



*Academic Honors*  
CONVOCAATION

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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# HONORING EXCELLENCE

Each year, we celebrate Northeastern University faculty and students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, research, teaching, and advancing our university's mission. These honorees reflect Northeastern's highest ideals: a global university powered by experience, innovation, and impact.

## WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF ALL HONOREES

David Madigan, *Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

## CLOSING REMARKS

Joseph E. Aoun, *President of Northeastern University*

## FACULTY HONOREES

*Awards are in order of the program*

### UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Nominations for this award are based on a professor's depth of knowledge in their discipline(s); ability to provide effective links among course content, research, and experiential learning; and the rigor of the coursework. Award decisions are made by a committee composed of the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate, and representatives of student government groups.

**Joshua Hertz, Teaching Professor, First Year Engineering Program**

**Qianqian Zhang-Wu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Global Asian Studies Program**

*Presented by:*

*Michael Pollastri, Senior Vice Provost and Academic Lead for the Roux Institute, Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Biology*

### EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY AWARD

This award is presented to full-time faculty members to honor outstanding research and creative activity of national and international significance. The president and the provost determine the recipients based on a faculty committee report on nominations received.

**Arun Bansil, University Distinguished Professor, Physics and Northeastern University Center for Renewable Energy Technology**

**Ang Li, Assistant Professor, Center for Design**

*Presented by:*

*Alicia Modestino, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs and Economics; Research Director, Dukakis Center*

### UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

University distinguished professor is the highest honor the university can bestow upon a faculty member. A committee of faculty members reviews the nominees for university distinguished professor and makes recommendations to the president and provost, who ultimately determine who among the candidates will be promoted to university distinguished professor.

**Ali Abur, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering**

**Jerome Hajjar, CDM Smith Professor and Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering**

*Presented by:*

*Daniel Medwed, University Distinguished Professor of Law and Criminal Justice*

### GLOBAL EDUCATOR AWARD

The Northeastern Global Educator Award recognizes the contributions of faculty to students' global learning, and acknowledges and celebrates the value of these experiences to Northeastern's students and to our mission as a global university. Honorees exhibit high-quality teaching that is engaging, supportive, inclusive, interculturally competent, and appropriately challenging, contributes to students' global mindset, and has a positive impact on host communities.

**Denis Sullivan, Professor and Graduate Programs Director for the PhD and MA, Political Science**

*Presented by:*

*Courtney Pfluger, Associate Teaching Professor, Chemical Engineering*

### GLOBAL NETWORK ACCELERATOR AWARD

The Northeastern University Global Network Accelerator Award recognizes the contributions of faculty who continue to push the advancement of experiential learning and discovery beyond the boundaries of place. This award celebrates faculty whose research and teaching span disciplines, colleges, campuses, countries, and industry sectors, connecting diverse communities of problem solvers to create measurable change. These faculty exhibit the very best of Northeastern's mission to activate the global university system's experience and expertise to surmount the greatest challenges of today.

**David Horsley, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Deputy Director, Institute for NanoSystems Innovation**

**Matteo Rinaldi, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director, Institute for NanoSystems Innovation**

*Presented by:*

*Alicia Modestino, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs and Economics; Research Director, Dukakis Center*

## KLEIN UNIVERSITY LECTURER AWARD

This prestigious Northeastern award honors a member of the faculty who has contributed with great distinction to their field of study. The lecture enables the faculty member to share their scholarly work with the university community and the general public.

**Ronald Sandler, Director, Ethics Institute; Professor, Philosophy and Religion**

*Presented by:*

*Daniel Medwed, University Distinguished Professor of Law and Criminal Justice*

## STUDENT HONOREES

*Awards are in order of the program*

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

The world-renowned Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study or research projects or for English Teaching Assistant programs. The recipients meet, work, live with, and learn from people of the host country, in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom, thereby promoting mutual understanding.

**Emin Abrahamian, E'24, Bioengineering**

**Ezra Acevedo, SSH'24, International Affairs, History minor**

**Victoria Dey, SSH'26, PhD History**

**Fenner Dreyfuss-Wells, SSH'24, Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Writing minor**

**Benjamin Field, E'24, Bioengineering, Mathematics minor**

**Andrea Gieseman, SSH'22, History**

**Matthew Hiller, E'24, Bioengineering**

**Natalie McGowan, S'21, Behavioral Neuroscience**

**Thomas Murtha, SSH'23, Political Science and Business Administration**

**Grayson Peel, SSH'23, Cultural Anthropology, Spanish minor**

**Maxwell Pirtle, KCS'24, Computer Science, ENTS minor**

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

This esteemed fellowship recognizes outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who will pursue research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited U.S. institutions.

**Ajoa Addae, S'20, Biology, English and Women's Gender and Sexuality minors**

**Hannah Boyce, E'21, Chemical Engineering**

**Nathan Carmichael, E'28, PhD Mechanical Engineering**

**Bianca Corjuc, College of Science, Behavioral Neuroscience**

**Mitch Dobbs, S'28, PhD Psychology**

**Julie Dobkin, S'21, Cell and Molecular Biology, Behavioral Neuroscience minor**

**Shalom Fadullon, E'27, PhD Chemical Engineering**

**Meghan Ford, S'27, PhD Marine and Environmental Sciences**

**Eden Gordon, E'23, Bioengineering, Mathematics minor**

**Jonathan Gray, E'16, Mechanical Engineering**

**Merrily LeBlanc, SSH'24, PhD Sociology**

**Kathryn Lee, E'28, PhD Mechanical Engineering**

**Gillian McClennen, S'23, Biochemistry, Data Science minor**

**Forrest Miller, S'28, PhD Mathematics**

**Fatemah Mukadam, S'22, Chemistry, Computer Science minor**

**Jason Olszewski, E'24, Bioengineering, Electrical Engineering minor**

**Ashka Patel, E'24, Bioengineering, Chemistry minor**

**Diego Rivera Correa, KCS'28, PhD Computer Science**

**Paul Savoca, S'19, Psychology, Political Science minor**

**Gates Schneider, S'20, Behavioral Neuroscience, Musical Theatre minor**

**Sabra Sisler, KCS'23, Computer Science and Behavioral Neuroscience**

**Josephine Slaathaug, S'22, Marine Biology, Environmental Studies minor**

**Neel Sortur, KCS'24, Computer Science, Mathematics minor**

**Stanley Wu, KCS'22, Computer Science, Mathematics minor**

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

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### HAROLD D. HODGKINSON AWARD

This award is one of the university's highest honors for graduating seniors. Colleges nominate their top students on the basis of exceptional academic and experiential performance, and selections are made by a faculty committee.

**Marta Hill, AMD'24, Journalism**

**Zachary Hoglund, E'24, Bioengineering and Biochemistry**

**Amarachukwu Ifeji, SSH'24, Political Science, Philosophy minor**

**Katherine O'Brien, BHS'24, Health Science**

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### SEARS B. CONDIT AWARD

This prestigious scholarship was started by and is named for a former, longtime member of Northeastern's Corporation. It recognizes juniors and seniors who have achieved the highest level of academic excellence.

**Devin Brown, S'25, Mathematics**

**Neeti Desai, KCS'25, Computer Science and Behavioral Neuroscience**

**Lila Hempel-Edgers, SSH'25, Criminal Justice and Journalism**

**Lateefat Lawal, BHS'25, Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy**

**Dominic Pizzarella, E'25, Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry**

**Bianca Popa, DMSB'24, Business Administration, Accounting concentration**

**Alexis Weldner, SSH'25, Political Science and Business Administration, Management concentration**

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### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ASSOCIATION ERNEST F. HOLLINGS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

**Kiran Bajaj, S'25, Marine Biology, Data Science minor**

**Leila Curtis, S'26, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies minor**

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### CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP SPARK PROGRAM

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Spark Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The CLS Spark Program provides opportunities for undergraduates to pursue intensive overseas summer study in the critical need of foreign languages.

**Lily Hyun, SSH'26, International Affairs, Spanish minor**

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### BENJAMIN A. GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.

**Mandy Cooper, DMSB'25, International Affairs and International Business**

**Sarina Ulysse, BHS'25, Public Health**

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### BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

This national award—the most prestigious undergraduate science scholarship in the country—is granted annually to top sophomores and juniors studying math, science, or engineering. Goldwater Scholars must demonstrate outstanding potential for and interest in pursuing a career in research.

**Luke Bagdonas, S'25, Chemistry**

**Kaitlyn Ramesh, E'25, Bioengineering**

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### THE GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship is a highly competitive scholarship awarded to outstanding applicants from outside the UK to pursue a postgraduate degree in any subject at the University of Cambridge. The award emphasizes intellectual ability, leadership, and civic-mindedness.

**Olivia Rowe, S'19, Psychology, Behavioral Neuroscience minor**

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### THE CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

The Churchill Scholarship provides funding to American students for a year of master's degree study at the University of Cambridge, based at Churchill College. The program was established at the request of Sir Winston Churchill with the goal of advancing science and technology on both sides of the Atlantic and helping to ensure our future prosperity and security. Only 16 Churchill Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding students based on their academic and research achievement.

**Ethan Wong, S'24, Biology, Data Science minor**

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## THE MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

The Marshall Scholarship was established in 1953 by the British government to celebrate the implementation of the Marshall Plan and to strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American people, the governments, and their institutions. Marshall Scholars are talented, independent, and wide-ranging young leaders. Recipients are awarded two fully funded years of study at any university in the United Kingdom.

**Amarachukwu Ifeji, SSH'24, Political Science, Philosophy minor**

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## GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

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### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN TEACHING

The outstanding master's student award in teaching recognizes students who, through teaching or teaching assistantship, have inspired and supported the learning of others, positively impacting their academic success.

**Rahul Kapadiya, College of Engineering, Chemical Engineering**

**Diptendu Kar, Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Cybersecurity**

**Brandon Lyman, College of Arts, Media and Design, Art + Design**

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### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN LEADERSHIP

The outstanding master's student award in leadership acknowledges students who have showcased exceptional leadership skills, positively impacting the academic community, projects, or extracurricular activities.

**Anishma Metray, College of Professional Studies, Project Management**

**Shweta Mishra, College of Engineering, Multidisciplinary Masters in Information Systems**

**Laurel Schlegel, SSH'24, History**

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### OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN COMMUNITY IMPACT

The outstanding master's student award in community impact celebrates master's students who have significantly contributed to Northeastern's community, displaying a commitment to instigating positive change within and beyond the academic sphere.

**Alisa Chen, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, English**

**Jamie Klag, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, School of Clinical and Rehabilitation Sciences, Communication Sciences and Disorders**

**LeAnn Marie Mendoza, Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Data Science**

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### OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

This Northeastern award recognizes PhD students who have shown an extraordinary capacity to integrate academics and professional work and establish themselves as emerging leaders in their fields.

**Jules Rochielle Sievert, AMD'27, Interdisciplinary Design and Media**

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### OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN HUMANICS

This Northeastern award recognizes PhD students who have seamlessly integrated human literacies with data and technology in their learning or research.

**Nick Kathios, S'26, Psychology**

**Ryan Muther, KCS'24, Computer Science**

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### OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN LEADERSHIP

This Northeastern award recognizes PhD students who have demonstrated significant leadership and a deep commitment to giving back to members of Northeastern's community or surrounding neighborhoods.

**Milena Braga, BHS'26, Counseling Psychology**

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### OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN RESEARCH

This Northeastern award recognizes PhD students who have shown an impressive ability to conduct high-level research and make contributions to the scholarly literature in their field.

