PRESENTATION
OF
MASTER’S DIPLOMAS

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

May 7, 2021
The Pavilion
8:00 a.m.
ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Introductions
Lee M. Cohen, Dean

Awarding of Diplomas
Lee M. Cohen

MASTER OF ARTS

Tierney Anne Bamrick
Sociology
Holding Space: Learning from a Black Arts Organization
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Minjoo Oh

Steven M. Bishop
Psychology (Clinical)
Youth Screening Protocol for General Psychopathology
Thesis Advisor – Dr. John Young

Jackson Patrick Brumfield
History
Non-Thesis Option

Maide Beyza Cayli
Modern Languages (Linguistics)
An Analysis of EFL Learners’ Foreign Language Anxiety and Their Motivation to Learn English
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Tamara Warhol

Christian Shannon Courson
Psychology (Clinical)
Social Distance, Stigma, and Help-Seeking: An Exploration of Autism Beliefs in the Southern United States
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Laura Johnson
Carlynn Crosby
Southern Studies
*Potato Capital: Agriculture, Labor, and the (Un)Making of Hastings*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Catarina Passidomo

Anthony Harmon Cunavelis
Modern Languages (French)
Non-Thesis Option

Mary Grace Darland
Modern Languages (Spanish)
Non-Thesis Option

Ethan Garret Davis
Philosophy
*Hayek and Natural Law: Ground Social Institutions in Human Action and Morals*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. David Wharton

Elise Marie Elligett
Psychology (Clinical)
*Trauma, Emotion Dysregulation, and Posttraumatic Symptoms in an Inpatient Adolescent Population: Testing Multiple Mediators*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. John Young

Alexandra Gilbert
Psychology (Clinical)
*Factors Related to Obsessive-Compulsive Symptoms: Understanding the Contribution of Disgust, Contamination Fear and Emotion Regulation*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Danielle Maack

Destiny Monique Goodin
Modern Languages (Spanish)
Non-Thesis Option

Robert Elliot Grime
Southern Studies
*Southern Traditions: Exploring a Modern Mississippi*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. David Wharton

Jacob Austin Harris
Anthropology
*Bone Tool Technologies at the Terminal Classic Maya Site Ucanal, Guatemala*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Carolyn Freiwald

Aki Hirano
Modern Languages (Applied Linguistics and TESOL)
Non-Thesis Option

Katherine Elizabeth Howell
English
*Beautiful and Terrible in the Face: Reconfiguring the Southern Beauty Myth through the Short Fiction and Autobiographical Writings of Eudora Welty*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Annette Trefzer

Mohammed Shariful Islam
Political Science
Non-Thesis Option

Keiji Iwamoto
Modern Languages (Applied Linguistics and TESOL)
*The Effect of Loanword Status in Japanese on the Length of the Vowel Inserted between Consonant Clusters in L2 English by L1 Japanese Speakers of English*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Vance Schaefer
Jiranan Kerdboon  
Mathematics  
Non-Thesis Option

Premadasage Kithsiri Kapila  
Kumarasinghe  
Physics  
Non-Thesis Option

Brendan Lee  
History  
Non-Thesis Option

Arnaud Lukombo  
Political Science  
Non-Thesis Option

Rachel Jacquelin Marsh  
Psychology (Clinical)  
Civic Engagement Among Emerging Adults: Self-Efficacy, Purpose, and Program Experiences  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Laura Johnson

Rachael Ann McDuffey  
Modern Languages (Spanish)  
Non-Thesis Option

Matthew Abraham Mullin  
English  
The Human Face in the Works of John Milton  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Karen Raber

Lawrence Ogbeifun  
Economics  
Non-Thesis Option

Adam Louis Paul  
Philosophy  
Narrative Identity in Online Spaces: Selves in 280 Characters or Less  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Donovan Wishon

Megan Marie Perry  
Psychology (Clinical)  
Understanding Social Anxiety Symptoms through Interpersonal Emotion Regulation Strategies  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Laura Dixon

