



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
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SPRING 2018 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Welcome & Introduction

Nicholas E. Flores
Professor and Department Chair

Commencement Address

Kyle Evashevski
BA in Economics, University of Colorado Boulder
MBA, Wake Forest University

Doctorate and Master of Arts Graduates

Martin Boileau
Professor and Associate Chair of Graduate Studies

Undergraduate Honors

Terra McKinnish
Professor and Honors Council Representative

Bachelor of Arts Graduates

Jeffrey Zax
Professor and Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies

Brian Cadena
Associate Professor

William Mertens
Senior Instructor

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Bentley Clinton

“Essays in Applied Microeconomics”

Seamus Li

“Imperfect Markets and Non-private Goods”

Amit Patel

“Three Essays in Applied Economics”

Richard William Peterson

“Three Essays on Competition in Technology and Media”

Patrick Turner

“Three Essays on Migration and Public Policy”

MASTER OF ARTS

Ali Almelhem

Brachel Robert Champion

Shawn Chi

Sean Ericson

Brian Flaxman

Danny Kurban

Junfei Lei

Jordan Lenger

Kassandra M. McLean

Lauren Rae Schechter

2017–2018 AWARDS

Val B. and Helen W. Fischer Scholarship

for Academic Superiority in the Social Sciences

Anthropology: Rachael Wedemeyer

Economics: Leo Bruell

Political Science: Leigh Francia

Sociology: Teresa Marie Tadvick

HONORS

Margaret Theresia Anderman, *magna cum laude*

“The Effect of Corporate Female Leadership on Firm Performance”

Porter Bennett, *cum laude*

“Examining the Effects of Education on Financial Savings Behavior”

Royce Brosseau, *magna cum laude*

“The Effects of Poverty on Education Performance in Colorado”

Keaton William Brown, *magna cum laude*

“Bitcoin and Ethereum: Empirical Evidence in Node Distribution”

Leo Frederick Bruell, *summa cum laude*

“The Effect of Occupation on Employment Outcomes for Displaced Workers”

Ryan Michael Galloway, *summa cum laude*

“The Institutional Ramifications of American Interventionism:
Examining the Short and Long-Term Effects of Foreign Political
Interventions on Democratic Institutions”

Lane Ginsbern, *summa cum laude*

“Auctions for Wind Lease Areas”

Stephanie R. Harris, *summa cum laude*

“Parental Employment and Child Development”

Rebecca Joy Landau, *magna cum laude*

“Effect of Public Housing on House Prices”

Ahnika Elizabeth LeRoy, *magna cum laude*

“The Impact of Noxious and Carcinogenic Pollutants in Adams County Colorado:
A Hedonic and Repeat Sale Analysis”

Heberto Alexander Limas-Villers, *cum laude*

“Deal Breaker: How Tariff Barriers Affect Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions”

Virgil Alexander Nunan, *summa cum laude*

“Energy Storage and Power Grid Reliability: Evidence from U.S. Electric Utilities”

Rodrigo Manuel Paton Micale, *cum laude*

“The Effects of Natural Resource Rents on FDI Inflows”

Cameron Michael Payseno, *cum laude*

“Satisfaction Among College Graduates: Occupational Effects on Satisfaction”

Kellin Pelrine, *summa cum laude*

“A Note on the Unconditional Bias of the Nadaraya-Watson Regression Estimator”

Nikolai Sie, *magna cum laude*

“Diverse development effects of Foreign Direct Investment in Africa”

Hannah Joy Suarez, *cum laude*

“The Effects of The Water Project on School Attendance in Rwanda”

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Majid Mohammadsaeed A. Abdulfattah

