

Page Not Found Thesis Award 2021

The Page Not Found Thesis Award celebrates the thesis which integrates most strongly its own dissemination. The jury pays attention to how the analog or digital publication echoes the thesis' original research, how its text is embodied, and the related design decisions.

The jury is impressed by the quality of the graduates' publications. This level of quality reflects the graduates' commitment to their thesis, for which they each collaborated with a graphic designer, and the support given by the Master Artistic Research department.

Winner 2021: **“What we left behind:” by Juliana Martínez Hernández, designed by Héctor Rafael Garzón Negater**

Juliana's research addresses the culture of violence in Colombia, and aspires to counter the psychological repercussions of trauma, and in particular “the phobia that the people themselves have to remember their history”, by adopting a reparative emotional language. The sober layout of her publication, interspersed with monochrome red photographs from her family archive, tactfully suits Juliana's undertaking. A metal file fastener holds its pages. The jury lauds this decision, reminiscent of the open-ended labour that archiving implies. The binding ultimately gives the reader agency to edit the linear sequence of pages. This choice brilliantly embodies Juliana's convictions that History is a fragile construct, often abused, and that the writing of History should be reclaimed, to allow healing.