

University of Colorado Boulder

Department of Political Science

College of Arts and Sciences



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Dear Graduates,

The faculty and staff of the Department of Political Science at CU Boulder congratulate you on completing your degree. This is a wonderful accomplishment. We have enjoyed being a part of your journey at CU. 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. At the conclusion of this most unusual of years, we celebrate your accomplishments!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Bickers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken Bickers

Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science



Doctor of Philosophy

Anna Daily

Power and the Politics of Madness: Mental Illness at the Intersection of State and Society

Chair – Michaela Ferguson

Roger Keith Emmelhainz

Science in an Intergenerational Democracy

Chair – Steven Vanderheiden

Alexandra Victoria Palmer

The (Un)Responsive Court: The Diminishing Influence of Public Opinion on the

U.S. Supreme Court

Chair – Vanessa Baird

Ian Thomas Shapiro

The Public's Relationship with Political Misinformation: How Citizens Identify Deception,

Place Blame, and Choose What They Trust

Chair – Anand Sokhey

Carey Stapleton

Why so Angry? Understanding the Influences of Elite Anger on the

American Electorate

Chair – Jennifer Wolak

Vania Ximena Velasco Guachalla

Protesting for More: Corruption, Democracy, and the Making of Demands

Chair – Carew Boulding

Josalyn C. Williams

The Different Political Worlds of Women and Men

Chair – Anand Sokhey



Master of Arts

Max Joseph Chernoff ♦ *Zoe Rebecca Moss* ♦ *Morgan Nadeau*

Hyodong Sohn ♦ *Alexander Lee Jensen*



Bachelor of Arts

Timeam Khalifa
Al-Rayes
Alexis Alltop
Zachary Josef Almon
Matthew Christopher
Arman
Ethan Arvid
Anderson
Christy Lee Avison
Jacy Rose Baber *
Blake Scott Baker
Rachel Elizabeth
Baldwin
Belen Barajas
Joseph Fisk Beckham
James Atticus Beltz
Cole Andrew Berman
Beauman Maurice
Bisharat
Sophia Giordano Bokhari
Sondre Bollum
Jacob Hans Bradley
Christopher Charles
Bridges
Tyler Dylan Britan
Grace Elizabeth
Brown
Zoe Nicole Byers
Alejandro Rafael
Camargo
Andrew Jack Carver
Austin Dominic Chrisp
Natasha Clarke *
Jacob Andrew Clark
magna cum laude

David Zachary Clark
Tanner Alexander
Clayton
Todd Alan Conklin Jr.
Wyatt Coonen
Kevin Conrad Criley
Kane Tauno Daniel
Carson Ozel DeMiroz
Jillian Catherine
Dempsey
Jack Matthew
DeWinter
William Dietze
Thalin James David
Di Paolo
Benjamin Pike Dicker
Olwyn Simone Doyle *
summa cum laude
Noah Cooper Dreeben *
Izabella Jordan
Dziecharska
Brian Curtis Ebinger
Lauren Elizabeth Eckf
Hailey Kathleen
Egelhoff *
Austin Marshall Fischer
Jane Elizabeth Fleetwood
Hudson Leigh Foote
Aaron Brett Forman
Simon Rhett Fumey
Christopher J. Gaines
Alexander Gever
Zachary Justin Glaser
Eva Ester Goldblat
Natalie Marie Gonzalez
Michael Christopher Green

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Preston Jordan Gribben
Hunter Stevenson Griffith
Jessica Noelle Hamze
Michael William Hartley *
Andrew Stowell Harvey
Steven Alan Hickox
Cristin Elizabeth Hisey
Kevin Michael Hoffinger
Blaise Kesse Ellan
Hokkanen
Ellie Marie Houseworth *
Zachariah P. Huey
Landon Robert Jacquinet *
magna cum laude
Aubria Janowitz
Erik Jenssen
Amanda McMullen
Johnson
Ragan Carlson Jones *
summa cum laude
Sarah Amanda Kais
Aaron Adam Keller
Edward Alexander Kent
Ryley Kay Kerik
Ohmer Khan
Dylan Robert Kingsbury
Nicholas Flint Kipp
Thomas Michael Kirshy
Hailey Breann Koeppen
Lindzy Nichole Konrad
Gavin Charles Laing
Charles Allen Lamb
Avery Elizabeth Larsen
Tennessee Lee *
Sara L. Leibee *
Alexis Levejac
Benjamin Sol Levin

