

# Department of Ethnic Studies

University of Colorado Boulder

## *Graduation Ceremony*

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**Friday, May 7, 2021**

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Zoom**  
(contact your graduate for Zoom details)

Honoring Indigenous Lands & Territories: **Clint Carroll**

Welcome to Graduation: **Department Chair Arturo Aldama**

Letter to Graduates: **Enrique Sepúlveda**

Recognition of Joanne Belknap Retirement: **Angelica Lawson**

Recognition of PhD Recipients: **Clint Carroll**

**Deanne Grant**  
**Cassandra Mary Frances Gonzalez**  
**LeAnna T. Luney**

Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients: **Joanne Belknap**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Ella Cara Deloria:	<b>Jaqueline Rangel</b>	<b>Kristen Narona</b>
Dr. George Rivera Social Justice:	<b>Gabriela Mejia</b>	<b>Jaqueline Rangel</b>
Carlotta Walls LaNier Civil Rights:	<b>Jaiea Ramirez</b>	<b>Trinity Ornelas</b>
Minoru Yasui Community Leader:	<b>Jessica George</b>	<b>Gabriela Mejia</b>

Recognition of Honors Students: **Joanne Belknap**

**Connor Grantz**, magna cum laude  
**Alana Horwitz**, summa cum laude  
**Emma Roche**, summa cum laude

College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Undergrad Recognition: **Nicholas Villanueva**

**Alana Horwitz**

College of Arts & Sciences Employee of the Year Award Recognition: **Clint Carroll**

**Virginia Kester-Meyer**

Recognition of Valedictorians: **Joanne Belknap**

<u>2019 – 2020</u>	<u>2020 – 2021</u>
<b>Emma Roche</b>	<b>Katie Garcia Martinez</b>
	<b>Betsabet Samarripa</b>

