2020 Fall Commencement
Program for Fall 2020 Graduates

Friday, December 18, 2020
6:00 pm
Virtual Ceremony
Welcome
Elliott C. Cheu
Interim Dean

Presentation of Awards
Rebecca L. Gomez
Interim Associate Dean, Student Academic Success

Keynote Address
Laura Stein, PhD
Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma
Outstanding Senior, Spring 2009

College of Science Spring 2020 Outstanding Senior Address
Brandon Garivaldo
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

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Rebecca Gomez
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College of Science Fall 2020 Outstanding Senior Address
Mila Ann Lubeck
Geosciences
**Dr. Laura R. Stein** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology at University of Oklahoma. Her research broadly spans the interface between animal behavior and the role of plasticity in evolution. In particular, she is interested in causes and consequences of behavioral plasticity within and across generations, their influence on evolutionary patterns, and the underlying processes by which organisms integrate information from their genes, parents, and personal experience. While primarily using fishes to address these questions, her students have worked with animals ranging from snakes to spiders.

Prior to her appointment as a faculty member at Oklahoma, Dr. Stein was a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellow at Colorado State University, working on genetic mechanisms underlying behavioral divergence in Trinidadian guppies. Dr. Stein earned her Ph.D. in Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2015 and her B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from University of Arizona in 2009.

**Brandon Garivaldo** is a first generation, graduate student of color in the department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS). In his undergraduate career, he participated in research endeavors that focused on the misdiagnosis and/or underdiagnosis of Spanish-English speaking children in Southern Arizona. This experience influenced him to obtain his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish linguistics to help support his future research career in this field. Brandon also served as president (2019-2020) and was one of the founders of Speech-Language and Hearing Cats of Color. This club he and his friends created was made to advocate for underrepresented students. In this experience, he learned more about advocacy work and what it means to fight for diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education.

Currently, Brandon is a graduate student in the Masters of speech-language pathology in the department of SLHS. He hopes to get the clinical background he needs in order to pursue a future research career serving underrepresented and underserved populations. Ultimately, he would like to obtain his PhD in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences and continue you working as a researcher and academic in higher education. His ultimate goal is to continue his work in better serving.

**Mila Lubeck** is an undergraduate student of color in the department of Geosciences and completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Geosciences with a Geophysics emphasis and a minor in Mathematics. During her undergraduate career, she has excelled in her research to investigate the projected ice mass loss of Greenland and the future rate of solid Earth deformation. Her research is a step towards closing the gap of understanding how anthropogenic impacts on the globe affect polar regions. As a part of the undergraduate career she was involved in the Society of Earth Science Students, Association for Women Geoscientists, and Chi Omega women’s fraternity. Ms. Lubeck was involved within the Tucson community by helping with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show each year at the Junior Education area and with the Make A Wish Foundation through the Chi Omega women’s fraternity. These experiences have shaped her into the driven woman of color she is today and allowed her to cultivate an interest in forging a path of diversity and inclusion as she furthers her career and community impact.

Currently, Ms. Lubeck is looking forward to beginning a Ph.D. program Fall 2021 where she is able to continue research within the Earth sciences. By extension, she plans on being actively involved in graduate school committees and organizations that promote inclusion and diversity within the future department and community. As she continues in her career, she would like to extend the bridge between the climate sciences and the public to help others understand anthropogenic impacts. Ultimately, Ms. Lubeck desires to facilitate and lead research that can open new interdisciplinary subfields that will positively impact the scientific community.
College of Science Graduates:

On behalf of the University of Arizona College of Science, I would like to begin by congratulating the college graduates of 2020. It has been an extraordinary year with unprecedented challenges that makes your achievements even more impressive. Your class had to pivot within days to understand how to learn, excel, and meet your degree’s challenges during a Global Pandemic. At the University of Arizona, we take great pride in your accomplishments and your vigorous pursuit of new knowledge now more than ever. We hope that you will continue your proven success as you start on your new journey. Your academic contributions, desire to learn, and dedication to sharing your knowledge and research have been invaluable to the College of Science. We are grateful for the legacy you are leaving behind.

