



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

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## SPRING 2019 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

### **Welcome & Introduction**

Nicholas E. Flores  
*Professor and Department Chair*

### **Commencement Address**

Steve Fleischli  
*BA Biological Sciences, Economics,  
and Environmental Conservation '91*

### **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**

Daniel Kaffine  
*Professor and Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies*

Francisca Antman  
*Associate Professor*

Brian Cadena  
*Associate Professor*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Javier Andres Santiago**

“Technology, Competition, and the Gains from Trade”

**Matthew Ridge Butner**

“Electricity Markets and Environmental Policy”

**Alexander S. Cauley**

“The Unintended Consequences of Conventions and Policies”

**Jacob Andrew Kirsch**

”Evaluation of the Legal Cannabis Industry in the United States”

**Samara Virginia Mendez**

“Policy Effects in Applied Microeconomic Settings”

**Doyoung Park**

“Three Essays on International Trade and Environmental Economics”

**Akhil Rao**

“The Economics of Orbit Use: Theory, Policy, and Measurement”

**William Ridley**

“Essays in International Trade, Intellectual Property Rights, and Technology Transfer”

## MASTER OF ARTS

Matthew Hurt

Colin Jareb

Jieun Lee

Peiyuan Li

Wenbo Meng

Ge Song

Kevin Wayne Starnes

Mengqi Zhang

## 2018–2019 AWARDS

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

**Anthropology:** Chloe Virginia LaChapelle

**Economics:** Monica Gronseth

**Economics:** Sarah Papich

**Political Science:** Jeffrey Nonnemacher

**Sociology:** Suzannah Ranzo

## HONORS

**James Harrington Freeman**, *summa cum laude*

“Body Mass Index and earnings: A Fixed Effects Approach”

**Monica R. Gronseth**, *summa cum laude*

“Climate Underground: The Effects of Climate Variability on Groundwater Irrigation”

**Jason Samuel Habib**, *summa cum laude*

“A Hedonic Analysis of the Impact of the 2017 Firestone Explosion on the Effect of Wells on Home Values in Boulder County”

**Trevor Rodman Heinrichs**, *magna cum laude*

“The Medicaid Expansion and Cost-Sharing Requirements”

**Brianna Huynh**, *magna cum laude*

“Finding Meaning for Food Deserts: Food Retail Establishment in Colorado Counties”

**Nicholas Corey Judd**, *summa cum laude*

“Forecasting Prospective Financial Health in the Context of Postsecondary School and Major Type”

**Nicholas Jacob Keim**, *magna cum laude*

“Measuring Preferences for Congestion Management at Rocky Mountain National Park”

**Jisung Kim**, *magna cum laude*

“The Effect of US Monetary Policy Shock on Cryptocurrency Returns”

**Brian Christopher Lambert**, *magna cum laude*

“The Effect of Water and Sanitation Privatization on Child Mortality Rates in Quayaquil, Ecuador”

**Erin LoCoco**, *cum laude*

“Quality, Choice and Price: A Study of Hospitals in Colorado”

**Joshua Mak**, *magna cum laude*

“Evaluating the Impacts of Bangladesh’s Primary Education Stipend on Childhood Malnutrition”

**Alan Jacob Market**, *summa cum laude*

“The Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Investments into Orphan Drugs”

**Sarah Papich**, *summa cum laude*

“The Effect of Universal Public Preschool on Male Labor Supply”

**Marcel Roberto Prado**, *magna cum laude*

“How do Natural Resource Rents Affect Government Spending Allocation”

**Chenoah Josseline Sinclair**, *magna cum laude*

“Mathematical Achievement and Parental Perceptions of Ability — Implications for the Gender Gap in Mathematics Performance”

**John Taylor Stafford**, *magna cum laude*

“Developmental Differences: The Role of Institutions in Oil and Gas Operations within the State of Colorado”

**Read Nichols Ward**, *magna cum laude*

“Examining the Effects of Executive Board Gender Composition”

