



# **Political Science Department Reception**

**Celebrating Student  
Achievements  
2020-2021**

## **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **2020-2021 Degree Recipients**

#### **Political Science**

Ann Bennett  
Sawyer Brammer  
Arial Butler  
Abigail Castle  
Joseph Catalano  
Matthew Clayton  
Ania Cosby  
Payton Crowley  
Amy Dalidowicz  
Brian Delaney  
Irnes Dizdarevic  
Andi Dorning  
John Durkin  
Zoe Feltman  
Jasmine Ghuman  
Benjamen Goins  
Evan Gregory  
Eliot Guinan  
Braedy Hall  
Connor Haller  
Christopher Henderson  
Brady Horine  
Katie Huang  
Kiara Johnson  
Keerthi Jonnala  
Daniel Jones  
Tobin Kashdan-combs  
Kaitlyn Kelly  
Tyler Kitts  
John Leksan  
Benjamin Leo  
Connor Lewis  
Rebekah Lewis  
Helen Lohre  
Zachary Love  
Ibrahima Maiga  
Ryan Makin  
Cory Marcum  
Dhruv Maroo

Kaylee McKinney  
Scott McQueen  
Chris Miller  
Sarah Monnin  
Chase Morris  
Jason Murray  
Rebecca O'Hare  
Zachary Perrin  
Jazmynn Ramsey  
Chandler Rankin  
Delaney Rice  
Ian Rice  
Kyle Romick  
Zeeshan Samad  
Thomas Schott  
Hannah Schwaeble  
Willy Schwerin  
Sarah Shalash  
Samantha Shinkle  
Chrysanthi Stamatiou  
Alexandra Steele  
Nia Thomas  
Nathan Toy  
Joshua Weintraub  
Jaret Wiblin

#### **International Affairs**

Fabiola Avila Turcios  
Ann Bennett  
Aakash Bhunia  
Sawyer Brammer  
Madelyn Bruening  
Abigail Castle  
Irnes Dizdarevic  
Deion Goldsmith  
Zoe Goodwin  
Evan Gregory  
Ellen Haney  
Kathryn Heuerman  
Ashley Kim  
Benjamin Leo  
Jacqueline Lopez Garcia  
Zachary Love  
Ibrahima Maiga  
Dhruv Maroo  
Scott McQueen

Issaka Minoungou  
Chase Morris  
Muhamed Pampur  
Kaylor Perone  
Aarti Raghavachari  
Jazmyynn Ramsey  
Delaney Rice  
Kish Richardson  
Amir Righi  
Pablo Ruiz  
Zeeshan Samad  
Olivia Savage  
Hannah Schwaeble  
Sarah Shalash  
Brendon Springfield  
Zane Stant  
Ethan Stiles  
Constance Stormzand  
Skyler Van Oss  
Gianna Vitali  
Sessaley Weitlauf  
Olive Wright  
Zehao Yang Sr.

### **Law & Society**

Kari Canterbury  
Abigail Castle  
Braedy Hall  
Kiley Hatfield  
Helen Lister  
Cory Marcum

### **Political Science Minor**

Fabiola Avila Turcios  
Brittany Boehm  
Madelyn Bruening  
Karli Canterbury  
Spencer Caudill  
Alyssa Conley  
Alaina Cowdrey  
Caitlin Engle  
Samuel Ferre  
David Fiora  
Hannah Frey  
Grace Garber

Kayla Gross  
Laurie Heldman  
Kylee Howard  
Elise Hubers  
Brianna Jones  
Ashley Kim  
Mike Kritzell  
Rachel LaFlame  
Faith Lumbus  
Sophia Luvisi  
Kat McCarthy  
Mark Mesisklis  
Andrew Moran  
Gabriella Mulisano  
Julianne Origlio  
Molly Parks  
Aarti Raghavachari  
Seth Robinson  
Sarah Santry  
Olivia Savage  
Maria Schmidt  
Nathaniel Shryock  
Sean Slack  
John Sprandel  
Constance Stormzand  
Meta Thurman  
Keshav Vinod  
Chad Volk  
Christina Watkins  
Sessaley Weitlauf  
Delaney White  
Jordan Whitman  
Alyssa Yerkeson

