Anthony Vitiello

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Education

2026- PhD in progress, English Language and Literature, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2025 BA, English, *Summa Cum Laude*, Florida International University, Miami, FL
2023 AA, *Highest Honors*, Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Conference Presentations:

"Nostalgia as a Satirical Instrument: The Zombifying Effects of Consumerism in Ling Ma's *Severance*." *40th Annual International Conference on Narrative*. International Society for the Study of Narrative. Miami, Florida. April 2025.

"Technological Zombies: A Digital Infer." *35th Annual Writes of Spring Literary Festival*. Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Spring 2023.

"Imperial Pigs: Imperialism, Power, and Control in Philip K. Dick's *Beyond Lies the Wub*." *34th Annual Writes of Spring Literary Festival*. Broward College, Spring 2022.

"Monster Men: Misogynistic Hierarchies and Algorithmic Control in Alice Sheldon's '*The Girl Who Was Plugged In*.'" 34th Annual Writes of Spring Literary Festival. Broward College, Spring 2022.

Research Interests:

Contemporary American Literature; Disability Studies; Narratives of Illness; Biopolitics; Critical Theory; Critiques of Political Economy; Material Culture

Awards:

Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School, 2026

Awarded Graduate School Distinguished Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin Department of English, 2026 (declined)

Finalist for the Royster Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of English and Comparative Literature, 2026

Awarded Milbauer Scholarship, University of Florida Department of English, 2026 (declined)

Awarded Graduate School Fellowship, University of Florida Department of English, 2026 (declined)

Served as the Tenth Butler Waugh Scholar in Literature. Highest distinction scholarship awarded by the Florida International University Department of English. 2025

College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE) Outstanding Graduate, Florida International University Class of 2025.

Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship for high-achieving scholars with disabilities. Florida International University, 2024-2025

CASE Undergraduate Achievement Award, Florida International University, Spring 2024.

Ralph Sanchez Scholarship, Florida International University, 2024

First-Generation Scholarship, Florida International University, 2024

Three-time winner of the Robert Meeker Writing Award. Awarded for distinguished presentations at the Broward College Writes of Spring Literary Festival. Spring 2022 and 2023.

Semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Transfer Scholarship, 2023

Interviews, Speeches, Media:

"First-Gen Student Anthony Vitiello Highlights the Importance of Scholarships in his Journey." Interview with Samantha Vargas. *FIU Foundation.* 2025

https://give.fiu.edu/scholarships/_profiles/anthony-vitiello/

Vitiello, Anthony. Butler Waugh Lecture Introduction Speech. An opening to Dr. Robert McRuer's Lecture, "The Crip Camp Yet to Come: Crossing Borders with Queer/Crip Theory." 2025 Butler Waugh Lecture. *Florida International University Department of English.* March 13th, 2025

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oSZZ-wPsGu91zQmhzhv7blw0_yN63Iux/view?usp=drive_link>

"Future Professor Paying it Forward: Honors English Graduate Anthony Vitiello Credits Success to Broward College Mentor." Graduation Spotlight, Broward College Fall 2023 Commencement. *Broward College News.* December 12th, 2023

https://news.broward.edu/2023/12/anthony-vitiello-grad-blog.html