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# PROGRAM

## WELCOME

Marisol Baca, Chair of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board

## INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Honora Chapman, Dean

## RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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### *DEPARTMENT OF ART, DESIGN AND ART HISTORY*

Grace E. Morrow, B.A.

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Natalie Vasquez, B.A.

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Megan "MJ" T. Jaurena, B.A.

### *DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM*

Jennifer-Juliette Marissa Riojas, B.A.

### *DEPARTMENT OF MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES*

Lillian C. Hammerstrom, B.A.

### *DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC*

Alexandra Cota, B.A.

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Taylor A. Carillo, B.A.

### *DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE*

Sofia James, B.A.



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Hermelinda Hernandez Monjaras, M.F.A.

*DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS*

Jane Chloe King, M.A.

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Micaelina Ramírez-Chávez, M.A.

*DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC*

Tyler A. Golding, M.A.



# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION



## **Grace E. Morrow | Art, Design and Art History, B.A.**

Grace Morrow will graduate this Spring with a B.A. in Art History. She looks forward to starting her master's program in Art History here at Fresno State this Fall, examining the overlooked women artists of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. She ultimately wishes to teach and inspire a love of college in others.



## **Bianca G. Palma | Communication, B.A.**

Bianca Palma is completing a major in Communication and two minors in English Literature and Media, Communications and Journalism. She has been honored with the Silver Linings Award and the Student Leadership Award. Bianca's breadth of interest and achievement makes her a quintessential exemplar of the arts and humanities.



## **Natalie Vasquez | English, B.A.**

Natalie Vasquez is an English Studies major with a minor in Chicanx Studies. Natalie states that "activism and community engagement is something that I have always been passionate about. . ." She has extensive service work in Latinx communities and wants to continue her service in a professional position and pursue a Master's degree in English.



## **Megan 'MJ' T. Jaurena | Linguistics, B.A.**

MJ Jaurena has been selected as Undergraduate Student of Distinction by the Department of Linguistics. MJ has presented two papers at Linguistics conferences, and she helped to organize the Western Conference on Linguistics 2023 at Fresno State. MJ plans to pursue a Master's in Linguistics.



## **Jennifer-Juliette Marissa Riojas | Media, Communications and Journalism, B.A.**

Jennifer-Juliette Marissa Riojas will graduate this spring with a B.A. in Film and Media Arts from the Department of Media, Communications and Journalism. A thoughtful storyteller and aspiring filmmaker, Jennifer plans to move to Los Angeles after graduation to "make films and write stories that connect with people."



# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION



## **Lillian C. Hammerstrom | Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, B.A.**

Lillian Hammerstrom, a double major in Spanish and Political Science, aspires to become an immigration lawyer, driven by her passion for understanding peoples' stories and languages. Dr. Paula Sanmartín praised her dedication and impactful presence in Madrid, while Dr. Daniel Calleros Villarreal recognizes her as a top-tier student and invaluable mock trial coach at Fresno State's Maddy Institute.



## **Alexandra Cota | Music, B.A**

Alexandra Cota is an accomplished scholar, performer and leader. She is a member of the Smittcamp Family Honors Program as well as a participant in the Honors Program for the College of Arts and Humanities, for which she is currently completing a comprehensive research project on Portuguese folk song.



## **Taylor A. Carillo | Philosophy, B.A.**

Taylor Carrillo, a Philosophy-Pre Law major and Criminology minor, embodies and demonstrates the Philosophy Department's values, including the love of knowledge, critical thinking and dedication to service. Despite facing challenges due to multiple sclerosis, she has sustained academic excellence while engaging in leadership roles on and off campus. She plans to apply to Stanford Law School.



## **Sofia James | Theatre and Dance, B.A.**

Sofia James is a Theatre major with a Design/Technology emphasis. She has designed costumes for department productions as well as for Selma Arts Center. She has stage managed six shows in her time here. Last summer, Sofia interned at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, assistant designing "In the Heights."

# GRADUATE STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION



## **Julie Ann Araujo | Art, Design and Art History, M.A.**

Julie Araujo graduated in Fall 2023 with an M.A. in art. She was awarded both the Emerging Artist and the Artist Disruptor award by the California Arts Council for her thesis exhibition, 'Body and Image.' Currently teaching at Fresno City College, Julie looks forward to new artistic opportunities as her family moves to Germany.



## **Jessica E. M. Bonstein | Communication, M.A.**

Jessica E.M. Bonstein is a graduate student in the Department of Communication. She recently presented her research on visual rhetoric at the National American Culture Association conference. After graduation, she plans to pursue doctoral study in visual communication and culture and aspires to a career as a university professor.



