



*We Congratulate
the Recipients of the Following Awards*

*Val B. Fischer and Helen W. Fischer Award
Jeffrey Scott Nonnemacher*

*Political Science Department 2019 Jacob Van Ek Award
Jacob Reagan*

*Graduate Mentor Award
To be announced*

*Undergraduate Mentor Award
Nancy Billica*

*Teacher of the Year Award
Gregory D. Young*



*"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 10th, 2019



Congratulations to Our 2019 Honors Recipients

Dear Graduates,

The faculty and staff of the Department of Political Science at CU Boulder congratulate you on completing your degree. This is a tremendous accomplishment. We have enjoyed being a part of your journey at CU and today we welcome your friends and family in celebrating your accomplishments. The discipline of 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 many 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 and staff, we are extremely proud of all you have done while here at CU Boulder. It is now time for you to lead the way!

All the best,



E. Scott Adler

Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science

- Khalifa Alqaz*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Gregory D. Young
Party Politics in the Muslim World: The Nexus Between Institutionalization and Agency in the Development of Islamist Parties
- Cassidy Francies*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Jennifer Wolak
The Role of Dehumanization in Shaping Attitudes about Undocumented Immigrants
- Lilith Gamer*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Carew Boulding
Explaining Attitudes Towards the U.S. in Latin America
- David Kidd*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Megan Shannon
International Human Rights Treaty Reservations: Compliance Through Non-Compliance
- Grady McGinnis*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Sarah Sokhey
Left or Right?: The Competing Politics of Europe's Radical Party Families
- Jeffrey Nonnemacher*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Sarah Sokhey
Scandinavian Radicalism: The Politics of Inequality and Right-Wing Voting
- Angela Peterson*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Andy Baker
One Belt, One Road: Explaining the Destination of Chinese Foreign Direct Investment
- Ross Pingatore*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Adrian Shin
Why Do Resource-Rich Transitional Democracies Have Different Rates of Political Stability?
- Suzannah Ranzo*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Carew Boulding
Welfare and Democratic Legitimacy: The Impact of Need-Based Welfare on Women's Political Engagement in Latin America and the United States
- Serene Singh*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Gregory D. Young
Tracking and Reflecting on Hate and Discrimination: A Meta-Analysis and Survey Experiment Depicting Perceptions of Sikh Americans and the Sikh Faith in the United States
- Rebecca Tyus*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Kenneth Bickers
Understanding the Factors that Lead States to Adopt Anti-Hazing Laws
- Katja Walton*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Svetoslav Derderyan
Leaving Home for Jihad: Predicting ISIS Foreign Fighters in the West
- Andrew Wise*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. John Griffin
The Role of Public Opinion: Judicial Decision Making on Gay Rights Cases
- Vincent Wroble*** | Faculty Advisor - Dr. E. Scott Adler
Why Does Variance Occur in the Composition of the House Armed Services Committee Compared to the Whole House?

Michael Anthony Laurita
 Audrey Margaret
 Leggere-Hickey
 Devon Thomas Levine
 Emerson Michael Lindenlaub
 Mikaela Nicole Lodal
 Daniel William Longworth
 Jamie May Loos
 Emma Lynch
 Thomas Madison
 Matthew Keith Maginity
 Alexander Malchuk
 Matthew Charles Marion
 Bheemasena Singh
 Mark-Bachus
 Nicholas Arlin Maroney
 Yoselin Martin
 Jessica Martinez
 John William Maxman
 Blake Andrew McDonald
 Grady McGinnis
 - summa cum laude
 Ross Patrick McNearney
 Emily Fern McPeak *
 John Samuel Merrell
 Othman Mirzan
 Phil Anthony Moroco
 Kendyl Raye Morse
 Deisy Mariana Muñoz Viesca
 Kelly Jane Murphy
 Caitlyn Rose Murphy-Dunn
 Peter Joseph Nardi
 David Kyle Blevins Niece
 Jeffrey Scott Nonnemacher *
 - summa cum laude
 Brittany Merle Nuckles *
 Emily Ochs
 Alexander Matthew Opipari

Jay Patrick Ostrom
 Sarah Papich *
 Kai Marquise Parker
 Ryan Paules
 Cayce Peters
 Matthew Alexander Peterson
 Angela Kay Peterson *
 - summa cum laude
 Helen Pham
 Natalia Nicolaevna Philatova
 Kyle Vincent Piccola
 Ross Carmine Pingatore
 - magna cum laude
 Hannah Pinson
 Eric Poch
 Lauren Brooke Podolsky *
 Kevin John Proffitt
 Alexandra Cecily Pruter
 Stephanie Nicole Puig
 Douglass Kieran Quirk
 Ayomi Rajapakse
 Suzannah Ranzo *
 - summa cum laude
 Robert A. Reasoner *
 Blake Merle Reffner
 Alexandra Reilly
 Joshua Rieck
 Jonathan Erik Rieger
 Emily Rindner
 Serena Moselle Roberts *
 Mitchell Clay Rumbaoa
 Brian Scheidt
 William Harper Scott Martin
 Cameron John Searle
 Kevin John Shafer
 Reid Shafran
 Daisuke Shimada
 Spencer Joy Skull

