



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON COMMENCEMENT

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025



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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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EMU BALLROOM

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Name

Title

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Katya Hokanson

Professor of Russian and Comparative Literature

Department Head

Presentation of Baccalaureate Candidates

Dawn Marlan

Senior Lecturer, Comparative Literature

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Presentation of Doctoral and Master's Candidates

Monique Balbuena

Associate Professor of Comparative Literature

Director of Graduate Studies

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Adjournment and Reception

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Summa Cum Laude

Top 2 percent of the university graduating class

Aoibhinn Vasil O'Shea

Lily Minu-Sepehr

Magna Cum Laude

Top 5 percent of the university graduating class

Kai J. DeCarli

Cum Laude

Top 10 percent of the university graduating class

Ian Croft Ahlberg

Claire Elizabeth Nowicki

Patrick David Henslee

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Note: Not an official degree list. Students listed are eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony at the time this program was printed.

Doctoral Candidates

Marena Fleites Lear

“Feeling Monstrous: Embodiment and Latinx American Speculative Cinema”

Director: Professor Sangita Gopal, Comparative Literature, Cinema Studies

Nadege Lejeune

“Authors and the Meta-Literary: The Politics of Publication in Contemporary Francophone Literature”

Director: Fabienne Moore, Romance Languages

Yei Won Lim

“Minor Diaspora: Secularization and the Making of the Regional Transpacific”

Director: Professor Michael Allan, Comparative Literature

Devina Kaur Sindhu

“The Affectivities of (Mis)Recognition in the Global Anglophone Novel”

Director: Professor Sangita Gopal, Comparative Literature, Cinema Studies

Master’s Candidates

Jean-Baptiste A. Simonnet

“On Reading a Photograph, Race and Colonialism in Kanaky-New Caledonia”

Director: Professor Tze-Yin Teo, Comparative Literature

¹ summa cum laude ² magna cum laude ³ cum laude ⁴ Phi Beta Kappa ⁵ Oregon Six ⁶ department honors

Baccalaureate Candidates

Ian Croft Ahlberg ⁴
Valyree Belen Chavez
Rebecca Daniel
Kai J. DeCarli ^{2 4}
Sam Diane DePinto
Henry S. Hamilton
Patrick David Henslee ^{3 7}
Riley Tayven Houk
Kelsey Rebecca Johnson

Catherine Ling
Annaka Joy Lockard ⁷
Bella Shaye Medina
Lily Minu-Sepehr ^{1 4 6 7}
Claire Elizabeth Nowicki ^{3 4}
Aoibhinn Vasil O'Shea ^{1 7}
Audrey Jane Sanguinetti
Liam Serwin
Carl Booth Taylor

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

John Karl Scholz, President

Christopher P. Long, Provost and Senior Vice President

Chris Poulsen, Tykeson Dean of Arts and Sciences

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HONORING NATIVE PEOPLES AND LANDS

The University of Oregon is located on Kalapuya Ilihi, the traditional indigenous homeland of the Kalapuya people. Following treaties between 1851 and 1855, Kalapuya people were dispossessed of their indigenous homeland by the United States government and forcibly removed to the Coast Reservation in Western Oregon. Today, descendants are citizens of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon, and continue to make important contributions in their communities, at UO, and across the land we now refer to as Oregon.

We express our respect for all federally recognized tribal nations of Oregon. This includes the Burns Paiute Tribe; the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; the Coquille Indian Tribe; the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; and the Klamath Tribes. We also express our respect for all other displaced Indigenous peoples who call Oregon home.