**Abigail Ballou, SSH'25, Criminology and Justice Policy**

**Duschia Bodet, E'25, Electrical Engineering**

**Ben Cashen, S'24, Physics**

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### OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN TEACHING

This Northeastern award recognizes PhD students who have demonstrated an exceptional ability to communicate ideas and concepts in the classroom, and a talent for inspiring students.

**Vineel Kondiboyina, E'24, Bioengineering**

**Kelsie Lopez, S'27, Psychology**

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### OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARD IN COMMUNITY IMPACT

The outstanding professional doctorate student award in community impact recognizes a student pursuing a professional doctorate who has shown remarkable dedication to creating positive change within Northeastern's community and beyond.

**Richard Hathaway, CPS'24, Graduate School of Education**

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### OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARD IN LEADERSHIP

The outstanding professional doctorate student award in leadership honors an exemplary student pursuing a professional doctorate who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities within their academic and professional communities.

**Jonathan Page, College of Professional Studies, Graduate School of Education**

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## OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARD IN PRACTICUM AND CLINICAL PERFORMANCE

The outstanding professional doctorate student award in practicum and clinical performance recognizes a student pursuing a professional doctorate who has demonstrated exceptional engagement and excellence in their clinical or practicum experiences.

**Ryan Trismen, School of Law**

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## FACULTY AWARDS AND HONORS

Northeastern faculty regularly receive a wide range of fellowships, appointments, and awards that reflect scholarly achievement, teaching excellence, and research innovation. Over the past year, the following faculty distinguished themselves in fields ranging from computer science to the arts.

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### BOUVÉ COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**Mansoor Amiji, University Distinguished Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences College of Fellows**

American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)

**Robin Coddington, Professor, Applied Psychology Fellow Status**

American Psychological Association (Division 16)

**Margarita DiVall, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Clinical Professor, Pharmacy and Health Systems Science**

**2023 Assessment SIG Collaborative Publication Award**

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

**Pamela Donlan, Associate Clinical Professor, Physical Therapy, Human Movement, and Rehabilitation Sciences**

**Distinguished Mentor Award for Non-Tenure Track**

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

**Kathleen Hassey, Director, School Health Academy, School of Nursing**

**Induction into the National Academy of School Nurses, National Academy of School Nurses**

**2023 Outstanding School Nurse Educator of the Year Award, National Association of School Nurses**

**Jessica Hoffman, Professor, Applied Psychology**

**Fellow Status**

American Psychological Association (Division 16)

**Michelle Jacobs, Associate Clinical Professor, Pharmacy and Health Systems Sciences**

**Teaching Excellence Award**

Northeastern University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Vanessa Johnson, Associate Professor, Applied Psychology**

**Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Award**

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

**Alycia Markowski, Clinical Professor, Physical Therapy, Human Movement, and Rehabilitation Sciences**

**Distinguished Graduate Educator Award**

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

**Erin Meier, Assistant Professor, School of Clinical Rehab Sciences**

**Early Career Contributions in Research Award**

American Speech and Hearing Association

**Deborah Milbauer, Senior Lecturer, Health Sciences**

**Kenerson Faculty Scholarship Award**

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

**John Olawepo, Assistant Clinical Professor, Health Sciences**

**Distinguished Undergraduate Educator Award**

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

**Valeria Ramdin, Associate Clinical Professor, School of Nursing**

**Excellence in Nursing**

New England Regional Black Nurses Association Inc.

**Vladimir Torchilin, Director, Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and Nanomedicine; University Distinguished Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**Citation Laureates 2023—Annual List of Researchers of Nobel Class**

Clarivate

**Jenny Van Amburgh, Clinical Professor, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences**

**2023 Self-Care and Nonprescription Medicines Outstanding Contributions to Self-Care and Nonprescription Medicines Award**

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

**Gary Young, Professor, Health Sciences**

**Finalist, Best Paper Award**

Academy of Management, Healthcare Management Division

**Ning Zhang, Associate Professor, Nursing**

**The Gerald Schumacher Pharmacy Faculty Award**

Northeastern University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Emily Zimmerman, Associate Professor and Department Chair, School of Clinical Rehab Sciences**

**SPR Membership**

Society for Pediatric Research (SPR)

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### COLLEGE OF ARTS, MEDIA AND DESIGN

**Dan Adams, Director and Associate Professor, Architecture**

**Excellence in Research and Creative Activity**

College of Arts, Media and Design

**Meryl Alper, Associate Professor, Communication Studies**

**2023 Top Paper Award, International Communication Association:**

**Children, Adolescents, and Media Division**

International Communication Association (ICA)

**Bob De Schutter, Associate Professor, Game Design Program**

**IndieCade Horizons Faculty of Excellence: Excellence Award for Innovation**

IndieCade

**Patrick Kana, Associate Director of Maker Space, Media Studios Organization**

**Excellence in Teaching Award**

College of Arts, Media and Design

**Heidi Kevoe-Feldman, Associate Professor, Communication Studies**

**Excellence in Teaching Award**

College of Arts, Media and Design

**Miso Kim**, *Associate Professor, Art + Design*

**CHI 2023 Best Paper Award**

The Special Interest Group on Computer–Human Interaction (SIGCHI)

**Clifford Lee**, *Professor, Art + Design*

**2024 Divergent Award for Excellence in Literacy in a Digital Age Research**

Initiative for Literacy in a Digital Age Research

**Ang Li**, *Assistant Professor, Architecture, Center for Design*

**Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award,**

Northeastern University

**US National Pavilion Representative, 2023 Venice Architecture Biennale,**

2023 Venice Architecture Biennale

**Psyche Loui**, *Associate Professor, Music*

**Sony Faculty Innovation Award**

Sony

**Dietmar Offenhuber**, *Associate Professor, Public Policy and Urban Affairs,*

*Art + Design*

**2023 Winner for the Falling Walls Breakthrough of the Year in Art and Science**

Falling Walls Foundation

**Hilary Poriss**, *Professor and Chair, Music*

**Distinguished Service Award**

College of Arts, Media and Design

**Alexandra To**, *Assistant Professor, Art + Design*

**Best Paper Award**

2023 Association for Computing Machinery DIS (Designing Interactive Systems) Conference

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## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**Gregory Abowd**, *Dean, College of Engineering*

**2023 10-Year Impact Award**

UbiComp

**Ali Abur**, *Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director, CURENT*

**University Distinguished Professor Award**

Northeastern University

**Nicole Batrouny**, *Assistant Teaching Professor, First Year Engineering Program*

**Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program Award**

Northeastern University's Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program

**Edward Beighley**, *Professor and Associate Chair for Faculty, Civil and Environmental Engineering*

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

College of Engineering

**Chiara Bellini**, *Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, Bioengineering*

**Faculty Fellow Award**

College of Engineering

**Heather Carpenter-Oliveira**, *Senior Co-op Coordinator; Senior Associate Director, College of Engineering*

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

College of Engineering

**Rebecca Carrier**, *Professor and Associate Chair of Research, Chemical Engineering Distinguished Faculty Award*

College of Engineering

**Cristian Cassella**, *Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**Søren Buus Outstanding Research Award**

College of Engineering

**Srirupa Chakraborty**, *Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Physics*

**R35 MIRA Award**

National Institutes of General Medical Sciences

**Kaushik Chowdhury**, *Professor and Associate Dean of Research, Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**Fellow**, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**Finalist, 2023 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists in Physical Sciences and Engineering**, Blavatnik Foundation

**Ravinder Dahiya**, *Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**Division X Director-Elect**

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**Damilola Daramola**, *Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry and Chemical Biology*

**Scialog Fellow**

Research Corporation for Science Advancement

**Jennifer Dy**, *Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director of Experiential AI Postdoc Education, Roux Institute*

**Fellow**

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

**Eno Ebong**, *Associate Professor, Associate Chair of Graduate Studies, Chemical Engineering and Bioengineering*

**Fellow**

American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)

**Deniz Erdogmus**, *Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

College of Engineering

**Ozlem Ergun**, *Distinguished Professor and Associate Chair for Graduate Affairs, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*

**Fellow**

Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)

**Loretta Fernandez**, *Associate Professor; Associate Chair for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice, Civil and Environmental Engineering*

**Diversity Recognition Award**

College of Engineering

**Josie Flanagan**, *Associate Co-op Coordinator, College of Engineering*

**Outstanding Cooperative Education Coordinator Award**

College of Engineering

**Yun Raymond Fu**, *Distinguished Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*

**Fellow**, National Academy of Inventors (NAI)

**Member**, European Academy of Sciences and Arts

**Fellow**, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)

**Edward J. McCluskey Technical Achievement Award**, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

**Joshua Gallaway**, *DiPietro Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering*  
**Excellence in Mentoring Award**  
College of Engineering

**Andrew Gillen**, *Assistant Teaching Professor, First Year Engineering Program*  
**Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program Award**  
Northeastern University's Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program

**Auroop Ganguly**, *Distinguished Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Co-Director, Global Resilience Institute; Director of AI for Climate and Sustainability, Institute for Experiential AI; Director, Sustainability and Data Sciences Laboratory*  
**Distinguished Member**  
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

**Siddhartha Ghosh**, *Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
**Young Faculty Award**  
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

**Jerome Hajjar**, *CDM Smith Professor and Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering*  
**University Distinguished Professor Award**, Northeastern University  
**President**, Structural Engineering Institute (SEI)  
**Thomas A. Lenox ExCEED Leadership Award for Contributions to Civil Engineering Education**, American Society for Civil Engineering (ASCE)  
**Lynn S. Beedle Award**, Structural Stability Research Council  
**Special Achievement Award**, American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC)

**Joshua Hertz**, *Teaching Professor, First Year Engineering Program*  
**University Excellence in Teaching Award**  
Northeastern University

**David Horsley**, *Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Deputy Director, Institute for NanoSystems Innovation*  
**Global Network Accelerator Award**  
Northeastern University

**Farzaneh Irani**, *Assistant Co-op Coordinator, College of Engineering*  
**Outstanding Cooperative Education Coordinator Award**  
College of Engineering

**Jacqueline Isaacs**, *Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs; Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*  
**Faculty Research Team Award**  
College of Engineering

**Angelina Jay**, *Assistant Teaching Professor, First Year Engineering Program*  
**Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program Award**  
Northeastern University's Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program

**Ranjini Jesudason**, *Professor, Mathematics*  
**Excellence in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice Award**  
College of Science

**Xuemin Jin**, *Teaching Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*  
**Faculty Research Team Award**  
College of Engineering

**Josep Jornet**, *Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
**Fellow**, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
**Best Paper Award**, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**Sagar Kamarthi**, *Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering; Associate Dean of Graduate Education*

**Faculty Research Team Award**  
College of Engineering

**Dimitrios Koutsonikolas**, *Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
**Best Paper Award**  
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**Lucas Landherr**, *Teaching Professor, Chemical Engineering*  
**Joseph J. Martin Award**  
American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)

**Xue Lin**, *Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
**Faculty Fellow Award**  
College of Engineering

**Yongmin Liu**, *Associate Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*  
**Søren Buus Outstanding Research Award**  
College of Engineering

**Bala Maheswaran**, *Teaching Professor, College of Engineering Undergraduate Student Services*  
**Appointment, American Society Engineering Education Zone 1 Chair for the Council of Sections and Board of Directors of the ASEE**  
American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)

**Mona Minkara**, *Assistant Professor, Bioengineering, Chemistry, and Chemical Biology*  
**NSF CAREER Award**  
National Science Foundation (NSF)

**Sarah Ostadabbas**, *Associate Professor and Director, Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
**Finalist**, 2023 Oracle Excellence Award, Oracle  
**Eureka Award**, Oracle  
**Faculty Innovation Award**, Sony

