

## SPIA Awards

Shion Chang, PAPA, Alexandria  
 Jacquelyn Gore, PAPA, Alexandria  
 Elizabeth McErlean, PAPA, Alexandria  
*Larkin Dudley MPA Paper Award*

Meredith Colonna, PAPA, Blacksburg  
 Stephanie House-Niamke, PAPA, Blacksburg  
 Amy Kochert, PAPA, Blacksburg  
 Casey Mullins, PAPA, Blacksburg  
 Claire Osborn, PAPA, Blacksburg

Sara Spiers, PAPA, Blacksburg  
 Katie Vugdalic, PAPA, Blacksburg  
*Harold S. Atkinson Scholarship*

Crane Lopes, PAPA, Alexandria  
*Larry Terry Doctoral Paper Award:  
 Ph.D. Student Category*

Katie Vugdalic, PAPA, Blacksburg  
*Jerry E. Cox Leadership in Local Government  
 Management Scholarship*

Michael J. Young, MPIA, Alexandria  
*GIA Founding Faculty Award for  
 Outstanding Graduating Student in NCR*

Joshua J. Young, MPIA, Blacksburg  
*Robert Stuart Award for  
 Outstanding Graduating Student in MPIA*

Nada Berrada, MPIA, Blacksburg  
*GIA Founding Faculty Award  
 for Graduate Student demonstrating  
 ideals of community engagement,  
 public service, and social justice*

Benjamin F. Louis, MPIA, Blacksburg  
*GIA Founding Faculty Award for  
 Best Student Paper  
 (Thesis/Major Paper/Practicum)*

Sabithulla Khan, PGG, Blacksburg  
*GIA Founding Faculty Award for  
 Outstanding Graduating PhD Student - GG  
 Track*

Emily Barry-Murphy, PGG-GG, Blacksburg  
 Mark Thorum, PGG-GG, Alexandria  
 Anja Kerstin Hälg Bieri, PGG-UEDP, Blacks-  
 burg  
*Richard E. Zody Award for  
 Outstanding Dissertation in  
 Planning, Governance, and Globalization*

Amory Fischer, EPP, Blacksburg  
 Cecile Newcomb, PUA, Blacksburg  
*UAP Award for Outstanding  
 Undergraduate  
 Academic Achievement*

Curtis Rowlette, PUA, Blacksburg  
*UAP Award for Growth and  
 Development while  
 in the undergraduate programs*

Gabrielle Gonzalez, EPP, Blacksburg  
 Andrew Mitchell, PUA, Blacksburg  
*Al Steiss Award for  
 Outstanding Graduating Seniors  
 in undergraduate programs*

Amory Fischer, EPP, Blacksburg  
*Virginia Chapter of American Planning  
 Association Certificate Award for  
 Undergraduate Student for  
 Professional Promise*

Alex Berryman, MURP, Blacksburg  
*Patricia and Jay Edwards Scholarship,  
 2015-16*

Ryan Johnson, MURP, Alexandria  
 Allison Homer, MURP, Blacksburg  
*Brenda Crawford Award for  
 Graduate Student demonstrating the  
 ideals of public service and social justice*

Tom Roberts, MURP, Alexandria  
 Adam Mawyer, MURP, Blacksburg  
*C. David Loeks Award for  
 Outstanding Second-year  
 Graduate Students in  
 Urban and Regional Planning*

Kyle Lukacs, MURP, Alexandria  
 Spencer Shanholtz, MURP, Blacksburg  
*American Institute of Certified Planners  
 Certificate Award: Graduate Student  
 for academic achievement*

Shubha Punase, MURP, Alexandria  
 Nathan Domme, MURP, Blacksburg  
*Virginia Chapter of American Planning  
 Association Certificate Award:  
 Graduate Students for  
 professional promise*

Jimena Pinzon, MURP, Alexandria  
 Tara Reel, MURP, Blacksburg  
*PlanVirginia Certificate Award:  
 Graduate Students for service  
 to the program*

Sarah Steller, MURP, Alexandria  
 Alex Berryman, MURP, Blacksburg  
*PlanVirginia Fellowship:  
 Outstanding First-year Graduate Students*

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 Public and  
 International  
 Affairs

AWARDS  
 April 2016



Center for Public Administration and Policy

Government and International Affairs

Urban Affairs and Planning

College of Architecture and Urban Studies

## University Awards

Yehyun An, PGG  
*Graduate School Outstanding Dissertation  
 Award*

Joyce Rothschild, GIA  
*University Teaching Excellence Award*

Ralph P. Hall, UAP  
*Outstanding Dissertation Advisor*

## Promotions

Patricia Nickel, GIA  
 Ralph Hall, UAP  
*Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure*

## CAUS Awards

Michael J. Young, MPIA  
*Outstanding Master's Student*

Dustin Russell Akers, MURP  
*Outstanding Recent Alumni*

## New PhDs

Awarded Spring - Fall 2015

Nadhrh A Kadir, PAPA  
 Yehyun An, PGG  
 Emily Cheryl Barry-Murphy, PGG  
 John Brennan, PAPA  
 Timothy G. Brown, PGG  
 Andrew Coffey, PAPA  
 Raifu Durodoye, Jr., PAPA  
 Anja Kerstin Hälg Bieri, PGG  
 Seunguk Hur, PAPA  
 Sabithulla Khan, PGG

Paul Frederick Leimer, PAPA  
 John Christopher O'Byrne, PAPA  
 Seref G. Onder, PAPA  
 Donna Ann Sedgwick, PAPA  
 Fatima Sharif, PAPA  
 Aaron M. Smith-Walter, PAPA  
 Michelline Stokes, PGG  
 Mark Stuart Thorum, PGG

## Bachelors Graduating with Honors

Amory Harold Fischer, EPP  
 Gabrielle Nicole Gonzalez, EPP  
 Nathaniel Steven McClung, PUA  
 Cecile Gaines Newcomb, PUA  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
 Catherine Coulter, PUA  
 Peter Nicholas Hughes, EPP  
 Carl Andrew Mitchell, PUA  
 Katherine Savannah White, EPP  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Catherine Shaughnessy Canary, EPP  
 Megan Alyse Comer, EPP  
 Rachael Elizabeth Eplee, EPP  
 Tabitha Kidd Proffitt, EPP  
 Malavika Sahai, EPP  
 Joshua Drew Vaughn, EPP  
*Cum Laude*

## Honorable Mention

Stephanie House-Niamke, PAPA  
*Graduate Student of the Month, April 2016*

Anna Erwin, PGG  
*Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society  
 Inductee*

Tara Reel, MURP/PAPA  
*Who's Who among Students in American  
 Universities and Colleges  
 Graduate Student Representative Elect to the  
 Virginia Tech Board of Visitors*

## Service Awards

Georgeta Pourchot, SPIA  
 Thomas Sanchez, UAP  
*Ten Years*

Diane Zahm, UAP  
*Twenty Years*

Karen Hult, PAPA  
*Twenty-five Years*