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Hanin Abu Amara  
Enrique Acosta-Rubio  
Muhannad Ahmed Ateeq Alshehhi  
Scott Gregory Anderson  
Burch Michael Anson  
Diego Arriola  
Salem Badin  
Thomas Baird  
John Thomas Bale  
Kewei Bao  
Scott Nicholas Bedell  
Mitchell Ulrich Bender  
Kristina Karen Berg  
Hannah Cates Bernick  
Mary Isabelle McGee Boes  
*with distinction*  
Georgia Britton Borison  
Jared R. Bowen  
Jameson Grant Braun  
Ross Brenner  
Patrick William Buhr  
Luke James Bukowski  
Zachary Lawrence Byington  
Douglas James Case  
Wei-Cherng Chang  
Danyang Chen  
Yan Chen  
Yaokang Chen  
Yuetong Chen  
Yun Ting Chen  
Oliver Philip Choiniere  
Jeffrey Michael Christian  
Siming Chu  
David Junhu Chung  
Eben Osage Clark  
Daniel George Cleveland  
Maxwell Q. Coghlan  
Cody Joseph Cooper  
James McNally Corboy IV  
Jordan Hayes Cottrell  
Riley Leonard Craig  
Anna Vaux Crusier  
David Johnathan Cueto  
Grant Paul Cunningham II

Karlee Ann Curtis  
Elyas Sebastian Daadi  
Jake S. Dagan  
Connor Wallis Dahl  
Shihan Dai  
William Harrison Danuser  
Mitchell Guy Denny  
Brendan Thomas DeSilvia  
Brock Andrew Dietrich  
Emily Louise Difley  
Vincent Edward Dominguez  
Christopher Patrick Dudley  
*with distinction*  
Andrew Thomas Dunn  
Francois-Arsene Priso Ekoko  
Nicholas Lee Elrod  
Gerred Willis Elson  
Anton Denisovich Esaulkov  
Fernando Alfonso Estrada Pinon  
Bonnie Evans  
*with distinction*  
Mathew Phillip Flores  
Troy L. Fossett  
Jase James Franke  
Ryan Austin Frazier  
James Harrington Freeman  
*summa cum laude*  
*with distinction*  
Fei Gao  
Curtis James Gile  
Kenneth Daniel Gist  
Cristian Moises Gonzalez  
Enzo Cole Gonzalez  
Cole Phillip Greer  
Jacob Tanner Griffith  
Francisco Jose Grino Troche  
Monica R. Gronseth  
*summa cum laude*  
*with distinction*  
Lu Guo  
Ros Gyallay-Pap  
Max David Haberkorn  
Jason Samuel Habib  
*summa cum laude*  
*with distinction*

Ryan Michael Mensah	Alex Erde Shapiro
Mariana Moita	He Shen
Sebastian Montes	Jiawei Shen
MacMillan Charnley Morse	Stephan Reid Shepard
Carter Robert Motz	Foster Cashe Sicotte
Togtuun Munkhtsetseg	Chenoah Josseline Sinclair
Cole William Muzyl	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Son Nguyen	John Ross Somers
Alokik Nayyar	John Taylor Stafford
Colin O'Connell	<i>magna cum laude</i>
Tyler Daniel O'Connor	Garrett Michael Stoler
Charlie Casmir Oliveira	Haoda Sun
Jay Patrick Ostrom	Kevin Susilo
Sarah Papich	Tyler Scott Tackett
<i>summa cum laude</i>	Gabriel Taikoff
<i>with distinction</i>	Natsuko Taniguchi
Alexander Mills Parks	Isaac Gabriel Tasch
Pooja Patel	Dionne L. Taylor
Iliia Pavlov	Thomas Reiss Testwuide
Sloan Di Chiara Peters	Grayson Smith Thatcher
Victor Petsev	Ian Crawford Thorne
Maxwell Gerritt Pfothenhauer	Christopher Douglas Titone
Jeremy Sky Potter	Alexander Douglas Tooly
Marcel Roberto Prado	Peter Edward Traci
<i>magna cum laude</i>	Nadia Rose Tuz
Kaiwen Qiu	Sarah Vannett
Xinzhi Rao	<i>with distinction</i>
Joel Douglas Raymond	Hal Vogel
Brooks Garrett Rice	Bryce Taylor Vontersch
Kellen Richard Rice	Jacob Gordon Waller
Jeremy Robinson	Jianhao Wang
Gavin James Rodefer	Read Nichols Ward
Nicolas Antonio Rodriguez	<i>magna cum laude</i>
<i>with distinction</i>	Leigh Fitzpatrick Wasilewski
Joseph Adam Rogowski	Talon Janay Whisler
Johncarlos Hutter Roos	Maximillian Wiesner
Julien Edmondson Rumsey	Samuel Williams
Samuel Rzepiennik	Jiarui Wu
Gavin Bailey Sais	Zehan Wu
Blake Henry Sandman	Nanqiu Xiong
Adrian Alexander Sandoval	Andrew A Yacovetta
Ross Mackenzie Sargent	Hui Yang
Timothy Randal Schermerhorn	Jalen Jonah Yang
Gregory Dean Schmisser	Yuchi Yang
William Charles Schubert III	Mason Aloysius Yeager
Brandon Allen Schwab	Michael Statler Yount
Payton Jane Sessions	Jiahao Zhen
<i>with distinction</i>	Haoming Zheng
Bin Shan	Jing Zhou