**Emanuel Melachrinoudis**, *Professor Emeritus, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*  
**Faculty Research Team Award**  
College of Engineering

**Tommaso Melodia**, *William Lincoln Smith Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director of the Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things*  
**Distinguished Member**  
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

**Marilyn Minus**, *Professor and Chair, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*  
**Dean's Award for Meritorious Service**  
College of Engineering

**Mohsen Moghaddam**, *Assistant Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering*  
**Faculty Research Team Award**  
College of Engineering

**Lorraine Mountain**, *Assistant Dean; Senior Co-op Coordinator, College of Engineering*  
**Dean's Award for Meritorious Service**  
College of Engineering



**Amy Mueller**, Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

**Faculty Fellow Award**

College of Engineering

**Annalisa Onnis-Hayden**, Teaching Professor; Vice Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Civil and Environmental Engineering

**Excellence in Mentoring Award**

College of Engineering

**Peter O'Reilly**, Teaching Professor, Multidisciplinary Graduate Engineering Programs; Director of Cyber Physical Systems and Telecommunication Networks

**Faculty Research Team Award**

College of Engineering

**Taskin Padir**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director of Institute for Experiential Robotics

**Faculty Research Team Award**

College of Engineering

**Srinivasan Radhakrishnan**, Associate Teaching Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

**Faculty Research Team Award**

College of Engineering

**Masoud Salehi**, Associate Professor; Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Outstanding Faculty Service Award**

College of Engineering

**Behrooz Satvat**, Teaching Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Excellence in Mentoring Award**

College of Engineering

**Alireza Ramezani**, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**NSF CAREER Award**

National Science Foundation (NSF)

**Purnima Ratlilal-Makris**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Appointment to Ocean Research Advisory Panel**

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

**Matteo Rinaldi**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director, Institute for NanoSystems Innovation

**Global Network Accelerator Award**, Northeastern University

**Fellow**, Optica

**Jeffrey Ruberti**, Professor, Bioengineering

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

College of Engineering

**Aatmesh Shrivastava**, Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Young Faculty Award**

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

**Milica Stojanovic**, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Best Paper Award, 2023 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers**

**Global Communications Conference**

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**Lili Su**, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**NSF CAREER Award**

National Science Foundation (NSF)

**Yanzhi Wang**, Associate Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Constantinos Mavroidis Translational Research Award**

College of Engineering

**Meni Wanunu**, Professor, Physics, Bioengineering, and Chemical Engineering

**Innovator of the Year**

National Academy of Inventors (NAI)

**Benjamin Woolston**, Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering

**Soren Buus Outstanding Research Award**

College of Engineering

**Xiaolin Xu**, Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

**NSF CAREER Award**

National Science Foundation (NSF)

**Adetoun Yeaman**, Assistant Teaching Professor, First Year Engineering Program

**Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program Award**

Northeastern University's Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program

**Yi Zheng**, Associate Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

**Scientist of the Year**, New England Chinese American Alliance

**Energies 2023 Young Investigator Award**, Multidisciplinary Digital

Publishing Institute (MDPI)

**Fellow**, American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME)

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## COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

**Anthony Alsayed**, Part-Time Lecturer, Regulatory Affairs

**Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award**

College of Professional Studies

**Darin Detwiler**, Assistant Dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs; Associate Teaching Professor, Food Policy

**Nominated for Best Science/Nature Documentary Award**

Critics Choice Association

**Sara Ewell**, Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs, College of Professional Studies

**Chair of the Delegates Council for the Carnegie Project on the Education**

**Doctorate (CPED)**

Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED)

**Andrew Kinley**, Assistant Teaching Faculty, Roux Institute

**Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award**

College of Professional Studies

**Ilka Kostka**, Teaching Professor, Undergraduate Programs

**2024 Ron Chang Lee Award—Excellence in Classroom Technology**

TESOL International Association

**Kristen Lee**, Teaching Professor, Undergraduate Programs

**Nautilus Book Award**

Nautilus Book Awards

**Krassimir Marchev**, Professor of the Practice, Undergraduate Programs

**Fellow**

American Society of Metals International (FASM)

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## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

*Analia Albuja, Assistant Professor, Psychology*

### **SAGE Emerging Scholar**

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

*Arun Bansil, University Distinguished Professor, Physics and Northeastern University Center for Renewable Energy Technology*

### **Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award**

Northeastern University

*Lisa Barrett, University Distinguished Professor, Psychology*

**Ruhr Award for Philosophy and the Mind Sciences**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

**Paul D. MacLean Award for Outstanding Neuroscience Research in Psychosomatic Medicine**, American Psychosomatic Society

**2024 Rudolf Carnap Lectures at Ruhr-Universität Bochum**, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

*Juliet Davidow, Assistant Professor, Psychology*

### **Excellence in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice Award**

College of Science

*Sijia Dong, Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Physics*

### **SciLog Fellow**

Research Corporation for Scientific Advancement

*Lori Ferrins, Research Associate Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology*

### **Excellence in Mentoring Award**

College of Science

*Laurel Gabard-Durnam, Assistant Professor, Psychology*

### **2023 Kucharski Young Investigator Award**

International Society for Developmental Psychobiology

*Chuck Hillman, Professor, Psychology*

### **Distinguished Mentor Award for Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty**

Bouvé College of Health Sciences

*Andreia Ionescu, Assistant Professor, Biology*

### **NSF CAREER Award**

National Science Foundation (NSF)

*Carla Mattos, Associate Dean of Graduate Affairs and Professional Programs, Chemistry and Chemical Biology*

### **Excellence in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice Award**

College of Science

*Samuel Muñoz, Assistant Professor, Marine and Environmental Sciences*

### **NSF CAREER Award**

National Science Foundation (NSF)

*Steven Lopez, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology*

### **Inter-American Photochemical Society Young Investigator Award**

Inter-American Photochemical Society

*Srinivas Sridhar, University Distinguished Professor, Physics*

**2023 Fellow**, National Academy of Inventors

**AIMBE College of Fellows**, American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)

*Dagmar Stenard, Professor, Biology*

### **Excellence in Mentoring Award**

College of Science

*Ke Zhang, Professor, Chemistry and Chemical Biology*

### **Kabiller Rising Star Award in Nanoscience and Nanomedicine**

Northwestern University International Institute for Nanotechnology

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## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

*Serena Alexander, Associate Professor, School for Public Policy and Urban Affairs*

### **Evaluation Team Leader of California's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI)**

California State Transportation Agency

*Elizabeth Bucar, Professor, Philosophy and Religion*

### **Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Constructive-Reflective Studies**

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

*Hilary Chute, Distinguished Professor, English, Art + Design*

### **Eisner Award for Best Academic/Scholarly Work**

Will Eisner Comic Industry Award, at Comic-Con International: San Diego

*Natasha Frost, Associate Dean of Research; Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice; Director of Corrections and Reentry Lab*

### **Elected Vice President of the American Society of Criminology**

American Society of Criminology

*Carolyn Fuchs, Teaching Professor, World Language Center, English*

### **2023 Innovation in Language Program Direction Award**

American Association of University Supervisors, Coordinators, and Directors of Language Programs (AAUSC)

*Jelena Golubovic, Assistant Professor, Cultural Anthropology and International Affairs*

### **General Anthropology Division (GAD) Prize for Exemplary Cross-Field Scholarship - Honorable Mention**

American Anthropology Association: General Anthropology Division

*Maria Ivanova, Director of the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs; Professor of Public Policy*

### **Global Green Mentor Award**

Green Mentors

*Gina Maiellaro, Teaching Professor, Italian, World Language Center*

### **2023 Best Teacher of the Year and Service Award**

Massachusetts Italian Teacher Association (MITA)

*Kris Manjapra, Stearns Trustee Professor, History and Global Studies*

### **2023 British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding—Shortlist**

The British Academy

*John Portz, Professor, Political Science*

### **Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Fellowship**

Fulbright Scholar Program

**Ronald Sandler**, *Professor, Philosophy and Religion; Director, Ethics Institute*  
**Klein University Lecturer Award**  
Northeastern University

**Denis Sullivan**, *Professor, Political Science and International Affairs; Graduate Programs Director for the PhD and MA*  
**Global Educator Award**  
Northeastern University

**Idia Thurston**, *Professor of Health Sciences and Applied Psychology; Associate Director of the Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research; Affiliate Professor of Africana Studies*  
**Fellow Status**  
American Psychological Association (Division 54)

**Madhavi Venkatesan**, *Associate Teaching Professor, Economics*  
Massachusetts Woman of the Year  
USA Today

**Qianqian Zhang-Wu**, *Assistant Professor, Department of English, Global Asian Studies Program*  
**University Excellence in Teaching Award**  
Northeastern University

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## D'AMORE-MCKIM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**Luis Alfonso Dau**, *Associate Professor, International Business and Strategy; Robert and Denise DiCenso Professor*  
**Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award**  
Fulbright Scholar Program

**David De Cremer**, *Dunton Family Dean of the D'Amore-McKim School of Business; Professor of Management and Technology*  
**Finalist for Academy of Management Journal Best Article Award**, *Academy of Management*  
**Finalist for Best Paper Award**, Academy of Management

**Kwong Chan**, *Executive Director of the DATA initiative; Senior Academic Specialist, Marketing Group*  
**Journal of Consumer Marketing Literati Award Winner**  
Emerald Publishing

**Kevin Chuah**, *Assistant Professor, International Business and Strategy*  
**Strategic Management Society 2023 Annual Conference: Stakeholder Strategy Interest Group Best Reviewer**  
Strategic Management Society

**William Goldman**, *Principal Lecturer, Accounting*  
**Finalist, Best Paper Award**  
American Accounting Association

**Timothy Hoff**, *Professor of Management, Healthcare Systems and Public Policy*  
**Scientific Council Member**  
European Academy of Management (EURAM)

**Laura Huang**, *Distinguished Professor, Management and Organizational Development*  
**Impact Award**  
Academy of Management Journal

**Patrick Hurley**, *Associate Professor, Accounting*  
**Finalist, Best Paper Award**  
American Accounting Association

**Samina Karim**, *Professor and Group Chair, Entrepreneurship and Innovation*  
**Best Paper Award**  
Strategic Management Society

**Anna Lamin**, *Associate Professor*  
**Best Reviewer Award, Global Strategy Division**  
Strategic Management Conference

**Zhenyu Liao**, *Assistant Professor; Joseph G. Riesman Research Professor; Thomas E. Moore Faculty Fellow, Management and Organizational Development*  
**Best Reviewer Award**  
Academy of Management Journal

**Valentina Marano**, *Associate Professor, International Business and Strategy*  
**Best Reviewer Award**, *Journal of International Business Studies*  
*Journal of International Business Studies*

**Larissa Marchiori Pacheco**, *Assistant Teaching Professor*  
**Best Paper Award**, *AIB-Latin America and the Caribbean Chapter*  
Academy of International Business

**Koen Pauwels**, *Distinguished Professor of Marketing*  
**Best paper of the 2024 Winter Conference of the American Marketing Association**  
American Marketing Association

**Kunyuan Qiao**, *Assistant Professor, International Business and Strategy*  
**Research Committee Service Award**, *Academy of Management, Organization and Management Theory*  
**Recognition of Extraordinary Service to the Editorial Board**, *Organization Science*  
**Gold Medal, Axiom Best Business Books (International Business/ Globalization)**, *Axiom Best Business Books*

**Tim Rupert**, *Professor and Group Chair, Accounting*  
**Finalist, Best Paper Award**  
American Accounting Association

**Gabriel Sala**, *Postdoctoral Research Associate, Management and Organizational Development*  
**Michael Driver Best Symposium Award**  
Academy of Management Careers Division

