



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

*Spring Commencement and
Awards Ceremony*



5:30–7:00 P.M. ON MAY 10, 2012

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
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SPRING 2012 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Welcome & Introduction

Nicholas E. Flores
Professor and Department Chair

Commencement Address

Piya Sorcar
*Economics, Business and Journalism,
University of Colorado Boulder '01
MA in Education, PhD in Learning Sciences
& Technology Design, Stanford University*

PhD Hooding & Master of Arts Graduates

Donald M. Waldman
Professor and Associate Chair of Graduate Studies

Undergraduate Honors

Martin Boileau
*Associate Professor, Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies
and Honors Council Representative*

Terra McKinnish
Associate Professor and Honors Council Representative

Bachelor of Arts Graduates

Charles de Bartolomé
Professor

Francisca Antman
Assistant Professor

Billy Mertens
Instructor

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Deborah Lynn Baker Brannan

“Understanding Modern Energy Policy:
An Evaluation of RPS Mandates and Behavioral Nudges”

Young Moo Cho

“The Responses of Small Open
Economies to Foreign Interest Rate Shocks:
Considering Structural Break, Net External Credit,
and Financial Integration”

Shatanjaya Dasgupta

“Sex-Selective Abortions, Gender Discrimination
in Child Health and Nutrition, and Marriage Patterns:
Empirical Evidence from India”

Nune Hovhannisyan

“Three Essays on International Technology Transfer”

Yiqing Xie

“Endogenous Productivity,
Export Decision and Mode Choice”

MASTER OF ARTS

Yongho Choi

Xin Geng

Rebecca Marie Jennings

Kwangsoo Kim

Ross William Knippenberg

Na Kyeong Lee

John Berend Meakin

Anthony Michael Schreck

Austin Crowley Smith

Xin Zhao

2011–2012 AWARDS

Stanford Calderwood Faculty Teaching Award

Brian Cadena

Stanford Calderwood Student Teaching Award

Steven Smith

Graduate Award for Public Policy Research

Edward Kosack
Molly Podolefsky

Reuben A. Zubrow Fellowship in Economics

Xavier Gitiaux
Sheena Murray

Morris E. Garnsey Fellowship in Economics

Shan Zhou

Leslie Whittington Endowed Fellowship in Economics

Catherine Massey

Yordon Prize in Microeconomics

Xin Zhao

Eric D. Bovet Endowed Fellowship

Soojae Moon

Richard C. Meckley Graduate Fellowship

Xin Zhao

Val B. and Helen W. Fischer Scholarship for Academic Superiority in the Social Sciences

Anthropology: Shalana Jo Gray

Economics: Matthew Hoops

Political Science: Adam Estacio

Sociology: Boróka Bó

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Christopher R. Aarvig
Ahmad F. Abderrahim
David S. Akright
Rami A. Al Zamel
Mottsim Z. Alkhwaja
Pamela Alvarez
Brandon P. Amos
Kyle L. Armstrong
magna cum laude
Brett C. Ash
Theodore A. Augustine
Daniela A. Avendano
Timothy H. Axilrod
Jordan B. Bammer
Matthew C. Bass
Nicholas B. Beckett
Dalton G. Becky
William B. Belliveau
magna cum laude
Alyssa C. Bender
Michael A. Berman
Maxwell Bernt
with distinction
James F. Blackburn
Dominic E. Boggeri
Richard D. Boyd
William W. Braun
Kelly E. Campbell
Dillon J. Carlson
Anna J. Carpinello
Christopher N. Carson
Joseph M. Cella
Heather S. Cerna
Yanzhu Chen
Phillip E. Clukies
Jennifer B. Coffin
Tyler J. Cole
with distinction
Zach P. Cole
Ryan J. Colt
Henry G. Cooke
Alexander L. Courtney
Hadley A. Creighton
Jennifer L. Csaszar
Spencer B. Cuiper
Alexander M. Czernik
Brandon P. Davis
Alison R. Delaney
Timothy M. Demus
cum laude
Meghan M. Des Rosiers
Colin J. Desmond
magna cum laude
Craig J. Dixon
Megan K. Doan
Matthew E. Dowell
Albert J. Downs-Kingston
Nicholas J. Ebisch
Dustin K. Eckes
Mikaela S. Ellenwood
Benjamin M. Elzea
Nico S. Enea
Rafael E. Eraso Brewer
Galen M. Faris
Michaela J. Feld
Michael J. Fine
Corrienne Finizza
Jeremy E. Firstenberg
Alexander W. Fisher
Anna G. Fitzer
Blake A. Floreani
Robert P. Forna
magna cum laude
Alana E. Fox
Hayden S. Fries
Liberato J. Garcia
David H. Gardner
Nicholas J. Gillam
Kyle D. Gillette
Zachary W. Goldthwaite
William T. Goodhue
Bret M. Gordon
Shawn D. Gorelik

