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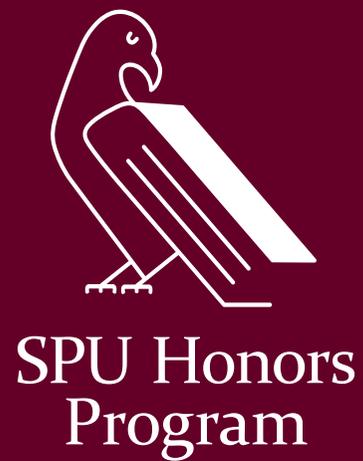
# Senior Honors Celebration

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## Senior Honors Celebration Program

### **Welcome and Greeting**

Christine Chaney, PhD  
Director, Honors Program  
Professor of English

### **Faculty Words of Sending**

Rodney Stiling, PhD  
Associate Professor and Chair of History

### **Presentation of Honors Graduates**

### **Wesley Lingren Award Presentation**

*Outstanding University Scholar for 2020*

### **Erin Kimminau Servanthood Scholarship Award**

*Awarded to the rising senior who best exemplifies a life of servant-scholarship*

### **Commissioning**

Christine Chaney, PhD  
Director, Honors Program  
Professor of English

## Abigail Ayulo

### My Blue Scarf: The Story of Ruth, a new play

**First reader:** Candace Vance

**Second reader:** Jeffrey Overstreet

**Post-graduation plans:** Abigail will be staying in Seattle to continue writing plays and interning with the Northwest Playwrights Alliance. Abigail intends to take full advantage of the live theatres in the Seattle area by both attending and auditioning for local playhouses. In a year, she will apply to graduate programs to get her MFA in creative writing. Until then, you will likely find her at the local Storyville working on her next script or novel.

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## Kyra Bower

### Raccoon roundworm (*Baylisascaris procyonis*) infection prevalence in geographically distinct raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) populations of the Pacific Northwest

**First reader:** Dr. Cindy Bishop

**Second reader:** Dr. Eric Long

**Post-graduation plans:** Kyra will return to the mountains and sunshine of her home state, Colorado. She plans on reading, hiking, going to the zoo, volunteering at the animal shelter, and spending time with much-missed family before (eventually) working. She will also spend the summer applying to veterinary school, after which she hopes to pursue a career in wildlife medicine and conservation.

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## Erinn Campbell

### “The Speechmaking of a Girl-Orator”: Reason, Gender, and Authority in Dorothy Hunter’s Free Trade Oratory

**First reader:** Dr. Rebecca Hughes

**Second reader:** Dr. Elizabeth Baigent (Oxford University)

**Post-graduation plans:** Erinn intends to work in Seattle for a year or two before continuing her studies in history. She is very much looking forward to catching up on four years’ worth of deferred sleep and recreational reading. She is also excited about eventually rediscovering things like “going outside” and “eating at restaurants.”

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## Savannah Carpenter

### Using Mental Imagery to Increase Intentions to Seek Psychological Help

**First reader:** Dr. Brittany Tausen

**Second reader:** Dr. Paul Kim

**Post-graduation plans:** Savannah is looking into PhD programs in Clinical Psychology (specialty in Social Cognition). She would love to end up working in a hospital on a team of doctors dedicated to wholesome treatment plans for patients.

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## Hannah DeWitt

**Renderings of the Self: The Inception of Autobiographical Writing in Robinson, Wollstonecraft and Wordsworth**

**First reader:** Dr. Traynor Hansen

**Second reader:** Dr. Christine Chaney

**Post-graduation plans:** Hannah plans to stay in Seattle for a gap year or two with friends, working and gaining experience in writing and editing. She then plans on eventually attending graduate school for some kind of English program, most likely in the realm of creative writing. After grad school, she plans to be an English major out in the world and hopefully figure out what she will apply that to.

