



DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN
LANGUAGES
AND CULTURES

Class of
2020

M | LSA ASIAN LANGUAGES
AND CULTURES
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

AWARDS

CHINESE LANGUAGE

Sanghamithra Kalimi and Chad Westra

JAPANESE LANGUAGE

Vanessa Kiefer and Zari Smith

KOREAN LANGUAGE

Hayla Alawi

SOUTH ASIAN LANGUAGE

Bengali: Emma James

Hindi: Brennan Davon Cook

Punjabi: Ramneet Chauhan

Tamil: Ashvin Kumar

Urdu: Taasen Kibria

SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGE

Filipino: Janielle Casauran

Indonesian: Madaline McPherson

Thai: Jasmine An

Vietnamese: Courtney Liss

GRADUATES

Bachelor Graduates

Hayla Alawi
James Baker
Jiayang Chen
Jordan Cleland
Adam Dagg
Deepali Desai
Sara Farooqui
Huaming Ji*
Casper Kazor
Justin Kim

Ethan Klobucar
Natalie Lampa
Nayli Ma
Helen McKnight
Christian Meike
Luz Navarro
Rachel O
Leanne Olona
Donovan Orow
Ian Peterson

Sharmila Prabhu
Gretchen Smith
Zari Smith*
Sabrina Tran
Harrison Watson
Davis White
Jiayin Yuan*
Abigail Ziemkowski

Doctoral Graduates

Angie Baecker

* Graduating with Honors



PHILIP THOMAS LINCOLN, JR. MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: [Yucong Hao](#)

Philip Lincoln, Jr., a 1964 LSA graduate, earned two graduate degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, later returning to the University of Michigan for graduate work in Economics and Chinese Studies. As a career diplomat with the U.S. State Department from 1966 to 1996, he dedicated his life to the betterment of relations between the United States and the countries of Asia, especially China. He was a patriot, scholar, teacher, musician, and loving family man—a true gentleman. This fellowship has been created to honor his memory by supporting graduate student research in Asia. It is made possible by a generous gift to the department in 2001 by Ethel Jane Lincoln, Philip Lincoln's mother.

CHARLES AND MYRL HUCKER AWARD *and* ESSAY PRIZE

Recipient: [Charlotte Yiu and Hanwen Zhang](#)

Charles O. Hucker joined the Department of Far East Languages and Literatures at the University of Michigan (now Asian Languages and Cultures) in 1965 as Professor of Chinese and served as its Chair from 1965-1971. He retired from the University of Michigan in 1983. Professor Hucker had a distinguished career as a teacher and scholar of Imperial Chinese culture. Appealing to a wide audience, he authored, among other works, *A Dictionary of Official Titles in Imperial China* and *China's Imperial Past*. This award has been created as a tribute to the scholarly and collegial legacy left behind by Charles O. Hucker and to the friendship of his wife Myrl by supporting student scholarship in Chinese Studies.

KRISTIN CAROSELLA MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Recipient: [Priya Judge](#)

Kristin Carosella, a member of the University of Michigan's Class of 2013, earned bachelor's degrees from the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. Kristin was an exceptionally bright and engaged student with a long-standing interest in Asian culture. She went on after graduation to pursue a career teaching English to school-age children in China before her death in September 2014. This annual award honors her memory and inspires other students to experience Asia first-hand through teaching abroad.