



DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Commencement Recognition Ceremony

CLASS OF 2025



Program

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CLOSING REMARKS

Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Nancy Emery

The ceremony will begin at 1:30 and is expected to last approximately one and a half hours.

Awards

2025 Excellence in Teaching Award

Mailor Amaral
William Anderson
Sarah Gering
Catherine Ikudaisi
Charlie Oliver
Candice Perrotta
Rachel Rubin
Kyle Schutz
Maya Shaulsky
Gladiana Spitz
Elias Stallard-Olivera
Andrew Veselka

2025 Excellence in Service Award

Sam Ahler
Ella Henry

2025 Mel Cundiff Endowments

Carolyn Bivins
Ella Dietz
Abigail Guillen
Adelaide Kick
Kendall Origer
Emma Smith
Brandon Stup
Olivia Wipke

EBIO Department Research Faculty & Research Interests

More details may be found on our website: <http://www.colorado.edu/ebio/professors>

William W. Adams III Professor	Plant ecophysiology, photosynthesis, environmental stress, phloem structure & function.
M. Deane Bowers Professor, Curator of Entomology	Insect ecology and evolution, plant-animal interactions, chemical ecology.
Lisa Corwin Associate Professor	Teaching and learning of ecology and evolution, student identity and learning and persistence in scientific fields.
Kendi Davies Associate Professor	Spatial dynamics of communities and populations, invasion, extinction, grasslands, microcosms, habitat fragmentation.
Laura Dee Assistant Professor	Preservation of natural systems and biodiversity, continued provision of ecosystem services under global change.
Barbara Demmig-Adams Professor, Director of Honors Program	Plant ecophysiology, photosynthesis, mechanisms of plant stress adaptation.
Nancy Emery Associate Professor	Population biology, community ecology, and evolutionary biology—understanding how plants adapt & persist in a changing world.
Luke Evans Assistant Professor	Population and quantitative genetics, adaptation, human behavior and complex traits.
Noah Fierer Professor	Soil ecology, microbial ecology, role of microorganisms in terrestrial ecosystems.
Michael Gil Assistant Professor	Marine ecology, marine ecosystem response to wild animal decision-making and human-driven change, science communication
Eve-Lyn Hinckley Associate Professor, Undergraduate Program Chair	Ecosystem biogeochemistry, optimization of agricultural practices, network observatory research design
Pieter Johnson Professor, Director of Honors Program	Ecology of biological change, esp. invasive species & emerging diseases; aquatic ecology & evolution; conservation biology.
Nolan Kane Associate Professor	Evolutionary genomics of adaptation, speciation, hybridization, domestication, and invasion.

Patrick Kociolek Professor, Curator of Diatoms	Taxonomy, systematics and evolutionary history of diatoms, diatoms and water quality, aquatic ecology.
Jingchun Li Associate Professor, Curator of Invertebrates	Invertebrate evolution, biodiversity, symbiosis, marine biology and functional genomics
Erin Manzitto-Tripp Associate Professor, Curator of Botany	Plant systematics and evolution, lichen biodiversity, tropical biology, molecular evolution.
Andrew Martin Professor	Evolutionary and conservation biology, microbial diversity, biogeography.
Andrew McAdam Associate Professor, Department Chair	Behavioral ecology, evolutionary ecology, plant-animal interactions, physiological ecology, pulsed resources.
Christy M. McCain Professor, Curator of Vertebrates	Community ecology, montane ecology, climate change, vertebrate population and conservation biology, biogeography.
Valerie McKenzie Associate Professor, Graduate Program Chair	Parasitology, disease ecology, amphibian declines, herpetology, wildlife conservation, land use change, invasive species.
Daniel M. Medeiros Associate Professor	Developmental & genetic bases of vertebrate evolution, developmental gene regulation, evolution of vertebrate head skeleton.
Brett Melbourne Associate Professor	Mathematical ecology of populations and communities, biodiversity, conservation, invasion, extinction.
Isabella Oleksy Assistant Professor	Limnology, biogeochemistry, aquatic ecosystems in mountainous regions, wildfires and water quality, ice phenology
Alisha Quandt Assistant Professor	Mycology, evolution, fungal genomics and systematics, microbe-microbe interactions, insect-pathogenic fungi interactions
Samuel Ramsey Assistant Professor	Entomology, biology of bees, parasites and symbiosis, science communication
Julian Resasco Assistant Professor	Landscape connectivity/corridors, habitat fragmentation, plant-pollinator networks, insect community ecology and conservation
Rebecca Safran Professor	Behavior, morphology, and physiology; population patterns; social and genetic structure; population stability; species boundaries.

