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The Center for Teaching and Learning administers the **Excellence in Teaching Award** (ETA), sponsored by the Graduate School and deliberated by the Teaching Academy. This highly competitive award recognizes teaching assistants who contribute to teaching at UGA beyond their own assigned classroom responsibilities. The ETA is the top teaching award for graduate students at UGA.

## 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award Winners

**Lynn Abdouni**, College of Environment and Design  
**Christina Crespo**, Department of Anthropology  
**Philip Gilreath**, Department of English  
**Rachel Ann Perez-Udell**, Department of Plant Biology  
**Andrew Wiggins**, Department of Microbiology

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## 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award Nominees

**Fathima Zahra Abdul Nawaz**, Department of Cellular Biology  
**Stephanie Adam**, Department of Language and Literacy Education  
**Sarah Bigger**, Department of Romance Languages  
**Josephine Bou Dagher**, Biomedical and Translational Sciences Institute (Neuroscience Division)  
**Andrew Bray**, Department of Linguistics  
**Julie Carbaugh**, Department of Language, Literacy and Education  
**Britta Girtz**, Department of Sociology  
**Megan Hopson**, Odum School of Ecology  
**Mohammadreza Iman**, Department of Computer Science  
**Anastacia Janovec**, Department of Communication Studies  
**Katherine (KC) Jones**, Department of Anthropology  
**Madelyn Krunkosky**, College of Veterinary Medicine  
**Michael Lindquist**, Department of Philosophy  
**Rachel MacTavish**, Department of Genetics  
**Megan Neely**, Department of Art History  
**Meltem Safak**, Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies  
**Sophie Waller**, Department of Department of Kinesiology  
**Mohammadreza Zarei**, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics



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The Center for Teaching and Learning administers the **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** (OTA), sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Instruction. This award recognizes the top 10% of teaching assistants demonstrating superior teaching skills while serving in the classroom or laboratory.

## 2021 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Winners

**Lynn Abdouni**, College of Environment and Design  
**Robyn Accetta**, Theatre and Film Studies  
**Maryam H. Al Mansi**, Veterinary Biosciences and Diagnostic Imaging  
**Michael Alsop**, Hugh Hodgson School of Music  
**Soheyla Amirian**, Computer Science  
**Suganthan Amirthagunanathan**, Cellular Biology  
**Melissa N. Anderson**, Kinesiology  
**Rachel S. Bailey**, Communication Studies  
**Michael Baker**, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources  
**Jeffrey Beauvais**, Odum School of Ecology  
**Joshua Bedford**, Hugh Hodgson School of Music  
**Sarah Blackwell**, Mathematics  
**Andrew Bonanno**, Anthropology  
**Rachel Bramblett**, Chemistry  
**Lindsey Bruner Woodcock**, Hugh Hodgson School of Music  
**Kit Callaway**, Linguistics  
**Zhengwei Cao**, Chemistry  
**Ngan Nei Chan**, Hugh Hodgson School of Music  
**Di Chang**, Computer Science  
**Hannah Choi**, Marine Sciences  
**Luke Christie**, Communication Studies  
**Ellison Clary**, Plant Pathology  
**David Cowan**, Theatre and Film Studies  
**Madeline Critchfield**, Romance Languages  
**Benjamin Dawson**, Hugh Hodgson School of Music  
**John de Soto**, Plant Pathology  
**Subhraleena Deka**, Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies  
**William Ashton Dooley**, Kinesiology  
**Andrew Duitsman**, Genetics  
**Dessa Dunn**, Odum School of Ecology  
**Derek Dyal**, Statistics and Insurance, Legal Studies, and Real Estate  
**Mariam El Amin**, Communication Sciences and Special Education  
**Jacob Erickson**, Kinesiology  
**Megan Farrer**, Anthropology  
**Brittney Ferrari**, Biological Sciences  
**Katie Foster**, Anthropology and the Sustainability Certificate Program  
**Nicollette Frank**, Educational Theory and Practice  
**Carisa Fraser**, Pathology  
**Chason Fulford**, Romance Languages  
**Racheal Fulford**, Romance Languages  
**Michelle C. Fulton**, Romance Languages