This is an incredible time for science, and you are all fortunate to be a part of it. As future world leaders, I encourage you to fully embrace the opportunities science presents. Just as science has been the cornerstone of numerous significant advances in the past, it is fundamental to solving the numerous challenges of today and tomorrow. Scientists are needed more than ever. Your success at the University of Arizona demonstrates your ability to do such work, and I am encouraged that you will strive to achieve the unimaginable. Challenges today are multidimensional and require varied points of view and expertise. So, no matter which of the College of Science degrees you have received, given the world’s many complex problems, your education has prepared you to contribute to innovative solutions right away. As you celebrate today you have the opportunity—and challenge—in taking part in this scientific revolution. This responsibility includes performing your work with great integrity and humanity. No one can take away your education, and I hope you view your hard-earned education as an opportunity to give back.

My congratulations to each one of you. As scientists, I urge you to continue to explore and understand the amazing world in which we live; Always question, always wonder.

Elliott C. Cheu
Interim Dean of the College of Science
Distinguished Professor of Physics
Fall 2020 Awards

**Outstanding Senior Awards**
This award is given in recognition of academic excellence, independent research, and community involvement.

**Overall College of Science Outstanding Senior**
Mila Ann Lubeck
Geosciences

**Departmental Outstanding Seniors**
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Noah Hubler
Computer Science
Adrian Bao
Geosciences
Mila Ann Lubeck
Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences
Rachel Spinti
Mathematics
Taylor Agarwal
Molecular and Cellular Biology
Son Tran
Neuroscience and Cognitive Science
Elizabeth Shelton
Psychology
Cassandra Watters
Fall 2020 List of Graduates

**Applied Physics**
- Bachelors
  - Albrahim, Shaker
  - McGowan, Kaylah*

**Atmospheric Sciences**
- Masters of Science
  - Cutler, Lauren
  - Oliver, Kristian
  - Perkins, John*
  - Schulze, Scott

**Doctor of Philosophy**
- Cassell, William
- Cui, Wenjun
- Welty, Joshua

**Biochemistry**
- Bachelors
  - Allen, Troy
  - Bacon, Cory
  - Bautista, Juan
  - Buckley, Thomas
  - Eggert, Kristopher
  - Hubler, Noah
  - James, Natalie
  - Kellogg, Gabriel
  - Patel, Doli
  - Quintanar, Mireya

**Biology**
- Bachelors
  - Alharthi, Abdullah
  - Athma, Moruj
  - Bulanda, Lauren
  - Clara, Aileen
  - Contreras, Yesenia

**Chemistry**
- Bachelors
  - Aljafar, Komail
  - Bodine, Nicholas
  - Carrillo, Darcy
  - Dinh, Thy*
  - Irish, Joseph*
  - Mansfield, Morrigan

**Computer Science**
- Bachelors
  - Aldawood, Ahmed
  - Alexander, Thomas
  - Alqadda, Mutab
  - Alshehri, Ali
  - Bagley, Jerry
  - Bao, Adrian

**Doctor of Philosophy**
- Cassell, William
- Cui, Wenjun
- Welty, Joshua

**Masters of Science**
- Meise, Jordan
- Pan, Hongrui
- Pham, Tiffany*

**Mathematics**
- DM Mathematics
  - Rauh, Frederick
  - Slonaker, Sam*

**Mathematics, French**
- DM Mathematics, French

**Molecular & Cellular Biology**
- DM Molecular & Cellular Biology

**Spanish**
- DM Spanish

**Tropical Biology**
- DM Tropical Biology
Delmore, Kyle
Dimatteo, Nicholas*
Dinkel, Michael*
Erskin, Daniel
Farkas, Nicole
Fox, Dylan
Fu, Zongtao
Fukumoto, Jason
Galluzzi, Louis*
Goldberg, Taylor
Gonzales, David*
Grice, Nile
He, Jiacheng
Heavlin, Hayley
DM Information, Science & Tech
Herrera, Mauricio*
Hou, Sheng
Howard, Raymond
Hu, Yunxiao
Hutchings, Isabela
Jacobs, Ryan
Jia, Yongqi
Jimenez, Zachary
Kang, Jiaxu
Kaufmann, Parker*
Kaylor, Grace*
Kunzler, Nicholas
LaMantia, Katherine*
Larson, Cameron
DM Information, Science & Tech
Leduc, Tyler
Li, Yanzhao
Lockett, Jake
Long, Da
DM Mathematics
Long, Zhiyu
DD, DM Information, Science & Tech Finance
Lukau, Timothy*
Lyons, Jack
Magee, Gavin*
Mai, Huafeng
Mohamed, Omar R.G.
Nguyen, Nicholas
Niemann, Sean
Olson, Bradley
DM Statistics and Data Science
Pan, Qingzhou
Phu, Steven
Posey, Aaron
Reyes, Ramon
Rich, Paul*
Rose, Laan
Sawtelle, Daniel
Seipp, Edward*
Stewart, Austen
Taylor, Ben
Tran, Anh
Troyer, Jackson*
Tu, Sebastian
Urquides, Antonio
Valentine, Ian*
Walker, Graham
Wang, Jiahui
Wang, Jueping
Wei, Guojun
Wiegand, Zackery*
Williams, Timothy
Zeng, Yunxiang
Zhang, Weiyang
Zheng, Songyi