Nicholas Anthony Agnone

Reem Abdulmohsen F. Alajaji

Hussain Yousef Alameer

Toheeb R. Alejo

Dmitriy Alekseev

Naif Mohammed Alharthi

Maia Shayne Allen

Isaias Daniel Alonzo

Muhannad Ahmed Alshehhi

Margaret Theresia Anderman

magna cum laude

with distinction

Stefan Arnautovic

Michael Paul Bader

Harlan Abell Bair

Jackson Patrick Baker

William Ballinger

Nicholas Barfod

Tyler J. Barnett

Darrick Begay

Porter Bennett

cum laude

Timothy Berning

William Blommer

Aaron Samuel Bloom

Hailey Marie Breikss

Ross Brenner

Morgan Holbrook Briggs

Royce Brosseau

magna cum laude

Keaton William Brown
magna cum laude
with distinction
Leana Marie Brown
Leo Frederick Bruell
summa cum laude
with distinction
Patrick William Buhr
Robert Kenneth Burke II
Jordyn Marc Butler
Ryan P. Butler
Lucas Patrick Campbell
William Aloysius Canfield
Guangde Cao
Lucas Capobianco
Nicholas Carosella
Connor Cliff Casey
Maxx Aaron Chance
Samuel Garfield Charlton
Connor J. Cheek
Chengfu Chen
Jiannan Chen
Yifeng Cheng
Reid Shigeki Chesson
Addison Douglas Chrisman
Christian Sebastian Chrysafidis
Bennett James Colburn
Jeffrey Douglas Colburn
Lindsey Nicole Cookson
Ryan Christopher Cope
Veronica Cortez
Cierra Camille Cowden
with distinction
Kyle Coy
Mauro Genaro Cueva De Los Santos
Connor Wallis Dahl
Kuan Dai
Wenbin Dai
Emily Flynn Daly
with distinction
Raiden Kai Daniel
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Alexis Bibi Dominguez
Jordin Judith Egan
Matthew J. Elliott

Kevin Patrick Everett
Jane Farragut
Briana Renee Faulstich
Victoria Therese Feller
Tianyuan Feng
Giangabriel Enrico Fiatarone
Marli Firillo
Scott James Folds
Davis J. Ford
Kevin Ford
with distinction
Darcy Lee Forsythe
Brendon Dean Frazier
Samuel Cole Freund
Jake Gallaher
Megan Gallagher
Ryan Michael Galloway
summa cum laude
Zhaoyi Gao
John Sato Garrels
John Gary
Julian Michael Gay
William Gardner Geisz
Emily Catherine Gibson
with distinction
Lane Ginsbern
summa cum laude
with distinction
Nicole Glenewinkel
Mateo Salvador Gomez
Kayla Madison Gonik
Francisco Javier Gonzalez
Joel Adrian Gonzalez
Tiarra Emilia Graham
Deric Clayton Green
Faye Green
Michael John Gronstal
Melissa Claire Guckenberger
with distinction
Daniel Albert Hague
Wyatt Alexander Haines
Sean Michael Hampton
Shane Hanssler
Anna Katherine Harkabus
with distinction
Stephanie R. Harris
summa cum laude
with distinction
Alexander Hartman
Andrew Edmond Hauser

Thomas Hemphill
Janos Rafael Hidrowoh
Justin William Higgins
Joseph Mateo Hinojosa
James Thomas Hofmann
Jordan Taylor Howell
Qiyao Hu
Adan Huang
Jonathan Eyre Huckins
Adam Husa
Joshua W. Hussey
Donald Brownlee Hutchinson III
Michael Ibrahim
Sixuan Jiang
Timothy Kyle Johnson
Devyn Johnston
Sameer William Kacimi
Charles Wellington Kellogg
Hayden Keown
Bryton Kessel
Abraham Lincoln Key
Seong Hoon Kim
Tiffany Meret Kleber
Eric Klostermann
Sean Klug
Mathias Koenigsfest Azcui
Joshua Eric Kolber
James Michael Jupiter Kollar-Gasiewski
Akhil Kosaraju
Benjamin Michael Kunisch
Christopher James LaDuke
Rebecca Joy Landau
magna cum laude
Kelse Lane
Brooke Langley
Ali Laouar
Eric Tyler Larson
Jea Goun Lee
Cora Isabella Leeuwenburg
Ahnika Elizabeth LeRoy
magna cum laude
Yuxin Li
Calvin Changlok Lim
Heberto Alexander Limas-Villers
cum laude
with distinction
Karen Denise Linder
Iosefo Sua Liufau
Antonio Manuel Llach

