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Awards

Biological and Life Sciences

**Kathryn McNaughton, Ph.D.**

Department of Neuroscience and Cognitive Science

Dissertation Title: *"Individual and Dyadic Predictors of Peer Interaction Success in Autistic and Neurotypical Youth"*

Dissertation Advisor: Elizabeth Redcay

**Rui Yin, Ph.D.**

Biological Sciences Program

Dissertation Title: *"High Resolution Modeling of Antibody and T Cell Receptor Recognition Using Deep Learning"*

Dissertation Advisor: Brian Pierce

Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering

**Nick Schwartz, Ph.D.**

Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Dissertation Title: *"Insulating Materials for an Extreme Environment in a Supersonically Rotating Fusion Plasma"*

Dissertation Advisor: Timothy Koeth

Social Sciences

**Annemarie Ewing, Ph.D.**

Department of English Language and Literature

Dissertation Title: *"Speculative Citizenship: Race, National Belonging, and the Counterfactual Imagination in the Literature of the Long Reconstruction"*

Dissertation Advisor: Edlie Wong



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Honorable Mentions

Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering

**Priyanka Kaswan, Ph.D.**

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Dissertation Title: "*Enhancement and Robustness of Large Timely Gossip Networks*"

Dissertation Advisor: Sennur Ulukus