

# 2020



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# *Commencement Ceremony*

JUNE 20, 2020 · 10:30 A.M.

A VIRTUAL EVENT

## Welcome

### **Mark Carey**

Director, Environmental Studies Program

Professor of History and Environmental Studies, Robert D. Clark Honors College

## Celebrating Graduate Accomplishments

### **Pat McDowell**

Director, Graduate Program, Environmental Studies

Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies

### **Richard York**

Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies

## Celebrating Undergraduate Accomplishments

### **Peg Boulay**

Co-Director, Undergraduate Program, Environmental Studies

Co-Director, Environmental Leadership Program

## Reflections

### **Zoë O'Toole**

BS, Environmental Studies

### **Laura Johnson**

MS, Environmental Studies, Biology, and Geography

### **Sarah Jacquette-Ray**

Department Chair, Environmental Studies, Humboldt State University

Professor of Environmental Studies

Author of *A Field Guide to Climate Anxiety: How to Keep Your Cool on a Warming Planet*

## Closing Remarks

### **Peg Boulay**

## Graduate Slideshow

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019-2020

<sup>1</sup>Summa cum laude <sup>2</sup>Magna cum laude <sup>3</sup>Cum laude <sup>4</sup>Phi Beta Kappa (nominated) <sup>5</sup>Departmental honors  
<sup>6</sup>Environmental Leadership Program <sup>7</sup>Summer or Fall 2020 graduation

