Annual Lunch &
Awards Presentation
Thursday, May 24, 2018
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
1 Silber Way, Trustees Ballroom

Sponsored by Dr. Jean Morrison, University Provost
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Program of Events
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Elizabeth Flagg, President

Recognition of Award Recipients
Samantha Khosla, Scholarship Chair

Keynote: Crystal Williams
Associate Provost for Diversity & Inclusion
The World We Build: Advocacy and Power
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Associate Provost for Diversity & Inclusion

Crystal arrived at BU in October 2017 from Bates College, where she had served since 2013 as Associate Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Professor of English and as a senior advisor to the President, developing programs and strategies that resulted in increased diversity among the faculty, staff, and students, while enhancing engagement across campus. She was previously a faculty member and the inaugural Dean for Institutional Diversity at Reed College (2000-2013), leading multiple faculty-driven initiatives to create an infrastructure to support diversity and inclusion.

In addition to her leadership roles, Crystal is an award-winning poet, the author of four books, and the recipient of several artistic fellowships, grants, and commissions. She is consistently recognized as a thought leader on diversity in the arts and has helped to lead and convene programs at the state and local levels involving arts, civic, and philanthropic leaders. She holds a B.A. from New York University and an MFA from Cornell University.

The World We Build: Advocacy and Power

For those of us who desire to live in a more just and equitable world but who don’t think of ourselves as activists or even particularly progressive, what is our place and role in the #MeToo, #MarchForOurLives, #BlackLivesMatter era? What is the meaning of advocacy and power in the face of such monumental movements? In her keynote, Williams will explore the perceived tensions between our conception of meaningful impact and what it means to become an advocate and trigger your own personal power on behalf of the collective good.

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**BUWG Endowment Gala**  
**April 24, 2018**

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History

In the first 62 years of the BU Women’s Guild, awards and fiction prizes have had a tremendous impact on over 230 graduate women and undergraduate writers. Graduate winners have ranged in age from 30 to 58, from all BU schools offering graduate programs, and from many countries. Awards have helped pay for such extraordinary expenses as child care, support of parents and in-laws, and treatment of serious chronic conditions, as well as tuition, production costs for thesis films, and travel and other research needs.

Awards

Dr. Beverly Brown Award

Tina Barbasch is a PhD candidate in the Biology Department of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She received a BS in Biology in 2009 from Cornell University. After graduating, she worked as a Peace Corps volunteer and spent two years doing environmental education work in Morocco and six months teaching high school chemistry in Liberia. Her dissertation research at BU in the Buston Lab focuses on cooperation and conflict in animal societies. Specifically, she uses the clown anemonefish as a study system to understand how parents negotiate the amount of care to provide to their offspring.

Sophie Hobson Award

Pamela Feo is a PhD candidate in Historical Musicology in the College of Fine Arts and holds Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Tufts University. Her dissertation research focuses on fin-de-siècle Paris and examines how the city’s massive urban renewal project fostered new social practices and music consumption rituals. Other research interests include the intersection between music and literature, Luciano Berio’s staged works, sound studies, and opera.

The Sophie Hobson award is in memory of a young woman who was embedded in the arts, coming from a very musical family.

Idahlia Stanley Award

Jane Seymour is a PhD candidate in Epidemiology in the Boston University School of Public Health. She also works as a Project Manager at Ibis Reproductive Health, a social science research organization. Jane is passionate about using her epidemiologic skills to contribute to the work of improving access to the full spectrum of health care for all people. Her dissertation research assesses geographic and financial access to abortion care in the United States and sub-Saharan Africa and how abortion access affects health.

The Idahlia Stanley award is in memory of a faculty wife who supported the work of her husband, Professor H. Eugene Stanley, and the University by opening up their home to countless students in the sciences.
Taylor Dobbs is an MFA candidate in the College of Fine Arts. She holds a B.A. in Technical Theatre from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Her interests include safety factors in the workplace, focusing on safety factors in automated scenery. Taylor will begin her thesis research in automation safety over the summer of 2018.

