

# 2021



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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON COMMENCEMENT

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***Robert Donald Clark***  
***Honors College***

ROBERT DONALD CLARK HONORS COLLEGE

# *Commencement Ceremony*

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021 · 10:00 A.M.

## Welcome

**Carol Stabile**

Interim Dean, Robert Donald Clark Honors College

## Keynote Speaker

**Leyla Farah**

Robert Donald Clark Honors College Class of '94  
Director of Strategic Communications, Salesforce

Leyla Farah got her start as a coder, and now leads strategic communications for Salesforce Ignite, a small innovation team housed within one of Silicon Valley's largest technology companies. Leyla is the author of the book "Black, Gifted and Gay," and was one of the original employees of PlanetOut Inc. She has served on the National Board of Governors for the Human Rights Campaign, and volunteers with numerous LGBT arts and policy organizations around the country. Leyla is a CHC graduate (class of '94), a member of the Clark Honors College Advisory Council and holds a JD from Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley. She lives in LA with her wife and their young daughter.

## Student Speakers

**Nisha Sridhar**

Class of 2021

**Sumit Kapur**

Class of 2021

## Presentation Of Candidates

**Carol Stabile**

Interim Dean, Robert Donald Clark Honors College

# UNIVERSITY HONORS

Seniors who have earned at least 90 credits at the University of Oregon and have completed all other degree requirements are eligible for Latin honors. These distinctions are based on students' rankings in their respective graduating classes in the 2020–21 academic year.

## Summa Cum Laude

### *Top 2 Percent of the University Graduating Class*

Adriann Chance Bechtle	Emily Renee Hunt	Phythyon Miller
Starla Dawn Chambrose	Elliot Quinn Jim	Nellie Meredith Pulis
Isabel Sidney Crabtree	Lauren Yiwen Jin	Caitlin Rose Scott
Gracia Mae Dodds	Sumit Kapur	Karina Atul Shah
Caroline Kane Doyle	Sahana Krishna Kumaran	Conrad A. Sproul
Hans Joseph Elliott	Natalie Alyssa Lehrbach	Maxwell Hatch Terry
Jacob Ian Evarts	Hannah Elaine Murawsky	Adrianna Vaca-Navarro
Dimitra Sophie Fellman	Myles Andrew Sproul Nelson	Jeffery Michael Van Horn
Hannah Louise Gerton	Minh Anh Nguyen	Madison Nicole Vann
Allison Paige Grimaldi	Bianca Sardo Pak	Anna Yaxuan Weibezahn
Ania Margo Grudzien	Madolyn "Mads" Harris	Daria Rose Wonderlick

## Magna Cum Laude

### *Top 5 Percent of the University Graduating Class*

Brenna Catherine Barton	Cailan Lindsay Feingold	Parker Triplett Morris
Ryan Patrick Basford	John Joseph Francis	Deanna Letitia Mary Plunkett
Oscar Rafael Bernat	Alexander Minsuk Har	Sean Robert Silverman
Ema Luo Jia Canning	Grace Ryan Hellwarth	Jude Marshall Stone
Caley Anne Thao Carlson	Noah Ryan Jordan	Manami Mae Uptegrove
Karmen Bridget Clark	Ryan Bijan Leriche	Emma Katherine Whittman
Rachel Elizabeth Conner	Danielle Anne Lewis	
Jake Vaughn Dellinger	Abbey Elizabeth McDonald	

## Cum Laude

### *Top 10 Percent of the University Graduating Class*

Sofia Rose Baldridge	Lukas D. Hanson	Kira Nicole McNeil
Sarah Blanton Barr	Mackenzie Susanne Hudler	Nicole Marie Mowery
Jacob John Bramham	Jessica Frances Jaszewski	Ellen Ruth Scharff
Owen Jack Cooper	Cassidy Mae Kenney	Hanna Lindsey Sebring
Erika Anne Eden	Kevin T. Kincaid	Alexis Nicole Sinclair
Emily Ann Fowler	Emily Ma	Alexander Isaac Vischer
Rose Miriam Gibian	Ivy Rose Marie McClure	

# CLASS OF 2021

## **Sofia Rose Baldrige<sup>3, 6</sup>**

“When Communities Care: Treating People with Substance Use Disorder through a Multi-Disciplinary Team”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Nicole Ngo, Planning, Public Policy and Management

*After graduation, Sofia plans to read many novels, cook yummy treats, and be fully present for a year before applying to master of public health programs.*

## **Jillian Rose Baldwin<sup>6</sup>**

“Trying to Save a Memory’: Redeeming the Image of the American Mustang in the 19th Century”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Steven Beda, History

*Jillian plans to attend law school to study environmental and land use law.*

## **Sarah Blanton Barr<sup>3, 4</sup>**

“The Power of Memory: The Implementation and Effects of Post-War Memorialization Efforts in Bosnia and Herzegovina”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Vice Provost of Operations and Innovation Will Johnson, Division of Global Engagement

*After graduation, Sarah will participate in the Teaching Assistant Program in Amiens, France.*

## **Brenna Catherine Barton<sup>2, 4</sup>**

“Dear Comrades: Analyzing Letters to La Pirenaica as Migrant Narrative”

Thesis Advisor: Norman H. Brown, Jr. Faculty Fellow and Professor Gina Herrmann, Romance Languages

## **Jordan Louise Barton<sup>4</sup>**

“Juliana v. United States: Climate Change, Youth Activism, and the Law”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Mark Carey, Environmental Studies, Clark Honors College

## **Ryan Patrick Basford<sup>2, 4</sup>**

“Representations and Memories of Harriet Tubman”

Thesis Advisor: Carrie C. Beekman Professor of Northwest and Pacific History  
Jeffrey Ostler, History

