



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

# POLITICAL SCIENCE

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 · 1:00 P.M.  
SOUTHWEST CAMPUS GREEN

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

**Alison Gash**

Professor and Department Head, Political Science

Keynote Speaker

**Julie Fahey**

Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, District 14

Presentation of Doctoral and Master's Candidates

**Craig Kauffman**

Professor, Director of Graduate Studies

Undergraduate Honors and Awards

**Alison Gash**

Professor and Department Head, Political Science

Presentation of Baccalaureate Candidates

**Burke Hendrix**

Professor, Associate Department Head

**Daniel Tichenor**

Professor

Recessional

Adjournment and Reception

# UNIVERSITY HONORS

## Summa Cum Laude

*Top 2 percent of the university graduating class*

Heather Addison Thom

## Magna Cum Laude

*Top 5 percent of the university graduating class*

Faolan Adams  
Story Arney  
Meghan Cotton  
Cate Inman  
Sarah McVeety  
Robert Mitchell  
Ruby Moore

Daisy O'Hearn  
Tannyr Rose  
Lindsey Schulze  
Lilly Varner  
Emillie Wagner  
Jacob Miles Watson  
Ryan Joseph Wright

## Cum Laude

*Top 10 percent of the university graduating class*

Kendall Balderree  
Lucy Benoit  
Jordan Bowers  
Addison Caplinger  
Avery Cassler  
Gillian Grimm  
Luke Hladun  
Emma Lindquist  
Trinity Minyard

Nikolay Morgun  
Claire Nowicki  
Kenzie Parrott  
Jenna Rasmussen  
Evan Reynolds  
Scott Robinson  
Lauren Olivia Sadek  
Trinity Stutsman-Knox  
Arwen Thomas

# 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

### **Mary Follo**

“The Politics of Preemption: Housing through the Lens of State Preemptive Policy”

Advisor: Alison Gash, Professor

### **Parichehr Kazemi**

“Power, Pictures, and Protest: The Dynamics of Resistance and Repression in Iranian Women’s Digital Visual Activism”

Advisor: Erin Beck, Associate Professor

### **Madison Lehua Schroder**

“Politics of the People? Examining Out-of-State Interest in United States Direct Democracy Campaigns”

Advisor: Daniel Tichenor, Professor

### **Brett D Scott**

“Risking Race: Risk Assessment and the Policing of Blackness in the United States”

Advisor: Joseph Lowndes, Professor

### **Kathleen McKinzie Temple**

“Engineering Mindfulness: Translating Contemplative Practice from Silicon Valley”

Advisor: Gerald Berk, Professor Emeritus

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

## Master's Candidates

Thao Dinh  
Yuxuan Gao  
Casey Goldstein  
Nguyen Duc Thanh

Mohammed Shakibnia  
Munkyoung Shin  
Zhuoran Wang

## Baccalaureate Candidates

Thalia Angelina Abundis  
Natalie Adams  
Faolan Adams <sup>2</sup>  
Alexander Amir Aghdaei  
Shaianne Albright  
Story Arney <sup>2 4 6</sup>  
Sara Lizbeth Arzate  
Rory Aspin  
Sofia Brevis Astete  
Elizabeth Avant  
Kendall Balderree <sup>3</sup>  
Jake Baur  
Brooke Beaton  
Lucy Benoit <sup>3 4 6</sup>  
Tyler Bird  
Jaxson Bonneau  
Jordan Bowers <sup>3</sup>  
Brooke Bowyer  
Kaylyn Brennan  
Levi Britton  
Brandon Broch  
Alexander L. Brown  
Emi Brown  
Ryley Bryson  
Elijah Drew Yap Buan  
Samuel Buch  
Ethan Burnham  
Emma Rose Bynder  
Henry Byrne-Kvalsvik