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## Elli Fox

**Determining the Genetic Control of Neural Tube Malformation Through Genetic Interactions with IDGF3**

**First reader:** Dr. Michelle Casad (Northwest University)

**Second reader:** Dr. Wade Grabow

**Post-graduation plans:** Elli plans to work full-time as a certified nursing assistant in a healthcare setting as she gains hours of practical work experience needed to pursue acceptance to a master's in physician assistant program.

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## Annika Hawkinson

**Making Room for One's Own: Literal and Literary Female Space in the Works of Virginia Woolf**

**First reader:** Dr. Jennifer Maier

**Second reader:** Dr. Traynor Hansen

**Post-graduation plans:** Annika is looking forward to hosting her own in-person graduation ceremony on the dock of her family's lake house in Wisconsin. She hopes to spend the summer saving up, slowing down, and finally learning how to knit socks. Come fall, her original plan was to move to France and teach English at a French Secondary School through TAPIF. The future feels a little more unpredictable to her now, but she's holding out hope and embracing life's uncertainties just the way her English major taught her to.

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## Matthew Huff

**Churches as Economic Development Tools in Rural America: A Case Study**

**First reader:** Dr. Geri Mason

**Second reader:** Dr. Randy Beavers

**Post-graduation plans:** Matthew is planning on either beginning his career in finance or financial analysis, or hopefully finding his dream job working in the front office of a professional baseball organization. After taking a long break from academia, he wants to consider attending a PhD program in behavioral economics. Ultimately, he hopes to have the opportunity to settle down in rural America and use his education and Christian faith to help those around him.

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## Holly Lackey

### La Llorona's Invitation: Chicana Feminist Literature and the Community of the Monstrous

**First reader:** Dr. Traynor Hansen

**Second reader:** Dr. Yelena Bailey

**Post-graduation plans:** Holly plans to take a gap year or two to stay in Seattle while she looks for and applies to graduate schools with cultural studies programs. She hopes to start working in communications or nonprofit work in the meantime, and is looking forward to figuring out the next steps from there.

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## Hannah Lichti

### Doctor-Patient Relationships in Latin America and the U.S.: Comparisons for Cross-Cultural Medicine

**First reader:** Dr. Kevin Neuhouser

**Second reader:** Dr. Joshua Tom

**Post-graduation plans:** Hannah intends to live in Seattle and work in a medical clinic during her coming gap year before applying to medical school in summer 2021. Her goal is to fight medical inequality by caring for Spanish-speaking patients as a doctor in the U.S. and/or Latin America. She has a special heart for the Ecuadorian people, culture, and country since having studied abroad there, but is open to serving wherever opportunity leads her.

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## Mikayla Logue

### Technology and Effects on the Meaningfulness of Interpersonal Relationships

**First reader:** Dr. Tom Carpenter

**Second reader:** Dr. Brittany Tausen

**Post-graduation plans:** Mikayla is taking a gap year in Spokane, Washington, where she will be interning at her church's youth ministry and at a nonprofit, The Jonah Project. After her gap year, she plans on going to graduate school for a master's degree in teaching. She hopes to share her love of psychology and become a high school teacher.

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## Meg Lunn

### The kinetic signatures of antibody binding to *M. genitalium* adhesin protein fragments

**First reader:** Dr. Ben McFarland

**Second reader:** Dr. Jenny Tenlen

**Post-graduation plans:** Meg will be working in an immunotherapy lab in Seattle to gain full-time experience for two years, and is hoping to travel during this time. She then plans to apply to graduate school in the Pacific Northwest, hoping to pursue targeted therapy in cancer research. After obtaining a PhD, she hopes to lead a team in this field to honor her mother's memory.