*After graduation, Ryan plans to pursue an MA in history at California State University, Long Beach before beginning a career in education.*

**Adriann Chance Bechtle<sup>1,6</sup>**

“Accessible Lighting Design in the Workplace: Reducing the Negative Impact of Photosensitivity and Migraines”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Alison Kwok, Architecture

*After graduation, Adriann hopes to work for an architecture firm that prioritizes sustainable and accessible design.*

**Oscar Rafael Bernat<sup>2,6</sup>**

“Toward a New Doctor-Patient Relationship: Complementing Medical Principlism with an Ethics of Care”

Thesis Advisor: Research Associate/Associate Director CGOEP Caroline Lundquist, Philosophy

*After graduation, Oscar plans to apply to medical school and travel during his gap year.*

**Wyatt Alexander Borman<sup>4</sup>**

“Consequences of Genetic Diversity for Host Cell Adherence by the Bacterium *Helicobacter pylori*”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Matthew Barber, Biology

*After graduation, Wyatt plans to work as a medical assistant for a family physician in Roseburg, Oregon before applying to medical school.*

**Jacob John Bromham<sup>3,6</sup>**

“Fact or Folk: Evaluating Common Theories of Parochial Interests about the Cause of the Iraq War”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Jane Cramer, Political Science

**Risa Joy Byerly**

“An Investigation into Child Caries and Creation of Preventative Curriculum to Decrease Dental Decay Rates in Children”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Director for Research and Assessment Austin Hocker, Office of the Provost

*After graduation, Risa plans to attend dental school.*

**Emma L. Canning<sup>2,4</sup>**

“The Rise of the Front National (National Front) and the Role of Marine Le Pen”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Craig Parsons, Political Science

**Alissa Cynthia Campista**

"Effect of Disclosing According to SASB on Equity Pricing"

Thesis Advisor: Bashaw Senior Lecturer II of Accounting Michele Henney, Lundquist College of Business

*After graduation, Alissa will intern with PricewaterhouseCoopers and earn her master's in accounting at the University of Oregon.*

**Caley Anne Thao Carlson<sup>2, 6</sup>**

"Forever Foreign: International Adoptees and Semi-Citizenship in America"

Thesis Advisor: Philip H. Knight Chair Dan Tichenor, Political Science

*After graduation, Caley plans to attend Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver to pursue her JD.*

**Starla Dawn Chambrose<sup>1, 4</sup>**

"A History of Muscular Dystrophy: The Biosocial Nature of Disease"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Arafaat Valiani, History

*After graduation, Starla will be teaching middle school science for a year before applying to master's programs in genetic counseling.*

**Lai Wah "Leah" Chen**

"The 1992 Los Angeles Riots: A Comparison of Coverage between White and Black Newspaper Establishments"

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Annelise Heinz, History

**Karmen Bridget Clark<sup>2, 4</sup>**

"Reconstructing the Ecosystem of Spanish Two-Way Immersion Programs through a Pedagogy of Translanguaging"

Thesis Advisor: Professor Robert Davis, Romance Languages

**Noa Cohen<sup>6</sup>**

"Exploration of Auditory Theta Rhythms to Improve Human Cognition"

Thesis Advisor: Professor Emeritus Michael Posner, Psychology

*Noa plans to pursue an MPhil in biological anthropological science at the University of Cambridge to study the interaction between nutrition, infection, and socioeconomic status and their impact on infant neurodevelopment, morbidity, and linear growth.*

**Rachel Elizabeth Maimouna Conner<sup>2, 4</sup>**

"100 Years of Malaria Prevalence in Zanzibar, East Africa"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Melissa Graboyes, History, Clark Honors College

*After graduation, Rachel plans to take a gap year before applying to nursing school.*

**Owen Jack Cooper<sup>3,4,6</sup>**

“Does Media Make the Movement? News Framing of the Political Response to Black Lives Matter Protests in Portland”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Maxwell Foxman, School of Journalism and Communication

**Isabel Sidney Crabtree<sup>1,4,6</sup>**

“Influence of Listener Ideology on Perception of Nonnative Speech Volume”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor and David M. and Nancy L. Petrone Faculty Scholar Melissa Baese-Berk, Linguistics

**Jake Vaughn Dellinger<sup>2,4,6</sup>**

“Post-Revolutionary German Literature 1848–1888: Tracing Liberalism through German Literary Realism”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Ian McNeely, History

*After graduation, Jake plans to take a gap year before applying to law school.*

*From July through September, Jake will be studying in Austria with an international program through the University of Vienna.*

**Harriet Ffion Lynette Dilly**

“Theoretical Analysis of the Biological Basis for the Cooling-off Period of Serial Killers”

Thesis Advisor: Senior Instructor Nicole Dudukovic, Psychology, Clark Honors College

**Gracia Mae Dodds<sup>1,6</sup>**

“Queer Identity as a Litmus Test for Consent: How Multigender Attracted Women Conceptualize Sexual Violence”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Jocelyn Hollander, Sociology

*After graduation, Gracia will be working for HIV Alliance as an education*

*coordinator. She plans to attend graduate school to obtain a PhD in sociology after working for a few years.*

**Caroline Kane Doyle<sup>1,4,6</sup>**

“Weight-related Teasing (WRT) Associated with Depressive and Loneliness Symptoms in Rural Oregon Children”

Thesis Advisor: Evergreen Assistant Professor Nichole Kelley, Counseling Psychology

*After serving as chapter president and in other affiliated leadership roles, Caroline has accepted an employment offer to work for Tri Delta Executive Office as a chapter development consultant. While working this upcoming year, Caroline will be applying to medical school in hopes of attending in fall of 2022 to pursue her lifelong career and passion of becoming a practicing MD.*

