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2021 Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award Call for Nominations—College of Arts & Humanities

The College of Arts and Humanities is now accepting nominations for the University of Maryland's Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award. Eligible candidates are UMD Ph.D. graduates who have submitted their dissertation to the Graduate School in the 2020 calendar year. **Each ARHU unit may nominate one dissertation to the college.**

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2021 Distinguished Dissertation Award to the college is February 3, 2021. ARHU is able to submit up to four nominations for the 2021 award and the deadline for those submissions to the Graduate School is February 24, 2021, by 12:00 noon.

The Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award recognizes original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. Awards will be given each year in four broad disciplinary areas: 1) Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering; 2) Social Sciences; 3) Humanities and Fine Arts; and 4) Biological and Life Sciences. For more information on the University Award: <https://gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-awards/distinguished-dissertation-award>.

Nominations must include:

1. A PDF of the whole dissertation.
2. A PDF attachment to include the remaining required elements of the nomination package (with bookmarks, if possible), in the following order:
 - a. Distinguished Dissertation Award Nomination Form cover sheet (available [here](#)).
 - b. a letter of recommendation from the dissertation supervisor that evaluates the significance and quality of the dissertation and indicates which chapter the ARHU committee should read in detail.
 - c. a letter from the college describing the substantive contribution of the dissertation (to be appended to the finalist's nomination, as per the Graduate School guidelines).
 - d. a 10-page, double-spaced abstract of the dissertation in PDF form:
 - i. Written by the nominee for a non-specialist audience
 - ii. Each page of the abstract should be numbered and bear the name of the nominee
 - iii. Appendices containing non-textual material, such as charts or tables, may be included in addition to the 10 pages
 - e. a brief nominee CV, not to exceed 4 pages.

ARHU nominations should be submitted through the online application portal: <http://apply.arhu.umd.edu>. The portal will be open for nominations November 6, 2020 through the deadline on February 3, 2021 at 5p.m. The department and graduate program director is responsible for compiling the necessary components.

Please contact Ashley Richerson Miller at arichers@umd.edu with any questions.