



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
of the
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Class of 2019-2020

Chair's Note

The best moment the English Department enjoys each year is its commencement, when we gather to celebrate, and celebrate with, our graduating students--when undergraduate majors walk across the stage to mark reception of their degrees, when our new PhDs are "hooded" by their doctoral advisors. And, as it happens, the best moment the Department's Chair enjoys is opening the commencement ceremony, welcoming the students with their family and friends.

So it is a sorrow to us, as a Department, that we are not gathered for the ceremony; it is a sorrow to me, as its Chair, that I am writing this note instead of opening that ceremony. Among the sorrows of Spring 2020, it's true, these are not great ones: the pandemic and the measures required to limit it have brought acute suffering and loss to so many people. The loss of our commencement is hardly on that scale. Still, it is one we feel intimately. It's a joy and an encouragement every year to see our graduating students, hundreds of them each time, cross the stage. We remember our time with them in class and office hours and hallway conversations; as we remember, we're reminded what a remarkable group of students it is we teach--students who are brave, brilliant, diverse, resourceful--and how lucky we are to teach them. So we do lament the loss of this hopeful occasion for ourselves, and we lament it for the students still more: we regret that this year's graduates cannot gather for the happy noise of celebration that fills the Greek Theatre in normal years.

But then the reason for the happy noise is that graduation is a happy occasion. Ceremony or no ceremony, the graduates have done a wonderful thing. They can look back on all they've accomplished and forward to all that it makes possible for them. They can recall the challenges they faced and realize that they faced them successfully; they can reflect on the satisfaction of having done a hard thing well. They can see admiration and pride in the faces of their families and their friends, and find there the reflection of the pride they can feel in themselves. Observations like these are made, unfailingly, at every commencement in every year, for the simple reason that they are true. And they are every bit as true of this year's graduates, who in addition have continued working toward their goal through the chaos of this semester--cause for congratulations indeed.

Therefore, though we cannot gather with you, Class of 2020, we, the faculty and staff of the English Department, want to offer you our congratulations, our thanks for your time among us, and our hope that we'll see all of you again in Berkeley soon--soon and often, for many years.

- Steven Justice, English Department Chair

Program

Student Speeches

Caitlyn Jordan
Gitika Nalwa

Commencement Address

Professor Lyn Hejinian

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees 2019-2020

Brandon Callender - *History and its Kind: The Charge of the Other in Black Gay Men's Literatures*

Amy Williams Clark - *Familiar Distances: Beating the Bounds of Early English Identity*

Frank Cruz - *Culture in Crisis: The Lowercase Grapes of Wrath Narrative From the Great Depression to the Green New Deal*

Jason de Stefano - *Creatures of Art: The Laws of Creativity in the Nineteenth Century*

Lise Gaston - *Carriage Trouble: Women's Property and Mobility in the Romantic Novel*

Robert Reyes - *Hidden in Plain Sight: Greaser Cinema, The Western, and Race in Chicana Literature*