Emma Marie Levy
magna cum laude
Nolan Dean Lewis
Daniel William Longworth
Grant Chamberlain
Luchsinger
Kathleen Marrs
Duncan Lawrence Martin
Caroline Marie Martin *
summa cum laude
Jessica Martinez
Jessica Marie Mason *
Sean Clarke McCarthy
Matthew Charles McCarthy
Michaela Andrea McHazlett
Olson Daniel McKenna
Connor James McKenzie
Alana Merida McNemey
McKayla Marie Measner
Nuvia Giselle Mendoza
James Shaw Messer
Sarah Dryden Mills *
Jonathan Miranda
Steven Mitchell
Mason Mitchell
Aili Denei Miyake *
summa cum laude
David Patricio
Montemayor Salinas
Marcus Morris
Milan Julia Moya-
*Vasquez **
Molly Kathleen Marie
Mullen
Caitlin Fionnuala
Oakley
Jacob Nelson Oliver *
summa cum laude
Nathan Gregory Palmer
Sabrina Angelique Panagos
Hannah Panzer
Alessandro Piras
Kayla A. Porco
Christopher Glenn
Pritchard

Emily Christine Protz
Nathaniel Scott Quarton
David Scott
*Quesinberry**
Domonique Suzanna
*Quintana **
Jacob D. Reagan *
summa cum laude
Parker Jack Reeb
Christian Dion Reisbeck
Amanda Rios-Santiago
Adam Ricardo Rivera *
Emma Marie Roche *
Jacinda Rheem Romo
Dylan Spencer Rose
Sarah Marie Sajbel
Ena Anthuanev
Salazar
Jordan Terrill-Luis
Sanchez
Emma West Scarano
Taylor Alexis Schalk
Joseph William Iacino
Scheitler
Benjamin Michael
Schwartz
Cameron John Searle
Jordan Terrill-Luis
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Benjamin Michael
Schwartz
Cameron John Searle
Taylor Alexis Schalk
Joseph William Iacino
Scheitler
Benjamin Michael
Schwartz
Cameron John Searle
Levi Jonathan Seller
Michael A. Sena

John Edward Simpson
George Grayson Slover
Aliya Rose Sondel
Katherine Elizabeth
Sotiroff
Eleni Katherine Soulis
magna cum laude
Brianna Marie South
Pedro de Castro Souza
Tiara Rachel Stephan
Alexandra Stiles
Thomas Cooper
Sullivan
Austin Swanson
Hadleigh Ann Swarts
Brittnee Tanner
Alyssa Marie Terteling *
Tsion Haile Tesfaye
Ryan Paul Terzich
Nicholas Morgan Thomas
Justin Spencer Tropp
Zachary Jordon Troussel
Benito Manuel Trujillo *
Jaden Orlando Rain Tuma
Joely Wagner Tynes
Braden Alan Ujfalusy
Anastasia Elizabeth
Vaidis
Hunter Vance
Hunter Jaret Vaughn
Matthias Christian
Von Zeier
Carlie Hart Webbert
Jacob Anthony
*Weidemann **
Gabriel Isaiah West
Kyle Buchanan Wickers
Jordan Evonne Wooden
Ricardo Andres Zorce *
summa cum laude

*With Distinction



Congratulations to Our 2020 Honors Recipients

Jacob Clark | Faculty Advisor- Dr. David Bearce, *magna cum laude*

"Information Warfare: Case Studies from the 21st Century"

Olwyn Doyle | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Joshua Strayhorn, *summa cum laude*

"The Role of Decision Support Systems in the Criminal Justice System"

Landon Jacquinet | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Nancy Billica, *magna cum laude*

"The Politics of Education and How Charter Schools Impact Student Achievement"

Ragan Jones | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Nancy Billica, *summa cum laude*

"The Political Data Industry Within Microtargeting"

Emma Levy | Faculty Advisor- Dr. John Griffin, *magna cum laude*

"Enhancing Undocumented Presence at the University of Colorado Boulder"

Caroline Martin | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Andy Baker, *summa cum laude*

"Civil Society and Cuba's Nontransition: The Evolution of Political Regimes in Cuba and Uruguay"

Aili Miyake | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Nancy Billica, *summa cum laude*

"Understanding the Disparity in Representation of Women in State Legislatures Across the U.S."

