



Congratulations Austin Svancara for winning the Outstanding Student Award in the Developmental Psychology Program!

Austin Svancara has been awarded the 2022 Outstanding Graduate Student in the Developmental Psychology Program. His research includes impressive work investigating the barriers to independent driver's licensure among individuals with autism spectrum disorder and how self-driving vehicles could be used to promote safe mobility. He will finish his doctoral program this year in the Developmental Psychology Doctoral Program, and will be transitioning to Washington, D.C. He has accepted a position with the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety and will continue to investigate important matters in the field of transportation. In 2020, Austin received a CIRC Emerging Scholar's Award. Austin says the Emerging Scholars Award was a big part in him receiving both the prestigious Outstanding Graduate Student award and his successful move to the AAA Foundation later this year. The Emerging Scholar Award allowed Austin to focus on his dissertation work, publishing, and developing his professional network and research skills.