

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

2021 Guidelines

Application deadline: All materials are due Friday, June 4, 2021. Awards will be announced by August 2021.

Award: \$500 prize

Eligibility: Ph.D. awarded by a University of Miami Humanities Department in 2020-21 (December 2020 or May 2021). Note that August 2020 graduates can also be considered.

Requirements: Please submit a **letter of nomination** (typically written by the dissertation adviser/director) along with an electronic **copy of the entire dissertation**, a **file with the introduction**, and a final **file with the 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).