

**University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences**  
**Center for the Humanities**  
**David John Ruggiero Dissertation Award, 2016**

**Guidelines**

**Application deadline:** All materials are due Friday, May 27, 2016. Awards will be announced by August 2016.

**Award:** \$500 prize

**Eligibility:** Ph.D. awarded by a University of Miami Humanities Department in 2015-16 (after May 2015 through May 2016).

**Requirements:** Please send an electronic copy of the entire dissertation and two separate files that comprise the introduction and abstract to: [humanities@miami.edu](mailto:humanities@miami.edu). The awardee will be requested to deposit a bound copy of the dissertation at the Humanities Center.

**Criteria:**

1. Dissertation has a wide, interdisciplinary, humanistic appeal.
2. Dissertation is well written (i.e., avoids jargon or, if it uses specialized language, it carefully explains all terms used).
3. Introduction is well organized and solidly argued.
4. Project makes a significant contribution, which is clearly stated and supported.
5. Project is clearly contextualized both historically and geographically (i.e., demonstrates extensive knowledge of the historical period of study and the geo-political specificities of the project).