

University of Colorado Boulder

Department of Political Science

College of Arts and Sciences



Graduation Recognition Ceremony

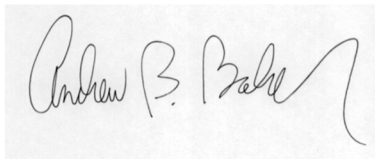
Glenn Miller Ballroom, UMC

Friday, May 6th, 2022

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 as we celebrate your accomplishments. The discipline of political science is designed for students who have curiosity and even a healthy skepticism about how we humans govern ourselves locally, nationally, and internationally. Political science students gain essential analytic thinking skills as well as 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 analysis, participation and leadership. We are extremely proud of all you have done while here at CU. It is now time for you to lead the way!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Andrew B. Baker" in a cursive, flowing style.

Andy Baker

Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science

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Opening Remarks.....Andy Baker
Chair, Department of Political Science

Commencement Address.....Missy Kelly
Political Science Alumna

Presentation of Teacher of the Year Award Andy Baker
Chair, Department of Political Science

Presentation of Faculty Mentor Award Brett R. Bessen
Ph.D. Graduate

Presentation of Ph.D. RecipientsJennifer Fitzgerald
Director of Graduate Studies

Presentation of M.A. RecipientsJennifer Fitzgerald
Director of Graduate Studies

Presentation of Undergraduate Awards.....Janet Donovan
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Presentation of Honors GraduatesJennifer Fitzgerald
Honors Program Director

Presentation of B.A. RecipientsJanet Donovan
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Closing Remarks Andy Baker
Chair, Department of Political Science

* Reception on the UMC Terrace Following the Ceremony *



Doctor of Philosophy

Brett R. Bessen | Faculty Advisor – Carew Boulding
Unbinding the Executive? Public Opinion and Presidential Accountability in
Latin America

Kimberlee Wenhsin Chang | Faculty Advisor – Krister Andersson
"They Started to Listen to Us": Addressing Cultural Change When Introducing Gender
Quotas to Rural Communities

Brendan J. Connell | Faculty Advisor – David Bearce
The Western Advantage: Governments and Credit in the Age of Financialization

Jordan Noelle Hale | Faculty Advisor – Joseph Jupille
Why Do Politicians Use Racist Rhetoric? A Comparative Text Analysis of English and
Spanish Speaking Democracies

Christopher Jorde | Faculty Advisor – Jennifer Fitzgerald
Outsiders on the Rise: New Parties and Party Competition in Multilevel Systems

Kimberly Elaine Killen | Faculty Advisor – Michael Ferguson
Feminist Claims and the Politics of Reception

Adriana L. Molina Garzon | Faculty Advisor – Krister Andersson
The Role of NGOs in Forest Governance, Unintended Consequences of REDD+

Trenton Gregory Marlar | Faculty Advisor – Andy Baker
Mind the Gap: Regional Economic Disparities and Political Discontent

Hannah Paul | Faculty Advisor – Jennifer Fitzgerald
Refuge and Representation: The Political Integration of Refugees and
Immigrants in Democracies



Master of Arts

Sara Louise Hoose ♦ Mateusz Leszczynski ♦ Sinan Nadarevic
Samantha Register ♦ IWC Sours ♦ Allan Tellis ♦ Steven Van De Laarschot