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## Alexa Nava

### Maternity Leave and the Working Woman Identity: A Theoretical Analysis on United States Maternity Leave Policy and Economic Freedom

**First reader:** Dr. Geri Mason

**Second reader:** Dr. Richard Dadzie

**Post-graduation plans:** Alexa will be attending the University of San Francisco in the summer of 2020 to pursue her master's of science degree in international and development economics. She hopes to study part time while working full time as an analyst and taking hold of the wonderful opportunities San Francisco holds. Alexa is interested in research on equity for low-income, disenfranchised groups both in the United States and globally. She will also have her first publication coming this summer on maternity leave in the United States. Her long-term dream is to receive her PhD and become a professor of economics.

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## Anna Rosko

### Curses, Healing, and Devotion: Roman Britain through Its Spiritual Legacy

**First reader:** Dr. Owen Ewald

**Second reader:** Dr. Rebecca Hughes

**Post-graduation plans:** Anna plans to take a gap year, during which she will work, read/watch some of the books and movies on her ever-growing list, and improve her knowledge of crochet and sewing. After that she intends to take on graduate school, hopefully in a program that allows her to learn more about both museums and really ancient things.

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## Samuel Scott

### Trading Away Church: A Philosophical and Analytical Study of Trade Liberalization and Religious Congregations in America

**First reader:** Dr. Caleb Henry

**Second reader:** Dr. Leland Saunders

**Post-graduation plans:** Sam plans to continue working for Sabey Data Centers for the summer. In August, he will be moving to Pennsylvania to study political philosophy and theology during a semester-long fellowship with the John Jay Institute. Post-fellowship, he hopes to work in city public policy before going on to graduate school to pursue an MPA, and possibly a JD or a PhD in Political Science.

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## Brianna Warner

### Where's the Rigor?: A Study of Direct Instruction vs. Inquiry-Based Learning in Math Education

**First reader:** Dr. Jerilynn Lepak

**Second reader:** Dr. Nalline Baliram

**Post-graduation plans:** Brianna plans to stay in Washington State and begin her career in teaching this fall. She is qualified to teach math, physics, chemistry, and English language arts at the secondary level. Becoming a teacher has always been Brianna's goal, and she hopes that every student who enters her future classroom will leave knowing that they are someone worth believing in.

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## Rachel Weisz

### Following the Guide: A Theology of Wilderness Youth Ministry

**Reader:** Dr. Laura Holmes

**Post-graduation plans:** Rachel is planning to spend the next couple of years working in the church or nonprofit sector, ideally working with at-risk teenagers. She would like to go to grad school after that, and plans to pursue an MDiv, MFT, or some combination of the two and continue on in pastoral work, chaplaincy, or nonprofit youth work. In the far-off future she would love to consider a PhD in New Testament.

