



University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences  
Center for the Humanities  
[David John Ruggiero Dissertation Award](#)

2022 Guidelines

Application deadline: All materials are due **Monday, June 13, 2022**.

Awards will be announced by August 2022.

Award: \$500 prize

Eligibility: Ph.D. awarded by a University of Miami Humanities Department in 2021-22 (December 2021 or May 2022). Note that August 2021 graduates can also be considered.

Requirements: Please submit the following to [humanities@miami.edu](mailto:humanities@miami.edu).

1. letter of nomination (typically written by the dissertation adviser/director)
2. along with an electronic copy of the entire dissertation
3. a file with the introduction
4. and a final file with the abstract.

The awardee will be requested to deposit a bound copy of the dissertation at the Center for the Humanities.

- 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).