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COMPARATIVE  
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EUROPEAN, AND  
EURASIAN STUDIES

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# *Commencement Ceremony*

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020 · 2:00 P.M.

Welcome

**Katya Hokanson**

Associate Professor of Russian and Comparative Literature

Remarks

**Michael Allan**

Associate Professor of Comparative Literature

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Department of Comparative Literature

**Leah Middlebrook**, Department Head

Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Spanish

**Dawn Marlan**, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Senior Lecturer, Comparative Literature and German

**Kenneth Calhoon**, Director of Graduate Studies

Professor of German and Comparative Literature

Department of German and Scandinavian

**Ian McNeely**, Department Head

Professor of History

**Sonja Boos**, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Associate Professor of German

**Jeffrey Librett**, Director of Graduate Studies

Professor of German

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

**Jenifer Presto**, Program Director

Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Russian

**Katya Hokanson**, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Associate Professor of Russian and Comparative Literature

**Susanna Lim**, Director of Graduate Studies

Associate Professor of Literature

Closing

# DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

## Bachelor of Arts

### **Aurora Jean Allen**

*Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

### **Lida Mayy Catherine Ford**

*Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa  
Departmental Honors*

### **Taylor Justine James**

*Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

### **Cailean Sarah MacColl**

### **Abbie Christine O'Hara**

*Departmental Honors*

### **Bridget Lynn Van Horne**

## Doctor of Philosophy

### **Anna-Lisa Baumeister**

Dissertation Title: *Critical Climates:  
Sturm und Drang and the Radical  
Poetics of Nature*

Dissertation Director: Martin Klebes

### **Palita Chunsangchan**

Dissertation Title: *Competitive Aesthetic  
Regimes: Intermedial Translations and  
Early Thai Cinema (1880-1942)*

Dissertation Director: Sangita Gopal

### **Michelle Kyoko Crowson**

Dissertation Title: *Between the World  
and Matto: Poetic Diplomacy and the  
Rustic Literati Aesthetic of Kaga of Chiyo*

Dissertation Director: Thomas Glynne  
Walley

### **Iida Aino Tuulia Pöllänen**

Dissertation Title: *Transnational  
Peripheries: Narratives of Countryside,  
Migration, and Community in American  
and Nordic Modernisms*

Dissertation Director: Mark Whalan

### **Tera Frances Reid-Olds**

Dissertation Title: *The Cross-Currents of  
Exilic Storytelling: Multilingual Memory  
and the Maritime Shift*

Dissertation Director: Michael Allan

### **Daria Sergeevna Smirnova**

Dissertation Title: *A Room of His Own:  
Joseph Brodsky and the Making of a  
Bilingual Poet*

Dissertation Director: Jenifer Presto

# DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN AND SCANDINAVIAN

## Bachelor of Arts

**Wyatt Hans Gregory**

*Phi Beta Kappa*

**Mason George Kaseeska**

*Delta Phi Alpha*

**Marisa Thi Komanecky**

**Dominic David Lenzo**

**Simmy Kosal Penn-Kout**

**Brielle Elizabeth Waff**

*Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa,*

*Delta Phi Alpha*

## Master of Arts

**Kaitlin Roquel Yeomans**

Thesis Title: *Auto-Representation of  
Disability in Contemporary German and  
American Literature*

Thesis Advisor: Michael Stern

**Jeremiah Dean Young**

Thesis Title: *Meditations from Under the  
Cloak: Christianity, Trauma and  
Reconciliation in Brennu-Njals Saga*

Thesis Advisor: Gantt Gurley

# RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

**James David Barton**

**Milada U Butler**

**Kyle Dozier Crooke**

**Cydney Jeanne Davenport**

*Phi Beta Kappa*

Master of Arts

**Kyle Wesley Smith**

Thesis Title: *The information  
Environment in Moscow: Seeking  
Answers in the Online Space*

Thesis Advisor: Carol Silverman

**Nadia Vikulina**

Thesis Title: *Arcadian Ruins: Poetry and  
Photography in the Post-Soviet  
Landscape*

Thesis Advisor: Jenifer Presto

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Michael H. Schill, President

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Bruce Blonigen, Tykeson Dean of Arts and Sciences,  
College of Arts and Sciences

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