Steven K. Schmidt
Professor

Microbial ecology, plant/microbe interactions, biogeochemistry, mycorrhizae.

Stacey D. Smith
Associate Professor

Evolutionary genetics, molecular phylogenetics, plant-pollinator interactions, comparative methods.

Ryan St Laurent
Assistant Professor,
Curator of Entomology

Insect-plant interactions, phylogenetics, systematics, taxonomy

David W. Stock
Associate Professor

Developmental genetic mechanisms of the evolution of teeth in fishes.

Katharine Suding
Professor

Community ecology, restoration, invasion, environmental change, alpine and grasslands.

Scott Taylor
Associate Professor,
Director MRS

Hybridization, speciation, evolutionary ecology, and population genomics (primarily of birds).

Merritt R. Turetsky
Professor

Ecosystem ecology, disturbance ecology including wildfire, carbon and nutrient biogeochemistry

EBIO Teaching Faculty

John Basey

Teaching Associate Professor

Teresa Bilinski

Teaching Associate Professor

Harrison Carpenter

Teaching Associate Professor

Eve Cooper

Teaching Assistant Professor

Caitlin Kelly

Teaching Assistant Professor

Abbey Paulson

Teaching Assistant Professor

Stephanie Renfrow

Teaching Associate Professor

Warren Sconiers

Teaching Associate Professor

Derek Sweeney

Teaching Assistant Professor

PhD Graduates

Irfan Alam

PhD

Dissertation Title: Fostering Scientific Civic Engagement in STEM Undergraduate Education: A Multimethod Investigation into Identity, Belonging, and Social Responsibility

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Corwin

I want to thank my friends, family, and my ego. In the future, I plan to own a condo with a chicken coop, a greenhouse, and a kitchen featuring stainless steel appliances. Moreover, I would like to travel a bit more before my genetically predisposed diabetes sets in.

Amy Dunbar-Wallis

PhD

Dissertation Title: The Power of People, Places, and Pedagogical Practices

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Corwin

Thank you REACH Lab and Lisa! Special thanks to my sons, Thomas and Wiley, and my partner Mitch. I would also like to thank my sister Chase and brother Christopher. I am also grateful to my parents and grandparents. My next academic adventure is as a post-doctoral researcher at University of Nebraska, Lincoln with Dr. Jenny Dauer investigating science civic engagement.

Alyson Ennis

PhD

Dissertation Title: When Life Gives You Data: Leveraging Existing Data Sources to Inform Future Management of Pinyon–Juniper Woodlands

Advisor: Dr. Nichole Barger

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Matthew J. Gebert

PhD

Dissertation Title: Nontuberculous Mycobacteria in the Natural and Built Environment: Their Ecology and Implications for Human Health

Advisor: Dr. Noah Fierer

Extra special thank you to Harper & Hattie.

Meghan Hayden

PhD

Dissertation Title: From Canopy to Community: Integrating Remote Sensing, Observational Data, and Global Change Experiments to Understand Biodiversity Change

Advisor: Dr. Laura Dee

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Hannah R. Miller**PhD**

Dissertation Title: Mercury Cycling in the Rocky Mountains: Sources, Fates, and Climate Change Impacts

Advisor: Dr. Eve-Lyn Hinckley

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Anna Paraskevopoulos**PhD**

Dissertation Title: Ant Communities in Montane Ecosystems: Distributions, Thermal Physiology, and the Impacts of Climate Change

Advisor: Dr. Julian Resasco

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Kyle Samuel Schutz**PhD**

Dissertation Title: Genomic and Evolutionary Mechanisms of Environmental Adaptation and Antifungal Resistance in Candida Yeasts

Advisor: Dr. Stacey Smith

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Kristin White**PhD**

Dissertation Title: New Bioinformatic Approaches Reveal Genomic Basis Underlying Shifts in Breeding Systems

Advisor: Dr. Nolan Kane

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MA Graduates**Catherine Olamiposi Ikudaisi****Master's**

Thesis Title: Mitochondrial Genomes of Rhopalodiales Diatoms

Advisor: Dr. Patrick Kociolek

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Maya Shaulsky

Master's

Thesis Title: The Differences in Microbiomes between Photosymbiotic and Non-Photosymbiotic Fraginae; Do Endozoicomonas Light the Way for Photosymbiosis?