**Erika Anne Eden<sup>3, 4</sup>**

“Sexual Assault and Misconduct on Campus: Why Women Aren't Seeking out Resources”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Alison Gash, Political Science

*After graduation, Erika will be going to law school.*

**Hans Joseph Elliott<sup>1, 6</sup>**

“Aligning Oregon’s Higher Education with a Changing Labor Market: Job Polarization and the Evolving Role of the Community College”

Thesis Advisor: Professor William Harbaugh, Economics

*After graduation, Hans will be attending the University of Oregon for another year to complete a one-year master's degree in economics.*

**Josephine Evangeline Evans**

“Exploring Black American Identity with Kente Cloth”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor John Arndt, Product Design

*After graduation, Josephine will be moving to Austin, Texas to work for Apple.*

**Jacob Ian Evarts<sup>1, 4</sup>**

“Propagating Prion States in RNA Modifying Enzymes in Budding Yeast”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor David Garcia, Biology

*After graduation, Jacob will be attending the University of Washington to start his PhD in computational biology.*

**Madeline “Maddy” Summer Faaborg**

“Marketing Messaging and Its Effects on People’s Perception of Injury in High Impact Sports”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Noelle Nelson, Lundquist College of Business

*After graduation, Madeline plans to continue working in her current role as a digital marketing strategist before she finds her next adventure.*

**Cailin Lindsay Feingold<sup>2, 4, 6</sup>**

“Investigating the Relationship between Heat-Induced DNA Damage and the Synaptonemal Complex during *C. elegans* Oogenesis and Spermatogenesis”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Diana Libuda, Biology

*After graduation, Cailan will attend medical school at New York Medical College.*

**Jesse Lee Felgentrager<sup>6</sup>**

“Forecasting the Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Universities: A Case Study of the UO’s Response”

Thesis Advisor: W. E. Miner Professor Ben Hanson, Economics

*After graduation, Jesse will be entering the workforce to support his wife who will be attending medical school.*



**Dimitra Sophie Fellman<sup>1,4</sup>**

“Oregon’s Response to COVID-19: Approaches and Outcomes to Diagnostic Testing”  
Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Melissa Graboyes, History, Clark Honors College  
*After graduation, Dimitra plans to take a few years off to work in the public health field before applying to graduate school.*

**Megan Fitchen**

“The Creation of Yosemite National Park: An American Movement Born from Literature”  
Thesis Advisor: Professor of Practice Barbara Mossberg, English, Clark Honors College

**Emily Ann Fowler<sup>3,6</sup>**

“(Dis)information Warfare: The 2016 Election, Russian Hackers, and US Democratic Precarity”  
Thesis Advisor: Philip H. Knight Chair Dan Tichenor, Political Science  
*As a Venture for America fellow, Emily will work at a civic technology startup in a leadership position for two years.*

**John Joseph Francis<sup>2,6</sup>**

“The Relationship between Cholinergic and Noradrenergic Activity and Behavioral State”  
Thesis Advisor: Professor and Presidential Chair David McCormick, Biology  
*After graduation, John will be attending Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.*

**Elliot Lynne Freeman**

“Minus the Math Anxiety: Breaking Down the Barriers between Students and Mathematics”  
Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Chris Sinclair, Mathematics, Clark Honors College  
*Elliott has been accepted into the UOTeach program and is excited to start.*

**Patrick Judd Fuller**

“Standardized Reading Performance and Objective Eye Movement Efficiency in Children—A Quantitative Correlational Study Design”  
Thesis Advisor: Assistant Research Professor Christina Karns, Psychology, Center on Brain Injury Research  
*After graduation, Patrick plans to take a year off before applying to a vision science and optometry program.*

**Hannah Louise Gerton<sup>1,6</sup>**

“Rehabilitation or Punishment: An Analysis of the Goals, Architecture, and Effectiveness of Contemporary Prisons”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor and Frederick Charles Baker Chair in Design  
Siobhan Rockcastle, Architecture

**Rose Miriam Gibian<sup>3,4</sup>**

“Comics of an Unsettled World: An Exploration of Living with an Uncertain Future”

Thesis Advisor: Senior Instructor Tyrnas Warren, Art

**George Barton Go**

“Contractile Properties of Skeletal Muscle at Optimal Levels of Metabolite”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Damien Callahan, Human Physiology

*After graduation, George plans to take a year off of school to work and apply to medical school, allowing himself the pleasure of spontaneous adventures.*

**Frederick “Freddy” Gonzales**

“The Role of Advertising and Its Importance to Black Cultural Moments”

Thesis Advisor: Professor of Practice David Ewald, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Freddy plans to continue to do creative work that inspires people to do good.*

**Anika Dawn Graack<sup>4</sup>**

“Comparison and Analysis of Spanish Translations of COVID-19 Public Health Resources”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Melissa Graboyes, History, Clark Honors College

*After graduation, Anika will be participating in Teach for America while applying to medical school.*

**Ally Paige Grimaldi<sup>1,4,6</sup>**

“‘Beef. It’s What’s for Dinner’: An Analysis of Beef-Driven Powerlessness as it Relates to Food Insecurity, Climate Change, and Advertising in the US”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Emerita Deborah Baumgold, Political Science

*After graduation, Ally will attend Lewis & Clark Law School to study environmental law.*

**Ania Margo Grudzien<sup>1,4,6</sup>**

“Color Memory Differentiation as an Adaptive Remedy for Highly Similar Object Memories”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Brice Kuhl, Psychology

*After graduation, Ania is looking forward to graduate school and a career in academia.*

