

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

2020 Guidelines

Application deadline: All materials are due Friday, June 5, 2020. Awards will be announced by August 2020.

Award: \$500 prize

Eligibility: Ph.D. awarded by a University of Miami Humanities Department in 2019-20 (December 2019 or May 2020).

Requirements: Please send an electronic copy of the entire dissertation and two separate files that comprise the introduction and abstract to: 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 geopolitical specificities of the project).