Advisor: Dr. Jingchun Li

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Undergraduates – Honors Theses

Van Baronofsky

magna cum laude

Thesis Title: Projecting Habitat Occupancy and Population Stage Structure in a Climate-Sensitive Species Using Markov Chain Analysis

Advisor: Dr. Chris Ray

Ava Boettiger

magna cum laude

Thesis Title: Changes in Plant Species Diversity and Functional Traits due to Drought in Colorado

Advisor: Dr. Laura Dee

Mackenzie Campbell

summa cum laude

Thesis Title: Using Otolith Aging Techniques to Compare Acanthurus tractus Age and Length with Infection Load of Scaphanocephalus spp.

Advisor: Dr. Pieter Johnson

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Salomé Carrasco

magna cum laude

Thesis Title: Barn Swallows Size Across Elevation and Latitude: Testing Bergmann's Rule

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Safran

Thank you to the professors and students of the Safran and Resasco Lab, and the Trio and McNair Program for guiding me. I'm grateful to my friends and family for their support and motivation. I look forward to continuing my journey as an ornithologist in grad school after my post-bacc.

McKenna Deeble

cum laude

Thesis Title: Analysis of the Interaction of Habitat Fragmentation and Wildfire using NDVI

Advisor: Dr. Kendi Davies

I would like to thank my incredible family for supporting me these past four years!

Bryan Gager***summa cum laude***

Thesis Title: Using Stream Outflow Data to Hindcast Ice Dynamics for a Subalpine Lake in Colorado

Advisor: Dr. Isabella Oleksy

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Catherine Grady***summa cum laude***

Thesis Title: Testing Hypotheses for Temperament and Coat Color– The Case of Grey Wolves (Canis lupus) in Yellowstone National Park

Advisor: Dr. Joanna E. Lambert

I am incredibly grateful for the support, guidance, and friendship of Dr. Joanna Lambert and the rest of the American Canid Project. Thank you to my parents for always supporting my wildest dreams. After graduation, I will be researching terrestrial megafauna in Mongolia!

Catalina Johnson***magna cum laude***

Thesis Title: The Effects of Plant-Soil Feedbacks on Native Grass Growth in Competition with an Introduced Grass

Advisor: Dr. Katharine Suding

Julia Kelley-Kern***magna cum laude***

Thesis Title: The Impacts of Urbanization and Nest Temperature on Nestling Plumage Color in a Population of North American Barn Swallows

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Safran

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Kaitlyn Mikell***magna cum laude***

Thesis Title: Effects of White Spruce Mast Crop on Female Red Squirrel (Tamiasciurus hudsonicus) Nest-site Selection

Advisor: Dr. Andrew McAdam

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Jenna Porter***cum laude***

Thesis Title: Bold and Timid Temperaments in Polymorphic North American Gray Wolves

Advisor: Dr. Joanna Lambert

I'm very grateful to my friends and family who supported me through my mid-life crisis return to college, and to Dr. Joanna Lambert, all members of the Lambert lab, my defense committee, and Dr. Abbey Paulson for their guidance.

Abigail Schmidt***summa cum laude***

Thesis Title: The Role of Social Information in Predator Avoidance: How Group Size and Composition Influence Individual and Collective Flight Responses

Advisor: Dr. Mike Gil

Sincere thank you to Dr. Mike Gil, Dr. Josh Manning, Daniel Morrison, and Greg and Rebecca Schmidt. I'm applying to graduate programs in wildlife biology and conservation. If all goes well I'll study carnivores and trophic ecology!

Annalise Schroeder***cum laude***

Thesis Title: Investigating Redox-Active Organic Matter in High-Elevation Wetlands of the Colorado Rocky Mountains U.S.