Ariel Lozovsky
Jack Geyao Lu
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Alec Ryan Mactas
John Lindsay Madden
Stefan Lennart Malmhund
Julian Markby
Kelly Anne Martin
Alexander Mautz
Benjamin McBride
Sarah Marie McClanathan
Jonathan Thomas McDonnell
Kristine C. McLaughlin
Christopher Plaia McManus
Chasen Miller
Kenneth Russell Miller
with distinction
Emily Jane Mone
Dalton Morris
Ian Emilio Morrison
Thomas John Muldoon, Jr.
Kyle Richard Muller
Colin Matthew Mulligan
Alexandra Michele Myers
Justin Alex Nanberg
Alexander Napolitan
Luke Charles Navilliat
Christopher Kipp Nilson
Jabree Kaylechi Njemanze
Evan Manley Noyes
Melanie Lyn Nun
with distinction
Virgil Alexander Nunan
summa cum laude
with distinction
Gunsanaa Olonbayar
Ryan Gregory Paglione
Kristopher Pantoliano
Rodrigo Manuel Paton Micala
cum laude
Cameron Michael Payseno
cum laude
Kellin Pelrine
summa cum laude
with distinction
Ian Pessah
John Tilton Pierce, Jr.
Elliott Karl Polanchyck
Paxton Poonpiset
Courtney Pothoff

Juan P. Prestamo
Paris Pritchett
Natalie Pulvino
Camden L. Quigley
with distinction
Juan Pablo Quinonez
Steven Rabinovich
Cameron Damian Rand-Luby
Ross Anthony Ranelli
Connor Andrew Redman
Owen Jeffrey Reilly
Morgan Boe Reisacher
Kellen Richard Rice
Matthew Rindal
Patrick Molloy Rios
Angel Rios Martinez
Aaron Nicholas Roach
Jack Stuart Robertson
Diego Moises Roca Jaramillo
Jacqueline Claire Root
Griffen Everett Rowe-Gaddis
Xindi Ruan
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Nicholas David Sarkisian
Peter Isaac Saucedo
Ryan David Schroeder
Christopher Sean Schutte
John William Scruggs III
Caleb Rodman Shannon
Yun Shao
Rojan Shrestha
Nikolai Sie
magna cum laude
Scott Simpson
Cristian Albert Skajem
Griffin James Smith
Tristan Robert Sobey
John Souza
Nim Sten-Gilady
Maxwell Lansing Stewart

Jordan Richard Stone
Hannah Joy Suarez
cum laude
Matthew Sullivan
Tatiana Janai Tabares
Sukpreecha Takham
Lucas Christopher Tan-Alper
Anh-Khoa Nguyen Than
Tyler James Thomas
Gabriel Lauren Thuma
Chase Marshall Tosh
Peter Edward Traci
Kevin Vaughan
Blaise Venditti
Sam Versaci
Kurt August Vetrano
Victoria Sue Von Duyke
Anna Vu
Shengnan Wang
Xiaoxiao Wang
Zifan Wang
Austin Tyler Ward
Jennifer Katherine Warford
Erik Weinberger
with distinction
Brendan Welch
Gregory Payton Wertz
Patrick Currey Wetton
Austin Manning White
Logan Blake Whiteley
Dakota Wiggins
Christopher James Woodhouse
Di Wu
Emma Wu
Keyi Xu
with distinction
Ping Xue
Jevan Yamamoto
Zhengwei Yang
Hanna Lynne Yearost
Yuefeng Yuan
Huiyuan Zhang
with distinction
Yonghao Zhang
Zehua Zhang
Zhiying Zhang
Yitong Zhao
Matthew Jackson Zitzmann