## **Luis Granados Torres | English M.A.**

Luis Granados Torres was born in Guanajuato, Mexico. He will graduate with an M.A. in English in Spring 2024. He has received multiple awards, including the Sally Casanova Award for pre-doctoral studies. In Fall 2024, he will begin the Ph.D. program in English at the University of Southern California.



## **Hermelinda Hernandez Monjaras | English, M.F.A**

Hermelinda Hernandez Monjaras is a highly accomplished poet in the Creative Writing M.F.A. program. A rising literary star, Hermelinda is a three-time recipient of the Andrés Montoya Poetry Prize and has published her work in fifteen literary journals. Hermelinda plans to pursue teaching and editorial positions after graduation while editing her first book for publication.



# GRADUATE STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION



## **Jane Chloe King | Linguistics, M.A**

Chloe King has been selected as Graduate Student of Distinction by the Department of Linguistics. Chloe has worked as a research assistant to help document and preserve the American indigenous language Hidatsa. She plans to pursue a career with a linguistic application.



## **Micaelina Ramírez-Chávez | Spanish, M.A.**

Micaelina Ramirez-Chavez, inspired by a passion for Hispanic culture, overcame challenges as a single mother to become a Summa Cum Laude Master's graduate in Spanish. Recognized by Dr. Rafael Lemus for delivering an outstanding final essay, and by Dr. Yolanda Doub as a top 5% student in 18 years, she aspires to teach at the community college level or pursue a doctorate in Spanish linguistics.



## **Tyler A. Golding | Music, M.A.**

Tyler Golding is graduating with a Master of Arts in Music Performance and was the first percussionist to ever win the Music Department's Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. He is extremely active and is a member of numerous local and regional organizations including the Wind Symphony of Clovis and Merced Symphony.

# SPECIAL THANKS

## **ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

*The goal of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board is to create and promote a positive image for, and understanding of, the College of Arts and Humanities. The board actively engages in increasing funding for the College, enhancing our student enrollment, recognizing and rewarding student accomplishments and expanding linkages between the college and the Central Valley's art, cultural and educational institutions.*

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# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Andrade-Mendoze, Yuliana  
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Arias Zavala, Marco  
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Arrechea Hernandez, Fernanda  
Ashkharian, David  
Atachian, Kylie  
Avila-Villanueva, Andrea  
Ayungua Mendez, Blanca  
Baker, Cameron  
Baldwin, Shayne  
Barreras, Flor Nicholle  
Barton, Miranda  
Beberian, Sara  
Bedolla, Yazmine  
Bergen, Audrey  
Bergman, Katherine  
Bever, Mason  
Blake, David  
Boudakian, Hailey  
Boyles, Aiden  
Bravo Guerrero, Hilda  
Brewer, Elyse  
Briscoe, Stacy  
Britter, Amanda  
Brown, Devynn  
Bryan, Heather  
Bui, Pierre  
Bumgarner, Taylor  
Callaway, Corbin  
Campos Gatica, Margarito  
Campos Ledezma, Nancy  
Cancino Ortiz, Jovita  
Cano, Abigail

Cardenas, Jiselle  
Carrillo, Taylor  
Carrillo Lozano, Carlos  
Ceja Aguirre, Edgar  
Chalotra, Amneek  
Chand, Hannah  
Chardukian, Jonathan  
Chavez, Jamie  
Chheang, Banond  
Cisneros, Jose  
Clark, Christopher  
Contreras Hernandez, Guadalupe  
Cooper, Bailee  
Cornejo, Callejas  
Corona Alcantar, Priscila  
Cortez, Ashley  
Cota, Alexandra  
De Leon Amador, Dayanara  
Delgado Vega, Clemente  
Delgado, Shakira  
Derkalousdian, Careen  
Diaz, Jasmin  
Domantay, Kendleigh  
Dominguez Ogaz, Valery  
Douangmeechit, Selaphon  
Duran, Jimmy  
Dyer, Katie  
Ecker, Heidi  
Elizondo Gutierrez, Carlos  
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escobar vallejo, Oswaldo  
Escobar, Christopher  
Fajardo Pedraza, Emmanuel  
Flores Moran, Betshany  
Flores Pena, Cielo  
Flores, Cesar  
Franco Morfin, Maria  
Frausto, Keyla  
Galeana Martinez, Laura  
Galindo, Alondra  
Gallegos Castaneda, Luis  
Garcia, Christopher  
Godinho, Aidan  
Gomez, David  
Gonzalez Salamanca, Amy