Advisor: Dr. Eve-Lyn Hinckley

Thank you to my family, friends, and the Environmental Biogeochemistry Group. I couldn't have done this without you! This summer I'll be working on publishing my research and preparing to apply to graduate school in the fall. Excited for what's next!

Isabelle Sease***summa cum laude***

Thesis Title: Influence of Early Snowmelt and Microclimate Variability on Alpine Arthropod Diversity and Community Structure

Advisor: Dr. Warren Sconiers

Thank you to my advisor, Warren Sconiers, for his support during my thesis, and to my committee—Nancy Emery, Pieter Johnson, and Kate Fischer—for fostering my growth as a researcher. After graduation, I plan to travel in Nepal and Southeast Asia before applying to Ebio grad programs.

Audrey Solis***magna cum laude***

Thesis Title: Early Life History Responses to Varying Hydrological Regimes in Two Endangered Vernal Pool Species

Advisor: Dr. Nancy Emery

Endless thanks to my family for your unwavering support—none of this would be possible without you. To my mom, whose strength and resilience inspire me every day, thank you. Though my path is still unfolding, I hope to make a lasting impact in protecting and restoring the environment.

Undergraduates

Skylar Adelman

Nathan Adler

Thoreau Alba

Aala Nasser Al-Maskari

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Drake Austro-Stasyshyn

Finn Backer

Luke Banich

Beckett Baulch

Michael Peter Bernot Jr.

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Olivia Boller

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Isabella Bortolotti

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Christopher Bourke

My mother, Annie Bourke, and my father, Michael Bourke

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Jasmin Hailey Buckner

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Victoria Childs

Love you family!

Chloe Christensen

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Mason Collier

Savannah Combs

After receiving my degree, I plan to begin a career in wildlife conservation, with a focus on marine species, habitats, and ecosystems. I'm so grateful to my family and friends for their love and support throughout this entire journey. The last four years have been incredibly memorable!

Martha Connor	Thanks to my friends and family for supporting me through college from Texas to Colorado! My tentative plan to begin my career will be with USACE in Seattle as a fish biologist, dependent on the current federal hiring holds. My backup plan will be to whitewater raft guide... again!
Mark Cox III	
Ren Cragg	
Isabella Crispell	Thank you to my friends and family who are here to support me today!
Colin Michael DeBarba	
Alexandra DeGroote-Duncan	Thank you to my friends and family for their unwavering support and to the CU Boulder community for being inspiring and welcoming.
Jared De Jager	I would like to thank my friends and family for helping and supporting me throughout my journey at CU. I would also like to thank Dr. Paulson for being a huge academic help throughout almost every semester I've had here.
Annabella DiLorenzo	
Kamryn Ditta	I would like to thank all my family and friends for supporting me through everything these last few years. I hope all the best for everyone in the future.
Ava Lesley-Jillian Donley	I would like to thank my parents and family for making it possible for me to attend college. I am planning on using my degree to go to PA school and specialize in reproductive healthcare and family planning.
Jack Dwyer	
Lily Elliott	I am grateful for each member of my friends and family that have supported me throughout the years. Each person has offered me their kind words and guidance to help me build emotional tenacity and a network of amazing people I have the honor of knowing. This success is theirs as much as mine. Thank you all.
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Casey Fletcher	I would like to thank my mom and dad for giving me the privilege to attend CU. I appreciate you guys for always being there for me! I would also like to thank my friends for all the memories that I have made during these past few years.
Grace Caroline Elizabeth Frunzi	
Georgianna Fox	
David Matthew Gaul	Thank you Mom and Dad for all the support. It's been a wild few years, and I'm so glad we can share this moment. I know Nana would be proud. From Ravenscroft to CU, what a ride! The next chapter will be just as exciting. Now that it's done... let's go get a gobbler in Nebraska!
Annie Gilbert	To my parents, Chris and Kristin, and my big brother, Nick. Thank you for your love and support though the years. I love you all so much! Calvin, thank you for always being there with open arms and a big heart. Love, Annie.
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Lily Graves	
Shelby Grey	I'd like to thank my parents for always supporting my success, and my friends for always being there for me. I'm grateful for what my professors, TAs, and classmates have helped me accomplish. I'm excited to go through life with the skills that I learned from college at my disposal. I hope I can make a difference with my work. "And may you have twice the number."
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Gwendolyn Harker	I would like to thank my family, friends, and all the wonderful EBIO faculty. After graduating, I will be staying in Boulder and looking to apply for Public Health masters programs.
Nicole Hayward	I am so grateful to have found the EBIO program and to have studied in this beautiful place. I want to thank my parents, Yvonne and Daryll, for giving me this amazing opportunity and supporting me through it all. In the future, I hope to work in sustainability or environmental education!
Alex Hunyadi	