### **Conferred Honors**

### **Departmental High Honors**

Zachary Love  
Matthew Clayton  
Andi Dorning  
Daniel Jones  
Benjamin Leo  
Dhruv Maroo  
Rebecca O'Hare  
Joshua Weintraub

## Departmental Honors

Ann Bennett  
Aakash Bhunia  
Madelyn Bruening  
Joseph Catalano  
Ania Cosby  
Irnes Dizdarevic  
Zoe Feltman  
Evan Gregory  
Eliot Guinan  
Connor Haller  
Kiley Hatfield  
Kiara Johnson  
Rebekah Lewis  
Helen Lister  
Helen Lohre  
Ibrahima Maiga  
Ryan Makin  
Chris Miller  
Issaka Minoungou  
Sarah Monnin  
Chase Morris  
Jason Murray  
Kaylor Perone  
Chandler Rankin  
Delaney Rice  
Kyle Romick  
Pablo Ruiz  
Thomas Schott  
Hannah Schwaeble  
Willy Schwerin  
Sarah Shalash  
Samantha Shinkle  
Brendon Springfield  
Chrysanthi Stamatiou  
Zane Stant  
Skyler Van Oss  
Zehao Yang Sr.  
Gianna Vitali  
Jaret Wiblin

## University Honors

### *Summa Cum Laude*

Joseph Catalano

Irnes Dizdarevic  
Andi Dorning  
Kathryn Heuerman  
Helen Lister  
Zachary Love  
Jason Murray

### *Magna Cum Laude*

Caleb Akers  
Ann Bennett  
Madelyn Bruening  
Abigail Castle  
Amy Dalidowicz  
Connor Haller  
Ellen Haney  
Jullieana Hay  
Benjamin Leo  
Helen Lohre  
Ryan Makin  
Dhruv Maroo  
Chase Morris  
Delaney Rice  
Kyle Romick

### *Cum Laude*

Eliot Guinan  
Kiley Hatfield  
Katie Huang  
Keerthi Jonnala  
Arlette Kagaba  
Rebecca O'Hare  
Kaylor Perone  
Brandon Springfield  
Brianna Vitali  
Joshua Weintraub  
Olive Wright

## Graduating with Certificates

### Legal Studies Certificate

Karli Canterbury  
Abigail Castle  
Joseph Catalano  
Tess Chaffee

Alaina Cowdrey  
Olivia Croskey  
Payton Crowley  
Amy Dalidowicz  
Irnes Dizdarevic  
Gessika Doda  
John Durkin  
Jarrett Ellerman  
Zoe Feltman  
David Fiora  
Braedy Hall  
Christopher Henderson  
Connor Haller  
Addie Hart  
Kathryn Heuerman  
Morgan Jackson  
Kaitlyn Kelly  
Helen Lohre  
Zachary Love  
Christopher Maldonado  
Cory Marcum  
Hailey Martin  
Julia McCarthy  
Kaylee McKinney  
Ryan McNulty  
Mark Mesisklis  
Chase Morris  
Jason Murray  
Schyler Ochsner  
Aneri Patel  
Kaylor Perone  
Hunter Pischel  
Jazmynn Ramsey  
Amira Righi  
Kyle Romick  
Thomas Schott  
Nia Thomas  
Joshua Weintraub  
Jaret Wiblin

### **International Human Rights Certificate**

Fabiola Avila Turcios  
Brianna Carman  
Bethany Hickman  
Helen Lohre

Dhruv Maroo  
Easton Phillips  
Christine Powell  
Aarti Raghavahari  
Delaney Rice  
Zane Stant

### **War, Peace, and Security Studies Certificate**

Amy Dalidowicz  
Irnes Dizdarevic  
Helen Lohre  
Ryan Makin  
Dhruv Maroo  
Scott McQueen  
Delaney Rice

### **Cyber Security Certificate**

Scott Martin  
Garhett Wheatley  
Zachary Bayer  
Nicholas Beck  
Luke Booher  
Daniel Downie  
Marcella Galla  
Patrick Narsavage  
Pablo Ruiz  
Vann Malik  
Skylar Veto