Jacob Oliver | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Jennifer Wolak, *summa cum laude*

"Individual Perceptions of Collective Guilt Towards African Americans: Rating the Legitimacy of Guilt Politics"

Jacob Reagan | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Michael Ferguson, *summa cum laude*

"Perfecting Our Union: Rhetorical Analyses on the Topic of Race"

Emma Scarano | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Kenneth Bickers, *magna cum laude*

"Imprisoning Communities through Intergenerational Incarceration"

Eleni Soufis | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Anand Sokhey, *magna cum laude*

"Understanding Coloradans' Support for Public Arts Funding"

Ricardo Zorce | Faculty Advisor- Dr. Jaroslav Tir, *summa cum laude*

"The Middle Class, Audience Costs, and Peace"



~ Special Messages to our Spring 2020 Undergraduate Seniors ~

“You are done, go forth and make amazing mistakes! If you are unsure of your path or what you want to be, at minimum, be kind.” – Gregory Young

“Congratulations and best wishes for your next chapter!” – Clara Park

*“Congratulations to all of our incredible Political Science undergraduates!!! I’m so sorry to not be seeing you graduate in person, but you are a REMARKABLE and AMAZING group of students. Go Buffs!”
– Sarah Wilson Sokhry*

“Thank you for inspiring and teaching us every day!” – Joe Jupille

“You have studied hard and you have learned that life is full of nuance. Beware the man (or the woman) who follows one book, who preaches one political ideology, and who offers one solution to the problems of the world. Nothing is black and white, things are often grey, or striped, or multicolored, and some things change their color over time. Embrace all colors and use the knowledge you obtained at CU to fight for a better future for mankind. If not now, when? Congratulations, you brave warriors of knowledge!” – Svet Derderyan

“Congratulations on your graduation! What an accomplishment! Please keep in touch as you navigate the exciting world out there armed with the knowledge that you can meet significant challenges with creativity, kindness, and compassion.” – David S. Brown

“Congratulations!” – Michael Ferguson





“Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020! You have done terrific work during your time at CU, and I wish we could have celebrated all of your amazing accomplishments in person at graduation. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors!” – Jennifer Wolak

“I wish you luck and success, graduating seniors. Not the best circumstances to exit college, but you are tough and things will get better! Eventually. ☺” – David Bearce

“Congratulations graduates! You have worked so hard, and I am so sorry your richly-deserved ceremony is postponed. But I wish you all the very best!” – Andy Baker

“To all of you wonderful graduates! Congratulations on finishing this momentous chapter in life! No doubt it was a hard read. A twisted plot, complex analysis, abrupt transitions, an unexpected conclusion, difficult summary. We celebrate your completion and the hard work it took to get to this point, and look forward to seeing how you apply the lessons learned to making the world a better place!” – Nancy Billica

“Congratulations! I am very sorry that we cannot celebrate your big day in-person. This spring was a big challenge for everyone, but you made it through. I believe everything you learned at CU will help you succeed in the future. Go Buffs!” – Haruko Greeson, Department Manager

“May the Force be with you.” – Sven Steinmo

“Congratulations to all of you! I miss you all already, but I am so proud of all of you and I know you will go out into the world and do great things! Congratulations, class of 2020!” – Janet Donovan

“Congratulations Class of 2020! The last few months in no way undermine all of the hard work that you have done to make it this far. It is a challenging world that you now enter into, but you are the voice that can help bring about change!” – Audrey Wilson, Undergrad Program Assistant

*“Congratulations graduates! Wishing you health, happiness, and the chance to use your skills!”
– Carew Boulding*

“Congratulations everyone! Best of luck in all of your future endeavors!” – Sarah Hunter

*“Congrats, graduates! We’re proud of you, and can’t wait to see what you’ll accomplish next!”
– Anand Edward Sokhney*





~ Special Messages to our Spring 2020 Doctrinal Graduates ~

“Congrats on all your hard work! We are proud of your achievements!” – Clara Park

“Congratulations Ph.D. students!!! I wish we were all celebrating you in person, but it has been a pleasure and an honor to get to know you all. You are incredible scholars. I look forward to seeing all of your future accomplishments & successes!” – Sarah Wilson Sokhey

“Remember: The Economist makes you smart.” – Joe Jupille

“Good luck new Ph.D. 's. I know you have worked very hard both doing research and helping us teach. You make us proud. Thank you!” – David Bearce

*“Congratulations on your graduation! Wishing I was able to extend my congratulations in person, but know that I am very proud of each of you for reaching this very important milestone. My best to you.”
– Jana L. Jones*

“Congratulations to all! It has been a pleasure to get to know you and to work with you, and I can't wait to hear about all of the incredible things that you do out in the world!” – Audrey Wilson

“While we were not able to gather in person for this year's commencement, that doesn't diminish your great accomplishment of earning your degrees. You've completed a difficult task made more difficult by the pandemic, and are going to be all the stronger for it. Feel proud of yourself for what you've accomplished; all the Political Science faculty and staff certainly do. Congratulations to all of you!” – Jaroslav Tir





*We Congratulate
the Recipients of the Following Awards*

*Political Science Department 2020 Jacob Van Ek Ward
Kiana Harkema*

*Graduate Mentor Award
Andy Philips*

*Undergraduate Mentor Award
Janet Donovan, Nancy Billica, and Joe Jupille*

*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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