**Nada Sanders**, *Distinguished Professor, Supply Chain Information Management Group*  
**Sushil Gupta Distinguished Service Award**  
Production and Operations Management Society

**Adaora Ubaka**, *Postdoctoral Research Associate, Management and Organizational Development*  
**Best Paper with Practical Implications Award**  
Academy of Management Managerial and Organizational Cognition Division

**David Wesley**, *Research Program Manager, International Business and Strategy*  
**First Place, Fox International Case Competition**  
Fox International Business Case Writing Competition

**Annie Witte**, *Assistant Teaching Professor, Accounting*  
**Finalist, Best Paper Award**  
American Accounting Association

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## KHOURY COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

**Malihe Alikhani**, *Assistant Professor, Computer Science*

### **Third Place, Amazon Alexa TaskBot Challenge**

Amazon

**Kylie Bemis**, *Assistant Teaching Professor, Computer Science*

### **ASA Boston Chapter: 2023 Outstanding Teaching Award Presentation**

American Statistical Association (ASA)

**Cheng Tan**, *Assistant Professor, Computer Science*

### **Google Cloud Research Innovator**, Google Cloud

Microsoft Research Asia StarTrack Scholar, Microsoft Research Asia

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## MILLS COLLEGE AT NORTHEASTERN

**Juan Colomina-Alminana**, *Associate Adjunct Professor, James Irvine Endowed Chair in Social Sciences*

### **2023 International Book Awards, Empowering Latino Futures**

The National Association Empowering Latino Futures

**Brinda Mehta**, *Professor, French and Francophone Studies*

### **2023–2024 Hind Rattan Award**

The Non-Resident Indian Welfare Society of India (NRI)

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## SCHOOL OF LAW

**Libby S. Adler**, *Professor, Law and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies*

### **LGBTQ+ Individual Inclusive Excellence Award**

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues (SOGII)

**Sankalp Bhatnagar**, *Senior Researcher, NuLawLab*

### **Bridges Fellowship**

Northeastern University Center for Design

**Margaret Burnham**, *University Distinguished Professor of Law; Director of Reparations and Restorative Justice Initiatives; Director, Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project; Faculty Co-Director, Center for Law, Equity and Race (CLEAR)*

### **Los Angeles Times Book Prize in History**, LA Times

**Hurston/Wright Legacy Award**, Zora Neale Hurston-Richard Wright Foundation

**2023 Governor's Award in the Humanities**, Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities

**Daniel Medwed**, *University Distinguished Professor of Law and Criminal Justice*

### **Book Award**

In the Margins Book Awards

**Alexandra Roberts**, *Professor, Law and Media*

### **Ladas Memorial Award**

International Trademark Association

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## UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS

### **Ali Abur**

University Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Member, National Academy of Engineering  
Fellow, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
Fellow, American Electric Power Faculty

### **Akram Alshwabkeh**

University Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
George A. Snell Professor of Engineering  
Fellow, American Society of Civil Engineers

### **Mansoor Amiji**

University Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Fellow, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists  
Fellow, Controlled Release Society

### **Arun Bansil**

University Distinguished Professor of Physics  
Fellow, American Physical Society

### **Albert-László Barabási**

University Distinguished Professor of Physics  
Robert Gray Dodge Professor of Network Science  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Fellow, American Physical Society  
Member, European Academy of Sciences and Arts

### **Lisa Feldman Barrett**

University Distinguished Professor of Psychology  
Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Fellow, Royal Society of Canada  
Fellow, American Psychological Association  
Fellow, Association for Psychological Science

### **Phil Brown**

University Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Health Sciences

### **Margaret Burnham**

University Distinguished Professor of Law

### **Ahmed Busnaina**

University Distinguished Professor of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering  
William Lincoln Smith Professor in the College of Engineering  
Fellow, American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Fellow, National Academy of Inventors

### **Arthur Coury**

University Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering  
Member, National Academy of Engineering  
Fellow, American Chemical Society  
Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
Fellow, International College of Fellows of Biomaterials Science and Engineering

**Martha Davis**

University Distinguished Professor of Law  
Richard Daynard  
University Distinguished Professor of Law  
William Dickens  
University Distinguished Professor of Economics and Public Policy

**Jerome Hajjar**

University Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Marine and Environmental Sciences  
CDM Smith Chair Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Member, National Academy of Engineering  
Fellow, American Society of Civil Engineers

**Vincent Harris**

University Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Dr. William Lincoln Smith Chair Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Fellow, American Physical Society  
Fellow, Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
Fellow, Institute of Physics  
Fellow, International Engineering and Technology Institute

**David Lazer**

University Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Computer Sciences  
Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration

**Herbert Levine**

University Distinguished Professor of Physics and Bioengineering  
Member, National Academy Sciences  
Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
Fellow, American Physical Society

**Kim Lewis**

University Distinguished Professor of Biology  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology Fellow

**Laura Lewis**

Distinguished University and Cabot Professor, Chemical Engineering  
Distinguished University and Cabot Professor, Mechanical and Industrial Engineering  
Fellow  
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**Alexandros Makriyannis**

University Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology  
George D. Behrakis Professor of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology  
Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science  
Fellow, American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Daniel Medwed**

University Distinguished Professor of Law and Criminal Justice

**Renee Miller**

University Distinguished Professor of Computer Science  
Fellow, Royal Society of Canada  
Fellow, Association for Computing Machinery

**Sheila Puffer**

University Distinguished Professor of International Business and Strategy

**Ravi Ramamurti**

University Distinguished Professor International Business and Strategy

**Eduardo Sontag**

University Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Bioengineering  
Fellow, American Mathematical Society  
Fellow, Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
Fellow, International Federation of Automatic Control  
Fellow, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

**Srinivas Sridhar**

University Distinguished Professor of Physics  
Fellow, American Physical Society

**Dagmar Sternad**

University Distinguished Professor of Biology, Physics, and Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Jonathan Tilly**

University Distinguished Professor of Biology

**Vladimir Torchilin**

University Distinguished Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Fellow, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists  
Fellow, Controlled Release Society  
Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering

**Patricia Williams**

University Distinguished Professor of Law

## IN RECOGNITION

### FACULTY HONOREES

#### Ali Abur

Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

##### University Distinguished Professor Award

Professor Ali Abur, an eminent figure in Electrical and Computer Engineering, has made exceptional contributions to the study and application of power system analysis. His innovative research has significantly enhanced the reliability and efficiency of power grids worldwide. Directing the Center for Ultra-Wide-Area Resilient Electric Energy Transmission Networks, Abur has led pivotal projects that integrate renewable energy sources into national grids. His work, recognized by the National Academy of Engineering, epitomizes the blend of scholarly excellence and societal impact.

#### Arun Bansil

University Distinguished Professor, Physics

##### Northeastern University Center for Renewable Energy Technology

##### Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award

University Distinguished Professor Arun Bansil has significantly advanced our understanding of quantum materials through his theoretical physics research. His work on the electronic properties of high-temperature superconductors and topological insulators has received global recognition, establishing him as a pioneer in his field. Bansil's contributions to theoretical and computational physics have been instrumental in shaping the future of materials science. He is committed to excellence in research and to his role in mentoring young scientists.

#### Jerome Hajjar

CDM Smith Professor and Chair, Civil and Environmental Engineering

##### University Distinguished Professor Award

Jerry Hajjar, Professor and Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, is renowned for his research in structural engineering and resilience against natural disasters. Hajjar's work on the design and retrofit of buildings and infrastructure to withstand earthquakes and other hazards has informed international building codes and practices. He is a leader in the field and is committed to creating safer urban environments.

#### Joshua Hertz

Teaching Professor, First Year Engineering Program

##### University Excellence in Teaching Award

Joshua Hertz, Teaching Professor in First Year Engineering, has been instrumental in advancing instruction in the Cornerstone of Engineering program. Hertz emphasizes curriculum based on highly open-ended problems, increasing students' self-efficacy and tolerance for ambiguity. His hands-on approach and commitment to experiential learning has students work with community and global partners, supporting Northeastern's mission to create engaged, passionate, ethical problem solvers.

#### David Horsley

Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Deputy Director, Institute for NanoSystems Innovation

##### Global Network Accelerator Award

David Horsley, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Deputy Director of the Institute for NanoSystems Innovation, has made groundbreaking contributions to the development of microelectromechanical systems (MEMS). His innovations in sensor technology have applications ranging from healthcare to aerospace, showcasing the global impact of his research. Horsley's collaborative projects with international partners have set new standards for cross-disciplinary research and technology transfer.

#### Ang Li

Assistant Professor, Center for Design

##### Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award

Ang Li, architect and Assistant Professor at the School of Architecture, maintains a collaborative design practice that works through material experiments and builds interventions to explore the role of reference and reuse in contemporary architectural production. Her research examines the latent design opportunities that arise out of architectural obsolescence, from radical approaches to preservation and adaptive reuse to the emerging second-hand material economies of demolition practices.

#### Matteo Rinaldi

Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Director, Institute for NanoSystems Innovation

##### Global Network Accelerator Award

Matteo Rinaldi, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Director of the Institute for NanoSystems Innovation, is a recognized pioneer in nanomaterials and their applications in energy and environmental technology. His research on nanoscale materials for sustainable energy solutions has fostered international collaborations, and has been instrumental in addressing global energy challenges. Rinaldi's leadership in creating a global network of research and innovation has significantly contributed to the electrical and computer engineering field.

#### Ronald Sandler

Professor, Philosophy and Religion

Director of the Ethics Institute

##### Klein University Lecturer Award

Ronald Sandler is a Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Ethics Institute at Northeastern University. His primary areas of research include environmental ethics, ethics and emerging technologies, ethical theory, and Spinoza. Sandler is known for his engaging courses in moral philosophy and applied ethics, and he has been recognized with Northeastern's Excellence in Teaching Award. His work, which explores the ethical implications of environmental concerns and the production and consumption of food, underscores his commitment to addressing contemporary ethical challenges.

## Denis Sullivan

Professor and Graduate Programs Director for the PhD and MA,  
Political Science

### Global Educator Award

Denis Sullivan is a distinguished faculty member at Northeastern University, serving as a Professor of Political Science and International Affairs and Faculty Fellow for the Center for Emerging Markets. His academic work is marked by a prolific output of journal articles, book chapters, policy briefs, blogs, and encyclopedia entries, as well as several books. Sullivan has a particular focus on Egypt, exploring civil society, Islamism, and the intricacies of Egyptian-American security and economic relations. His commitment to global education and understanding is further evidenced by his numerous awards and honors, including contributions to the U.S. State Department's University Partnership Program and the Carnegie Corporation of New York's research projects on citizenship in the Arab Region.

## Qianqian Zhang-Wu

Assistant Professor, Department of English, Global Asian Studies Program  
University Excellence in Teaching Award

Qianqian Zhang-Wu, Assistant Professor of English and Director of Multilingual Writing, has transformed the landscape of language education through her innovative teaching methodologies and deep commitment to student success. Zhang-Wu's pioneering work in bilingual education and language acquisition has elevated the standards of teaching at Northeastern and enriched the lives of countless students. Her creative classroom projects foster critical thinking and applied engagement with categories of identity and power to, as she says, "promote justice-oriented learning experiences."

## STUDENT HONOREES

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

#### Emin Abrahamian, E'24, Bioengineering

Emin is a graduating senior in the Bioengineering program and will be obtaining a master's degree in Business Analytics and Big Data from IE University in Madrid, Spain, as a Fulbright Scholar. At Northeastern, his on-campus research and co-ops in biotech showed him the power of conducting business in a data-driven manner. Outside of his classwork, Emin dedicated his time to several student groups and held leadership positions in the Armenian Students' Association and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society. He looks forward to living in Spain and learning the country's language, culture, and rich history.