Daniela Hernandez-Sarinana is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Archaeology in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Originally from Mexico City, she has studied one of the major archaeological sites in Mexico, the ancient city Teotihuacan, for over five years. She is conducting research for her dissertation that focuses on consumption, status, quotidian activities, and their relationship to domestic spaces at Tlajinga, a southern district of Teotihuacan. Her main areas of interest include household activities in the past and ceramic technology in Prehispanic societies of Central Mexico.

Meghan Russell is an MLA candidate in the Gastronomy program at Metropolitan College. She studies the impact of government policies at the local, state, and national level related to food in school environments including farm to school programs, school gardens and cooking classes, and nutrition standards. Her work explores whether these policies can be used to foster economic growth, improve nutrition, and address hunger and food access issues. Currently she teaches after school cooking classes to elementary school children in Boston and Cambridge and conducts field trips and school visits for Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset. She aspires to work for a government agency, school, or non-profit to implement best practices to achieve these goals.

Krysia Villón is an MLA candidate in the Gastronomy Program at Metropolitan College. She is a food industry professional, historian and blogger who, using food as her lens, aims to educate and foster connections in her community. Her academic work centers on how indigenous storytelling naturally imbues farming techniques with the concept of food sovereignty. Krysia has a particular interest in Latin American indigenous communities. She will begin her thesis research in the Fall of 2018. She currently works for Taza Chocolate in Somerville and is the proud mother of Kahlo, with whom she produces a blog.

The Dr. Beverly Brown Award, Sophie Hobson Award, Idahlia Stanley award, and the Boston University Women’s Guild Awards are made possible by annual donations and gifts made by members and friends of the BUWG.
Alissa Frame is an MD/PhD candidate in the Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics department of the School of Medicine. She investigates the renal mechanisms that promote age-related hypertension and hopes to expand her basic science studies into the translational realm in the future as a practicing physician-scientist. Outside of her studies, Alissa spends most of her time wrangling two young daughters and hopes to serve as a mentor to women whose goals include both a successful career and a family.

Katharine Parodi is a PhD candidate and Glenn Fellow in the Counseling Psychology program of the School of Education. Her research focuses on the social determinants of adolescent mental health, with emphasis on school and community factors influencing the well-being of sexual and gender minority youth. Her clinical training is at the SPARK Center at Boston Medical Center, a medically-integrated therapeutic school which supports and empowers youth and families. She is the proud mom of a five-year-old son and enjoys long-distance running and creative writing.

Katherine Connor McLaughlin was an early and active member of the Women’s Guild. Her husband, Jim, who endowed this award, was a doctor at the BU Student Health Clinic, where he was respected by his colleagues as a diagnostician and beloved by students as a reassuring presence (he had, for their amusement, a large collection of distinctively flamboyant neckties).

Over 100 guests attended the April 24, 2018, BUWG Endowment Gala honoring Angela Menino, Joan Wallace-Benjamin, and H. Eugene Stanley, shown here with Dr. Beverly Brown, Honorary President, and Elizabeth Flagg, President.
Florence Engel Randall Graduate Fiction Prize

Neshat Khan is an MFA candidate at Boston University. She writes about Bangladesh. The faculty of the Creative Writing Program selected her for this prize because she is the most accomplished writer of the year, “somehow performing the miracle of capturing an entire world of emotions and culture in little jewel boxes seven pages long.”

Florence Engel Randall Undergraduate Fiction Prize

Kayla Kavanagh is a sophomore studying English and advertising. Her favorite classes at BU have been creative writing workshops. She is originally from Southington, Connecticut, and she hopes to pursue a career in editing after graduation.

Florence Engel Randall was the author of six novels and more than 100 short stories published in literary and popular periodicals. She took great interest in the careers of young writers. The Randall award was endowed by the late Ruth Levine, a member of the faculty of the School of Medicine and a Guild member.

