the Experiences of Faculty of Color at Liberal Arts Colleges



What is it like for faculty members from underrepresented groups to do research, teach, and live in a liberal arts college setting? On April 8, students had the opportunity to find out at "Mentoring for a More Diverse Professoriate," hosted by the GSAS Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusion in partnership with Liberal Arts Diversity Officers and C3 (Creating Connections Consortium). Students met faculty and administrators from Holy Cross, Trinity, and Williams Colleges. Whether approaching the job market or just planning ahead, our MA and PhD students enjoyed the opportunity to learn and network. Read more about the event [here](#).

Join a GSAS Alumni Committee

Assist the GSAS Alumni Association Board of Directors in advancing Dean Carlos J. Alonso's mission by joining one of our five alumni committees: Ambassadorship, Recent Alumni and Students, Awards, Stewardship and Engagement, and Professional Development. Write to gsasalumni@columbia.edu for more information and to apply.

ALUMNI NEWS

GSAS Alumni Honorees Will Receive Awards on June 19

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Alumni Awards, which celebrate the superior achievements of GSAS master's and doctoral graduates.

George D. Yancopoulos ('86PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics) and John A. Glusman ('80MA, English and Comparative Literature) will receive the Dean's Award for Distinguished Achievement. Matthew Salganik ('07PhD, Sociology) and Amanda Seales ('05MA, American Studies) will be honored with the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.

The honorees will receive their awards at a ceremony on June 19.

Additional Announcements

- **Erich Goode** ('66PhD, Sociology) published [The Taming of New York's Washington Square](#).
- **Roni Henig** ('18PhD, Middle Eastern, South Asian, & African Studies) was named a 2019-2020 Fellow at the Institute for Ideas & Imagination in Paris.
- **Ursula K. Le Guin** ('52MA, French), best-known for her science-fiction and fantasy novels, [passed away at 88](#). She received the Dean's Award for Distinguished Achievement in 2017.
- **Amanda Seales** ('05MA, American Studies) debuted her first hour-long comedy special on [HBO](#).
- **Professor Tian Zheng** ('00MA, '02PhD, Statistics), Dept. of Statistics & Data Science Institute, delivered the keynote speech at the MA Convocation Ceremony on May 19.
- **Grace Zhou** ('12MA, Russia, Eurasia, Eastern Europe Regional Studies; '10CC) was named a Dissertation Fellow in Women's Studies by the [Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation](#). Grace is a PhD Candidate in Anthropology at Stanford University researching intimate economies in Kyrgyzstan.

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