#### Ezra Acevedo, SSH'24, International Affairs, History minor

Ezra completed their Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs with minors in History and Global Asian Studies in December. They have worked at the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library and at the Museum of Fine Arts, and seek to pursue a career in museum work. They are an avid figure skater and a member of the Northeastern Archery team.

#### Victoria Dey, SSH'26, PhD History

Victoria is a dedicated World History PhD candidate, aspiring to unravel the intricacies of the Black radical tradition in France and the United States. With a keen focus on Black feminism and Afrofeminism, she delves into understudied decades, notably the 1980s. Victoria's background includes roles as a Junior Fellow at the Library of Congress and as a researcher for the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service, monitoring conflicts in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo and Western Uganda. As President of the History Graduate Association, she actively shapes academic discourse. Passionate about community-engaged scholarship, Victoria contributes to projects like Reckonings and 3D Black Boston, exemplifying her commitment to accessible historical research.

#### Benjamin Field, E'24, Bioengineering, Mathematics minor

Ben will graduate this summer with a bachelor's degree in Bioengineering, and a concentration in Cell and Tissue Engineering. He hopes to work as a scientist in the biotech industry. At his most recent co-op, he helped develop CAR-T therapies to treat multiple myeloma, which sparked his interest in the field of immuno-oncology. After graduation, Ben will spend a year at a Polish university, teaching English to undergraduate and graduate students studying biotechnology. He is excited to work and live in Poland, and to contribute to a rapidly growing field of research.

#### Fenner Dreyfuss-Wells, SSH'24, Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Writing minor

Fenner is a Politics, Philosophy, and Economics major with a minor in Writing who has spent his Northeastern career embracing his passion for public service and public policy. While at the university, he has conducted research related to the impact of COVID-19 on the Spanish-speaking community in Chelsea, Massachusetts, and completed a co-op with the Boston Department of Youth Engagement and Employment. He has also worked with community organizations including 826 Boston and the Fenway Community Development Corporation.

**Andrea Gieseman, SSH'22, History**

Andrea is a 2022 graduate with a degree in History and Economics. She applied for the English Teaching Award in Spain because she wants to learn about diverse international education models before pursuing a career in education policy. Her involvement in Northeastern's service-learning programs as a volunteer during a Dialogue of Civilizations in Sevilla, Spain, and as a Teaching Assistant in Boston showed her the profound impact community engagement, dance, sports, and other experiential opportunities have on improving students' confidence. Andrea is currently a paralegal in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the office where she completed her second co-op.

**Matthew Hiller, E'24, Bioengineering**

Matthew is a graduating Bioengineer from Madison, Connecticut. Through his co-ops and research experience, he developed an interest in cancer biology, metabolomics, and immunology. His goal is to characterize how cancer metabolism impacts the immune cells surrounding tumors, and how it can be leveraged in cancer therapy. Matthew has worked in protein engineering labs at Wesleyan University and during his co-ops at Jounce Therapeutics and Biogen. He has an interest in global public health and has worked closely with Professor Lee Makowski on projects related to his nonprofit organization, For Ghana Bio Innovation. Additionally, Matthew is an all-conference lacrosse player on Northeastern's Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association team.

**Natalie McGowan, S'21, Behavioral Neuroscience**

Natalie studied Behavioral Neuroscience and worked in several research labs as an undergraduate, and more recently, she was a Research Coordinator at NYU Langone Health. Her research interests are in cervical cancer, which is caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV), meaning the cancer can be prevented through the HPV vaccine. During Natalie's research project, she will interview immunization nurses in New South Wales, Australia, to understand the facilitators and barriers to conducting school-based vaccination programs. At Northeastern, she participated in clinical research, wet-lab research, and medical assistant co-ops, and in the Peer Health Exchange.

**Thomas Murtha, SSH'23, Political Science and Business Administration**

Tom is a recent graduate with a degree in Political Science and Business Administration. Through co-op experiences in early education and policy, he gained an understanding of the challenges facing teachers and policymakers as they work to improve outcomes across educational systems. His time abroad gave him an appreciation for the urgency of an equitably educated world. At Northeastern, he participated in NUImpact and Husky Ambassadors, among other organizations, where he discovered interests in education and social impact.

**Grayson Peel, SSH'23, Cultural Anthropology, Spanish minor**

Armed with a BA in Cultural Anthropology, Grayson will be investigating the societal factors contributing to the discrepancies between Ecuador's pro-LGBTQ+ policies and quotidian violence against queer and trans Ecuadorians on a Fulbright Scholarship to Ecuador in 2024–2025. Grayson's experience as a research assistant to Dr. Gordana Rabrenovic at the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict and taking classes in the Anthropology department inspired their interest in engaged research on the marginality of and tactics of resistance utilized by LGBTQ+ communities. Grayson loves to cook, play the guitar, and spend time outdoors.

**Maxwell Pirtle, KCS'24, Computer Science, ENTS minor**

Maxwell graduated with a degree in computer science and a minor in entrepreneurial startups. His interests lie in computer systems and formal verification, striving to boost programmers' confidence in their multithreaded applications. In 2023, Maxwell completed a self-developed co-op in Rennes, France, at the IRISA lab, where he applied his interests to the SimGrid model checker while indulging in his love of the outdoors by exploring France. Maxwell will return to Rennes this fall to pursue his master's degree at the École Normale Supérieure de Rennes as part of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**
**Ajoa Addae, S'20, Biology, English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality minors**

Ajoa is a 2020 graduate of the College of Science, where she majored in Biology and minored in English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. While at Northeastern, she completed a co-op at the skincare company Sundaily, and she now runs her own beauty product development and testing company called SULA LABS. She is currently a PhD candidate in chemical biology at UCLA.

**Hannah Boyce, E'21, Chemical Engineering**

Hannah is a PhD candidate in Chemical Engineering at MIT. She is conducting research in the White Lab to understand dysregulated signaling in cancer cells to identify novel therapeutic targets, specifically how cancer cells manipulate immune cells to a pro-tumorigenic state. This research was inspired by Hannah's final Northeastern co-op at ETH Zurich on extracellular vesicles. She completed her first two co-ops in drug delivery at Alivio Therapeutics and the Traverso lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital. At Northeastern, Hannah was involved in AIChE, served as a connections chemistry tutor and researched engineering education. At MIT, she participates in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Graduate Student Advisory Board, and Graduate Women in Chemical Engineering student group.

**Nathan Carmichael, E'28, PhD Mechanical Engineering**

Nathan is a PhD student in the Mechanical Engineering program with a concentration in Mechatronics. He is working on the design and control of a powered ankle prosthesis. Nathan's research interests include mechanical design, biomechanics, and control systems. He is dedicated to designing powered prostheses that can be taken out of the clinic and adapted for everyday use. Before joining the lab, he received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, where he developed amphibious legged robots. Outside of the lab, Nathan enjoys building fine furniture, backpacking, and throwing pottery on the wheel.



**Bianca Corjuc, College of Science, Behavioral Neuroscience**

Bianca earned her BS with a degree in Behavioral Neuroscience. As an undergraduate, Bianca characterized tau propagation in human and murine models of Alzheimer's disease in the lab of Dr. Bradley Hyman at MGH-Harvard Medical School. Following graduation, she translated her knowledge of disease research into the development of drug therapeutics at Aquinnah Pharmaceuticals and Dewpoint Therapeutics. Bianca is pursuing her PhD in Columbia University's Neurobiology and Behavior program, where she is investigating the molecular logic underlying neuroproteasome integration into membranes in the lab of Dr. Kapil Ramachandran. She hopes to apply this knowledge to characterize more precisely how neuroproteasome dysfunction leads to neurodegeneration. When not performing experiments, Bianca loves baking bougie desserts (Earl Grey white chocolate mousse pie is her favorite), gushing over the latest anime episode with her lab mates, and attempting to read the next chapter of One Piece in Mandarin.

**Mitch Dobbs, S'28, PhD Psychology**

Mitch is a first-year PhD student studying cognitive psychology advised by Briony Swire-Thompson. He focuses on misinformation and is particularly interested in how to encourage and sustain belief change, strategies for motivating self-correction behaviors, and measuring the consequences of false belief. Prior to beginning his PhD, he worked under Dr. Swire-Thompson as a research assistant and published papers at the intersection of memory, metacognition, and misinformation. He is an active member of Nucleus, a Northeastern organization of graduate students focused on K-12 science outreach, and serves as an undergraduate mentor.

**Julie Dobkin, S'21, Cell and Molecular Biology, Behavioral Neuroscience minor**

Julie received her BS in Cell and Molecular Biology with a minor in Behavioral Neuroscience in 2021. She went on to work in Fei Chen's lab at the Broad Institute, where she completed her third co-op, and is now a second-year PhD student in the Biological Sciences department at Columbia University. Julie is studying the regulatory networks driving cell type specification and spinal cord patterning in the lab of Hynek Wichterle.

**Shalom Fadullon, E'27, PhD Chemical Engineering**

Shalom is a second-year PhD Student in the Chemical Engineering Department. Her research focuses on utilizing advanced in-vitro systems, and developing and characterizing mucin biomaterials to improve the transport of peptides and difficult-to-deliver drugs. Outside of the lab, Shalom is involved with the PhD Council and the ChemE Graduate Council to help plan student activities and foster community within PhD students. She also enjoys any outdoor activities, from sailing to hiking.

**Meghan Ford, S'27, PhD Marine and Environmental Sciences**

As an undergraduate, Meghan studied seagrass resilience and light sensing proteins in crustaceans. In her graduate studies, she intends to research community and evolutionary ecology in various systems while also working to promote coastal sustainability.

**Eden Gordon, E'23, Bioengineering, Mathematics minor**

Eden graduated with a BS in Bioengineering from Northeastern and is a first-year PhD student in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Virginia. She is studying focused ultrasound-mediated lipid nanoparticle delivery of mRNA across the blood-brain barrier in the Price Lab with the goal of developing a new treatment paradigm for various disease models. At Northeastern, Eden was involved in undergraduate research in the Rouhanifard and Asthagiri Labs and completed co-ops at Lyndra Therapeutics and Tango Therapeutics, where she developed an appreciation for biomaterials, functional genomics, and cancer research. Eden was a flautist in the Wind Ensemble and Vice President of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, and enjoyed running in the Fens.

**Jonathan Gray, E'16, Mechanical Engineering**

Jonathan is a PhD student in Aerospace Engineering at UCLA. He graduated from Northeastern in 2016 with academic honors including Class Marshal, Huntington 100, and the Robert J. Shillman Award. He is the Materials Characterization Group Manager at ATA Engineering, the employer during his first co-op at Northeastern. At UCLA, he is a Cota-Robles Fellow and an NSF Graduate Research Fellow conducting materials research in the Mechanics of Soft Materials lab led by Professor Lihua Jin. Jonathan's interests are in materials characterization, ranging from composite design for extreme environments of hypersonics to studying passive mechanisms for degradation in biodegradable plastics. His work aims to develop novel methods of physics-based simulation that accelerate materials engineering and address global challenges.

**Merrily LeBlanc, SSH'24, PhD Sociology**

Merrily is a second-year Sociology PhD student. She holds a BA in Psychology and Sociology with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies from Stony Brook University, and earned an en-route MA in Sociology at Northeastern. Merrily joined the Sociology and Anthropology department after serving as a senior research assistant at the Fenway Institute at Fenway Health, contributing to a study that aims to analyze multiple forms of discrimination in population health. She is also a research assistant at Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society and the Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research. Her research interests lie at the intersection of gender, sexuality, and health.