## Doctoral Degrees

Daniel A Shtob

## Master's Degrees

Oriana Chafe<sup>7</sup>

Michael Madden<sup>7</sup>

Laura Johnson<sup>7</sup>

Eliza Hernandez<sup>7</sup>

Kylie Mosbache<sup>7</sup>

## Baccalaureate Degrees

### Environmental Science Majors

Lydia Gilbert Angel<sup>1,4,5</sup>

Dylan Stephenson Lowes

Michael Tagalicud Brooks<sup>6</sup>

Danielle Marie Maves<sup>6,7</sup>

Casey River Clavecilla<sup>6</sup>

Anna Renee Neufeld<sup>7</sup>

Shaelynn Rae Davis<sup>2,4</sup>

William Charles Northington<sup>6</sup>

Samantha Sarah Everett

Katherine Won Pak

Michaela Gayle Fishback<sup>6</sup>

Johan Christian Riley

Lauren Elise Frantz<sup>6</sup>

Charles Daniel Roberts

Oliver James Hoover

Sakina Shahid<sup>3,4,6</sup>

Kelsey Rose Hunter<sup>6</sup>

Joshaniel Tan Yong Yin<sup>6</sup>

Bryce Cole Izlar<sup>6</sup>

Alvonte Thompson<sup>7</sup>

Jason Roger John

Julia Elise Troxell<sup>6</sup>

Ashley Meghan Kim<sup>3,4,5</sup>

Emily Wedegaertner<sup>1,4</sup>

Kathryn Elizabeth Kuechle<sup>6</sup>

Graham Kojiro Yotsuya

Natalie Renee Lareau

Minxue Zhang

Alyssa Rose Larimer

# Environmental Studies Majors

Brendan Jay Adamczyk<sup>1,4,5</sup>

Ege Akinci

Noor Hassan Alsamen<sup>7</sup>

Grant Shaw Anderson

Julia Rose Anderson<sup>2,4</sup>

Ethan Patrick Baher<sup>6</sup>

Tyler Brahmstadt

Jerrel Wilson Brown

Hannah Drew Buckingham<sup>5,6,7</sup>

Kristopher Geoffrey Cook<sup>6</sup>

Kyle Madison Crandall

Skyler Rose Cservak<sup>4,6,7</sup>

EnGedi Samara Darling

Catie Deering

EJ Alfonso Del Rosario<sup>6</sup>

Makayla Dempsey<sup>6</sup>

Grace Gloria Diaz<sup>6</sup>

Evelyn Joyce Easton Koehler

Hannah Brooke Eppley

Alexander John Fitzgerald<sup>6</sup>

Audrey Marie Frank

Kinsey Jo Frey

Kirk William Geary

Amanda Noelle Gehrlich<sup>7</sup>

Stacey Goeckeritz

Tyler Jacob Grimes<sup>6</sup>

Abigail Marie Gyetvais<sup>5,6</sup>

Coleman Anderson Hepner

Braden Jonah Hirsch

Cooper Ruscigno Hollie

Jack Dillon Husmann

Trevor John Ingemi

Raina Elisabeth Johnson<sup>7</sup>

Carolyn Julia Keshap

Dev Saroop Khalsa<sup>7</sup>

Benjamin A King<sup>4,6</sup>

Page Elizabeth Kioschos<sup>7</sup>

Annabelle Dorothy Kline-Zilles

David Kelly Knox<sup>7</sup>

Kate Ying Kratka<sup>7</sup>

Marissa Rae Lane-Massee<sup>6</sup>

Zoe Kara Light<sup>3</sup>

Zachary Thomas Trout Lingo

Dan Liu<sup>6</sup>

Zachary Thomas Loftis

Ilana Evelyn Lutz

Stephen Edward Mack<sup>7</sup>

Alondra Ivette Maldonado Quezada

Aubrey Lee Manahan

Cy Marsh<sup>7</sup>

Meg Matsuzaki<sup>7</sup>

Kyle Ann McQuain

Alisa Dawn Miles

Samuel Cooper Miller

Jack William Newcomer

Aidan Garrit Nostrand

Zoe Alison O'Toole<sup>2,4,6</sup>

Olivia Mae Obray

Julia Anne Olson<sup>1,4,6</sup>

Tenley Marie Ong<sup>6</sup>

Emma Rae Palen<sup>7</sup>

Briana Charis Parra

Connor Patrick Paschke<sup>4,6</sup>

Steven Ray Pearlman<sup>6</sup>

Michael Adam Pettus

Taylor Christine Reichert

Molly Elizabeth Rillstone

Rachel Emma Rothman

Olivia Savage

Dominic Anthony Scarpino

Juliet Marie Schmidt<sup>6</sup>

Kelly T Shull<sup>6</sup>

Marychris Lising Sitton<sup>6,7</sup>

Nikos Stefanos Skoufos<sup>6</sup>

Sabrina Love Stegall  
Landon Jack Stevens  
Michael James Sullivan  
Katelyn Marie Swarrimgim<sup>7</sup>  
Henry Day Tannler<sup>6</sup>  
Easton Taylor  
Suniva Dharini Thangaraj  
Eleanor Susan Townsley<sup>6</sup>

Jasmine Tribolet  
Julia Rose Urone<sup>7</sup>  
Laura Anne Van Houten  
Laura Lynn Vuoso  
Kai Coke Weston  
John Patrick Wilson  
Savannah Leann Winchell<sup>6</sup>

## **Environmental Studies Minors**

Elliot Ariel  
Ethan Gabriel Bloom  
Sabrina Rachel Boutiette<sup>1</sup>  
Alison Faith Brown  
Rebecca Allison Cruze  
Justin Lau Day  
Clarissa Caitlin DiCarlo  
Bryce James Dole  
Richwill Amanze Duru  
Derek Neal Flanigan  
Gabriel Flores  
Dustin Billy Gearhart  
Matthew T Glackin<sup>2</sup>  
Marie June Haefliger  
Elyssa Mariel Hannum  
Hannah Pearl Harper  
Joseph Ming Hwang

Drew Macko<sup>6</sup>  
Maleah Patricia Mader  
Ian Samuel Mansfield  
Rachel DeLeeuw McNie  
Kekoa David Nakasone  
Kelsey C Nelson<sup>7</sup>  
Payton Lena Onesti  
Fian Can Peng<sup>7</sup>  
Bentley Hall Rager  
Matthew Emerson Ragsdale  
Madeleine Victoria Rasmussen  
Madeline Sydney Reznick  
Anya Qingxin Scott<sup>7</sup>  
Yan Sun  
Katie Marie Torres<sup>7</sup>  
Jasmine Taimane Hi'ilani Vitale  
Janejira Jane Yeoman<sup>6</sup>

There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle, because we do not live single-issue lives.

