



*We Congratulate
the Recipients of the Following Awards*

Val B. Fischer and Helen W. Fischer Award

Leigh Francia

Political Science Department 2018 Jacob Van Ek Award

Serene Kaur Singh

Faculty Mentor Award by Graduate Students

Joshua Strayhorn

Undergraduate Mentor Award

Janet Donovan

Teacher of the year 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

Thursday, May 10th, 2018



Congratulations to Our 2018 Honors Recipients

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

Emily Willow Anderson - Michael Ferguson

Renegade Neoliberalism and Reactionary Politics: Donald Trump, Higher Education, and the Public Sphere

Sebastian Shanti Awatramani - Steven Vanderheiden

On the Military's Normative Commitment to Assist in Revolution

Patrick William Buhr - John Griffin

Representational Effects of Campaign Spending in U.S. Congressional Primaries, 2006-2016

Arianna Rose Copito - Andy Baker

Faith, Physiography, and Fallacy: Understanding Stigmatization Towards Individuals with HIV and AIDS in Botswana

Leigh Francia - Vanessa Baird

Help Wanted? Examining Individual Support for Government Aid in Crises

Frank J Hannigan - Adrian Shin

External Negotiations, Internal Credibility: Investment Treaties and Autocratic Decision Making

Antonio Paulino Huizar - Carew Boulding

Civic Stratification In Independent Candidacies: A typology of independent candidacies to executive office in Mexico

Quyncc Johnson - Michael Ferguson

Counter-Stereotypical Exemplars of Drug Users in Contemporary Media: How Humanizing Efforts in Film May Effect U.S. Drug Policy

Emily Kathryn Hjelmstad Martin - Michael Ferguson

Where is Your Rage? Dimensions of Anger and the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power

John Francis McInerney - Janet Donovan

Visceral, Teetering, and Imperfect: Three Generations of Political Partisans; Three Generations of Gay and Lesbian Americans

Bailey Katherine Parker - Jennifer Wolak

Democracy in Crisis? An Examination of the Effectiveness of Framing Upon Willingness to Tolerate Hate Speech

Robert Miller Reedy - Scott Adler

Changing Confidence in the News Media: Political Polarization on the Rise

Genevieve Schneider - Vanessa Baird

For Hate or Money: Causes of Support for President Trump and Conservatism

Gabrielle Hein Vermeire - Kenneth Bickers

Hues and cues of voting behavior on ballot initiatives: Party affiliation and direct democracy in Colorado

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Eric Lau	- summa cum laude	Malia Shappell
Cora Isabella Leeuwenburg	Nicole Grace Partipilo	Charles Shelvey Sheffield
Xinyu Liu	Gabriel Michael Pitasky	Spencer Joy Shull
Milton Jamal Lockett	Vincent John Postiglione	Ryan Connor Shull
Ray G. Lombardi	Kaitlyn Elizabeth Powell *	Scott Simpson
Elena Jean Losasso	Sydney Elizabeth Price	Danielle Stackrow
John Lindsay Madden	Ethan Ross Rabinowitz	Taylor Jeremy Stokes
Madison Wayne Carter	Rafi Quayum Rahman	William Willis Storm
Martin	Jai Rajendra Rajagopal	Zachary M Stover
Emily Kathryn Hjelmstad	Silahi Ramos	Austin Nicholas Stride
Martin *	Jakob Peter Uggen Rasmussen	William Benedict Suhrie
- summa cum laude	Robert Miller Reedy *	Taylor Thomas Valenzuela
Catherine Marie Matous	- magna cum laude	Madison Varonfakis
Austin Sage McCleery *	Morgan Boe Reisacher	Louise Vazquez
Frederick Ryan McCulley	Joseph M Reiter	Gabrielle Hein Vermeire *
Catherine McDermott	Celeste Renn	- magna cum laude
John Francis McInerney	Sterling Rhodes	Matthew Gordon Wantz
- summa cum laude	Trent Richardson	Gregory Payton Wertz
Haley Catherine Monahan *	Madeline Marie Roberts	James Scott Williamson
Camille Moore	Ahmawn Romby	Robert Francis Wolff
Lana Arielle Morgan	Holden Ross	John Yvanovich
Molly Mortimer	Alex David Ruiz	Parker Thomas Zelle
Caitlyn Rose Murphy-Dunn	Wyatt Porter Ryder	Colton James Zoellner
David Paul Otis Nelson	Mackenzie Zamarys Scarpella	
Jonathan Bartlett Nelson	Genevieve Schneider *	
Kelly Ann Nemeth	- summa cum laude	
Thomas Anthony Orabuena	Aaron Michael Schultz *	*With Distinction
Bailey Katherine Parker *	Alexandra Segell	

