

*University of Colorado Boulder*

*Department of Political Science*

*College of Arts and Sciences*



*May 2020*

*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 – Michael 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 Jacquinot  
*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  
*Sanchez*  
Emma West Scarano  
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Taylor Alexis Schalk  
Joseph William Iacino  
*Scheitler*  
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  
To be announced*

*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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