Masters of Science
Ehsani, Sina
Ferra, Abelardo
Melzer, Ryan
Wan, Xueheng

Zarei, Ariyan
Zhou, Wenkang
Doctor of Philosophy
Choi, Illyoung
Ghasemi Shektaei, Seyed
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Bachelors
Aguirre, Alejando*
Bowser, Abbey
Culbertson, Alexis
Diaz, Fernando
Gidseg, Moira*
DD, DM Philosophy, Politics, Econ & Law
Kearsley, James
Yarab, Sienna
Doctor of Philosophy
Cang, Alice
Charboneau, Joseph
Ko, Hongseok
Roman Palacios, Cristian
Economic Geology
Masters of Science
Cornoyer, Jeffrey
Environmental Hydrology & Water Resources
Bachelors
Ridlinghafer, Jacob
Spinti, Rachel*
Geosciences
Bachelors
Abu Hurayr, Mohammed
Aldulaim, Abdulrahman
Alfayez, Naif
Alhelal, Nawaf
Alhosani, Omar
Aljubarah, Murtadha
Almutairi, Khalid
Masters of Science
Delisser, Terrance
Krupa, Anthony
Lamom, Patthamaphon

Hydrology
Masters of Science
De la Fuente, Luis
Dicke, Tristan
Emler, Lorianne
Narkhede, Shweta
DD Civil Engr & Engr Mechanics
Venegas Quinones, Hector

Doctor of Philosophy
De la Fuente, Luis
Sanchez, Rodrigo
DD, Spanish
Venegas Quinones, Hector

Hydrometeorology
Masters of Science
Schulze, Scott

Doctor of Philosophy
Chang, Liling

Mathematics
Bachelors
Agarwal, Taylor*
Casarez, Isaiah

Physics
Bachelors
Alshahrani, Rsheed
Abdullah
DD Mathematics
Alshaikh Ali, Mohammed
Carroll, Andrew
Gulotta, Austin
DD Mathematics
Lu, Yiqian

Masters of Science
Rana, Muheud
Steinmetz, Andrew

Doctor of Philosophy
Brasington, Alexandra
Evans, Stefan
Formanek, Martin
Harkema, Nathan
Hemmer, Daniel
Hill, Andrew
Li, Shuailong
Ortiz, Jose
Rana, Muhed
Sessions, Ryan
Steinmetz, Andrew
Yang, Cheng Tao
Zhang, Zhiming
Zhou, Hao

**Planetary Sciences Doctor of Philosophy**
Cambioni, Saverio
Springmann, Alessandra
Stone, Shane
Sutton, Sarah
Vriesema, Jess

**Psychological Science Bachelors**
Clifford, Hannah
Deffner, Austin
Dwigun, Madison
Floyd, Jacob
Garlant, Ian
Gillis, Robert
Gordy, Haley
Gozar, Alexa*
Haydel, Victor
Hernandez, Angel
Hood, Megan
Kiefer, Logan*
Krall, Delaney
Marxman, Kayla
Mitchelson, Lauren
Murray, Destiny*
Patrick, James*
Piedrahita, Deanna
Qin, Hualiang
DM Computer Science
Reyes, Noah
Romero, Ana
DM Criminal Justice Studies
Saber, Alicia
Serna, Mauricio
Soverietti, Vincent
Tarango, Jaime
Thiss, Victoria
Tibbitt, Taylor
Watters, Cassandra*
DD, DM East Asian Studies, Psychology

