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
  Ella Cara Deloria:
  Dr. George Rivera Social Justice:
  Carlotta Walls LaNier Civil Rights:
  Minoru Yasui Community Leader:

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
  2019 – 2020
    Emma Roche
  2020 – 2021
    Katie Garcia Martinez
    Betsabet Samarripa

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

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’ali Lewis
Logan A. Osborne
Lissette Uribe
Derrion Terrell Rakestraw

Spring 2021
Majors
Alana LaRae Adams
Haleigh Chanel Adams
Christian Castañeda

2020 Graduates

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
Bimpe Mua-Bana Eunice Thillot

Minors
Victoria Mia Alvarado
Jasmyne Rea Colin-Dunham
Lauren de Leon
Andrew Sky Goldstein
Chase Jordan Howell
Jaylor 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 Lune
Majors
Victoria Acuña
Keaton Edward Brannigan
McKinley Wright IV

Minors
Richard Flores Alvidere
Alison Violet Kennedy White
Sierra Riquel Olona

Fall 2019
PhD
Deanne Linn Grant
Majors
Selam Kahsay Abbad
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
Ollivia 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 Brooke Eizt
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 Nontokozo Anderson Sibanda
Jake Edward Parrinello

Minors
Felicia Ryan Bartley
Romero DE Carlos Hairston
Nirguna Poudyal
Christian Dion Reisbeck
Jazmine Sustaita
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!”)