**Kathryn Lee, E'28, PhD Mechanical Engineering**

Kathryn is a first-year PhD student studying Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Mechatronics. Prior to joining the lab, she was an undergraduate research assistant at Vanderbilt University, where she received her BE in Biomedical Engineering. Kathryn's research interests include innovating novel prostheses and utilizing user preference optimization strategies to ensure that users benefit from their devices. She is currently developing a semi-active ankle prosthesis. Outside of the lab, Kathryn is a member of Northeastern's MIE PhD Council, and volunteers for the Camp Kesem organization.

**Gillian McClennen, S'23, Biochemistry, Data Science minor**

Gillian graduated with a BS in Biochemistry. At Northeastern, she learned about bacterial communication through her research with the Chai Lab, where she characterized a novel transcription factor involved in cell death in biofilms. In graduate school, Gillian will expand on her interest in bacterial communication to explore the mechanisms used by bacteria in the gut microbiome to modulate host immune development. During her time at Northeastern, Gillian promoted scientific outreach by serving as the chair of Think Like A Scientist, an experimentally driven after-school program run through Sigma Xi, the scientific research honors society.

**Forrest Miller, S'28, PhD Mathematics**

Forrest is a first-year PhD student in the Department of Mathematics. He is a member of the Northeastern University Robust Autonomy Lab under Professor David Rosen. He is interested in developing new mathematical optimization techniques to solve challenging real-world problems to improve the safety and performance of autonomous systems. Forrest developed this interest through coursework in convex optimization, machine learning, linear algebra, and the analysis of algorithms. The field of optimization can be easily explained, but requires precise and careful analysis to develop effective algorithms that can be deployed to real world systems.

**Fatemah Mukadam, S'22, Chemistry, Computer Science minor**

Fatemah is currently a second-year graduate student at New York University, and is fascinated by molecular interactions that govern our biological and physical processes. At Northeastern, Fatemah completed three invaluable co-ops as an undergraduate, working in software algorithm development, in academic labs, and at a pharmaceutical company. Her most impactful experience was conducting undergraduate research with Professor Steven A. Lopez. Fatemah credits her education at Northeastern with enabling her to build the foundation to receive this award.

**Jason Olszewski, E'24, Bioengineering, Electrical Engineering minor**

Jason is a fourth-year student graduating in May 2024, and his academic interests are focused on understanding and leveraging the fundamental mechanism of tissue formation to engineer biomimetic tissues capable of addressing preeminent medical challenges. Jason's experience at Northeastern University was shaped by his research in the Ruberti Lab, and his co-ops at Moderna and the Lewis Lab at Harvard University. In fall 2024, Jason will begin his graduate studies in Harvard University's Bioengineering PhD program, returning to the Lewis Lab and supported by the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

**Ashka Patel, E'24, Bioengineering, Materials Science minor**

Ashka is a graduating bioengineering major with a concentration in biomechanics and a minor in materials science. She plans to pursue a PhD in Mechanical Engineering to study biomechanics and materials as they apply to the design of medical technologies that increase healthcare access and equity. Ashka developed her passion for biomaterials research through her co-ops in the Traverso Lab, at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and in the Lomora Lab at the University of Galway. In both roles, she contributed to projects exploring novel applications of materials to drug delivery systems. Outside of academics, Ashka enjoyed mentoring elementary schoolers through Science Club for Girls and performing raas and garba dance with Northeastern NakhRAAS.

**Diego Rivera Correa, KCS'28, PhD Computer Science**

Diego is a doctoral student at the Khoury College of Computer Sciences, advised by Mirek Riedewald. He has always been fascinated with rearranging the flow and combination of things, an idea he applies to his research, in which he leverages scalable algorithms and graph analysis to boost network resilience—as applied to supply chains—in the face of disruptions. Having grown up in Puerto Rico, where hurricanes often disrupt supply chains, Diego brings a unique perspective to the field. Prior to joining Khoury College in 2023, Diego worked as a software developer at Nagnoi, a healthcare analytics company based in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and as a Nashville-based business intelligence engineer at Amazon. Outside of academia, his hobbies include playing FIFA with his older brother and watching basketball.

**Paul Savoca, S'19, Psychology, Political Science minor**

Paul graduated with a BS in Psychology and minor in Political Science. During his time at Northeastern, he completed two co-ops, working at the Italian Home for Children and the Interdisciplinary Affective Science Lab. After graduating he continued working in the Interdisciplinary Affective Science Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital. Since then, he moved to UCLA where he is pursuing a PhD in Developmental Psychology with his research primarily focusing on interoception, early life adversity, and pregnancy-related depression.

**Gates Schneider, S'20, Behavioral Neuroscience, Musical Theatre minor**

Gates graduated from Northeastern with a BS in behavioral neuroscience and a minor in musical theatre. She worked in numerous labs during her time in Boston, studying different facets of behavioral neuroscience with an interest in neuropsychiatric disorders relating to fear and stress. When not working on science, Gates dedicated much time to the NU Stage Musical Theatre Company in performance, director, and leadership positions. In her graduate work and beyond, she hopes to pursue the field of systems neuroscience and continue answering questions about how the brain encodes information and uses it to drive behavior. She hopes to contribute to a better understanding of the brain circuits involved in neuropsychiatric disorder that will lead to improved diagnostics and treatments.

**Sabra Sisler, KCS'23, Computer Science and Behavioral Neuroscience**

Sabra graduated summa cum laude from Northeastern University with a BS in Computer Science and Behavioral Neuroscience. While at Northeastern, she explored the intersection of neuroscience and technology through her industry co-ops at a pharmaceutical company, surgical robotics company, and neurobotic start-up. Sabra's summer fellowship at the University of Minnesota with Dr. A. David Redish and her post-baccalaureate research with Dr. Dagmar Sternad at Northeastern exposed her to the scientific study of brain-computer interfaces and human motor learning. In fall 2024, she will begin her PhD in Bioengineering at Stanford University, where she aims to use brain-computer interfaces to investigate the network dynamics underlying motor learning and to restore motor function for those with impairments.

**Josephine Slaathaug, S'22, Marine Biology, Environmental Studies minor**

Josie is a graduate student of marine mammal science, working toward a Master of Science conducting gray whale research. In 2023, Josie joined the Cetacean Conservation Biology team at the Marine Mammal Center as an intern. Her graduate work will expand upon independent research she conducted during that internship. She will investigate increased occurrence and mortality of gray whales in San Francisco Bay by utilizing data collected from researchers, citizen scientists, and stranding responders. Through identifying individual whales and comparing the photo identification catalog she created during her internship to carcass photos previously collected, she hopes to make connections that provide evidence needed to gain additional protection for this species. Her interest in this project stems from her co-op at Sarasota Dolphin Research Program, where she learned skills of photo-identification and mapping marine mammal sightings using ArcGIS. At Northeastern, Josie's participation in the Marine and Environmental Science Peer Student Mentoring Program was especially important, as she had been unofficially mentored by an older student before the inception of the program. Outside of research, she stays on or in the water through surfing and diving.

**Neel Sortur, KCS'24, Computer Science, Mathematics minor**

Neel is a candidate for a BS in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics. His work seeks to develop robust, explainable AI in intelligent systems that perceive the physical world, such as robots. He is a research assistant at the Geometric Learning Lab and MIT Lincoln Laboratory, where he is using physics-informed deep learning to model satellite drag and generate 3D geometries from radar signals. He was previously involved with the Helping Hands Lab, where he worked on robot learning. On campus, he is a member of AerospaceNU and received a PEAK Base Camp Award from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships.

**Stanley Wu, KCS'22, Computer Science, Mathematics minor**

Stanley is a PhD student at the University of Chicago SAND Lab studying computer science. He graduated from Northeastern University in 2022, having held co-op positions as a data scientist at MORSE and Klaviyo, as well as being a research assistant at the NDS2 lab. Stanley's current research goals focus on building systems that offer practical solutions to individuals affected by generative AI systems. During his time at Northeastern, Stanley was captain of the club badminton team and violinist for the symphony orchestra.

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**HAROLD D. HODGKINSON AWARD****Marta Hill, AMD'24, Journalism**

Marta is graduating this spring with her bachelor's degree in journalism, with minors in data science and photojournalism. She wants to combine her love of science with her passion for journalism and work as a science journalist who communicates the ever-pressing science topics that surround us. At Northeastern, she held co-ops at Boston.com as a reporter and at NASA as a science communications intern, and participated in research at the School of Journalism. Since before her freshman year began, Marta has been involved in the Huntington News, serving as editor-in-chief for a year. On campus, she is a leader of the women's ultimate frisbee team and Letters of Love.

**Zachary Hoglund, E'24, Bioengineering and Biochemistry**

Zachary is a bioengineering and biochemistry combined major interested in improving healthcare delivery through medical research, patient-centered care, and healthcare-oriented engineering. He is co-president of Innovators for Global Health, a student organization working to develop low-cost medical devices for partner organizations in Ghana and provide educational opportunities rooted in global health awareness. Zachary has served as a neurology research co-op in the Hyman Lab at Harvard Medical School, conducting research focused on the neuropathology of Alzheimer's disease. He has presented original research at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference and Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, and co-authored research articles in Brain Communications and bioRxiv.

**Amarachukwu Ifeji, SSH'24, Political Science, Philosophy minor**

Amara is a National Geographic Young Explorer and internationally awarded nonprofit leader in climate and environmental justice. As the Director of Policy with the Maine Environmental Education Association, she leverages grassroots advocacy to advance state and federal policy solutions. Notably, she mobilized a youth-led movement that spearheaded Maine's more than \$2 million climate education program and serves as the governor-appointed Youth Representative on the Maine Climate Council. Amara aims to pursue an MSc in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance at Oxford, where she will continue her research highlighting feminist, environmental justice perspectives of the Nigeria-Biafra War.

**Katherine O'Brien, BHS'24, Health Science**

Katherine is a health science major with minors in global health and environmental and sustainability sciences. She has been extensively involved in global health research at Northeastern, primarily working on leishmaniasis and HIV, and co-authoring two published papers. For her second co-op, she spent five months in Baringo County, Kenya, working at an NGO and research center for neglected tropical diseases. During her time at Northeastern, she served on the E-board for the Northeastern University Global Health Initiative. She plans to work in global and environmental health and is particularly passionate about the health implications of climate change.

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## SEARS B. CONDIT AWARD

### **Devin Brown, S'25, Mathematics**

Devin is a third-year Mathematics student at Northeastern. While at Northeastern, he has participated in MathLyEST undergraduate research program and completed an actuarial co-op with John Hancock. Additionally, he has served as a Math department grader and is currently conducting research related to the representation theory of quantum groups and crystals as an AJC Merit Research Scholar.

### **Neeti Desai, KCS'25, Computer Science and Behavioral Neuroscience**

Neeti is a third-year student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Behavioral Neuroscience. She has completed a co-op as a software engineer at E Ink Corporation, where she built tools for electronic ink panels as part of the Advanced Display Systems team. She is currently a Python software engineering co-op at MORSE Corp, where she tests and evaluates AI models and datasets. Neeti is passionate about the intersection of neuroscience and technology and using technology for social good. She is a software developer at Code4Community, an organization at Northeastern that develops software solutions for nonprofits. She works with a team building an HR management system for an organization that helps young adults experiencing homelessness find employment. Additionally, she is a research assistant at the Movement Neuroscience Laboratory, where she helps with data processing and visualization for research publications. She is a Husky Ambassador and is the editorial director of Spoon Magazine.