### **Undergraduate Student Awards & Accomplishments**

#### *Nationally Competitive Awards*

#### **Boren Scholarship**

Caleb Akers

#### **Fulbright Study/Research Grant**

Matthew Clayton (semi-finalist)

***University, College, and  
Department Distinctions***

**Presidential Leadership Medal of  
Excellence**

Chandler Rankin

**Taft Undergraduate Research Award**

Zachary Love  
Pablo Ruiz

**Mr. Bearcat**

Chase Morris (finalist)

**Eugene P. Ruehlmann Scholarship,  
Department of Political Science**

Lauren Leong

**McKibbin Medal**

Zachary Love (nominated)

**Hicks Prize**

Helen Lohre (nominated)

**AAUP Paradise Scholarship**

Taylor Allgood (nominated)  
Tyler Benson (nominated)

**Phi Beta Kappa**

Ann Bennett  
Joseph Catalano  
Irnnes Dizdarevic  
Andi Dorning  
Connor Haller  
Ellen Haney  
Zachary Love  
Dhruv Maroo

**Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor  
Society in Political Science (new  
inductees for 2021)**

Taylor Allgood  
Isabelle Armitage  
Paighton Baker  
Joseph Catalano  
Ania Cosby  
Laura Cabrera Espinal  
Genevieve Fortin  
Braedy Hall  
Rebekah Littlepage  
Pablo Ruiz Lopez  
Abigail Klare  
Navya Koppusetty  
Ramsey Marshall  
Jackson Reid  
Sara Smart  
Zane Stant  
Nicolas Tamaro  
Gianna Vitali

**POL and INTA majors in the  
University Honors Program**

Caleb Akers  
Taylor Allgood  
Paighton Baker  
Sophie Ballah  
Ann Bennett  
Tyler Benson  
Andi Dorning  
Harper Esterle  
Maya Gulani  
Ellen Haney  
Micah Haring  
Connor Herbert  
Kathryn Heuerman  
Valerie Holmes  
Katie Huang  
Emma Hynes  
Keerthi Jonnala  
Arlette Kagaba  
Chloe Kilguss  
Navya Koppusetty  
Kaia LePage

Noemi Leibman  
Lauren Leong  
Zachary Love  
Laila Lowe  
Dhruv Maroo  
Layne Miller  
Jason Murray  
Chloe Nagel  
Rebecca O'Hare  
Martin Rakoff  
Jazlin Reyes  
Delaney Rice  
Janice Rotich  
Pablo Ruiz  
Kylie Schmidt  
Hailey Seifert  
Jason Sponaugle  
Amilcar Miguel Torres-Enriquez  
Lydia Turner  
Emily Walburn

### ***External Awards***

#### **Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, American Political Science Association**

Amilcar Torres

#### **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow, American Bar Foundation**

Connor Herbert

### ***University Activities and Experiences***

#### **Model UN**

##### *2020-2021 Executive Board*

President – Kathryn Heurman  
Vice President – Dillon Trafzer  
Treasurer – Brenden Pulte  
Secretary – Willy Scherwin  
Head Delegates – Amilcar Torres & Dhruv  
Maroo

### ***Conferences Attended***

McGill University, McMUN  
Conference

University of Virginia, VICS XXV Model  
United Nations Conference

### ***Awards***

Amilcar Torres, Outstanding Delegate  
Award at University of Virginia, VICS XXV

### **UC Student Government**

Taylor Allgood  
Reanna Andrews  
Tyler Benson  
Maddie Bruening  
Reghan Buie  
Abby Castle  
Connor Herbert  
Katie Huang  
Dhruv Maroo  
Josh St. Pierre  
Jan Rotich  
Isaac Smitherman  
Soni Vedant

### ***Graduate and Law School Placements (partial list)***

Duke University  
Florida State University  
George Mason University  
Georgetown University  
Harvard University  
Institut Barcelona D'Estudis  
New York University  
Norwich University  
Ohio State University  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Dayton  
University of North Carolina  
University of Kentucky  
Washington University-St. Louis