Gonzalez, Bryant  
Gonzalez, Jennifer  
Gooboian, Daniel  
Granados Torres, Delia  
Granados Torres, Luis  
Guerrero Barrera, Ashley  
Guerrero Lopez, Ricardo  
Guillen, Andrew  
Guillen, James  
Gutierrez, Jacob  
Gutierrez, Jareli  
Guzman Gutierrez, Karla  
Guzman Tapia, Ximena  
Guzman, Carissa  
Healey, Justin  
Her, Gaonou  
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Hernandez Alavez, Mariana  
Hernandez Monjaras, Hermelinda  
Hernandez Ramierz, Monserrat  
Hernandez Trejo, Katya  
Hernandez, David  
Herrera Jr., Luis  
Hidde Tripp, Samantha  
Hill, Grant  
Hill, Kevin  
Hok, Soreath  
Huerta, Carlos  
Iskenyan, Mary  
Jenkins-Nyce, Lexey  
Jimenez, Sarah  
Jones, Celeste  
Jones, Savanna  
Juarez Rivera Jr., Juan  
Kaur, Jasmine  
Kemmer, Kristine  
Kennemer, Lauren  
Kerkezian, Hrayr  
Kimber, Carson  
Kovalenko, Syuzanna  
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# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lara, Maria	Pacheco, Jesus	Rubio Carrillo, Melanie	Vazquez, Gil
Larios Santana, Blanca	Paloutzian, Hannah	Ruiz, Kaylee	Ventura Aviles, Hazel
Leanos, Angelina	Pambukyan, Christine	Rusnak, Margaret	Ventura Sierra, Erika
Lee, Phoua	Papilian, Angel	Saelee, Joseph	Victor, David
Lee, Yer	Parada, Isley	Saldana, Valentina	Villanueva Gaytan, Yosef
Leiva, Stefan	Parisi, Lauren	Sales, Tamrah	Voss, Joseph
Lepez, Isaias	Partida, Aranza	Samuelson, Natalie	Wann, Karigan
Llanas, Isabel	Perales, Ayanna	Sanchez-Contreras, Damari	Webb, Tyler
Lopez Carrillo, Jenifer	Perea Alonso, Dania	Santana, Juana	Weiler, Callie
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Lopez Rodriguez, Juana	Peredia Garcia, Edgar	Santiago, Jimena	Wofford, Andreas
Loza, Victoria	Perez, Jordan	Santos Marquez, Maria	Xiong, Chou
Magdaleno Martinez, Lesli	Petrosian, Christopher	Sargsyan, Ani	Yang, Chong
Mancebo, Rachel	Pewthers, James	Seals, Taylor	Yepremian, Rachel
Manukyan, Tigran	Piri, Keyara	Shemaria, Anthony	Zamora, Abel
Marez, Evan	Quaschnick, Kaylie	Sislian, Simon	Zendejas Morales, Luis
Marin Contreras, Paulina	Quezada-Ramirez, Viviana	Smith, Jarrett	Zuniga, Josian
Marquez, Melissa	Quintero, Leelit	Solares, Emelyn	
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Martinez Valencia, Saul	Quiroz Mendoza, Aneth	Takayama, Nagisa	
Matalone, Shannon	Ramirez Cuellar, Galilea	Thao, Nicholas	
Maya, Cesar	Ramirez Sigala, Yesenia	Theng, Nathan	
Medina, Carli	Ramirez-Lara, Luz	Thompson, Christopher	
Medina, David	Reed, Taylor	Thurber, Edwards	
Messerlian, Karina	Renteria, Edgar	Thurber, Isabella	
Meza Hernandez, Amie	Retting, Aaron	Tinoco Corona, Jasmin	
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Morales, Luis	Rigby, Benjamin	Topoozian, Macyn	
Moreno Galvin, Julia	Rincon Ortiz, Omar	Topoozian, Mary	
Morris, Dalton	Rios Ruiz, Juana	Toribio Martinez, Luz	
Morrison, James	Rivas, Gianni	Torres Rea, Leiny	
Morrow, Grace	Rivera Rodriguez, Luis	Torres, Victor	
Moss, Yamille	Rodriguez Aguilar, Kenia	Toukhmanian, Justin	
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Ontiveros Diaz, Miguel	Romero Reynosa, Fernando	Vang, Hope	
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	Rosas, Marco	Vazquez Guerrero, America	