**Lukas D. Hanson<sup>3,4,6</sup>**

“Toxic Tweets: Correlating Politicians’ Emotion with Feedback on Twitter”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Nicole Dahmen, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Lukas plans to work as a science communicator before enrolling in a master’s program at the University of British Columbia.*

**Alexander Minsuk Har<sup>2,4</sup>**

“Strategic Communication at Rajneeshpuram”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Dean Mundy, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Alex plans to continue learning through a PR residency with Wieden + Kennedy and hopefully lock down the start of his career.*

**Alexander Joel “AJ” Heckman<sup>2,4</sup>**

“How to Protect the Working Class in a Global Economy – an Analysis of Trump Tariffs on the American Steel Industry”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Van Kolpin, Economics

*After graduation, I’m start ballin’.*

**Morgan MacDonald Heinrich**

“Jordan Brand: From NBA Legend to Global Marketing Phenomenon”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor John Clithero, Lundquist College of Business

**Grace Ryan Hellwarth<sup>2,6</sup>**

“Engaged Journalism: Techniques for Serving the Eugene Community”

Thesis Advisor: Carolyn S. Chambers Professor in Journalism Damian Radcliffe, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Grace plans to attend a paralegal program in Portland.*

**Ryan Daniel Horiuchi**

“Predicting Fit between Music and Sports in a Marketing Context”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Noelle Nelson, Lundquist College of Business

*This summer, Ryan will be working various events/projects and continue to build his network in the sports industry after graduation.*

**Mackenzie “Kenzie” Susanne Hudler<sup>3, 6</sup>**

“Media Framing of Second-Wave Feminist and Civil Rights Protest Groups at the 1968 Miss America Pageant”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Dean Mundy, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Mackenzie plans to pursue a career in public relations, and possibly pursue her master's degree in business later on.*

**Lucy Angharad Enos Hudson**

“Pandemic Economics: A Case Study of the Economic Effects of COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies in the United States and the European Union”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Keaton Miller, Economics

*After graduation, Lucy is moving to San Francisco, California to work as a technology consultant at EY.*

**Emily Renee Hunt<sup>1, 4, 6</sup>**

“Whiteness on Mission (Trips): Analyzing Voluntourism as a Racial Project”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Lesley Jo Weaver, Global Studies

*Next year, Emily will pursue her JD at UC Berkeley School of Law.*

**Jessica Frances Jaszewski<sup>3, 4</sup>**

“Four Encounters: An exploration of Luis Valdez’s Los Vendidos”

Thesis Advisor: Instructor Tricia Rodley, Theater Arts

**Katie Ann Jensen<sup>4, 6</sup>**

“The PMRC’s Filthy Fifteen: A Censorship Battle for 1980s Cultural Control”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Peter Alilunas, Cinema Studies

*After graduation, Katie plans to enjoy her last summer in Eugene before entering the film industry.*

**Elliot Quinn Jim<sup>1, 4, 6</sup>**

“Improving Research with Big Data Visualization: A Look at Firearm Deaths in the United States”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Michal Young, Computer and Information Science

**Lauren Yiwen Jin<sup>1, 6</sup>**

“Who Belongs, Who Doesn’t: Gentrification and the Golden State Warriors”

Thesis Advisor: Carolyn Silva Chambers Distinguished Professor in Advertising  
Deb Morrison, School of Journalism and Communication

**Jyhreh A'Knell Johnson<sup>4,6</sup>**

"Quantifying Cranial Shape Change with Age in Adult Modern Humans through a Geometric Morphometric Approach"

Thesis Advisor: Professor Stephen Frost, Anthropology

*After graduation, Jyhreh will be enrolling in a PhD program in biological anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin in the hopes of becoming a tenured professor and research at either a four-year institution or an Historically Black College or University.*

**Noah Ryan Jordan<sup>2,4</sup>**

"Across the Threshold: Comparing Aesthetic Experience in the Street and in the Gallery"

Thesis Advisor: Professor of Practice Barbara Mossberg, English, Clark Honors College

**Sumit Kapur<sup>1,6</sup>**

"Dialectic and Rhetoric in American Political Debate"

Thesis Advisor: Philip H. Knight Chair Dan Tichenor, Political Science

*After graduation, Sumit plans to attend law school.*

**Sydney Maya Katz<sup>4,6</sup>**

"The Effects of Fire and Logging on Montane Forest Soils in Southern Oregon"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Lucas Silva, Environmental Studies

*After graduation, Sydney will continue studying at the UO in the master's of geography program.*

**Kayden Elijah Kendrick**

"Investigating Introgression at the Myb2 Locus of *Mimulus puniceus*"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Matt Streisfeld, Biology

*After graduation, Kayden plans to take a year off before applying to graduate school.*

**Talon Emma Kennedy<sup>4</sup>**

"Three Branches, Three Orders: An Analysis of Executive Authority in Relation to Immigration and National Security"

Thesis Advisor: Philip H. Knight Chair Daniel Tichenor, Political Science

**Cassidy Mae Kenney<sup>3,4</sup>**

"Civic Engagement of Youth: Efficacy of Service-Learning Strategies of the Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Craig Kauffman, Political Science

**Kevin T. Kincaid<sup>3,4</sup>**

“Check Your Inventory: A Critique of Hypermasculinity and Creative Potential in Video Games”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Rick Silva, Art

*After graduation, Kevin will be attending Savannah College of Art and Design and studying to receive a master's degree in interactive design and game development.*

**Aysa Leerdrup Klocke**

“Evaluating the Success of Oregon’s Norwegian-Inspired Prison Reform”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Emeritus Cheyney Ryan, Law School

*After graduating, Aysa will be attending Gonzaga School of Law in fall 2021. She is excited to spend three years studying the law, building community, and engaging in her passion for prison abolition and transformative justice.*