Presentation of 2020 & 2021 Majors: **Ethnic Studies Faculty**

Recognition of Graduates not in Attendance: **Nishant Upadhyay**

Presentation of Minors & CSS Certificates: **Natalie Avalos**

Congratulations, Cheers, & Informal Reception: **Everyone!**

*End of Ceremony*

# Congratulations, Graduates!

## 2021 Graduates

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### Fall 2020

#### PhD

Martin Atuire

#### Majors

Hope Chantel Archibeque

Megan Ashlea Castro

Shanade Shereen Hopcroft

Alana Horwitz

Hayden Cassidy Johnson

Akil Lee Jones

Jack Merrill Miller

Marco Torres

#### Minors

Valeria Hernandez Maldonado

Isaiah Atamai O'alii Lewis

Logan A. Osborne

Lisette Uribe

Derrion Terrell Rakestraw

### Spring 2021

#### Majors

Alana LaRae Adams

Haileigh Chanel Adams

Christian Castañeda

### Spring 2021 (continued)

#### Majors

Julia Ann Colello

Jeremiah O'Brien Doss

Ethan Michael Gallagher

Alicia Anahid Garcia

Katie Jasmine Garcia Martinez

Leonel Godina

Cynthia Sung Kim

Shania Virginia Quintana

Ana Paula Robles Lopez

Betsabet Samarripa

Jackson Todd Singewald

Lindsey Elizabeth Stento

Sara Anna-Jessie Swain

Bimpe Mua-Bana Eunice Thillot

#### Minors

Victoria Mia Alvarado

Jasmyne Rea Colin-Dunham

Lauren de Leon

Andrew Sky Goldstein

Chase Jordan Howell

Jaylon Javon Jackson

Guillermina Magaña Martinez

### Spring 2021 (continued)

#### Minors

Noah Xavier Martin

Katelyn Nichole Pedersen

Miriam Ritter

Jacinda Rheem Romo

Nathan Scott Roura

William Christie Zuana Sherman

Alexander Johannes Strating

Blaine Tarekegne

### Summer 2021

#### PhD

Cassandra Mary Frances Gonzalez

LeAnna Luney

#### Majors

Victoria Acuña

Keaton Edward Brannigan

McKinley Wright IV

#### Minors

Richard Flores Alviderez

Alison Violet Kennedy White

Sierra Riquel Olona

## 2020 Graduates

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### Fall 2019

#### PhD

Deanne Linn Grant

#### Majors

Selam Kahsay Abbady

Chase DiMaggio Betta

Nu'umotu Jonathan Falo

Connor Mitchell Grantz

Alia Rudeen Norris

Genriel Ribitsch

Karina Raquel Roberts

#### Minors

Cynthia Veronica Biergans

Madeline Rose Clark

Zena Jahmi

Rachel Mariko Norman

Marisa Warm

### Spring 2020

#### Majors

Delrick Larod Abrams

Jhoana Arredondo Olivas

Morgan Elaine Avis

Carleigh Bernard

Elizabeth Burciaga

David Castillo Cobian

Olivia Lauren Gardner

Shane Justin Gatling

Alexis Paulina Gonzales

Heidi Grascher

Makena Jane Lambert

### Spring 2020 (continued)

#### Majors

Tori Jo Dawn Line

Nancy Mora

Lena Patrice Murray

Meredith Brooke Nass

Caitlyn Renae O'Brien

Isaiah Miguel Otero-Tercero

Markus Anthony Padilla

Hannah Noelle Quidachay

Emma M. Roche

Lucas Siewert

Gerardo Silva-Padron

Oumou Soumah

Summer S. Taylor

Trey Bronson Udoffia

Phoenix Kai Vaughan-Ende

#### Minors

Kelsey Anne Aaknes

Lauren Catherine Adler

Madeleine Angelino

Tatum Brooke Barton

Emma Breitman

Rebecca Teresa Carrillo

Helen Rae Citrin

Madison Rose Curry

Madalynn Eye

Drew Gaines

Lauren Kaye Gollands

### Spring 2020 (continued)

#### Minors

Zoe Natalia Jackson

Anissa Nicole Lujan

Meraz Alexandra Marquez

Hallie Rebecca Martin-Chadwick

Gabrielle Moss

Claire O'Brien

Charles O'Malley

Noah Pacheco

Priya Pradhan

Kimberly Cristine Quinonez

Rylan Joseph Russell

Sadie Ann Shea

Seth Mandell Shimberg

Grainne May Shuey

Alondra G. Sifuentes

Joseph Hagan Tandoh

Aurora F. Thompson

Nicole Donna Varni

### Summer 2020

#### Majors

Melany Nontoko Anderson Sibanda

Jake Edward Parrinello

#### Minors

Felicia Ryan Bartley

Romero DE Carlos Hairston

Nirguna Poudyal

Christian Dion Reisbeck

Jazmine Sustaita



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*"Whereas, the need to poet is carried  
from one generation to the next..."*  
Joy Harjo, *Mvskoke Creek*  
Poet Laureate of the United States

May 7, 2020

Dear Graduates,

We are honored to recognize you today, on Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho lands, the next generation of leaders, thinkers, poets, and builders. You have emerged like the wind refreshing us with new ways of thinking and seeing the world, offering new imaginaries and possibilities. You have built on the knowledge of your communities from back home and have dedicated time to study the ancestors, artists, activists, and the wisdom of peoples different than you. You have resisted the false claims of history, someone else's manufactured history, beyond *el encubrimiento* (the cover up) to see other healing possibilities unfolding.

You now depart from our Ethnic Studies learning community at CU in a time of global crisis emanating from the natural world. But, remember this, Nature is also our teacher. Learning from Nature enhances our ability to learn from other things and see how interconnected we are. This is a key principle in our interdisciplinary degree, namely that knowledge comes in different forms and from many different places.

We, the community of Ethnic Studies Department, are so very proud of your accomplishments and with the integrity that you've demonstrated in arriving at this point in your life journey. It is a time to celebrate you, your family, and your community.

We recognize the fact that we can't share these words of recognition for your accomplishments in person, but we aspire and hope that we'll be able to hold a ceremony and celebration for you and your family in the coming winter. For now, we send you our heartfelt congratulations, felicidades, pongezi (Kiswahili, E. Africa), and — *itsvyaliheliga* (Cherokee, "we are happy for you all")!



**Ethnic Studies Faculty**

Arturo Aldama, Chair  
Awon Atuire  
Natalie Avalos  
Joanne Belknap  
Clint Carroll  
Jennifer Ho  
Angelica Lawson  
Daryl Maeda  
Jessica Ordaz  
Hillary Potter  
Reiland Rabaka  
Enrique Sepúlveda  
Seema Sohi  
Nishant Upadhyay  
Nicholas Villanueva

**Ethnic Studies Staff**

Joanne Corson  
Virginia Kester-Meyer

**Ethnic Studies Advisor**

Kara Lentz

**Ethnic Studies Librarian**

Linds Roberts

**Ethnic Studies PhD Students**

Wayne Freeman  
Cassandra Gonzalez  
Raquel Hernandez Guerrero  
LeAnna Luney  
Lau Malaver  
Jenean McGee  
Raúl Melgoza  
Roberto A. Mónico  
Jacqueline Mora Manzo  
Natasha Myhal  
Shawn O'Neal  
Alejandra Portillos  
Ashley Torres Carrasquillo  
José Vásquez Zarate



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