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

Commencement Address Christine Spraker
Political Science Alumna

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

Presentation of Faculty Mentor Award Alexandra Palmer
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

Address to the Class of 2018..... Princesa Afriyie
Graduating Senior

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

Presentation of Honors Graduates..... Jennifer Fitzgerald
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

Ryan Dawkins

The Politics of Local Privatization: Privatized Service Delivery and the Strength of Local Democracy

Chair – Jennifer Wolak

Andrew F. Hart

Insulating for Investment: Regulatory Institutions and the Multinational Firm in Infrastructure Industries

Chair – David Bearce

Shawwna Ann Mullenax

Are Good Intentions Enough? Public Attitudes, Gender Equality, & Women's Political Parties

Chair - Carew Boulding

Seungbin Park

Another Pathway to Foreign Direct Investment: Diaspora Engagement Policies

Chair – David Bearce

Jim Pripusich

Pocketbook in Private? How Observability Causes Individuals to Behave Sociotropically in Political Economy

Chair – Joseph Jupille

Megan Roosevelt

Political Freedoms and Productive Firms: Exporters and their Effect on Trade Policy in Democracies and Autocracies

Chair – David Bearce



Master of Arts

Brett R. Bessen ♦ Christina Anne Boyes ♦ Kimberlee Wen-Hsin Chang

Brendan James Connell ♦ Kimberly Killen ♦ Adriana Lizette Molina Garzon

Hannah Lynn Paul ♦ Matthew D. Yarbrough



Bachelor of Arts

Princella Afriyie

Justine Kendra Allenbach

Kayleigh Amyotte

Jin An

Emily Willow Anderson*

- summa cum laude

Bailey Arrieta

Delaney Lee Ann Asbury

Nina Tanner Asher

Jason C Atencio-Fuentes

Adrian Kami Auchterlonie

Sebastian Shanti

Awatramani *

- summa cum laude

Harlan Abell Bair

Wyatt Ball

Shpetim Bardhi

Nicole Bartone

Cameron Marie Baumgardner

Kayla Elisabeth

Baumgartner

Leland MacKenzie Beckel

Rebecca Olsen Beckert

Cooper Harris Bohm

Abigale Morgan Brohard

Keaton William Brown *

Rory McLaughlin Bryant

Patrick William Buhr

- cum laude

Connor Austin Bunting

Grant Michael Caine

Mackenzie Carson

Diane Marie Clark

Lindsey Nicole Cookson

William Coomber

Arianna Rose Copito

- cum laude

Shannon Funsten Costello

Joseph Arthur

Cowperthwaite

Chad Crabtree

Bryce Henry Curtis

Vasiliki D Dadiotis

Arman Pasha Dadras

Devin Ron Davis

Noah Charles DeLena

James John Slevin DeLuca

Logan Walter Dingwall

Robb Jonathan Downing

Erik Eaton

Dorothy Eissenberg *

Ella Rose Eldon

Caylin Rae Enoch

Christian Jacob Erchinger

Jennifer Jacqueline Ferrall

Ted James Flaskamp

Ryan Michael Galloway

Julian Gardinier

Samuel Garelick

Alexis Lillian Gergen

Anna Reed Gibson

Jaylen Edward Gideon

Hannah Glick

Kayla Madison Gonik

Joel Adrian Gonzalez

Brendan Christian Gough *

Chandler Grace Gould

Emma Kate Hall

Frank J Hannigan *

- summa cum laude

Riley Clay Hayduk

Taylor Jenae Hickerson

Daniel E Holmes

Peter Hope

Monika Dain Hudobnik

Antonio Paulino Huizar

- summa cum laude

William Bowden Hurwitz

Alexis Sims Hyypa

Michael Aaron Ilizaliturri

Cody Joseph Jackson

Andreas Luciano Jaen

Samantha Leigh Jayne *

Quyncc Johnson

- magna cum laude

Alexander Kalos

Jack Kelly

Katelyn Marie Kelly

Joseph Klein

Madeleine Krueger