**MacKenzie Elizabeth Krish<sup>4</sup>**

“An Interrogation of anti-Asian Xenophobia in America’s two Deadliest Pandemics”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Ocean Howell, History

*Mackenzie looks forward to a summer of travel.*

**Sahana Krishna Kumaran<sup>1,4,6</sup>**

“The Effect of Large Artery Stiffness on Cognitive Decline, Inflammation, and Oxidative Stress”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Ashley Walker, Human Physiology

*After graduation, Sahana plans to apply to medical school.*

**Anna Rae Laber**

“The Value of Unused Gift Cards, Where the Money Goes and Who it Benefits”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor and Miner Research Scholar Brady Twedt, Lundquist College of Business

**Paul Samuel Laing**

“Limiting Cost of Damage: How to Allocate Funds Effectively When Mitigating Wildfires”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Kate Zipay, Lundquist College of Business

**Natalie Alyssa Lehrbach<sup>1,4,6</sup>**

“The Value of Biodiversity Conservation within the Social-Ecological System of Picos de Europa National Park”

Thesis Advisor: Senior Instructor Galen Martin, Global Studies

*After graduation, Natalie plans to move to Madrid, Spain to teach English to elementary school children.*

**Emmalyn Pearl Leonard<sup>4</sup>**

“Exploring the Neural Basis of Visual Processing in the Freely Moving Mouse”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Cristopher Niell, Biology

**Ryan Bijan Leriche<sup>2,4</sup>**

“Understanding How Electrical Brain Waves Modulate with Movement, Speed, and Uncertainty”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Nicki Swann, Human Physiology

*Ryan plans to spend the next year continuing to research the human motor system while he applies to medical schools.*

**Danielle Anne Lewis<sup>2,6</sup>**

“Humanizing the Holocaust”

Thesis Advisor: Senior Instructor Tyras Warren, Art

**Max Leabo Lowthian<sup>4,6</sup>**

“Cheney’s Influence on the Decision to Invade Iraq War”

Thesis Advisor: Senior Instructor Alexander Dracobly, History

**Emily Ma<sup>3,4</sup>**

“Investigating Amino Acid-Modulated Motility of the Zebrafish Bacterial Isolate, *Aeromonas veronii*”

Thesis Advisor: Philip H. Knight Chair Karen Guillemin, Biology

**Walter “Wally” Henry McAllister**

“Radical Transformation: How Climate Rebels are Facilitating the Imagination and Transition to a Sustainable Future”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Barbara Muraca, Philosophy

**Ivy Rose Marie McClure<sup>3,6</sup>**

“Music as a Tool for Intentional Self-Empowerment”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Brian McWhorter, Music, Clark Honors College

*After graduation, Ivy plans to stay in Eugene to work before applying to graduate school for music therapy.*

**Abbey Elizabeth McDonald<sup>2,6</sup>**

“Framing Impeachment: How US Diplomacy and Ethnonationalist Conflict Informed Impeachment Coverage in Ireland and Northern Ireland”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Nicole Dahmen, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Abbey will drive east to Vale, Oregon for a summer reporting internship at the Malheur Enterprise.*

### **Casey Marie McGuire**

“Surgically Induced Changes to the Gut Microbiome and Depressive Symptoms in Bariatric Surgery Patients”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Carrie McCurdy, Human Physiology

*After graduation, Casey plans to take a year off before applying to medical school.*

### **Kira Nicole McNeil<sup>3, 6</sup>**

“Developing a Mutually Beneficial Framework for Food-Travel Entertainment”

Thesis Advisor: James N. Wallace Chair of Journalism Peter Laufer, School of Journalism and Communication

*Kira is unsure exactly where post-grad life will lead her, but it is sure to be full of travel, adventure, and new experiences.*

### **Parker Triplett Morris<sup>2, 4, 6</sup>**

“Designer Catalysts: The Role of Sterics and Electronics on Nickel Catalyzed Isomerization”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Amanda Cook-Sneathen, Chemistry and Biochemistry

*After graduation, Parker will be attending the University of California, Santa Barbara to receive his PhD in chemistry, focusing on renewable polymer technologies.*

### **Nicole M. Mowery<sup>3, 6</sup>**

“Ghosts Before Breakfast: Art and Censorship in Post-WWI Germany”

Thesis Advisor: Instructor Arnaud Ghillebaert, Music

*After graduation, Nicole plans to work on a farm.*

### **Hannah Elaine Murawsky<sup>1, 4, 5, 6</sup>**

“Investigating the Mechanism of Activation by Inflammatory Signal Molecules S100A9 and Lipopolysaccharides”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Mike Harms, Chemistry and Biochemistry

### **Joseph Pisano Murrer**

“Geographic Dispersion and Stock Returns in the Era of the Pandemic”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor of Finance Ioannis Branikas, Lundquist College of Business

*After graduation, Joey plans on moving to Dallas, Texas and will start work at Fidelity Investments in their Westlake office.*



**Marin Nagle**

“Exploring the Impacts of Biophilic Design Elements on Occupants’ Behavior and Health: The Implication of Biomorphic Forms and Visual Connections to Nature”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor and Frederick Charles Baker Chair in Design  
Siobhan Rockcastle, Architecture

*After graduation, Marin will be working full-time as a designer with Ryan Companies in the multifamily housing sector.*

**Myles Andrew Sproul Nelson<sup>1, 4, 5, 6</sup>**

“Predicting the Metabolic Cost of Level-Ground Walking from Gait Speed and Prosthesis Stiffness”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Mike Hahn, Human Physiology

*After graduation, Myles plans to take a year off before attending medical school to pursue his dream of becoming a physician.*