Serene Kaur Singh *
 - summa cum laude
 Shane Thomas Smith
 Kyle Patrick Sorkin
 John Taylor Stafford
 Dillon Matthew Stevens
 Stephanie YNhi Tang
 Samuel Leslie Tari
 Rory Halsey Teehan
 Tyler William Terrono
 Jordan Thomas
 Joshua Eugene Trewartha
 Rebecca Elizabeth Tyus *
 - summa cum laude
 Lilitiana Gabrielle Valis
 Marcus Carroll Van Clief
 John Michael Verhille
 Katja Carolyn Walton *
 - summa cum laude
 Madison Abigail Webb *
 Kayla Weddle
 Annika Jane Williams
 Hughes Chandler Williamson
 Andrew James Hartman Wise *
 - summa cum laude
 Tyler Alexander Woods
 John Brice Thomas Worm
 Vincent MacDonald Wroble *
 - summa cum laude
 Feven Kassa Yohannes
 Biruktawit Yohannes Zelalem
 MaKenna Joy Zoglmann
 *With Distinction

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Opening RemarksE. Scott Adler
 Chair, Department of Political Science
 Commencement Address David Zale
 Political Science Alumni
 Presentation of Teacher of the Year Award.....E. Scott Adler
 Chair, Department of Political Science
 Presentation of Faculty Mentor Award Pavel Bacovsky
 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 2019..... Serene Singh
 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.....E. Scott Adler
 Chair, Department of Political Science

* Reception on the UMC Terrace Following the Ceremony *



Doctor of Philosophy

Steven Matthew Beard

Fighting, Bargaining, and War Termination: Examining How Battlefield Factors Affect When Negotiations Can End Interstate Wars

Chair – Jaroslav Tir

Nathan Jacob Starkey Cook

When Do Disadvantaged Groups Participate in the Decentralized Governance of Natural Resources and Public Services? Evidence from India, Nepal, and the Global South

Chair – Krister Andersson

Christina Ladam

Making Deliberation Work: Testing Theories of Deliberation

Chair – Anand Sokhey

Stefani Langehennig

In it to Win it: Creating the Federal Budget in an Era of Regular Disorder

Chair – E. Scott Adler

Timothy James Alexander Passmore

Pacifying the Peacekeepers: How State Involvement in U.N. Peacekeeping Reduces Military Threats to Democracy

Chair – Megan Shannon

Joseph Zamadics

Issue Salience and Lawmaking: How Public Attention Drives Lawmaker Behavior

Chair – E. Scott Adler



Master of Arts

Owen Gunehame Fite ♦ Samuel Kelcey Forefyce ♦ Matt Harvey

Courtney Jean Johnson ♦ Trenton Gregory Marlar ♦ Marija Sajekaitė

Ken Stallman ♦ Stephanie E. Wise



Bachelor of Arts

William Pape Aaron

Zantana Axum Abay

Amgd Abdelgadir

Michael Joseph Ahrens

Khalifa Jamal Alqaz *

- summa cum laude

Alisa Armacost

Jonah Remington Ash

Jordyne Alexandria Bailey

Lucy Porter Baldiga

Agim Bardhi

Emma Catherine Beach

Michael Jacobsen Beckley

Scott Nicholas Bedell

Alec M. Bell

John R. Bellipanni *

James Atticus Beltz

Gavriella Margaret

Ben-Zaken

Daniela Elena Blasini

Walton Nicholas Bolgiano

Nathan Stephen Bork

Katherine Lee Bowser

Tyler Dylan Britan

Liam Segal Brodie

Rebecca Brownsword

Amanda Meghan Buck

Paul J Budge

Patrick William Buhr

Olivia Lee Butrymovich

Kevin James Callinan

Chelsea Regan Campana *

Sophie C. Carney

Harrison Alexander Cass

Austin Cavaliere

Madeline Marie Chandler

Henry Mitchell Chapple

Taylor Marie Christy *

Kelsey Clark

August Louis Claussion

Peter Joseph Clifton

Daniel Aaron Cogut

Danielle Cole

Niall Jack Comiskey

Evan Johansen Cook

Noah Joseph Cruz

Joshua Steven Cunningham

Andrew Scott Davidowski

Madhesh Desai

Amber Dombroski

Coyle Dylan Dummigan

Joshua Edelmann

Clarens Emrich

Zuhal Asmah Ezzat

Madison Rae Ferner

Hannah Marian Forgeron

Troy L. Fossett

Griffin Kelly Foulk

Leigh Katherine Francia *

- summa cum laude

Cassidy Justine Francies *

- summa cum laude

Jase James Franke

Jon Friedman

Ryan Peter Furr-Johnson *

Lilith Gamer *

- summa cum laude

Gianna Genova

Patrick V. Gheorghe *

Arjun S. Gill

Danilo Gjukovikj *

Grant Wayne Gladstone

Sydney Marie Glosson

Henry Grant Goettler

Chandler Nicholas Grainger

Matthew Charles

Greenebaum

Carter Douglas Gruba

Emily Ann Haigh *

Shamar Ricardo Hamilton

Griffin Q. Hansen

Jameson Joseph Harding

Grant Robert Alexander

Harding

Nicholas Wright Hedenkamp

Kathryn Mae Herbert

Rebekah Marisa Hernandez

Karina Sohlberg Hillman *

Antonio Paulino Huizar

Phoebe Kay Iguchi

Steven Jones

Nina Anne Kahl

Anahita Khorsand *

David T. Kidd *

- summa cum laude

Andrew Malcolm Knauss

Kyle Mitchell Koch

Kristian Edward Kolvereid

Bailey Tate Kowalski

Kayla Kuhn

Kaitlyn Sue Landowski

Sean Lannan