



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

University of Maryland Distinguished Dissertation Award for 2014

Biological and Life Sciences

Mariano Kanamori

School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Title: "The Effects of Orphan and Vulnerable Child Primary Care Giving Household Wealth and Female Autonomy on Women's Body Mass Index in Southern Africa"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Olivia Carter-Pokras

Humanities and Fine Arts

Matthew Scott Heerman

College of Arts and Humanities, Department of History

Title: "Deep River: Slavery, Empire, and Emancipation in the Upper Mississippi River Valley, 1730-1860"

Dissertation Advisor: Distinguished University Professor Ira Berlin

Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering

Jane Cornett

A. James Clark School of Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Title: "Thermoelectric Transport Phenomena in Semiconducting Nanostructures"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Oded Rabin

Social Sciences

Ariel Ortiz Bobea

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Title: "Essays on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Agriculture"

Dissertation Advisor: Distinguished University Professor Richard Just