Jennifer Arden Petell  
Psychology (Clinical)  
Behavioral Similarities and Differences Among Symptoms of Emetophobia, Disordered Eating, and Disgust  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Danielle Maack

Samantha Priest  
Philosophy  
The Validity of Transracialism  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Deborah Mower

Shelby Robertson  
Political Science  
Go to Your God Like a Soldier: A Theory for Covert Intervention in Civil Conflict  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Timothy Nordstrom

Iuliia Alekseyevna Rychkova  
Modern Languages (Applied Linguistics and TESOL)  
Storytelling in TED Talks  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Tamara Warhol
Madison Belle Shappley  
Sociology  
*It’s a Cis-Gendered Man’s World: How Drag Kings Create Good Drag in Their Fight to be Seen as the Best Performers*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Kirsten Dellinger

Anais Louise Siewe Deuga  
Modern Languages (French)  
*Écriture Féminine Africaine Au Vingt-Et-Unième Siècle: Une Proposition De Cours De Littérature Africaine Pour Les Étudiants De Master Et Doctorat*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Anne Quinney

Joshua Daniel Smith  
Modern Languages (German)  
Non-Thesis Option

Rachel Smith  
Anthropology  
*Isotopic Analysis of Human Migration Among the Ancient Maya of Ambergris Caye, Belize*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Carolyn Freiwald

Kelly Elizabeth Spivey  
Southern Studies  
*Raised in Their Mothers' Kitchens: The Southern Evolution of Domestic Science*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Catarina Passidomo

Ashley Lauren Steenson  
History  
*A War of Ideas: L.Q.C. Lamar and American Political Thought*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Ted Ownby

Dakota Lyn Street  
Anthropology  
*A Ceramic Analysis of the Mound A Enclosure at Carson Mounds, Coahoma County, Mississippi (22CO518)*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Tony Boudreaux

Anne Olivia Ware Terenzio  
Southern Studies  
*Feijoada and Hoppin’ John: Foodways, Collective Identity, and Belonging in Brazil and the American South*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Catarina Passidomo

Patrícia Thomásio Quinelato  
Modern Languages (Spanish)  
*Story Reading as a Method for Cognate Vocabulary Learning in Preschool Children*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Maria Fionda

Wilson Ausmus Utley  
Anthropology  
*An Attribute Analysis of Pottery from the Stark Farm Site in Northeast Mississippi*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Tony Boudreaux

Pace Tyler Ward  
Sociology  
*Out to Get Us: Contemporary Evangelical Expressions of Identity in Interaction*  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Amy McDowell
Sarah Danielle Amonett
Biological Science
Transgenerational Effects of Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Infection in Eastern Bluebirds (Sialia sialis)
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Susan Balenger

Emily Lauren Williams
Modern Languages (Spanish)
Non-Thesis Option

Cheng Chen
Physics
Fluid Stratification by a Diffusion Method
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Likun Zhang

Anne Claire Dunn
Mathematics
Non-Thesis Option

Hilary Micah Word
Southern Studies
Post-Soul Speculation: An Exploration of Afro-Southern Speculative Fiction
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Kathryn McKee

Yan Zhao
Modern Languages (Applied Linguistics and TESOL)
Non-Thesis Option

Connie Mai Wong
History
Non-Thesis Option

Dana Olivia Wesley
Modern Languages (Spanish)
Non-Thesis Option

Michael Jeandron
Physics
Determination of the Gyro-Electric Reflection and Transmission Coefficients in the Fused Quartz Irop Cherenkov Particle ID Detectors at the Belle II Experiment
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Robert Kroeger

Maya Kaup
Biological Science
Elucidating the Sloth Hair Microbiome: A Metagenomic Comparison of Two- and Three-Fingered Sloths
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Erik Hom
Joseph Gregory Kennedy
Biological Science
Examining the Potential Role of the Reproductive Interference in the Decline of Native Green Tree Frogs Following Cuban Treefrog Invasions
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Chris Leary