Board Members at the Lunch at the President’s House, October 13, 2017. Clockwise from top left: Judith Sandonato, Barbara Rotger, Amanda Urias, Barbara Attianese, Olivera Vragovic, Holly Conviser, Beverly Brown, Nancy Geourntas, Iryna Ureneck, Suzanne Maselli, Elizabeth Flagg, and Karen Murphy.
Monday, September 11, 2017, Lunch and Learn  
Bill Littlefield, Host of WBUR’s Only a Game  
Only a Game, Except When It Isn’t  
*Sponsored by the Evergreen Program, Metropolitan College*

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Meetup @ the BPL  
Eve LaPlante, Author  
Monstrous Births, Powerful Midwives: The Battle over Women’s Bodies in 17th-Century Boston

Tuesday, September 26, 2017, Lunch & Learn  
Kelly Nee, BU Executive Director of Public Safety  
Stories from the Street: My Life in Policing

Friday, October 13, 2017, Lunch at the President’s House  
Dr. Deborah Frank, Director, BMC Grow Clinic for Children  
The BU Grow Clinic: Public Policy and Food Insecurity among Children  
*Sponsored by Dr. Beverly Brown, Honorary President*

Thursday, October 25, 2017, Meetup & Scholarship Fundraiser @ Agganis  
US Women’s National Hockey Team vs. Canada

Friday, October 27, 2017, MED Campus Lunch & Learn  
Dr. Deborah Anderson, Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology and Microbiology  
Multipurpose Technology Strategies for Contraception and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Infections  
*Sponsored by the Development Office, School of Medicine*

Monday, November 13, 2017, Lunch & Learn  
Lou Gaglini, CDO Executive Director  
Career Development for the Millennial Generation and Gen-Z

Friday, November 17, 2017, Meetup @ BU Cinematheque Film Series  
Screening of Amy Geller’s (2016 BUWG Awardee) film “The Guys Next Door”

Monday, December 4, 2017, Evening at the Metcalf Trustee Center  
Dr. Sheila Cordner, Lecturer of Humanities, CGS  
Why Today’s Victorian Mania?  
*Sponsored by Dr. Natalie McKnight, Dean of the College of General Studies*
Wednesday, January 17, 2018, Lunch & Learn Workshop
Sarah Pratt, Archivist
Creating Your Family Archive
Sponsored by the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center

Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Lunch & Learn
Emily Truax, Assistant Director of Social Media and Margaret Waterman, Digital Communications Associate
Social Media Workshop: How You Can Get Involved with Social Media at BU

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, Meetup @ the Joan & Edgar Booth Theatre
Opening night of Rhinoceros, by Eugène Ionesco
Sponsored by the College of Fine Arts, School of Theatre

Friday, March 2, 2018, BUWG Awardee Panel & Breakfast
Moderator: Dr. Beverly Brown, Director of Development/Industry (SPH)
Panelists: Andrea DiGiorgio, PhD Candidate, GRS, Anthropology (2015 BUWG Awardee); Fulya Ekiz Kanik, PhD Candidate, ENG, Electrical & Computer Engineering (2017 Katharine Connor McLaughlin Awardee); Kristin Johnson, DrPH Candidate, SPH (2017 Dr. Beverly Brown Awardee)
Sponsored by Dean Ann E. Cudd, College of Arts & Sciences

Thursday, April 5, 2018, Lunch & Learn
Christina Michaud, Senior Lecturer, CAS Writing Program
May I Give You a Hug? New Approaches to Adult-Child Interactions from Feminist Intersectional Parenting Theory

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, BUWG Endowment Gala
Advancing Women in Leadership and Scholarship
MC/Auctioneer: David Brown, Chief Advancement Officer, MAB
Piano Performance: Claude Hobson
Honorees: Angela Menino, Joan Wallace-Benjamin, H. Eugene Stanley

Wednesday, May 9, 2019, Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, May 24, 2018, Annual Lunch & Awards Presentation
Crystal Williams, Associate Provost for Diversity & Inclusion
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Sponsored by Dr. Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer
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