

Alumni Association Student Awards 2016



Left: Stephanie Saba and Rachel Nanzer. Right: Katlyn Lindstrom

PhD Candidate Awarded Excellence-in-Teaching Citation



Alumni Award for Undergraduate Excellence

The Alumni Award for Undergraduate Excellence is given annually to a graduating senior from the College of Arts & Letters who has demonstrated outstanding academic success and community involvement at Michigan State University.

- **Katlyn Lindstrom**, senior, English with a concentration in Creative Writing – Lansing, Michigan

Alumni Endowed Student Book Scholarship and the Robert L. Fiore Student Book Scholarship

These scholarships, funded by the College of Arts & Letters Alumni Association, reward deserving Arts & Letters students for achieving excellence in their academic studies at Michigan State University by assisting with the cost of books and other required classroom materials.

- **Rachel Nanzer**, junior, Professional Writing – Gowen, Michigan
- **Erin Prim**, senior, English – Farmington Hills, Michigan
- **Stephanie Saba**, senior, Arabic – Warren, Michigan
- **Karah Smith**, junior, English – DeWitt, Michigan

College of Arts & Letters Community Partner Award

The College of Arts & Letters Community Partner Award recognizes a student's community contributions at the local, state, national, and/or world levels. This includes participation and/or leadership and significant involvement as is reflected in one or more community engagement activities.

- **Kiana Elkins**, sophomore, Global Studies in the Arts & Humanities – Flint, Michigan

Jennifer Royston, a PhD student in the Department of English specializing in Renaissance Literature and Early Modern Visual Culture, was awarded an MSU Excellence-in-Teaching Citation.

“Aside from my research, my passion lies in teaching,” Royston said, “and some of the most rewarding moments come from interactions with my students.”

At MSU, Royston has taught WRA 150: Evolution of American Thought; IAH 202 (online): European Interactions with the Rest of the World Since 1492; IAH 207: Michigan Literature; and IAH 207: Dangerous Art.

She currently is researching the relationship between visual design and art in early modern drama, masques, and prose. She has presented papers on the use of portraiture in Shakespeare's works and papers that explore the aesthetic significance of early modern husbandry manuals.

MSU awards up to six Excellence-in-Teaching Citations annually to outstanding graduate teaching assistants who have distinguished themselves by the dedication and skill they show in meeting their classroom responsibilities. Award recipients received a \$1,000 stipend and were recognized at the annual Awards Convocation February 9.