Bachelor of Arts

Samuel John Affatati	Katherine Elizabeth Dolan	Keenan John Hoang Hanley
James Michael Akers	Tenzin Chodon Dorje *	Anna Joelle Haynes *
Joris Urbain Alawoe	Cole Fredrick Drew	Brett Griffin Healy
Adam Sayed Alemzada	Sophia J Duax *	Erin Watson Hebert
Benjamin Alexander	Michael Scott Durr	Emma Catharine Henderson
Altschuler *	Mohamed Mamoon	Spencer Highsmith
Nigel Michael Amstock	Elbedawi*	Henderson
Miriam Arevalo-Borrego	Sarah Hutson Emmanuel	Victoria Hernandez
Gabriel Vincent Arias	- <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Grace Elizabeth Hicks
Maddie Abelekprien Atuire *	Mireidy Estrada	Katie Niyaa Hirasaki
Matthew Paul Baker	Brian Neil Faulkner	Winston H Howard
Conor E Bates-Janigo *	Hauk Fettig *	Allison E Howell *
Julia Martel Baum	Lily Miller Freeman	Jack Branham Huntsman
Peter Benton-Sullivan	Alexander Patrick Frenchman	Yoo Inji *
Mihnea Dragosh Birlea	Madeline Elizabeth Garrett *	Drew Johnson
Ashley Simone Blume	- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Ann Dickinson Jordon *
Brianna C. Bond	Henry Reed Gaylord	- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Veronica Claire Boyce	Elizabeth J Gilbert *	Francis Mckenzie Jose
Chloe Maryanna Boyler	- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	John Michael Joyce
Rebecca June Brackin	Hannah Rae Gilmore	John Wiggs Kail
Isabelle Mae Brotzel	Meezer Mulugeta Girmay	Alexander Daniel Kaiser
- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Zachary Glaser	Kavya Kannan *
Robert William Burger	Gabrielle Loyis Glassford	- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Isabel Grace Carr	Alyssa Lynn Glassman	Dara Kazerouni
Nicholas Chin	Olivia Gold	Abigail Hart Keleher
Abigale Nicole Cobb *	Elan Zachary Goldstein	Samuel Steven Kempes
Mackayla Rae Coley	Mikaela Tomasa Gonzalez	Meha Khanna
- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Jakelin Ariel Gonzalez	Abby Jo King
Paul Michael Cook	Paul Whitaker Gordon	Colin Andrew Kinsman *
Ethan Samuel Cowan	Raul Eduardo Granados	- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
Eleanor Louise Creasey	Jackson Robert Griffith	Sudenaz Kiroglu
Jake Edward Crowley	Gabriella Gyurkovics	Alissa Rae Kiser
Kainoa Cunningham *	- <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Sophia Rose Kloosterman
Kevin Austin de la Haye	Sara Getahun Hagos *	Ashton Israel Knepell
Andrea Delia	Bailey Skye Hahn	Katarina Nicole Kotarski

Kaelin Rose Kragh
Bailey Margaret Kramer
Kimora Emma Laird
James Paul Laucirica *
Alexis Michelle LeBlanc
Kloe Irina Lee
Benjamin Joseph Lee
Morgan Elizabeth
Lesniewski
Nicole B Lewis
McKenzie Ann Logan
Kristen Taylor Lorell
Desyiah S Lyons
- *Cum Laude*
John Barrett Mahony
Abby Dorothea Major
Shay Asher Mannik
Maria Josefa Martinez
Michael J Martino
Elizabeth Evans Mather
Erin Elizabeth May
Luke Stanley McGarry
Baylee Arieanne McGuire *
Jordan Christopher Medina
Samuel Heinz Meiser *
Joanna Judith Elizabeth
Mendy
Madelyn Loughrain Mercier
Veniece L Miller *
- *Summa Cum Laude*
Samuel D Mitchell *
Andrea Mocevic
Diana Alejandra Montanez
Kirk Kingsley Montgomery
Blake William Moorad
Patrick Morey
Sophia Morris
William Montgomery Morris

Adeline Rose Moss
Renata Muñoz
Juliana Angela Nasr *
Rachel Boulay Nobles
Cameron Tate Nuzman
John O'Connell
Isaac Olukunle Ogundare
Esther Zemaseogena Omegba
Itzel Guadalupe Orduna
David Pahlic
Benjamin Roy Parker
Maya H Pavelin
Brendon DePrez Pease *
Tyler James Peck
Noah Lawrence Plafker
Lauren Taylor Poliafico
Sophia Rose Puthuff
Benjamin David Reinholtz
Henry Jonas Richards
Nathan Ripa
Cate Rush
Mariam Franco-Garcia Russo
Youseff Sabti
Julian Phelps Stair Sainty
Spencer Christian Samuelson
Dylan Bailer Sandman
Devin Saunders
Danit Riva Schinagel *
- *Magna Cum Laude*
Taylor Antoinette Schmidt
Maxwell Thomas Schneider
Sydney Shulman
Jake Andrew Siller
Connor Allan Siruta *
Jake Henry Smith
Mason Quinn Smith
Patrick William Smith
Jessica Lynn Sneesby *

