



Thank you so much for this award. It was a very difficult year for all of us, and I was so heartened by the support of students, faculty, and other staff in and outside of my departments.

This past year has truly shown me the importance of collectivism—we work so well when acting as one body. There's no way I could have been successful without our outstanding group of graduate advisors, our amazing grad students, my coworkers and managers, and our faculty who go to bat for us all the time. My goals were departmental goals—graduate student needs were departmental needs. Politics and Latin American and Latino Studies continue to be able to move forward as collective communities because we listen to each other, help each other, and support each other both in work and in our personal lives. We try to move as one brain and one body, despite disagreeing with each other quite often. This collectivism does so much for our wellbeing and ability to survive during this time.

So thank you—for the warmth and care I've been shown, as well as for allowing me to be a part of such an outstanding group. I hope we can all continue to push through this next year united.