**Beatrix Mae Ngia<sup>6</sup>**

“Resilient Housing: Courtyard Homes Responding to Drought and Social Change”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Peter Keyes, Architecture

**Minh Anh Nguyen<sup>1, 6</sup>**

“Investigating the Mechanisms of Vagus Nerve Stimulation via Cortical Cholinergic and Noradrenergic Signalling Blockade”

Thesis Advisor: Professor David McCormick, Biology

*After graduation, Minh plans to take a year off to work and volunteer in the community while applying to medical school.*

**Catherine Grace O’Hara<sup>6</sup>**

“Constraining Magma Chamber and Recharge Conditions from Surface Uplift at Three Sisters Volcanic Center in the Oregon Cascades”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Meredith Townsend, Earth Sciences

*After graduation, Catherine will be attending the University of Iceland to pursue her master’s of science in geophysics.*

**Bianca Sardo Pak<sup>1, 4</sup>**

“‘Tastes Like Freedom’: Food, Identity, and Community in Carceral Settings”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Anita Chari, Political Science

*After graduation, Bianca plans to move to Northern California and pursue a career working in criminal justice nonprofits that advocate for incarcerated people.*

**Talia Elise Park<sup>6</sup>**

"Psychophysiological Responses to Acute Cold Water Immersion"

Thesis Advisor: Kenneth M. and Kenda H. Singer Professor Christopher Minson,  
Human Physiology

*After graduation, Talia plans to work for Mckenzie Fire and Rescue and Willamette Pass Ski Patrol.*

**Nickolai Aidan Perepelitza<sup>6</sup>**

"Assessing the Impact of Performance-Based Funding Policies for Public Higher Education in Oregon"

Thesis Advisor: Professor William Harbaugh, Economics

*After graduation, Nikolai plans to move to Boston to pursue a master's degree in economics before applying to PhD programs.*

**Madolyn "Mads" Harris Phythyon Miller<sup>1, 6</sup>**

"Transgender and Time Travel: Transgender Representations in Science Fiction and Fantasy Television"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Quinn Miller, English

*Mads plans to take some time off after graduation and move to Portland before applying to graduate school.*

**Deanna Letitia Mary Plunkett<sup>2, 4, 6</sup>**

"Neonatal Inflammation Primes Microglia in Respiratory Control Regions"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Adrienne Huxtable, Human Physiology

*After graduation, Deanna plans to take a year off while applying to medical school.*

**Nellie Meredith Pulis<sup>1, 6</sup>**

"The Jock Tax and Its Influence on Athletes' Residency and Locational Competition Trends"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor and Miner Research Scholar Brady Twedt,  
Lundquist College of Business

*After graduation, Nellie will be attending the University of Southern California to obtain a master's in accounting and data analytics. She will also be working at KPMG in their Los Angeles office as an audit associate.*

**Maurisa Jacqueline Rapp<sup>4, 6</sup>**

"Intergenerational Effects of Maternal Obesity on Mitochondrial Reactive Oxygen Species Production and DNA Damage in Offspring"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Carrie McCurdy, Human Physiology

*After graduation, Maurisa plans to work in healthcare and continue her education.*

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### **Zel Rae Reiter**

"Measuring Brand Activism Authenticity"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Dean Mundy, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Zel plans to take a long nap before she begins her career in public relations.*

### **Isabel "Isa" Margueritte Richter**

"Stochastic Modeling of Structured Microbial Environments"

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Tristan Ursell, Physics

*Isa is going to spend a year working as a medical assistant and hopes to attend OHSU and become a family medicine doctor.*

### **Jenna Claire Rudolph**

"Investigating Possible Benefits of Maternal Thiamine Supplementation for Enhancing Social Alertness in Infants at Risk for Thiamine Deficiency"

Thesis Advisor: Professor Dare Baldwin, Psychology, Clark Honors College

*After graduation, Jenna plans to take a year off to breathe, spend time outdoors, and explore options in the medical field before applying to medical school.*

### **Alina Denise Salagean<sup>4, 6</sup>**

"Defining the Roles of Conserved DNA Repair Complexes in *Caenorhabditis elegans* Meiotic Genome Integrity"

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Diana Libuda, Biology

*In the fall of 2021, Alina will start a PhD in biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).*

### **Ellen Ruth Scharff<sup>3, 4, 6</sup>**

"Strategic Essentialism and Gender Complexity in James Tiptree Jr.'s Science Fiction"

Thesis Advisor: Senior Instructor Kate Myers, English

*After graduation, Ellen plans to take a year off before returning to University of Oregon for graduate school.*

### **Stephanie Michele Schofield**

"Perception is Reality: Measuring the Efficacy of Human-Centered Data Visualization Methods with COVID-19 Case Data"

Thesis Advisor: Professor Joseph Sventek, Computer and Information Sciences

*After graduation, Stephanie will work as an associate consultant at Microsoft in Dallas, Texas.*

**Caitlin Rose Scott<sup>1,4,6</sup>**

“Reinforcing Push Factors in the Northern Triangle: An Investigation of Trump’s Attempts to Deter Immigration through Humanitarian Aid Reduction”

Thesis Advisor: Senior Instructor Galen Martin, Global Studies

*After graduation, Caitlin hopes to spend a school year in Spain as a language teaching assistant before pursuing graduate school.*

**Hannah Lindsey Sebring<sup>3,4,6</sup>**

“Disney as Eco-Literature: The Need for Accessible Environmental Literature”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Hollie Smith, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Hannah will continue her work with Camp Fire Wilani and explore opportunities to explore the world and protect it.*

**Karina Atul Shah<sup>1,6</sup>**

“Investigating the Relationship between Acute Mountain Sickness, Patent Foramen Ovale, and Systemic Inflammation”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Andrew Lovering, Human Physiology