### **Lila Hempel-Edgers, SSH'25, Criminal Justice and Journalism**

Lila is a rising senior studying journalism, criminal justice, and psychology. With an interest in the intersection between mental health and modern media, Lila continues to report on the rapidly evolving field of journalism and the technology that accompanies it. She currently covers breaking news for The Boston Globe, writing about local crime, sightings of endangered whales, and everything in between. She also works as a research assistant investigating the role of the press in its perpetuation of antisemitism. Originally from Concord, Massachusetts, Lila spends her free time contributing to student publications and hosting a radio show on WRBB.

### **Lateefat Lawal, BHS'25, Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy**

Lateefat is a fourth-year Pharmacy Student in the six-year PharmD program aspiring to pursue a career in infectious diseases, ambulatory care, or academia. She's passionate about problem solving, teaching, and learning from others. Currently serving as co-president for the Northeastern University Pharmacy Student Alliance (NUPSA), Lateefat is the secretary and past public relations chair for END Initiative, and the past Leadership Chair for Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity. Additionally, she is a School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SOPPS) Ambassador. She completed two co-op positions at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she served as an outpatient pharmacy intern and an oncology clinical trials pharmacy intern, and a co-op at New England Baptist Hospital as an IV Room/OR Pharmacy Intern.

### **Dominic Pizzarella, E'25, Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry**

Dom is a third-year Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry major interested in disease research. He has worked in the laboratory of Professor Ryan Koppes for two years studying organ-on-chip technology, specifically to develop an alternative preclinical screening platform for cardiovascular diseases. Dom finished his first co-op as a Bioprocess Engineer at Visterra, Inc., and will begin his second co-op at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as a Research Technician. He has been very involved in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), serving as the student club's president from 2023 to 2024. Dom has gained a love for research and teaching, which he hopes to apply to a PhD program and work toward his life's passion of helping people live longer, healthier lives.

### **Bianca Popa, DMSB'24, Business Administration, Accounting concentration**

Bianca is a rising fourth-year student pursuing a BS in Business Administration, concentrations in Finance and Accounting, and Psychology minor. A Dean's Scholarship recipient, she is passionate about her studies and strives to be the best in her area of expertise. During her semesters as a TA for Financial Accounting, she guided fellow students to reach their potential and deepen their understanding of the subject. As a second-year student, she completed a rigorous co-op at Blackstone on the SEC reporting team, where she was highly commended for her contribution to the team's success. Bianca is honored to accept this award and is humbled to be recognized for her hard work and contributions at Northeastern.

### **Alexis Weldner, SSH'25, Political Science and Business Administration, Management concentration**

Alexis is a third-year Honors student working toward a BS in Political Science and Business Management, with minors in Sociology and Law and Public Policy. She aspires to attend law school following graduation. Driven by a passion for public health policy and legal advocacy, Alexis is dedicated to addressing public health crises and corporate ethics. Her motivation stems from her research at the Action Lab at the Center for Health, Policy, and Law and her engagement in the "Law, Policy, and Behavior" course with Professor Richard Daynard. Alexis is excited to explore this area during her co-op at the Public Health Advocacy Institute and has conveyed her findings by writing articles for the Northeastern University Political Review. She is an active member of the Northeastern University Dance Company, and has taught dance at Urbanity Dance and the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester.

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## NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ASSOCIATION ERNEST F. HOLLINGS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Hollings Scholarship program provides scholars with practical experience in Oceanic and Atmospheric science, including research, technology, policy, management and education.

### **Kiran Bajaj, S'25, Marine Biology**

Kiran is a third-year Marine Biology major and Data Science minor. At Northeastern, she has served as a Marine and Environmental Science Peer Mentor. She has completed a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates internship, as well as a co-op in Marine Conservation genomics within Northeastern's Marine Science Center. Her additional Northeastern involvement includes the Marine Biology Club, NU Sexual Health Awareness, and EcoScholars. Kiran aspires to a career as a conservation biologist supporting coastal ecosystems that are critical to both the region's environmental well-being and economic activity.

### **Leila Curtis**

Leila is an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major fascinated by the evolutionary history of vertebrates. Their passion started in elementary school with a class project on the narwhal whale and expanded as they learned more, keeping a journal of handwritten "Wildlife Info Page" entries that contained over 150 animals by the time they began high school. After completing their undergraduate degree, Leila plans to pursue a PhD in Evolutionary Biology, wanting to focus on systematics and phylogenetic relationships in vertebrates. They hope to contribute to modern understandings of the diversification and classification of organisms and have tailored their coursework to target these areas of interest. Outside of academics, Leila is a member of Northeastern's varsity track and field team, throwing more than 42 feet in shotput and over 125 feet in discus. They're also a member of the NU TF/XC leadership committee, assisting with fundraising and development, and an eBoard member of oSTEM, a Northeastern club dedicated to creating an open environment for LGBTQ students interested in STEM.

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## CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP SPARK PROGRAM

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Spark Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The CLS Spark Program provides opportunities for undergraduates to pursue intensive overseas summer study in the critical need of foreign languages.

### **Lily Hyun**

Lily is a second-year undergraduate studying International Affairs and Economics. She has been accepted to the 2024 U.S. Government Critical Language Scholarship Program in which she will study Arabic intensively this summer. Lily is passionate about language learning and has studied Spanish and Korean for many years. She hopes to use the knowledge and Arabic language proficiency she gains this summer to better understand regional conflicts and dynamics in the Middle East and North Africa region. Lily is on the executive board of the Northeastern University Culture and Language Learning Society, and is currently working full-time as the Economic and Racial Justice Department co-op at Oxfam America.

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## BENJAMIN A. GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

### **Mandy Cooper, DMSB'25, International Affairs and International Business**

Mandy is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in International Business and International Affairs. She has an interest in bridging and understanding cultural differences between countries, and hopes to pursue a career in international marketing. Mandy participated in the Disasters and Recovery Dialogue of Civilization in Japan and recently finished her study abroad at Queen Mary University of London. These experiences have helped shape her world view and fuel her desire to conduct research into global marketing practices. In her free time, she enjoys participating in the Northeastern Fashion Society and reading.

### **Saraïna Ulysse, BHS'25, Public Health**

Saraïna is a third-year Public Health major with minors in International Affairs and Global Health. She is earning a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health and will pursue her master's degree in Public Health through the PlusOne Program at Northeastern. She aims to tackle challenges to accessing healthcare services and formal education in low- and middle-income countries. Saraïna is interested in health research, and is currently on co-op in Kenya conducting a study on the efficacy of community health education about visceral leishmaniasis in promoting better health seeking behavior. She volunteers with the Crisis Text Line as a crisis counselor and drafts poems, with the hopes of publishing her work someday.

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## BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

### **Luke Bagdonas, S'25, Chemistry**

Luke is a third-year Chemistry major passionate about researching salt marshes as nature-based solutions to climate change. He developed his research interests in the labs of Professors Jennifer Bowen and Aron Stubbins where he studied biogeochemical cycling and soil carbon. Currently, he is on his second co-op studying the fungal degradation of emerging contaminants at Allonnia. Luke plans to continue his research of environmental chemistry through a PhD so he can better inform environmental restoration and mitigation strategies. Outside of research, Luke enjoys playing piano in NUStage and serving as a College of Science Ambassador.

### **Kaitlyn Ramesh, E'25, Bioengineering**

Kaitlyn is majoring in Bioengineering on the Computational, Systems, and Synthetic Bioengineering track. She aspires to earn her PhD in Computational Biology, investigating the gene regulatory mechanisms that drive tissue regeneration to advance the field of regenerative medicine. She is currently developing algorithms to analyze genomics data in the Lu Lab, and her work has been funded by the PEAK Awards and AJC Merit Research Scholarship. She also has experience in biomedical device development from her internship at the Prigozhin Lab through the Harvard Systems Biology REU. In her free time, Kaitlyn enjoys mentoring students through the Women's Research Engagement Network (WREN) and exploring cafés in Boston.

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## THE GATES CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

### **Olivia Rowe, S'19, Psychology, Behavioral Neuroscience minor**

Olivia graduated from Northeastern University with a BS in Psychology and will pursue a PhD in Medicine at the University of Cambridge this fall. While always interested in neuroscience, it was her co-op experience as a physical therapy aide for survivors of brain injuries that sparked a profound passion for working in neurorehabilitation and wanting to characterize central nervous system conditions to improve therapeutic interventions. With more than six years of research experience spanning both industry and academia, Olivia has investigated neurodegenerative disorders using modalities such as MRI, EEG, and neuromodulation. As she begins her PhD, she hopes to use novel biomarkers to improve prognostic models of brain injury and minimize the research-to-practice gap. Outside of research, she enjoys hiking and Olympic weightlifting.

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## THE CHURCHILL SCHOLARSHIP

### **Ethan Wong, S'24, Biology, Data Science minor**

Ethan is a fourth-year Biology major and Data Science minor interested in becoming a leading physician scientist in computational neuroscience. As an undergraduate, he has focused on developing novel diagnostic tests for cognitive impairment and plans to expand on this work after he graduates as a Churchill Scholar, studying clinical neurosciences at Cambridge University. Ethan cultivated this interest through his experiences working with the older population as a community food pantry volunteer and through his co-op as a patient care technician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Ethan enjoys playing tennis, climbing, and learning new songs on the guitar.

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## THE MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

### **Amarachukwu Ifeji, SSH'24, Political Science, Philosophy minor**

Amara is a National Geographic Young Explorer and internationally awarded nonprofit leader in climate and environmental justice. As the Director of Policy with the Maine Environmental Education Association, she leverages grassroots advocacy to advance state and federal policy solutions. Notably, she mobilized a youth-led movement that spearheaded Maine's more than \$2 million climate education program and serves as the governor-appointed Youth Representative on the Maine Climate Council. Amara aims to pursue an MSc in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance at Oxford, where she will continue her research highlighting feminist, environmental justice perspectives of the Nigeria-Biafra War.

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## OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

### **Jules Rochielle Sievert, AMD'27, Interdisciplinary Design and Media**

Jules has been with NuLawLab since 2013 and is pursuing an Interdisciplinary PhD at the College of Arts, Media and Design. Previously, they served as an Ambassador for Health Equity at Policy Link. From 2017 to 2019, Jules was the Creative Placemaking Policy Fellow at Arizona State University through the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. Their most recent artist residencies have been with the Stroom Den Haag, the Center for Artistic Activism at the Art Action Academy at the Queens Museum, with the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs and Department of Cultural Affairs in New York, and with California State Fullerton's Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana.

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## OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN HUMANICS

### **Nick Kathios, S'26, Psychology**

Nick is a Psychology PhD candidate with a concentration in Cognitive Neuroscience working in the Music, Imaging, and Neural Dynamics Lab under Dr. Psyche Loui. He earned his BA in Psychology and Music from Columbia University. His dissertation will take a developmental approach to understanding why adults show lifelong preference for and recall more autobiographical memories in response to music from their adolescence.

### **Ryan Muther, KCS'24, Computer Science**

Ryan is a Computer Science doctoral student at Northeastern whose interests include the application of computational techniques to disciplines beyond computer science, particularly in the social sciences and humanities. He has used techniques derived from computer science, such as analyzing the frequency of word use in a series of newspaper articles, to develop a better understanding of historical trends.

