

Joseph Fornieri: Award in Political Science

Amy Jerrett's 40 page thesis was the fruit of a directed study that analyzed the moral, legal, and political case for and against torture. She analyzed the arguments of the key actors of the debate by relying upon the key primary sources, precedents, and legal documents at contention--for example, the 8th Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment, Common Article 3 of the Geneva Convention, the U.N. Declaration of Rights, and the now (in)famous "Bybee Torture Memo". After considering both sides of the debate, like a good lawyer, Amy advanced and defended her own position. Please join me in congratulating Amy for this truly interdisciplinary study of the topic that integrates an in-depth knowledge of law, ethics, public policy, and politics.