*After graduation, Karina plans to attend physician assistant school.*

**Allene “Ally” Dorothea Shaw<sup>4</sup>**

“Translation and Discussion of Choi Sung-Guk’s ‘Labor Interrogation’”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Susanna Lim, Russian and East European Studies

*After graduation, Ally will be fulfilling a required year of federal service as a condition of having received the Boren Scholarship.*

**Sean Robert Silverman<sup>2,6</sup>**

“Effective Diversification Practices: Investing through Uncertain Economic Conditions”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Zhi Wang, Lundquist College of Business

**Alexis Nicole Sinclair<sup>3,4,6</sup>**

“‘I’m Sorry!’: The Relationship of Proclivity to Apologize and Parenting Quality”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Maureen Zalewski Regnier, Psychology

*After graduation, Alexis plans to continue work in psychology research at the Oregon Social Learning Center.*

**Morgan Alexandra Snow<sup>4</sup>**

“The Effects of the Meat Industry on Environmental Justice and Human Rights”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Yvonne Braun, Global Studies

*After graduation, Morgan plans to take a gap year while applying to graduate school.*

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**Conrad A. Sproul<sup>1, 4, 6</sup>**

“Don't Kill my Buzz, Man!”—Explaining the Criminalization of Psychedelic Drugs”

Thesis Advisor: Philip H. Knight Chair Dan Tichenor, Political Science

*After graduating from Clark Honors College, Conrad plans to attend law school at Stanford University.*

**Nisha Sridhar<sup>4</sup>**

“Training Future Pediatricians on Adverse Childhood Experiences: Current Practices, Barriers, and Future Steps”

Thesis Advisor: Philip H. Knight Chair Dan Tichenor, Political Science

*Nisha will continue research on how early life stress affects brain development as a graduate student in psychology next year and then pursue medical school.*

**Leah Lorén Steindorf<sup>6</sup>**

“Ambiguous Loss: The Impact of Absence”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Jeffrey Todahl, Couples and Family Therapy

*After graduation, Leah will continue to pursue her passion for helping people by furthering her education at Naropa University studying transpersonal wilderness therapy.*

**Jude Marshall Stone<sup>2, 4</sup>**

“Racial Influence on Convictions in Trans-Femme Homicide Cases”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Alison Gash, Political Science

*After graduation, Jude will stay at UO as the campus organizer of OSPIRG Students, training students to win nonpartisan campaigns with grassroots activism.*

**Summer Bree Surgent-Gough<sup>4, 6</sup>**

“An Ode to Lesbian YouTube: Documenting the Impact Lesbian YouTubers Had on Their Viewers”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Peter Alilunas, Cinema Studies

**Maxwell Hatch Terry<sup>1, 4, 6</sup>**

“The Technological Security of American Elections: Defining, Understanding, and Implementing Secure Elections in an Insecure World”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Michal Young, Computer and Information Science

*After graduation, Max is planning to attend law school at the University of Minnesota.*

**Ian Spencer Torrence<sup>4,6</sup>**

“Development and Optimization of Ammonium-Selective CHEMFETs for Aqueous Measurement”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Darren Johnson, Chemistry and Biochemistry  
*After graduation, Ian will be going to UC Davis for graduate school in chemical biology.*

**Dylan Quang Truong**

“Safety Implications of Autonomous Vehicles”

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Anne Brown, Planning, Public Policy and Management

**Manami Mae Uptegrove<sup>2,4</sup>**

“Exploring Youth and Irregular Employment in Japan During COVID-19: A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis”

Thesis Advisor: Professor Alisa Freedman, East Asian Languages  
*After graduation, Manami will reconnect with friends and family over the summer and will pursue a job in global business.*

**Meg Alison Urban**

“Racial Disparities in Maternal and Infant Care in the United States: A History of Exclusion and Mistreatment”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Sierra Dawson, Office of the Provost

*After graduation, Meg plans to take a year off and work as an EMT before applying to graduate school.*

**Adrianna Vaca-Navarro<sup>1,4</sup>**

“Border Imperialism and Agricultural Servitude in the Lives of Mexican Immigrants”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Analisa Taylor, Romance Languages

**Jeffrey Michael Van Horn<sup>1,6</sup>**

“The Intersection of Accounting and Blockchain Technology: An Analysis of Current and Future Implications”

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor and Robert and Lois Braddock Research Scholar Kyle Peterson, Lundquist College of Business

*After graduation, Jeffrey will be in the University of Oregon master's of accounting program.*

**Quinn Lee Van Horne<sup>6</sup>**

"Marketability: The History and Impact of Name, Image, and Likeness Legislation on Intercollegiate Athletics"

Thesis Advisor: Instructor Steffen Jahn, Lundquist College of Business

*After graduation, Quinn will be working as a graduate assistant of marketing and student engagement for the Northern Arizona University Athletic department while pursuing an MBA degree.*

**Madi N. Vann<sup>1, 4, 6</sup>**

"Countries Beyond Bars: A Cross-National Comparison of Punitive and Rehabilitative Methods of Incarceration"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Matthew Norton, Sociology

**Hailey Elena Volk**

"Influence of Prenatal Nutrition and Supplementation on Birth Outcomes and Negative Affectivity in Infants"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Jennifer Ablow, Psychology

*After graduation, Hailey plans to take a year off before applying to medical school and will be starting a position at OHSU as a research assistant for the Prenatal Environment and Child Health study.*

**Morgan Kay Walker<sup>6</sup>**

"Students and Cadavers: Navigating the Complex Relationship between Death and Education"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Melissa Graboyes, History, Clark Honors College

