

## 2019 Graduation Essay Awards

The British and American Cultural Studies Program makes awards each year to 4<sup>th</sup> year students for the best graduation essays. All seminar supervisors may submit selections of the year's best work. The awards recognize excellence in research and writing. The research activities of the three English seminars supervised by Professors Armstrong, Boulanger and Piccolo are summarized below along with each professor's selection of the best research essay for 2019. BACS would like to congratulate this year's winners. A larger selection of graduation essays in Japanese and in English can be found in *the BACS 2019 Graduation Thesis Collection*.

### ***Professor Armstrong's Seminar***

Film analysis and film history, Indigenous peoples, social justice, and immigration were the main research themes in my seminar in 2019. The specific topics selected by students were original and interesting, and the quality of the research overall was very high. A number of students showed exceptional skills in written expression, analysis and organization.

Yushi Suzuki and Akari Kojima focused on the experience of