Mia Capler  
Addison Caplinger <sup>3</sup>  
Avery Cassler <sup>3 4</sup>  
Chloe Coletti  
Maggie Combs <sup>4</sup>  
Payton Cook  
Charlotte Coppo  
Meghan Cotton <sup>2 4</sup>  
Josephine Leigh Cunningham  
Frank James Del Medico Jr.  
Raymond Millard Denton  
Athena DiLello  
Mason Dirk  
Olivia Duff  
Elli Veronica Elias  
Alyvia H. Embree <sup>3</sup>  
Ashley Michael Epstein  
Alexanda Itzel Espetia  
Matt Fernandes  
Noemi Flores  
Zoe Floyd  
Eleanor Michael Foster  
Alexandra Cheryl Foteff  
Isabel Ryan Fries  
Jasen Ryu Garcia-de Guzman  
Matthew Gattey  
Shealy Gibbs <sup>6</sup>  
Jonah Gildea  
Duncan Goddard <sup>4</sup>

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Kimberly Collins Gomez  
 Aaron Marc Greensfelder  
 Gillian Grimm <sup>3</sup>  
 Alexis Grimshaw  
 Emma Gunn  
 Nathan Halpert  
 Robert J. Hendrix  
 Sania Hirani  
 Aubry Ann Chao Hirschhorn  
 Luke Hladun <sup>3 4</sup>  
 Francesca Renee Hoff  
 Zoë Holguin  
 Yohnue Ariana Hunt  
 Maeve Huntington  
 Cate Inman <sup>2 4</sup>  
 Christie Jackson  
 Madeleine Jagels  
 Victoria Jordan  
 Getachew Kassa  
 Noah Kayaian  
 Nathaniel Kersey  
 Pauline Kim  
 Kylie Kranz  
 Mathias Lehman-Winters  
 Adam Levine  
 Emma Lindquist <sup>3 4</sup>  
 Jack Loudon  
 Autumn Lukens  
 Christina Lundahl  
 Rayne Alana Maldonado  
 Danielle Mares  
 Izzie Marshall  
 José Luis Maxwell  
 Rachel McCaleb  
 Jacob Scott Rock-n-Roll McKee  
 Asher McKinnon  
 Scout Elizabeth McLaglen  
 Sarah McVeety <sup>2</sup>

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 Trinity Minyard <sup>3 4</sup>  
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 Natalie Ann Morse  
 Jonathan Moses  
 Emily Mourning  
 Sebastian Muñoz  
 Remy Munro  
 J. P. Murphy  
 Vincent Murphy  
 Kai Naylor  
 Claire Nowicki <sup>3 4 6</sup>  
 Daisy O'Hearn <sup>2</sup>  
 Kaitlyn O'Rourke  
 Suzanne Ogilvie  
 Matilda Oliver  
 NinaFrances Olson  
 Natalie Ortega-Cuevas  
 Alec Palm  
 Kenzie Parrott <sup>3</sup>  
 Reed Patricelli  
 Nicholas Payson  
 Victoria Piñeiro  
 Roisin Powers  
 Isabella McNutt Quiroz  
 Trayton Ramey  
 Joseph Angelo Ramirez III  
 Nataly Elizabeth Ramirez  
 Nick Ramirez  
 Laney Randl  
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Nicholas Saldana  
Ashish Sathya  
Evelyn Schloss  
Bryan Marshall Schreiber  
Lindsey Schulze <sup>2 4</sup>  
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Ezra Shirtcliff  
Miles Slayton  
Natali Sloan  
Jack Smith  
Diego Solorio  
Audrey Kay Steffen  
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Harrison Stowell

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Nathaniel Thornburg <sup>3 4</sup>  
Landon Treglia  
Aleksei Usachenko  
Teagan VanBlarcom  
Lilly Varner <sup>2 4</sup>  
Sasha Vinson-Aninipot  
Daniel Vo <sup>6</sup>  
Emillie Wagner <sup>2</sup>  
Jacob Miles Watson <sup>2</sup>  
Jada Woods  
Ryan Joseph Wright <sup>2</sup>  
Alecea Zeitler

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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.



