



International Affairs Program

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

Graduation Ceremony

SATURDAY,
MAY 2, 2026

FLATIRON BALLROOM
LIMELIGHT HOTEL
BOULDER, CO

1:00-2:00PM



Opening Remarks

- Robert Wyrod | Professor, International Affairs and Women & Gender Studies

Commencement Speaker

- Gaea Logan | Founder and Executive Director | International Center for Mental Health and Human Rights

Presentation of the Candidates

- Molly Todd | IAFS Honors Program Director | Teaching Assistant Professor, International Affairs and Sociology

Presentation of Diplomas

- Jeffrey Nonnemacher | IAFS Internship Program Director | Teaching Assistant Professor, International Affairs and Honors

Closing Remarks

- Robert Wyrod | Professor, International Affairs and Women & Gender Studies

Global Grants Graduates

The Global Grants Scholarship supports students pursuing education abroad opportunities.

- Andres Almonte
- Alycia Catt
- Italia Cavallo
- Gavin DePue
- Cheyenne Frey
- Casondra Heiss
- Abraham Heymann
- Makenna Hillis
- Graciela Horstman
- Yahir Loya
- Riley MacQueen
- John Masulit
- Grace Mattox
- Preston Meyer
- Alexandra Mueller
- Shaina Orsund
- Thomas Peers
- Erika Stanton



Global Engagement & Service Award

Awarded to a graduating IAFS major who exemplifies a strong commitment to international affairs through meaningful global engagement, service, research, or experiential learning beyond the classroom.