Carter Madison Hadley  
Blake Gregory Makanalani Ham  
Henry Amar Hanrahan  
Daaniyal Haque  
Siyu He  
Yi He  
Zichen He  
Trevor Rodman Heinrichs  
*magna cum laude*  
*with distinction*  
Max Hunter Hemphill  
Shane Michael Henderson  
*with distinction*  
Andrew Steven Hentzen  
Justin M. Herbert  
William Hertel  
Joseph Mateo Hinojosa  
Seth Edward Hoftzyer  
Samuel W. B. Hole  
Sharon Pyunghwa Hong  
Christian Howieson  
Chuyang Hu  
Shouyu Huang  
Zhen Huang  
Nathaniel Hubbard  
Benjamin C Hull  
Brianna Huynh  
*magna cum laude*  
*with distinction*  
Alexandra Imhoff  
Timmy Inthavong  
Jose Antonio Irizarry  
Matthew James Jacques  
Michael Robert Jankiewicz  
Ethan Douglas Jeffery-Liu  
Zhongrui Jia  
Sixuan Jiang  
Emma Keeley Johnson  
Nicholas Corey Judd  
*summa cum laude*  
*with distinction*  
Ibrahim Karoussa  
Nicholas Jacob Keim  
*magna cum laude*  
Christopher Kildunne  
Jisung Kim  
*magna cum laude*  
Jordyn Emory Klein  
Johanna Klikier

Kayla Kuhn  
Brett Kuiken  
Christopher James LaDuke  
Julian Oliver Laker  
Brian Christopher Lambert  
*magna cum laude*  
*with distinction*  
Megan Nuo Xuan Lee  
Rolf Sebastian Lemm  
Russell Sampson Leonard  
Michael Grant Leslie  
Jiahao Li  
Menglan Li  
Tong Li  
Wei Li  
*with distinction*  
Xiaran Li  
Haley Rose Erica Lit  
Jinhan Liu  
Zijin Liu  
Jordan LiVolsi  
Erin LoCoco  
*cum laude*  
Jake Loper  
Ryan Major Loper  
Bryce Kenneth Losty  
Maxim Lubivy  
Alexey Igorevich Lutkov  
Kaiyue Ma  
Karim Maaliki  
*with distinction*  
Joshua Mak  
*magna cum laude*  
Jack Charles Mangini  
Allie Doris Manley  
Alan Jacob Market  
*summa cum laude*  
*with distinction*  
Meira Canguia Dos Santos Massage  
Matthew James McAllister  
Luke McCauley  
Tennyson Garcia McFarlane  
Alexandra Susan McGill  
Grady McGinnis  
Matthew Joseph McLaughlin  
David Thomas Vincent McNevin  
Krista Brielynn McPherson  
Jeffrey Matthew Means  
Henry Visser Melville