Hall Dean Squiers
Simone Kamila Starzomski
Mia Lea Stone *
Chase Matthew Street
Austin C Suckow *
Olivia Rose Syrup
Alina Elizabeth Tayek
Christopher Ryan Templeman
Omar Iñaki Temprana
Viktoria Garnier Tripp
Nicholas Ryan Turco *
Grace Sophia Turvey
Wyatt Aaron Tyler
Gregory Torea Pierre
Emmanuel Jack Valentin
Matthew A VanWert
Scarlett Caroline Vigil
Megan Ann Vlad
David Vogelstein
Sarah Grace Waller
Christopher Dalton Warren
Cameron Rachel Waters
Clifford Dunn Watson
Frank Webb
Benjamin Alan Wells *
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Áine Catherine Williams
Benjamin Bard Wohl
Emily Kathleen Wray
Andrew Cooper Wright
Maxwell Michon Wyman *
Rachel Beth Youngblade
Alexis Yun
Grace Elizabeth Zilling
John Kordich

***With Distinction**

Congratulations to Our 2022 Honors Recipients

Isabelle Brotzel | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Anand Sokhey

Why Has Confidence in US Presidential Election Results Declined?

Mackayla Rae Coley | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Vanessa Baird

An Address to the Social Sciences: Social Capital and Its Cyclical Impact on Single Parents' Social and Political Trust

Sarah Hutson Emmanuel | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Steven Vanderheiden

The Social Motivations that Impact Environmental Movement Participation

Madeline Elizabeth Garrett | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Srinivas Parinandi

Disciplinary Events in Aurora Public School District

Elizabeth J. Gilbert | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Tamar Malloy

Increasingly Unaffiliated: A Quantitative Analysis of Partisan Dealignment in Colorado Voter Registration and Beyond

Gabriella Gyurkovic | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Carew Boulding

Voter Turnout and Income Inequality in Latin America

Ann Dickinson Jordon | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Sarah Wilson Sokhey

The Causes of Different Economic States of Coal Mining Communities Within The United States

Kavya Kannan | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Sarah Wilson Sokhey

The Variation of Female Sex Trafficking Across Indian States and Union Territories

Colin Andrew Kinsman | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Vanessa Baird

The Constitutionality of Targeting Young Adults for Discrimination During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Desyiah Lyons | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Steven Vanderheiden

How Green is Your Money? Exploring the Stratification of Green Spaces in Denver, Colorado

Veniece Miller | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Kenneth Bickers

The Education and Engagement Enigma: The Impact of Civic Education on Political Engagement in the United States

Danit Riva Shinagel | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Andy Baker

Why Do Voters Elect Authoritarian Leaders? Competitive Authoritarianism Under Hugo Chávez

Parker White | Faculty Advisor - Dr. Aysegul Aydin

Examining the Relationship Between Culture and Trade



**We Congratulate
the Recipients of the Following Awards**

Val B. Fischer and Helen W. Fischer Award

Carolyn Kelly

Political Science Department Jacob Van Ek Award

Zoe Bryant

College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Undergraduate Award

Kavya Kannan

Graduate School Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award

Krister Andersson

Political Science Graduate Mentorship Award

Carew Boulding and Tamar Malloy

Political Science Undergraduate Mentorship Award

Vanessa Baird and Ken Bickers

Political Science Undergraduate Teacher of the Year Award

Nancy Billica



“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of
their dreams.” Eleanor Roosevelt



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