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# Department of Applied Linguistics

The Pennsylvania State University

Spring 2020

Awards \* Recognitions \* Graduates

## Dear APLNG Colleagues,

Unusual times have an effect on our regular and normal activities, as we all have been experiencing lately. The Newsletter Committee decided to postpone our regular publication and move it to September. But we wanted everybody to know the names of our 2020 graduating MA TESL class, recognize the doctoral students who passed milestones this year, and name faculty and students who received awards. Congratulations to all! And look for our full NL version in September.

*Gabi Appel, Nick Doyle, Jialing Wang, Sally Wang,*

### Awards and Recognitions

**Sinfree Makoni** was awarded one of the **Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowships**. Dr. Makoni has received this fellowship for the second time!

Doctoral students **Elliott Casal, Brett Diaz, Nicolas Doyle, Yingying Liu,** and **Alex Magnuson** received grants to support their dissertation research through the Dissertation Support funding from the **Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO)** in the College of the Liberal Arts.

Both **Yingying Liu** and **Jamie Kim** were honored with a **College of the Liberal Arts STAR** award this year.

**Sharon Childs** was named the recipient of the **College of the Liberal Arts Outstanding Teaching Award for Teaching Faculty**. Dr. Childs received the 2020 award for her contributions to the undergraduate teaching program.

Doctoral student **Sally Wang** received the **2020 Grads Design Award from the American Association for Applied Linguistics**. **Suresh Canagarajah** was named the recipient of the 2020 **AAAL Book**

**Award** for his publication "The Routledge Handbook of Migration and Language."

**Alex Magnuson** was awarded a Dissertation grant by the journal **Language Learning** for his project "Examining the role of comprehension practice in L2 grammatical learning."

Each Spring semester, at our end-of-semester get-together, four departmental awards are presented to exemplary students in our programs. Last year,

the 2018-2019 **APLNG Alumni Outstanding TESL Student Award** was given to **Jordan Bachelor**;

the 2018-2019 **Gil Watz Outstanding Graduate Student Award** was presented to doctoral student **Jamie Kim**;

doctoral students **Elliott Casal** and **Yingying Liu** received the **Gil Watz Dissertation Fellowship in Languages and Linguistics**; and

**Yingying Liu** was named the 2019 **Gil Watz Dissertation Fellow**.

### Graduating MA TESL Students

Aigerim Amirkhan, Linyi Bao, Wei-Yun Chien, Zirui Hong, Jiatong Li, Shuge Liu, Qian Ma, Christinna Otto, Ke Sun, Yingyuan Sun, Lu Xin, Yang Xue, Yichen Yu, Jiadi Zhang

### Candidacy Exams

Kelly Bayas,  
Yulia Khoruzhaya  
Lyana Laili  
Jingyuan Zhuang

### Comprehensive Exams

Yingliang He  
Su Yin Khor  
Shuyuan Liu  
Valeriya Minakova  
Guadalupe Rincon  
Tianfang Wang

### Dissertation Proposals

Yingliang He  
Shuyuan Liu  
Valeriya Minakova  
Guadalupe Rincon  
Tianfang Wang

### Doctoral Defenses

Jungwan Yoon  
Madhav Kafle  
Naseh Shari  
Katie Masters  
Miso Kim