## 2021 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Winners, continued

**John Galas**, Theatre and Film Studies  
**Jason Patrick Gilchrist**, Physics and Astronomy  
**Nah Ray Han**, Advertising and Public Relations  
**Monica Harmon**, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources  
**Austin Heil**, Biological Sciences  
**Mahtab Heydari**, Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering  
**Marcus E. Howard**, College of Journalism and Mass Communication  
**Zhiwen Hu**, Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies  
**Kandyce Hylick**, Health Promotion and Behavior  
**Brooke S. Jackson**, Psychology  
**Kesha James**, Communication Studies  
**Amy Janvier**, Entomology and Biological Sciences  
**Savannah Jensen**, English  
**Nurgul Kaya**, Cellular Biology  
**Samantha Khatri**, Geology  
**Sehwan Kim**, Kinesiology  
**Matt Kliewer**, English  
**Abhishek Kumar**, Geography  
**Susan Y. Leonard**, Educational Theory and Practice  
**Mallory Lind**, Lamar Dodd School of Art  
**Xuerong Lu**, Advertising and Public Relations  
**Yufeng Luo**, Agricultural and Applied Economics  
**Brian C. McDermott**, Language and Literacy Education  
**Timeko S. McFadden**, Romance Languages  
**Thomas Melistas**, Mathematics  
**Sarah (Betsy) Miller**, Linguistics  
**Michael K. Mills**, Microbiology  
**Alexander W. Morales**, Communication Studies  
**Caroline Narron**, Geography  
**Ayesha Siddika Nisathar**, Chemistry  
**William Norfolk**, Environmental Health Science  
**Blake Oakley**, Plant Pathology  
**Jeff Patterson**, Sociology  
**Kaylie Plumb**, Marine Sciences  
**Tairan Qiu**, Language and Literacy Education  
**Katherine Reinberger**, Anthropology  
**David F. Richards, IV**, Geology  
**Elijah Roberts**, Chemistry  
**Elise Robinson**, Institute for Women's Studies  
**Sayani Roy Chowdhury**, Chemistry  
**Katelyn Sanders**, Psychology  
**Laura Elizabeth Scott**, Romance Languages  
**Sarah Shermyen**, English  
**Michelle-Taylor Sherwin**, English  
**Josephine Gia N. Shieh**, Foods and Nutrition



## 2021 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Winners, continued

**Justin Simpson**, Philosophy  
**Michael Starling**, Philosophy  
**Gabrielle Stecher**, English  
**Megan Steele**, Sociology  
**Jacob Steffen**, Management Information Systems  
**Cameron Steuart**, Hugh Hodgson School of Music  
**Makoto Suwama**, Mathematics  
**Kaitlyn Taylor**, Educational Theory and Practice  
**Alexander Tepper**, Mathematics  
**Amanda Tipton**, Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies  
**Nathan Tomczyk**, Odum School of Ecology  
**Vivian Ho Tran**, Plant Biology  
**Brittany Walker**, Entertainment and Media Studies  
**Tao Wang**, Microbiology  
**Megan Ware**, Kinesiology  
**Lana Kurepa Waschka**, Marketing  
**Elizabeth Weigle**, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors  
**Makenzie Whitener**, Genetics  
**Lianna Wimberly Williams**, Hugh Hodgson School of Music  
**Matthew S. Wilson**, Physics and Astronomy  
**Frithjof Timo Wöhrmann**, Germanic and Slavic Studies  
**Julian Worley**, Agricultural and Applied Economics  
**William Terrell Wright**, Language and Literacy Education  
**Meimei Xu**, Career and Information Studies  
**Yanzhe Yin**, Geography  
**Jordan L. Youngmann**, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources  
**Mark Zenoble**, Plant Biology  
**Shouyu Zhang**, Agricultural and Applied Economics  
**Yiqing Zhang**, Chemistry