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Jackson L. Gregory
Nathan J. Grieb
Kelli E. Groathouse
Alison J. Grove
Sean P. Grover
with distinction
summa cum laude
Brendon S. Guichet
Paul D. Gust
Sohrob S. Haajizadeh
Tanner Hayes
John H. Hazlitt
Jeffrey S. Hennings
William T. Hewitt
Seth P. Hirshberg
Yu-Yen Ho
Daniel J. Hoff
Matthew C. Hoops
summa cum laude
Michael P. Hoover
Mitchell J. Hopperstad
Matthew W. Houston
Spencer Howe
Philip N. Howell
Jessica Hsu
Aaron T. Huffman
Alec C. Hugo
Alexander C. Hungerford
Henderson K. Huynh
Ryan M. Johnson
Moonsoo Jun
John C. Jurewicz
Brooks A. Kanski
Taylor M. Keddington
Dana A. Kennedy
Stuart W. Kennedy
Diana K. Kim
Maria Sergejevna Kinsaul
Samantha A. Kobbe
Andrew J. Landsman
Grayson T. Larrabee
Perry V. Latimer
Lindsey J. Lawson
Hanh Le
Peter N. Le Comte VI
Tyler W. Lehman
Susan Ann Lemley
Andrew T. Leonard
Hey Jin Lim
Gary Lin
William J. Lineberry
Alexia D. Lopez
Anthony S. Lyle
Kristopher R. Mahan
with distinction
Andrew P. Marfitano
Ryan W. Martin
Nicholas A. Martinez
James P. Mast
Hailey J. McCarter
Kevin R. McCarty
John E. McManus
Richard Medina
Joseph M. Mekulski
Anna D. Mendivil
Branden K. Messenger
Christopher A. Meyer
with distinction
Alexander S. Mikhaylov
with distinction
summa cum laude
Matthew B. Miles
Allan M. Moriarity
Jesse N. Morse
Jonathan J. Moyes
Kathy F. Mucha
Dakota L. Murphy
Stephen M. Musciano
Nathaniel L. Neligh
with distinction
summa cum laude
William R. Nemirow
Phuong D. H. Nguyen

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Andrew E. Nolan
Tyler R. Oberlander
cum laude
John P. O'Brien
Bryan T. Olson
Michael J. Olson
Sezen M. Onat
Amanda N. Palmer
Sung Jin Park
Kolby M. Paschen
Andrew D. Persons
Collin Y. Pitmon
magna cum laude
Alejandro Plata
Anthony D. Poremba
Colleen D. Pritchett
Henry L. Pyle
Anthony M. Ramsett
Jesse K. Regan
Austin W. Rempel
with distinction
Jordan J. Reyes
Matthew J. Riedel
Brandon M. Rizzo
Prescott M. Roach
Brian S. Robles
Brandon D. Rochelle
Alexander G. Rodriguez
Patricio N. Rodriguez
Emily M. Roiter
Eric L. Roseman
Hafsa Saadia
with distinction
Jacob S. Sablosky
Andrew D. Sager
Kathryn B. Sahr
Katharine D. Sandven
Benjamin W. Sauer
Jason M. Schatz
David J. Schiller
Steven J. Schultz
Rebecca R. Schwab
Ashit Anthony Shah

David J. Sheehan
Benjamin H. Sherlund
David H. Shin
with distinction
summa cum laude
Blake R. Silverthorn
John Robert Smiley
Ryan C. Sohl
Patrick M. Sornsink
Brian G. Staviss
Lucas B. Stefanich
Jared J. Stewart
Karl J. Stokley
Katherine T. Strickland
Jeffrey M. Stupak
with distinction
Joshua M. Teegarden
Stella S. Veazey
Joshua M. Wainer
Susanna S. Wang
with distinction
summa cum laude
Kelly A. Watring
Daniel C. Watson Jr.
Madeline E. Wheeler
Henry G. Williams
Mark E. Williams
Nicholas A. Williams
summa cum laude
Tyler J. Wilson
Christopher A. Wood
Nan Wu
Kevin L. Xiong
Xiangnan Xu
Ori Yannay
Russell D. Yates
Mike Z. Yuan
Nina S. Zabolotnaya
with distinction
magna cum laude
Yacob T. Zergaw
Jiayu Zhai
Daran Zhang
Tian Zhang