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## Valari Westernen

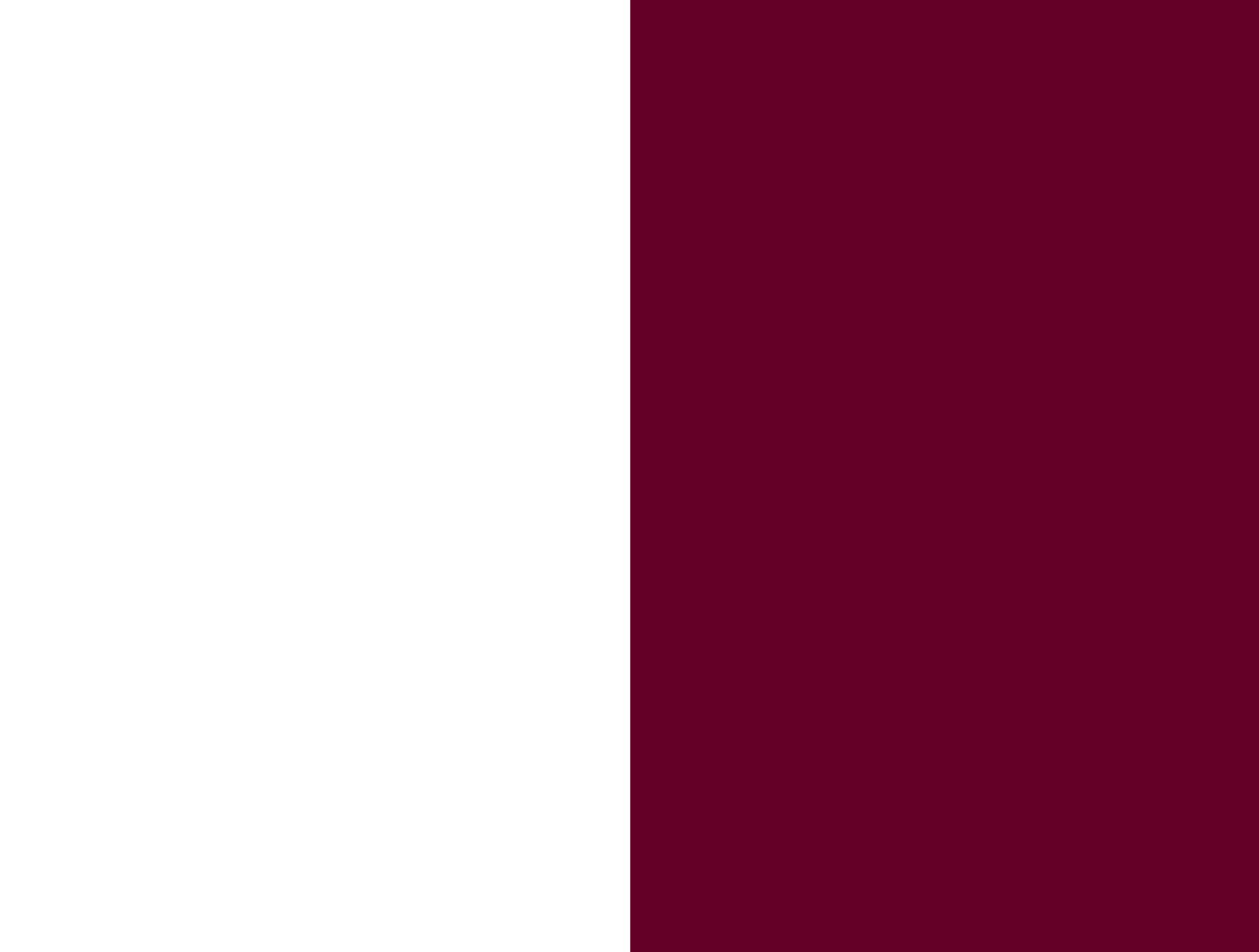
### "Strong Female Characters"? An Analysis of Six Female Fantasy Characters from Novel to Film

**First reader:** Jeffrey Overstreet

**Second reader:** Dr. April Middeljans

**Post-graduation plans:** Having settled in a nice secluded house with her sister to wait out the pandemic, Valari will continue living in Washington. She hopes to work independently as a freelance editor/proofreader, hone her writing craft and pursue her lifelong dream of publication, and possibly give a second thought to grad school down the road.

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## Commissioning Prayer

God, you have called us into being through love.  
You have joined us to one another in love.  
How good and pleasant it is when  
your people dwell together in unity.

Today we ask that you grant each of these  
University Scholars the strength to carry  
your blessing from this place to their next.  
May they be at home in any land,  
for all their earth is yours.  
May the lamp of your word guide  
their feet on all the paths of life.

Grant each of these students a deep fullness  
of being and spirit as they go from here.  
Grant them your fullness in glory and joy,  
now bearing new shape,  
Lord — transformed in your likeness.

Lord, we pray you make clear to  
them each road on their journey.  
Make safe to them each step.  
Should they stumble,  
may you hold them close.  
If they fall, lift them up.  
When they are hard-pressed with evil, deliver them,  
we pray, and bring them at last to your glory.  
Bless the work of their hands.

Finally, shine your light upon these your people today,  
precious Lord, that we can see the glory of your  
eternal life in all our goings and comings.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