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## OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN LEADERSHIP

### **Milena Braga, BHS'26, Counseling Psychology**

Milena is a second-year Counseling Psychology PhD student whose research interests revolve around promoting belonging, specifically among underserved populations in higher education. As a first-generation immigrant, she is passionate about creating room for others at the table so that everyone has equitable opportunity and access to an education. She has been fortunate to work in Dr. Don Robinaugh's lab, researching the relationship between belonging and loneliness, as well as implementing peer mentorship programs and facilitating community-building events. Milena is part of the team developing Northeastern's ROADMAP program, creating opportunities for BIPOC students to gain paid research experience. She is an avid reader, and is a big fan of Brené Brown's work, which often intersects with her own interests, and she enjoys trying new food with friends, as she believes that food and community are both healing.

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## OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN RESEARCH

### **Duschia Bodet, E'25, Electrical Engineering**

Duschia is an Electrical Engineering PhD candidate exploring how to enable high data-rate wireless communications at Terahertz frequencies. Captivated by the topic during undergraduate electives, she began working in the Ultrabroadband Nanonetworking Lab for work study. In her fifth year as a BS/MS student at Northeastern, she participated in two part-time co-ops: one with the Griffiss Institute at the Air Force Research Lab and one at a public elementary school in Brookline, Massachusetts. During this time, Duschia realized she enjoyed the combination of research and teaching, which led her to pursue her PhD at Northeastern. In her spare time, Duschia enjoys playing ultimate frisbee, coaching Northeastern's women and gender inclusive ultimate frisbee team, and tutoring through the Petey Greene Program.

### **Abigail Ballou, SSH'25, Criminology and Justice Policy**

Abby is a PhD candidate in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Her research explores how education credentials earned while incarcerated impact post-release labor market outcomes. Outside of school, Abby is an instructor for Boston University's Prison Education Program, and she organizes voter registration drives for eligible voters incarcerated in local jails.

### **Ben Cashen, S'24, Physics**

Ben is finishing his PhD in experimental biophysics. He is interested in studying protein-nucleic acid interactions using single molecule DNA stretching methods on optical tweezers. Specifically, Ben investigates the dynamics of single-stranded nucleic acid (ssNA) binding proteins from T4 bacteriophage and the LINE-1 retrotransposon. His work has revealed a robust, generalizable mechanism for the rapid removal of protein from ssNA templates during DNA synthesis. Ben shares that his success during his PhD would not be possible without continued tutelage from the great Mark Williams. Ben enjoys playing piano and looking at buildings.

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## OUTSTANDING PhD STUDENT AWARD IN TEACHING

### **Kelsie Lopez, S'27, Psychology**

Kelsie is a Psychology PhD student working in the Plasticity in Neurodevelopment (PINE) Lab and the Music, Imaging, and Neural Dynamics (MIND) Lab in the Center for Cognitive and Brain Health. She studies the ways in which the early home musical environment can have lasting effects on cognition and behavior, with an additional focus on how music can be used as a tool for resiliency and stress regulation in the face of adverse events. As a first-generation college student, she is passionate about expanding access to research careers for those from underrepresented backgrounds. She mentors undergraduate students through the Graduate School Mentorship Program at Northeastern and the NextGen Psych Scholars Program.

### **Vineel Kondiboyina, E'24, Bioengineering**

Vineel's doctoral dissertation delves into the mechanobiology of limb growth, investigating the dynamics of tissue stiffness and cellular signaling in developing limbs. He discovered his passion for teaching when he served as a teaching assistant for the Bioengineering Measurement, Experimentation, and Statistics Course, where he uniquely blended practical insights from his time in the industry with theoretical rigor. His adeptness extends to mentoring undergraduate and high school students, fostering curiosity and excellence across diverse cohorts. As an advocate for diversity and representation, Vineel actively engages in the Bioengineering graduate student community, contributing to outreach, mentorship and diversity initiatives within the department and College of Engineering.

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## OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN TEACHING

### **Rahul Kapadiya, College of Engineering, Chemical Engineering**

Rahul is an aspiring Master of Science in Chemical Engineering candidate, where he merges his passion for pharmaceutical and chemical engineering with a commitment to education and sustainability. His professional journey includes roles at Takeda Pharmaceuticals and Thermax Limited, enriching his expertise in process optimization and bioprocess design. Beyond academia, Rahul actively contributes to community engagement through educational outreach, notably authoring a comic book to introduce chemical engineering to K-12 students. This initiative, coupled with his role as a graduate teaching assistant, showcases his dedication to demystifying complex subjects and fostering an inclusive learning environment. Rahul's innovative efforts to enhance communication between students and faculty through post-exam dinners highlight his commitment to building a supportive academic community. Recognized by peers and faculty for the MS Student Award, Rahul exemplifies leadership in academia and a zeal for leveraging engineering for societal benefit.

### **Diptendu Kar, Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Cybersecurity**

Diptendu, a recent master's graduate in Cybersecurity, works as a security researcher at Semgrep. His role involves using static analysis to connect client source code with potential vulnerabilities highlighted in public CVEs, aiming to preemptively address security threats. This focus stems from a keen interest in deciphering and mitigating complex cybersecurity challenges, an area where his graduate labs and coursework have played a pivotal role. Beyond his professional endeavors, Diptendu is passionate about cooking, which serves as his creative outlet, and he actively engages in Capture the Flag exercises, sharpening his cybersecurity skills in a competitive setting.

### **Brandon Lyman, College of Arts, Media and Design, Art + Design**

Brandon is a master's student in the Game Science and Design Program, and seeks a PhD in Interdisciplinary Design and Media to study how to design games towards the strengths of older adults. He worked in Professor Dr. Bob De Schutter's lab for two years as a research assistant which fueled his enthusiasm for this subject. His hobbies include designing and building video games.

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## OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN LEADERSHIP

### **Anishma Metray, College of Professional Studies, Project Management**

Anishma is a master's student majoring in Project Management. With a GPA of 4.0, she's also recognized as a PMI Scholar. Her passion lies in managing diverse projects, offering innovative solutions to streamline processes, and leading cross-functional teams for successful outcomes. Her interest stems from observing the complexities of managing projects across various industries and leading different teams. A co-op at AstraZeneca and academic research deepened her understanding of global projects. As NUPM President, she organized various industry and networking events, refining students' skills and fostering inclusivity. In her free time, she mentors students and does social work. Her commitment to excellence epitomizes transformative leadership at Northeastern University.

**Shweta Mishra, College of Engineering, Multidisciplinary Master's in Information Systems**

Shweta is a Master of Science in Information Systems candidate who exemplifies remarkable leadership qualities through her academic and extracurricular involvement. Her journey from narrating Indian mythologies to her peers to mentoring more than 30 colleagues in public speaking at the Barclays Pune Toastmasters Club highlights her growth as an empathetic leader dedicated to making a positive impact. At Northeastern, Shweta has significantly contributed as a Commlab Fellow, aiding over 100 graduate students in enhancing their technical communication and professional skills. Her initiative in delivering workshops on Python, data science, job searching, and professional habits showcases her dedication to empowering students in the highly competitive job market. As an active member of the Toastmasters Club, Shweta spreads happiness and positivity through engaging humor.

**Laurel Schlegel, SSH'24, History**

Laurel is a Public History master's degree student at Northeastern and will graduate in May 2024. She graduated from the University of Denver in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in history, and minors in Spanish and critical race and ethnic studies. Her research interests include oral history and community archives. For her graduate fieldwork, she was privileged to work as the conference coordinator for the Black New England Conference 2023. Laurel has also worked as a research assistant for the Apartheid Heritages Project, the Boston Research Center, and the Recovering Black History in the Monadnock Region Project. Outside of work and school, Laurel loves to be doing anything in the mountains.

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**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN COMMUNITY IMPACT**

**Alisa Chen, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, English**

Alisa will receive her MA in English along with her Digital Humanities and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies certifications. She is interested in Chinese Tang and British Romantic poetry with focuses on affect theory, eco-narratology, and aesthetics. Her literary area of interest reflects her multicultural and multilingual background as she studies the historical, literary, and contextual similarities between the two genres. She has held two research assistant roles collaborating on projects within her areas of interest. She has also presented her DH project and seminar papers at 6 international and domestic conferences. Her writing specialist position at the Foundation Year program supports the cohort's first year writing. Alisa held a volunteer editor role at First & Foremost, a literature magazine that publishes first-gen, low-income, and/or undocumented students' creative writing and photography.

**Jamie Klag, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, School of Clinical and Rehabilitation Sciences, Communication Sciences and Disorders**

Jamie is a second-year graduate student in the Speech-Language Pathology Master's Program. She matriculated into the PlusOne program in 2022, and received her Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at Northeastern in 2023. Along with her work as a graduate student clinician, she is a research assistant in the Speech Motor Impairment and Learning (SMILe) Lab where they study pediatric motor speech disorders. Jamie is a lead research assistant on a study focused on the efficacy of speech modification strategies in adolescents with cerebral palsy. This project interests her because of the inspiring adolescents she meets who are motivated to maximize their communication and life participation.

**LeAnn Marie Mendoza, Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Data Science**

LeAnn is pursuing an MS in Data Science, and stands out for her leadership in technology and dedication to promoting diversity. With a foundation in Bioengineering from UC San Diego, LeAnn supports women in tech as Chair and Founder of the ACM-W Student Chapter, enhancing community through events and mentorship programs. Her academic excellence and notable machine learning research complements her entrepreneurial role at Haliya Bakery LLC, where she's driven growth through data innovation. LeAnn's journey from overcoming personal challenges to empowering others in tech illustrates her resilience and commitment to inclusivity. Her efforts extend beyond campus, impacting K-12 education and fostering the next generation in tech. LeAnn embodies leadership, community engagement, and the pursuit of creating a more inclusive tech industry.

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**THE OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARD IN COMMUNITY IMPACT**

**Richard Hathaway, CPS'24, Graduate School of Education**

Richard completed his Northeastern University EdD in organizational leadership in March 2024. In his more than 35 years of international development across 50 countries, Richard has shown a passion for developing the next generation of organizational and community leaders, especially among vulnerable groups. His action research focused on emerging leader development among high school seniors and linked high quality leadership training with experiential learning in the community.

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**THE OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARD IN LEADERSHIP**

**Jonathan Page, College of Professional Studies, Graduate School of Education**

Jonathan, with an EdD from Northeastern University, is a leader in higher education, focusing on diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, and justice at Longwood University. As Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs and Title VI Coordinator, he has initiated key projects like the Clark House Intercultural Center and the CHANGE Multicultural Council, significantly advancing inclusivity for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students. His efforts led to the first Lavender Graduation Ceremony and the development of the university's inaugural diversity strategic plan, underscoring his dedication to systemic change and campus culture improvement. Jonathan's leadership is characterized by collaboration, strategic planning, and a deep commitment to participative decision-making. Through roles such as co-chairing the University Diversity Council and enhancing DEIAJ training, he has made substantial contributions to fostering an environment where all students feel valued and supported. Jonathan's work not only enriches the educational experience, but also champions a more inclusive and equitable academic community.



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## THE OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE STUDENT AWARD IN PRACTICUM AND CLINICAL PERFORMANCE

### Ryan Trismen, School of Law

Ryan is a third-year law student at the School of Law who is set to graduate in May. His student career has been focused on homelessness and housing instability, and he plans to become an eviction defense attorney with a legal aid organization upon graduation. All three of Ryan's co-ops were with legal aid organizations, and he has also advocated for clients in the Human Rights Advocacy Clinic at Northeastern Law. Ryan believes that everyone should have representation when faced with life-changing civil actions like eviction. He hopes to eventually contribute to housing policy changes that alter building incentives and incentivize shared-equity homeownership programs. Outside of law, Ryan is an avid backpacker and ultimate frisbee player.

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