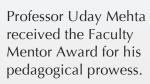


Awards Night 2016



Paisley Currah: Faculty Citizenship Award Presented by: Peter Liberman

Our annual Awards Night brings the Program together to honor the achievements of outstanding faculty, students, and alumni. In this year's event, held on May 6, Professor Paisley Currah received the Faculty Citizenship Award for his tremendous service to the Department.

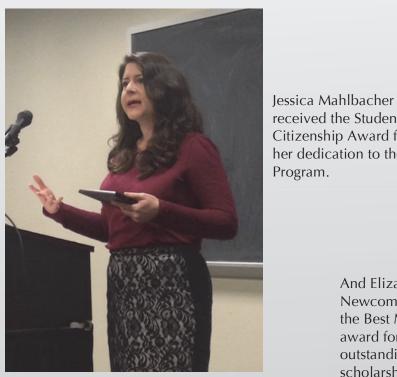


received the Student Citizenship Award for her dedication to the

Program.



Uday Mehta: Faculty Mentor Award Presented by: Philip Johnson



Jessica Mahlbacher: Student Citizenship Award Presented by: Peter Liberman

And Elizabeth Newcomer received the Best M.A. Thesis award for her outstanding scholarship.



Elizabeth Newcomer: Best M.A. Thesis Award Presented by: Alyson Cole



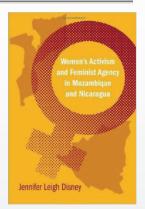


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The highlight of the evening was when Jennifer Disney, Department Chair and Professor of Political Science at Winthrop University, received our Distinguished Alum Award for her career achievements, including her groundbreaking book *Women's Activism and Feminist Agency in Mozambique and Nicaragua* (Temple University Press, 2008). She delivered the

Jennifer Disney: Distinguished Alum Award Presented by: Lenny Markovitz, Ken Erickson evening's keynote address, excerpts of which are included below.

From Professor Disney's Keynote:



"When I was writing my dissertation, Lenny [Markovitz]'s advice to me was to tell an interesting story. Tonight, I'm going to try to tell a few interesting stories of the topic of comparative intersectional feminisms. When I first ... said I wanted to do a dissertation comparing the revolutions and counterrevolutions in neoliberal democratization processes in Mozambique and Nicaragua, from the perspective of women and feminism, I was not immediately met with open arms. I was warned about the regionalism and territoriality of comparative political scientists and encouraged to study, say, Mozambique and Angola, or Nicaragua and Cuba. But I was persistent ... I wanted to do a cross-regional comparison because that would truly show that despite different regional histories, cultures, languages, and other key variables, the same limitations and opportunities persisted for women in revolutionary contexts in relation to state-party organizations.

"I had the opportunity to co-edit a special issue of *New Political Science* on intersectionality for the global age in December 2015, with my co-editor, Dr. Jocelyn Boryczka.... In this special issue, we challenge our contributors to apply

intersectional theories and methodologies to some of the most pressing political issues of our time. The issue includes an article on Hannah Arendt, which is actually written by another Distinguished CUNY Alum Award winner, Kathy Jones; an article on 'Intersectional citizenship, violence, and lesbian resistance in South Africa;' articles on sex-selective abortion in the UK, policing transgender populations, rethinking relationships between the Global North and the Global South, and a piece that tries to argue (though [Boryczka] and I think unconvincingly) for the political primacy of class as intersectionality's binding agent."

Watch Disney's full keynote address <u>here</u>.

