



*We Congratulate
the Recipients of the Following Awards*

Val B. Fischer and Helen W. Fischer Award

Anthony Huizar

Political Science Department 2017 Jacob Van Ek Award

Louise Vasquez

Faculty Mentor Award

Michaele Ferguson



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt



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Graduation Recognition Ceremony

Glenn Miller Ballroom, UMC

Friday, May 12th, 2017



Congratulations to Our 2017 Honors Graduates

Dear Graduates,

The faculty and staff of the Political Science Department at CU Boulder congratulate you on completing your degree. We have enjoyed being a part of your journey here at CU and today we welcome your friends and family in celebrating your accomplishment. Whether you know it or not, they have been beside you every step of the way. Political science is designed for students who have curiosity and even a healthy skepticism about how we govern ourselves locally, nationally, and internationally. Political science students gain essential analytic thinking skills and an understanding that all of the challenges we face today are ultimately political in nature. We hope that, through your studies, you have gained an in-depth knowledge of politics and the tools necessary for effective political participation and leadership. On behalf of our faculty, we are proud of your accomplishments. It is now time for you to lead the way!

All the best,

David S. Brown

Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science

Eman Awad Bensreiti

Anti Muslim Sentiment in Developed Nations: A Comparative Study

- Jennifer Fitzgerald

Aaron M. Chelser

Mean Tweets: An Analysis of Average Negativity in the 2016 US Presidential Election

- Janet Donovan

Andrew Joseph Chiang

Manufacturing Discrimination: A Quantitative Analysis of Felon Disenfranchisement Laws

- John Griffin

Chandler Paige Ciernia

Understanding the Effect of Empathy on Decision-Making Within Extremist Issues Framed Around the Exception for an Abortion in the Instance of Rape

- Vanessa Baird

Isaac Leo Phalen Effner

The Limits of Cooperation: Social Conflict and the Collapse of the Democratic Party-Organized Labor Alliance

- Michael Ferguson

Carolyn Anne Exarhakis

The Effects of Divided Government and Polarization on the Behavior of Federal Circuit Court Judges

- Josh Strayhorn

Sophia Eve Jean

Discrepancies in Voter Turnout: American Primary Election Types

- Kenneth N. Bickers

Free Dylan Roath

An Examination of the Public's Perceptions Towards Transgender Populations

- Anand Sokhey

Lauren Gabriella Strauss

Giving up on the Supreme Court: The Role of Political Grievance and Betrayal

- Vanessa Baird

Grant Joseph Stringer

Frack Off! Strategic Decision Making in Colorado's Grassroots Challenge to Oil and Gas

- Michael Ferguson

Jared Lachlan Wold

Estimating Education Quality Capitalization Using Time Series Modeling

- Kenneth N. Bickers

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<i>Marine Charlotte Martin</i>	<i>Katherine Regan</i>	<i>Alexander Ray Van Zante</i>
<i>Elyse Magella Massone</i>	<i>Patrick Richwine</i>	<i>Kristina Elizabeth Vanhoutan</i>
<i>Amanda Stacey Maywood</i>	<i>Cameron Cole Ritchlin</i>	<i>Melpomene Maria Vasiliou *</i>
<i>Christopher Henry McCauley</i>	<i>Free Dylan Roath</i>	<i>Ian Laird Verbeck</i>
<i>Gena Andrea McLaughlin</i>	<i>- magna cum laude</i>	<i>Macarena Villagomez Tapia</i>
<i>Samantha Jordan McMenemy</i>	<i>Heather Robbins</i>	<i>Haley Lynn Walsh</i>
<i>Marcus Midzor</i>	<i>Gemma Nelly Robinson</i>	<i>Tayler Laraine Walters</i>
<i>Marizza Denae Mitchell</i>	<i>Alexander M Rossell</i>	<i>Ryan Lee Wentz</i>
<i>Matthew Mitchell</i>	<i>Brice Rudolph</i>	<i>Jessica LeAnne Weschler</i>
<i>John Manuel Molera</i>	<i>Wyatt Porter Ryder</i>	<i>Megan Katelle White</i>
<i>Thomas Steven Moore</i>	<i>Jamison Parker Schaffnuit</i>	<i>Brooke Nicole Williams</i>
<i>John Morris</i>	<i>Nathaniel David Schweid</i>	<i>Gervaise Michelle Wolak</i>
<i>Hunter Reid Murtaugh</i>	<i>Grant Takeshi Shibao</i>	<i>Jared Lachlan Wold</i>
<i>Michael Wyatt Nagler</i>	<i>Cory Edward Smith</i>	<i>- summa cum laude</i>
<i>Karen Valeria Naranjo</i>	<i>Mariel Snyder</i>	<i>Edwin Moore Woltz</i>
<i>Michael Augustin Nemechiek</i>	<i>Joseph Michael Soto</i>	<i>Sophia Claire Wright</i>
<i>Hannah Ohman</i>	<i>Gianfranco Sotomayor</i>	<i>Marie Catherine Zimmerman</i>
<i>Katherine Windall Orlandy</i>	<i>Alana Joy Spielman</i>	
<i>Elisabet Ortiz</i>	<i>Nicholas Stavropoulos</i>	
<i>Rhys Thomas Osborne</i>	<i>Margaret Herrick Stevens</i>	
<i>Andrew Robert Ottinger</i>	<i>James Wesley Stokes *</i>	<i>*With Distinction</i>
<i>Andrew Raymond Paniello</i>	<i>Lauren Gabriella Strauss *</i>	
<i>Megan Paul</i>	<i>- summa cum laude</i>	
<i>Meaghan McDowell Payne</i>	<i>Rachel Kirsten Strelecky</i>	
<i>Kaylee Ann Peterson</i>	<i>Grant Joseph Stringer</i>	
<i>Ryan Christopher Phelan</i>	<i>- cum laude</i>	
<i>Cole E Pokard</i>	<i>Zhashki Anangikwe Strong</i>	
<i>Paige Poorman</i>	<i>Colin Sullivan</i>	
<i>Willis Acton Pyle</i>	<i>Isabella Carolina Taron</i>	
<i>Patrick Quinlan</i>	<i>James Gregory Tate</i>	
<i>Harmony Michael Ragland</i>	<i>Samantha Moorea Thomas</i>	