## **GRADUATE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

#### ***Degree Recipients (first graduates)***

##### **Spring**

Eunique Avery

##### **Summer**

Rachel Hockl  
Ryan James  
Annabel Meleán

#### ***MPA Awards & Accomplishments***

##### **A&S Office of Inclusive Excellence**

Nia Thomas

##### **Office of Research R2030 Student Research Fellowship**

Gabrielle Woehler

##### **SeasonGood Internship (Summer 2020)**

Annabel Meleán

##### **Taft Research Fellows**

Sunga Kufeyani  
Adriana Hernandez-Ortiz

##### **UC Press**

Alexandra Nash

##### ***Yates Fellows***

Joy Girgis  
Janiah Miller

### **PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

#### ***Ph.D. Awards***

##### **Graduate Student Government Research Fellowship**

Jelena Vičić

##### **New York Bar (Admission)**

Francesca Gottardi

##### **University Research Council Graduate Student Stipend**

Dani McLaughlin

##### **Taft Dissertation Fellowship**

Dani McLaughlin  
Sayam Moktan

##### **Taft Rapid Response Award**

Jelena Vičić

##### **Taft Summer Fellowship**

Dani McLaughlin  
Jelena Vičić  
Aida Ramusovic  
Mustafa Sagir

##### **University of Cincinnati, Center for Cyber Strategy and Policy, Predoctoral Fellowship**

Jelena Vičić

##### **University of San Diego, Post-Doctoral Fellowship**



Jelena Vičić

## **Publications**

**McLaughlin, Danielle M.**, Jack M. Mewhirter, Rebecca Sanders. Politicization of Science and COVID-19. *Plos One*. Forthcoming.

Mewhirter, Jack M. & **Danielle M. McLaughlin**. 2021. The Pitfalls Associated with More Intensive Engagement in Collaborative Processes. *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* 4(1).

**McLaughlin, Danielle M.**, Jack M. Mewhirter, James Wright, & Richard Feiock. 2020. The Perceived Effectiveness of Collaborative Approaches to Address Domestic Violence: The Role of Representation, “Reverse-Representation”, Embeddedness, and Resources. *Public Management Review*.

**Turkay, Bilgen**. 2020. “Social Media and ICT Use by Refugees, Immigrants and NGO's: A Literature Overview” *Communication of Migration in Media and Arts*. London: Transnational Press: 111-129.

Calfano, Brian, and **Jelena Vičić**. 2021. “Click to Count: The Effects of Non-Partisan Cue Endorsements in Option for Political Information.” *Journal of Political Marketing*.

Hamman, Seth T., **Jelena Vičić**, Jack Mewhirter, Phillip White, Richard J. Harknett. 2020. “Deciphering Cyber Operations: The Use of Experimental Methodology for Studying Military Strategic Concepts in Cyberspace.” *Cyber Defense Review*, 5(1): 135-150.

Fischerkeller, Michael, Richard J. Harknett, and **Jelena Vičić**. 2020. “The Limits of Deterrence and the Need for Persistence.”

In *The Cyber Deterrence Problem*, Aaron Brantly, ed., Rowman and Littlefield: 21-38.

Calfano, Brian R., Valerie Martinez-Ebers, and **Aida Ramusovic**. 2021. *The American Professor Pundit: Academics in the World of US Political Media*. New York: Palgrave.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2020. “Modern Challenges in International Law and Indigenous Rights: The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous Women's Activism, and the Issue of Violence Against Indigenous Women.” *Trento Student Law Review*. Dec. 2020.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2020. “Indigenous Peoples and Sacred Sites in the U.S. and Australia: A Contemporary Public Policy International Debate.” *Religions*. Aug. 2020.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2021. “Indigenous Rights and Federal Power in the International Legal Framework: A Comparison Between the United States and Australia.” In *Walking Together in Indigenous Research*. Winnipeg, Canada: University of Manitoba Press.

## **Conference Presentations**

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference

American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Nepal Institute for International  
Cooperation and Engagement

University of Trento, Italy

Water Policy Center

Women's Leadership and Empowerment  
Conference