-Audre Lorde

# UO FOOD STUDIES PROGRAM

Housed within Environmental Studies, the Food Studies Program promotes and facilitates the interdisciplinary analysis of food-related issues and concerns. It offers a graduate specialization, open to graduate students studying food themes in any discipline, school or college. Seventeen students have completed the specialization since 2014. The program began offering an undergraduate minor in the fall of 2016 and has more than eighty students enrolled. <https://foodstudies.uoregon.edu>

## Food Studies Graduate Specialization

Michelle C. Nikfarjam

Meredith Stephanie Frisius

## Food Studies Minors

Tavares Beatriz Assuncao

Samantha Kristine Lundin

Tyler Brahmstadt

Kaylor M MacLaughlin

Colby Alexander Chuck

Shane Michael Morales

Shaelynn Rae Davis<sup>2,4</sup>

Aidan Garrit Nostrand

Samantha Anne Engel

Cameron Thomas O'Connell

Gianna Riley Genova<sup>4</sup>

Paige Ellen Parkes

Kaitlyn Chance Jimenez

Steven Ray Pearlman<sup>6</sup>

Samantha Christina Katzeff

Siena Elizabeth Polk<sup>4</sup>

Ashley Meghan Kim<sup>3,4,5</sup>

Savannah Michele Pomeroy

Natalie Renee Lareau

Camille Sophia Poritzky

Alyssa Rose Larimer

Paige M Price

Chesley Leilani Lindsey

Itzel Quiroz

No matter where in the world you are, people are realizing food is important. They are realizing food begins with seed, and everyone wants to learn. When I see those processes get unleashed, when I see how rapidly gardening has become such an important way of healing violence—how can you not be charged with energy?

-Vandana Shiva

## **ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

The Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) is Environmental Studies' flagship community-based learning program. ELP's mission is to provide undergraduates with an integrative capstone experience and graduate students with project management experience, while engaging with the community to address real needs. During 2019-20, ELP students implemented six projects. The Majestic Trees Team and Restoring Connections teams developed and implemented curricula for elementary and middle school students. Their curricula linked to Next Generation Science Standards and included interactive virtual lessons and inspiring, engaging activities for students to do from home. The Riparian Restoration team researched pollinator conservation methods and "bee-friendly" farm certification programs, then wrote a pollinator conservation plan. The Hendricks Forest team compiled research and made recommendations on how to incorporate climate change adaptations into the upcoming update of the Hendricks Park Forest Management Plan. The Oregon Oaks team designed an oak restoration project and drafted a grant proposal to fund ecological restoration in the Thurston Hills Natural Area. The Trails Team crafted accessibility-focused content for the Travel Lane County website, guided by principles of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusivity. All six 2020 teams presented their projects at the UO Undergraduate Symposium. We are proud of their accomplishments and their contributions to our community!

To love a place is not enough. We must find ways to heal it.

-Robin Wall Kimmerer

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

## Core Faculty

Stacy Alaimo

Brendan Bohannon

Peg Boulay

Scott Bridgham

Trudy Cameron

Mark Carey

Lauren Hallett

Stephanie LeMenager

Kathryn Lynch

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Richard Margerum

Galen Martin

Patricia McDowell

Ronald Mitchell

Erin Moore

Nicolae Morar

Barbara Muraca

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Richard York

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## Student Advisors

Sakina Shahid

Laura Anne Van Houten

Environmental justice isn't slang. It's real... If we strive to eliminate racism and classism, as well as pollution and environmental degradation, then we are doing what we can to make sure communities are sustainable and livable. It takes a lot of work; it's not a sprint. But it's achievable if we view it as important.

-Robert Bullard



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## Resources for Alumni

The Career Center has helpful resources for alumni such as online tools, such as the Oregon Career Information System, Handshake, and DuckConnect!

<https://career.uoregon.edu/alumni>

See our Environmental Studies webpage for career listing webpages and other online resources, <http://envs.uoregon.edu/undergrad/resources/>.

Across the continent, on the shore of small tributaries, in the shadows of sacred mountains, on the vast expanse of the prairies, or in the safety of the woods, prayers are being repeated, as they have for thousands of years, and common people with uncommon courage and the whispers of their ancestors in their ears continue their struggles to protect the land and water and tress on which their very existence is based. And like small tributaries joining together to form a mighty river, their force and power grows.

-Winona LaDuke

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