**Psychology Bachelors**
Alharbi, Ahmed
Avalos-Luera, Katarina
Ballesteros, Corina
Bargo, Grayson
Barnett, Daisy
Bentley, Anthony
Bernard, Ashtyn
Berres, Cassandra
Bloomfield, Hannah
Brown, Jayson
Brown, Leighsah
Bryfogle, Autumn
Carabajal, Richard
Castillo, Keaton
Caudillo, Angel
Cernetic, Luke*
DD, DM Computer Science, Math
Chamas, Hassan*
DD, DM Physiology
Chen, Alice
DM Studio Art
Christ, Allison
TM Criminology, Anthropology
Christensen, Hannah*
Cohen, Taylor
Cooper, Samuel
Cota, Bianca
Cortinas, Allyson
DD, DM Communication, Marketing
Cramer, Rebekah
Crentsil, Krystal
Cruz Talamantes, Ariel
Cruz, Yesenia
Daniels, Jordan
DM Philosophy
Davies, Joseph
Davis, Matthew
Derfus, McKenzie*
TM Chemistry, Criminal Justice
Dunn, Dallas
Elhajj, Aaron
Enright, Elizabeth
Eppert, Brooke
DM Law
Esquivel-Barker, Russell
Ezeli, Patrick
Farrow, Madison
Ferris, Anthony
Flores, Megan
Foster, Joshua
Gaffney, Gabriella
Galloway, Claire
Gallup, Faith
Gann, Marley
Garcia, April
Garcia, Bret
Gardner, Claire
DM Italian
Gardner, Max
Garren, Joshua
Goad, Emily
Gonzales, Miguel Ignacio
Gonzalez, Leslie
Grajeda, Aili
DM Political Science
Granger, Liza*
Green, Jacob
Gutierrez, Kimberly
Habensus, Ana
Hamamoto, Kaiya
Hamlin, Jennifer
Hammann, Mark
Hansen, Tayler
Hilborn, Allison
DD Communication
Holma, Gabrielle
DD Elementary Education
Iradukunda, Safali Gisele
Islam, Zara
James, Jasmine
Johnson, Alexandria
Jones, Vivian
Jordan, Jesse
DD Criminal Justice
Karumanchi, Cindhuri
Koveleskie, Sophia
Ladner, Olivia
Lam, Ada*
DD, Care, Health and Society
Larkspur, Kelli
Ledezma, Karla
Lerma, Matthew
Lindemer, Shannon
Lopez, Vivianna
Lutz, Kerstin
Majkowski, Lucas
Maldonado, Jessica
Marcus, Jennifer
Mason, Tahtiana
McCabe, Melissa
McClelland, Shana
McGowan, Matthew
Merritt, Lily
Mesa, Jacquelynn
DM Sociology
Mesich, Faith
Mesman-Hallman, Kai
Metzler, Sophia*
Mills, Hannah
Moises Ton, Abraham
TM Political Science, Spanish
Moreno, Alyssa-Marie
Moreno, Amalia
Mota Villalobos, Kareli*
Musfeldt, Grace
Nakano, Dana
Navarrete Luna, Jose*
Ngoma Madiata, Siraelle
Oliver, Sheila
Paredes, Ivy
Parraz, Noelia
Pearson, August
DM Journalism
Pearson, Sydney
Penner, Danielle
Perez, Luis
DD, DM Spanish, Criminal Justice
Petersen, Delcia
Phelps, Margaret
Pratt, Mattison
Proefrock, Denisa*
Quinn, Kelsey
Ramirez, Kylie
Rhodes, Alejandra
Riley Everett, Miracle
Roberts, Shelyse
Roche, Josephine
Rodriguez, Joel
Rogers, Demi
Rojas, Victoria
Roman, Tracyle
Romero, Francisco
Rosales, Aarlin
DM Anthropology
Rupert, Rebecca
Santamaria, Isabella
Smith, Janelle
Stevens, Dianna
Su, Jiangyu
DD East Asian Studies
Thompson, Amanda
Threat, Marissa
Torres, Claudia
Valenzuela, Alma
Vega, Ayleen
Walsh, Christine*
DD Nursing
Washington, Jalicia
Williams, Brandi
Williams, Shira
Wofford, Jessica
Wooden, Tea
Yepiz, Roxanna
DM Spanish
Zucker, Joee

Doctor of Philosophy
Dieckman, Lauritz
Esterline, Katherine
Penaherrera, Mateo

Speech, Language, &
Hearing Sciences
Bachelors
Aguilar, Michelle Renee
DeLuna
Guzman, Edgardo*
Price, Patricia

DM: double major earned
DD: double degree earned
TM: triple major earned
*Honors attained
The University of Arizona sits on the original homelands of indigenous peoples who have stewarded this land since time immemorial. Aligning with the university’s core value of a diverse and inclusive community, it is an institutional responsibility to recognize and acknowledge the people, culture and history that make up the Wildcat community. At the institutional level, it is important to be proactive in broadening awareness throughout campus to ensure our students feel represented and valued.