**2026
Awardee
Graciela
Horstman**



**2026
Nominees**

- Alexander Scholpp
- Kristie Scott
- Luca Scuriatti
- Maya Tornerud



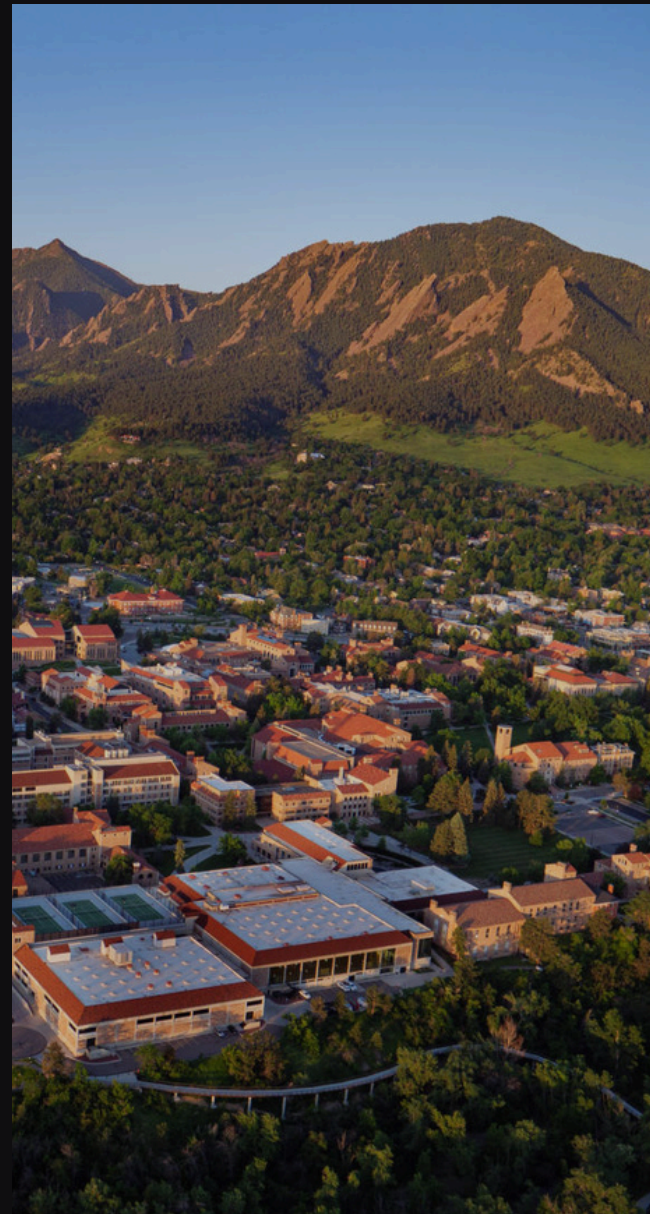
IAFS Honors Graduates

Through the IAFS Honors Program, students learn research strategies and are mentored throughout the process of writing their honors thesis.

- **Adelina Aponte-Figueroa – *summa cum laude***
 - *History Does Not Repeat, It Rhymes: The Resurgence of Neofascism in the 21st Century Democratic West*
- **Katherine Fair – *summa cum laude***
 - *The Flaming Sword: U.S. Military Presence and Far-Right Electoral Gains in Germany*
- **Nick Fuisz – *summa cum laude***
 - *Brexit Means Exit: The Legacy of the United Kingdom's Referendum on British, German, and Danish Immigration*
- **Graciela Horstman – *summa cum laude***
 - *Addressing the Tension Between Globalization and Food Sovereignty by Ecological Zone in Bolivia*
- **Giovani Kuzniarek – *cum laude***
 - *Gray Zone and Deterrence*
- **Turner Land – *magna cum laude***
 - *The Shifting Status of the Russian Language in Ukraine: A Comparison of Ukraine's and Latvia's Post-USSR Language Policies*



IAFS Honors Graduates



- **Lauren Mandziak**– *summa cum laude*
 - *The Long Arc of Dependency: A Comparative Case Study on the Involvement of Intergovernmental Organizations in Argentina and Brazil*
- **Vanesa Martinez** – *summa cum laude*
 - *‘World’s Most Popular Dictator’ Nayib Bukele, A New Authoritarian Leader in Latin America?*
- **Megan McLemore** – *summa cum laude*
 - *An Ever-Present and Changing Force: An Exploration of Syrian Women’s Participation in Peace Processes*
- **Asa Paonaskar** – *summa cum laude*
 - *Emerging Systems of War: Lessons from Ukraine and Israel on UAS and AI in Operations*
- **Connor Tarbert** – *summa cum laude*
 - *A Visual and Democratic Take on the Summer Olympics*
- **Maya Tornerud** – *summa cum laude*
 - *Crayons and Kalashnikovs: Children’s Literature, War Memory, and Identity Formation in Post-War Bosnia and Serbia*
- **Grace Weitzel** – *summa cum laude*
 - *Economic Interdependence: The Case of Israel and Why Interdependence as a Road to Peace Doesn’t Work*

IAFS Faculty

Martin Boileau

Professor | ECON

Jeronimo Carballo

Associate Professor | ECON

Lucy Chester

Associate Professor | IAFS & HIST

Jennifer Fluri

Professor | GEOG

Carla Jones

Professor | ANTH

Jeffrey Nonnemacher

Teaching Assistant Professor | IAFS & Honors

Zack Levey

Visiting Associate Professor | IAFS & JWST

John O'Loughlin

Professor | GEOG

Myles Osborne

Associate Professor | HIST

Artemi Romanov

Professor | GSLL

Megan Shannon

Professor | PSCI

Benjamin Teitelbaum

Associate Professor | MUSC

Molly Todd

Teaching Assistant Professor | IAFS & SOCY

Beverly Weber

Professor & Chair | GSLL

Sarah Wilson Sokhey

Associate Professor | PSCI

Robert Wyrod

Associate Professor | IAFS & WGST

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Advisor

Sam Herrick

Advisor

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Marketing & Outreach Assistant

Fernando Rosario-Ortiz

IAFS Interim Director

Katherine Rousseau

Assistant Director

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Please join us for a celebratory reception
in the courtyard immediately following the
ceremony!



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