



## 2013 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

### SALAMENO SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND AMERICAN STUDIES

This year's SSAIS Faculty-Student Research Award goes to KIMBERLY ESKIN

Kimberly worked with Professor Todd Barnes on research entitled: *Geek Chic Shakespeare: Bookworms, Computer Nerds and Drama Queens*. She gathered and analyzed relevant secondary sources for the project on the figure of the "drama queen" and the historical gendering of theatre and its audiences. The work was presented at a number of conferences. Above and beyond this, Kimberly opted to write her own research paper entitled "The Figure of the Drama Queen: Gendering Early Modern and Modern Audiences," of how prostitution and theatre have been similarly figured over the last four hundred years. Professor Barnes stated her own paper is "fit for publication in graduate journals".

Kimberly will be attending Rutgers-Newark to pursue a Masters in English and plans to be a secondary English educator.