Nathan Ingebritson	I'd like to thank my parents and other family members for supporting me on my college journey. I'm excited to continue my career working in the environmental industry, and I hope to contribute as much as I possibly can to humanity, the natural world, and all living things.
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Isabelle Lee	
Sophia Leigh	I'm incredibly grateful to my family, friends, and professors for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout this journey. I'm excited to begin my career in conservation biology, contributing to ecological research and initiatives that protect biodiversity and promote sustainability.
Samantha Lipka	
Dominike Lopez Acosta	
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Henry Mars	

Olivia McCarthy	I would like to thank my friends and family for always cheering me on over these past four years. And to my parents - thank you for always being my biggest supporters and the best role models. Thank you all for helping me get here. Love, Olivia
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Astrid Menges	
Kirby Merlo	
Luke Michael	Jon Reiter
Zak Mikkelson	Thank you to my family
Kiersten Mitstifer	
Nicholas Montagu	
Genaro Morales	
Serena Morgan	Thank you to my parents and grandparents for the support throughout college and for showing me the value of education.
Zachary Mulder	Huge thank you to my parents, friends, and professors for everything. Love you, Mom and Dad—I couldn't have asked for better role models and supporters. In the wise words of Jimmy Buffett, 'Some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, but I had a good time all the way.'
Julia Dianne Mutton	I'd like to thank my family, especially my parents, for supporting me. In the future, I hope to work in a setting where I can pursue my passion for wildlife and nature.
Malia Rose Nelson	I want to thank all my friends and family who have supported me through these four years.
Ethan Nguyen	I'd like to thank my family, friends, mentors, and professors for their endless support and guidance. Your belief in me has meant everything. After graduation, I am pursuing my Masters of Science degree in Finance and plan to pursue a career in Biotechnology.
Sydni Nuzum	I want to thank my family for their unconditional and guiding support that has helped me get this far!
Owen Oliver	Sko Buffs
Long Pham	Thank you to my family and friends for your unwavering support and encouragement. I wouldn't be here without you. Looking ahead, I'm excited to pursue opportunities that allow me to grow, give back, and make a meaningful impact.
Thummim Pradhan	Thank you to all the EBIO professors and TAs for your support and guidance. Mom and Peter, for always cheering me on. And to my friends and family back home in the Maldives and India—your love and encouragement means the world to me. Free Palestine
Noah Matthew Randall	I'd like to thank my family, friends, bandmates, and mentors! I couldn't have done it without all y'all's continual support! Y'all truly inspire me, and I will never stop learning, growing, and creating! Onwards to Grad school-- SKO BUFFS!!!
Lauren Rayment	
Edward Reagan	
Ariana Rewolinski	
India Rockey	

Adison Lynne Romano	Endless thanks to my family and the Johnson Lab for their support and inspiration. Dr. Pieter Johnson and Dana Calhoun: you'll always be the cornerstone of wherever I go next. To my family: thank you for giving me roots, space to grow, and everything in between. Your love has been the strongest current guiding me forward.
Gavin Rosenblatt	
Ashley Rouse	I want to thank my parents for continually pushing me to be the best version of myself, both academically and personally. You both have always supported me in whatever endeavor I take on, and because of you, I have been blessed with countless opportunities and experiences. I would not be the person I am today without you, and I am thankful I can be proud of the person I have become today. I'd also like to thank my brother for always being there for me and being such a role model in my life. I could never express my gratitude enough for everything you all have done for me. I love you all!
Jonathan Rubio	
Benni Saladino	
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