*After graduation, Morgan plans to take a year off to save money and gain work experience before applying to graduate school.*

**Whitney Hope Warth<sup>4</sup>**

"Associations between Level of Openness and Adoptee Life Satisfaction: A Comparison of Transracial and Same-Race Adoptions"

Thesis Advisor: Professor Leslie Leve, Prevention Science

*After graduation, Whitney plans to take a year off while applying to dental school.*

**Annie YaXuan Weibezahn<sup>1, 4, 6</sup>**

"Characterizing Cortical Visual Responses Near the Perceptual Threshold"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Cristopher Niell, Biology

*After graduation, Annie plans to attend veterinary school at OSU in the fall.*

**Mac E. Weinstock<sup>6</sup>**

"C.S. Peirce's Pragmatic Maxim in Relation to Epistemic Opacity in Machine Learning"

Thesis Advisor: Professor Scott Pratt, Philosophy

*After graduation, Mac will work for Suvoda LLC testing software for clinical trials.*

**Hadley Ruth Weiss**

"Thinly Veiled Agendas: Examining the Motivation Behind Abortion Bans Enacted During the COVID-19 Crisis"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Alison Gash, Political Science

*After graduation, Hadley plans to work and travel for a year before applying to graduate schools for a master's degree in public policy.*

**William Wells Werts<sup>6</sup>**

"The US-China 5G Race: A Tale of Semiconductors and Differing Interests"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Dean Mundy, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Will plans to continue his career in tech with a role at Google.*

**Emma Katherine Whittman<sup>2, 4, 6</sup>**

"Peripheral Vascular Responses to Acute Cold-Water Immersion"

Thesis Advisor: Kenneth M. and Kenda H. Singer Professor Christopher Minson, Human Physiology

*After graduation, Emma will be attending Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health to earn a master's of public health.*

**Nicole Elizabeth Williams<sup>4</sup>**

"Advertising in the Nonprofit Sector: Building a Brand and Creative Brief for Friends of Hendricks Park"

Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Hollie Smith, School of Journalism and Communication

*After graduation, Nicole plans to start her career in some warmer weather down in LA.*

**Katharine Jessica Wishnia**

"New Religious Movements' Influence on Radical Factions in the United States"

Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Alison Gash, Political Science



**Daria Rose Wonderlick<sup>1, 4, 5, 6</sup>**

“What Can a Small RNA Molecule Teach Us about Molecular Switches?  
Distinguishing Contact from Ensemble Epistasis in the Adenine Riboswitch”  
Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Mike Harms, Chemistry and Biochemistry  
*After graduation, Daria will begin a PhD in biophysics at Stanford University.*

**Hannah Shawn Wyatt**

“An Exploration of Architectural Solutions to the Marginalization of the Homeless”  
Thesis Advisor: Professor Howard Davis, Architecture

## CELEBRATING PROFESSOR EMERITA ROXANN PRAZNIAK



"I'm grateful to Professor Prazniak's knowledge, experience, compassion, and guidance, for it was how I eventually found my way to comparative literature. She helped me find what I was truly interested in and realize the importance of engaging in a study and career that you enjoy. I am now a PhD student in comparative literature, and often fondly look back to that CHC Silk Road course where I first met Professor Prazniak. She was the first person to help me see the wide range of fields available at college, and she encouraged me to pursue the things that interest me the most. I'm forever thankful for her advice and the huge impact she had on me, not only in terms of my academic career, but also on my life. I feel very lucky to have had the chance to be her student and advisee, and wish her the most enjoyable, relaxing, and fun retirement ever. Thank you so much for all you have done for me and all of your students, Professor Prazniak!"

**Elmira Louie, CHC Class of 2019**

"Roxann is not only a rigorous and innovative scholar, but also a great colleague. Her moral compass made a difference. We already miss her honesty and support, all while we celebrate her and her deserved retirement. Enjoy the next years, Roxann!"

**Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Jewish Studies Monique Balbuena, Clark Honors College**

"Professor Prazniak's intellect, open mind, and teaching style, paired with her warm and compassionate nature, inspire me to this day . . . I deeply appreciate her approach to interdisciplinary learning and collaboration. Dr. Prazniak was not only my academic mentor but also a guide who helped me navigate difficult life circumstances. I will always be grateful for her support, wisdom, and care. Professor Prazniak has had a tremendous impact on my life and I am thankful our paths crossed. Professor Prazniak, thank you so much for your passion and dedication to the CHC! Congratulations on your retirement!"

**Shahnaz Mooney, CHC Class of 2014**

"Professor Prazniak led one of the best, most thought-provoking courses I ever took. When I came to her for advice, I always left feeling inspired and impassioned about the work I was doing. Her retirement from the Honors College will undoubtedly be a loss because of how much richer she made it, and I wish her all the best in her next stage of life."

**Nathan O'Neal, CHC Class of 2015**

“Truly, who else could explain what our precarious present has to learn from the Mongolian empire? She combines a stunning erudition with a disarming humility of character. Often, I’ve found myself talking to her about some issue or other, only to catch myself suddenly and realize that she’s kindly listening to me when she likely knows far more about the issue than I ever will. She has brought this same encouraging and critical openness to her teaching in the CHC for her entire career, inviting her students to use the resources of history to ask better questions and to surprise themselves by finding answers in uncommon artifacts, people, and places. She is a keeper of the radical idealism and mission of this college.”

**Instructor of Literature Casey Shoop, Clark Honors College**

“Professor Prazniak’s office always stood as a sanctuary for thought on our campus (even as the building was being torn down and rebuilt around it). Thank you for the teaching you have done and the time you’ve spent mentoring all of us. Congratulations! All the best in the next step of your journey.”

**Caellagh Morrissey, CHC Class of 2015**

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