Keegan Michael Kurpakus
Physics
Acoustic Modeling of a UAS for Use in a Hostile Fire Detection System
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Joel Mobley

Casey Reid Lochridge
Mathematics
Non-Thesis Option

Sarah McNamara
Biological Science
Habitat Selection Across a Temperature and Nutrient Gradient by Cope’s Grey Treefrog (Hyla Chrysoscelis) and the Mosquito, Culex Restuans
Thesis Advisor – Dr. William Resetarits

Audra Fae Polk
Mathematics
Non-Thesis Option

Kevin Matthew Potts
Biological Science
Survival and Development of Larval Odonates (Anisoptera) and Female Oviposition Site Choice in Response to Predatory Fish
Thesis Advisor – Dr. William Resetarits

Reed Carroll Scott
Biological Science
Spatial Context and the Role of Competition in Oviposition Habitat Selection by Cope’s Grey Treefrog (Hyla Chrysoscelis) and Culex Restuans Mosquitoes
Thesis Advisor – Dr. William Resetarits

Ben Edward Smith
Chemistry

Brooke Emma Sykes
Biological Science
Nest Microclimate Manipulation Affects Growth, Development, and Heat-shock Protein Expression in the Eastern Bluebird (Sialia sialis)
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Susan Balenger

Courtney Ann Vanderford
Mathematics
Non-Thesis Option

Yusuke Wachi
Biological Science
Role of Dunc13 on Ethanol Tolerance
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Gregg Roman
Helene Achanzar  
Creative Writing  
_Lavender_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Lara Avery  
Creative Writing  
_The Free Agents_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Melissa Ginsburg

Hallie Catherine Beard  
Creative Writing  
_Candy Land_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Melissa Ginsburg

Jessica Lynn Cogar  
Creative Writing  
_girl country_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Beth Ann Fennelly

Andrew Ryan Dally  
Creative Writing  
_Medium Extra Value_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Beth Ann Fennelly

Gabrielle Maria Dinger  
Art  
_Here, Now_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Durant Thompson

Tyler Dawson Keith  
Documentary Expression  
_North Mississippi Hill Country Blues: How the Last Genre of the Blues Came to Be, Through Family Tradition and Documentation, in a Place Called the Hill Country_  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Andy Harper

Chelsea Rona Loper  
Documentary Expression  
_Down Friendship: The End of the Road_  
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Andy Harper

Zaire Love  
Documentary Expression  
_The Black Men I Know_  
Thesis Advisor – Ava Lowery

Linda Nkwoma Masi  
Creative Writing  
_Konduga Dreams_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Kiese Laymon

William Weinman McComb  
Art  
_Daily Rhythms_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Matt Long

Joshua Hieu-Trung Nguyen  
Creative Writing  
_Come Clean_  
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Aimee Nezhukumatathil
David Hooper Schultz
Documentary Expression
*The Southern Front: Gay Liberation Activists in the U.S. South and Public History Through Audiovisual Exhibition*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. David Wharton

Ian Edward Skinner
Art
*Remnants*
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Durant Thompson

James George Thomas, Jr.
Documentary Expression
*The Lebanese in Mississippi: An Oral History*
Thesis Advisor – Dr. Jessica Wilkerson

Tyriek Rashawn White
Creative Writing
*The Killing Fields*
Thesis Advisor – Prof. Kiese Laymon

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**MASTER OF MUSIC**

Jennifer Hatfield Curry
Music Education
Non-Thesis Option

Benjamin Steven Rorabaugh
Vocal Performance
Non-Thesis Option

Terrell McGowan
Music Education
Non-Thesis Option

Naomi Celeste Short
Music Education
Non-Thesis Option

Sarah Elizabeth Mounce
Music Education
Non-Thesis Option

Allison Elizabeth Tutor
Music Education
Non-Thesis Option

Harley Michelle Purdy
Music Education
Non-Thesis Option

Amanda Lynn Williams
Music Education
Non-Thesis Option