

Presidential Undergraduate:

Winner: Emma Montgomery, Northwestern University

Title: "The Diasporic Archive: A Black Atlantic Poetics of Liberation through Limitation"

CITATION:

The committee was impressed by her lucid account of the theoretical issues of "flesh memory" and highly accomplished close readings of its poetics. The committee, furthermore, identified her project with its focus on language, the body, and the African Diaspora as an exciting example of historically, theoretically, and methodologically rigorous work that is the cornerstone of the field of Comparative Literature.