Opening Remarks *David S. Brown*
Chair, Department of Political Science

Commencement Address *Erin Fish*
Political Science Alumna

Presentation for Teacher of Year Award..... *David S. Brown*
Chair, Department of Political Science

Presentation of Faculty Mentor Award.....*Anna Daily*
Ph.D. Candidate

Presentation and Hooding of Ph.D. Recipients.....*Jennifer Fitzgerald*
Director of Graduate Studies

Presentation of M.A. Recipients.....*Jennifer Fitzgerald*
Director of Graduate Studies

Presentation of Undergraduate Awards..... *Megan Shannon*
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Presentation of Honors Graduates.....*E. Scott Adler*
Honors Program Director

Presentation of B.A. Recipients..... *Megan Shannon*
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Closing Remarks..... *David S. Brown*
Chair, Department of Political Science

** Reception on the UMC Terrace Following the Ceremony **



Doctor of Philosophy

Corey M. Barwick

Preserving the Integrity of Courts: Can State Courts Influence Public Knowledge and Perceptions of the Judicial Branch?

Chair – Vanessa Baird

Erin Terese Huebert

Judicial Reform Amid Violence in Latin America

Chair – David S. Brown

Ana Lourdes León Medina

Minority Political Incorporation and Policy Outcomes in U.S. School Districts

Chair – Susan E. Clarke

Levente Szentkirályi

The Ethics of Precaution: Taking Responsibility for Uncertain Threats of Environmental Harm

Chair – Benjamin Hale

Craig Michael White

The Morality of National Defense: An Aristotelian-Thomist Account

Chair – David R. Mapel



Master of Arts

Mark Trautmann ♦ Joshua Hunter

Pavel Bacovsky ♦ Jordan Hale

Emily (Grace) Sager ♦ Samantha Moya

Katherine Runge



Bachelor of Arts

Brian Alsberg

Khalid Adel AlTamimi

James W Andrews

Peter Appenzeller

Luis Gabriel Arballo Romero

Isabella Hayes Arizin

Ellis Cray Arnold

Shane Miles Arnold

Robert Benjamin Austrian

Ruby Alejandra Baca

Bryan James Bakke

Shpetim Bardhi

Eman Awad Bensreiti

- magna cum laude

Jack Tze Chieh Berk

Ariane Patrick Bigi

Julia Elizabeth Birgen *

Haelena Catarina Bondi-

Camacho

Kathryn Elyse Bowman

Molly Elizabeth Boyle

Sarah E Brickey *

Taylor Brook *

Patrick William Buhr

Travis William Burger

John Porter Carey

James Strack Casebolt

Robert Edward Chavez

Aaron M Chesler *

- summa cum laude

Andrew Joseph Chiang *

- cum laude

Thomas Scott Chittenden

Chandler Paige Ciernia

- magna cum laude

Cassidy Elle Condon

Gavin Goldstein Daugherty *

Robert Amilcar De Mata

Charlotte Marie Dennis

Moorea Elizabeth Diamond

Davis DiGregorio

Matthew Marcel DuBois

Nicholas Norman Duquette

Jonah Kaminsky Dwares

Allison Cecile Easter

Isaac Leo Phalen Effner

- cum laude

Omar Estrada

Jamila Michelle Evans

Carolyn Anne Exarhakis *

- summa cum laude

Patrick John Farchione

Rachael Elizabeth Fecteau

Jennifer Jacqueline Ferrall

Samuel Kelcey Foredyce

Hallie L Freitas

Sebastian Michael Garcia

Mathurin Robert Giltner

Ofelia Enriqueta Gonzalez

Hannah Goodard

Caitlin Elizabeth Gortze

Amanda Green

Alice Viktoria Gustavsson

Nicole Rae Hanson

Ashley Marie Hatfield

Jonathan P Heisler *

Robert Graham Hibbert

Grace Holden

Stephanie Jean Hopkins

Sheldon Huck

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Hudiburg

Matthew Hunter

Andreas Luciano Jaen

Sophia Eve Jean

- cum laude

Halle Eva Marie Jones

George Theodore Jordan

Alexander Roy Jordan

Walter Thelonious Kappler

Derek Demir Kaptanoglu

William Lyall Karubus

Katelyn Marie Kelly

Lisa Nicole Kieffer *

Derek Michael Kula

Danielle Wendy Kutinsky

Jacob Kwitek

Rocco Jacob Labriola

Reid Joseph Lampert

Scott Michael Levine

Cortney Lippert

Jacquelynn Anne Marie

Lyon

Colton M Lyons

Amanda Lyons

Paul Michael Macken

Katherine Leigh Macleay

Michael Ignatius Mahlie

Spencer Patton Mahlstedt

Francisco Javier Maldonado