Bachelor of Arts Degrees 2019-2020

Samira Abed	Catherine Dugoni	Jonathan Lai	Hyeona Park	Caroline Adelle Torres
Danielle Absin	Bailey Dunn•*	David Larson	Michelle Park	Taline Angeleah Toutikian
Brooke C. Aghakhan	Lucy Eaton	Seung Hyun Hannah Lee	Raina Park	Camille Uril
Damien Moises Aguirre	Evangeline Ebeyer	Eric Lee	Anthony Robert Partridge	Ximena Valdarrago
Asmaa Ahmed	Menat Allah El Attma	Elaine Lee	Ashley Marie Pattison-Scott•	Danielle Vercelli*
Magdalen M. Allen Gardizi	Anason Ellis*	Ji Hune Lee	Raven Nicole Pearson	Julie Villanueva
Elias Altamirano	Jasmine Erhard	Sarah Hyorin Lee	Christopher Pei	Melisa Villegas
Makenzie Ambrose	Maria Rebeca Escamilla	Casey Leeds	Mar Peng	Cassandra West Vogel
Ariane Amparo-Partida	Bianca Espinoza	Nelsi Lemus Alvarado	Michelle Perales	Everett T. Waterman
Jacob Michael Anglim	Mason Esqueda	Jose Luis Leon	Gabriela Simone Perez	Leah Whang
Vanessa Arredondo	Rizza Billena Estacio	Karen Leung	Louie Poore	Shellie Wharton
Aashna Avachat•	Alexis Ehret Everson	Samuel Joseph Levin•*	Anthony Principe-Contreras	Mary E. Widhajanto
Karen Bahena	Madeline Fahselt	Olivia Lewke•	Kathryn Jean Prizler	Christiana Wierschem
Courtney Alexandra Baker	Emma Farry	Jazmine Li	Ruhya Rahimi	Zachary Wilder
Joseph Barajas	Mary Anne Fenton	Audrey Lim	Rafael Ramirez	Anja Williams
Noah Joseph Barney	Shannon Fess	Emily Lock	Nicolas Kenji Ramirez	Austin L. Williams
Nicole Marie Basham	Gabriel Fiandeiro•	Lilia Susana Lopez Guillen	David Dawei Ren	Stella Chava Williams
Sara Bates	Emily Filkin	Rachel Dana Lore	Ariel Renner•	Tashie Williams-Powell
Kate Becker	Jesse Foley-Tapia	Hunter Alexander Louis	Stephanie Reyna	Jeongsuk Woo
Aria John Beizai	Chloe Frederickson	Oceanus Love	Kelly Richeson	Conner Wright
Aliah Bocaletti	David Friesen	Robert Earl Lueck	Kathryn Riley	Tadamori Ko Yagi
Teresa Bodart	Nicholas Rubio Furgatch	Samantha Lumley	Jenna Marie Ringuette	Kiyoshi Yamaguchi-Pedroza•
Rhiannon Y. Bogart-Mandrik	Alexandra Garcia	Caylee Suzanne Lyman	Arin Roberson	Danielle Yuki Yang
Jessica Bonaparte Hernandez	Stephanie Nicole Garcia	Kelly Truvesta Maddox	Regina Catherine Rodgers	Samantha Javier Yee
Yarely Bonilla-Leon	Gabriel Garofano*	Elizabeth Maglio	Vanessa Rodriguez	Peter Nelson Yuhasz
Joshua E. Borkowski	Anahita Ghajarahimi*	Madeleine Malicdem•	Rebeca Rojas Ortega	Leslie G. Zaragoza
Pearson S. Bradley	Maddi Ghatak•	Anya Mansoor	Brianna Marie Rubow	Claire Zhang
Sukhmony Brar	Amy Giacchino	Angela Mao	Samantha Rushing	
Heather Breaux	Preya K. Gill	Meghan Mariani	Ashley Mckenzie Salk	
Emma Rose Bretthauer	Faetheria Gonzalez-Moosa	Natalie Martinez	Jessica San Nicolas	
Briel M. Brown•	Giana Sophia Gorman	Lauren Maxwell	Emma Baylee Sanchez•	
Dakota Lee Brown	Emil Guillermo	Robert G. Maxwell	Christian Z. Sanders	
Gwendolyn Bullocks	Gabrielle Guo	Theresa Marie McCulley	Autumn Iris Sandifur	
Jessica Hiromi Burr	Brenn Haydon	Hannah McKelson	Maya Santos	
Symone R. Campbell	Beryl He	Steven McKinney	Luigi Samuel Sarracino	
Berkeley Sakura Cannestra	Benjamin Heinz	Brian P. McKnight	Emma Feride Sayiner	
Sebastian Caparelli	Chelsea Heras	Salwa Meghjee•	Timothy Schiller•	
Samantha Carter	Jenne Herrera	Brian Taylor Merritt	Matilda Schulman*	
Grace Elizabeth Carter	Evelyn Thao-Mi Hoang	Caleb Mertz-Vega	Jacob Adam Schwartz	
Itzania Castro	Kaitlyn Taylor Hodge	Haley Minish	Mara Elizabeth Seaton	
Cassey Yuddy Cha	Mackenzie Hofmann	Resham Mirpuri	Marie Shelton•	
Renee Elizabeth Chaltron	Trevor Vance Holombo	Nicolle Chantal Moffat	Arlene Ceja Sherchan	
Christopher L. Chang	Tumaris Hone	Hiba Mohammadi	Valerie Haddon Shimoyama	
Hannah Jordan Chavarria	Michael Horton	Shelsea Montiel	A Ra Shin	
Vivian Wei Chen	Thomas Hoversen	Mia Moore	Erin Shipstead	
Tiare Chen-Wong	Emily Hsiao	Jessica Marie Moore•	Mary Silva	
Fiona Cheung	Justice Hunter	Sophia Ruby Rose Moore•	Christine Emily Sin	
Siddharth Chittaranjan•	Shawna Vera Rima Hynes	Kelsey Morris	Eleanor Skladman•*	
Donovan Ho Sam Chiu	Tomoko Irie	Nina Moskowitz•	Ariana Jocelyn Smithwick	
Abigail Cho	Kevin Thomas Jackson•	Charlotte Muth•*	Genesis Solorio	
Alice Choi	Aanchal Jaggi	Gitika Nalwa•*	Melanie Soto	
Han Chong	Nicholas George Jaramillo	Elizabeth Neoman	Sierra Spandow	
Caleb Chu	Kayli E. Jester•	Michelle Ngo	Patrick John Spangler	
Alyson Young-Jin Chun	Lillian Ji•	Mackhai Elijah Nguyen•	Alison Sprague	
Avery Chung-Melino	Isabel Jimenez•	Molly Nolan•	Jasmin Staffer	
Terah Clifford•*	Clara Jimenez•	Eimile Beaucaudray Nolan	Kellan A Staninger	
Caitlyn M. Cline	Ernie Jimenez	Jade Oates•	Adam Haworth Stephens	
Luis Cornejomiramontes•	Cade L. Johnson	Jenny Oh	Darcy Stone•	
Nicholas Cuarto	Caitlyn Jordan◊•*	Christine Ohyanan	Julia Suh	
Kaitlin D'Eimon	Hansol Jung	Shirley Ojeda Andrade	Youn Ju Suh	
Ian James Deak	Alice E. Kane	Alyssa Oliver	Miriam Abigail Tahaal Pop	
Alejandra Dechet•	Esther Kao	Chelsea Oltendorf	Shayan Joshua Tajbakhsh	
Melodie Deisher	Suleman Kazmi	Daniel L. Orona	Samantha Tamale	
Kelly Denman	Serena Michelle Kennedy	Rubi Pacheco	Heaven Martha Taylor-Sullen	
Emily Denny	Samantha Paige Keyes-Levine	Nicole Padgett	Sarah Ann Tedford	
Jesus Diaz	Maryam Khan•	Sarah Pak	Adesh Thapliyal	
Mona Mahmoud Dibas	Hashim Nawaz Khan	Abrianna Palacios Rodriguez	Jonah Lloyd Thedorff	
Celia Diffely•	Lauren E. Kirkpatrick	Lucas Pan	Brooke Thornton	
Loella Disto	Christine Alexandria Krause	Lindsey Pannor•	Katharine Elaine Tinney	
Matthew Stephen Douglass	Christopher M. Krygier	Joshua Paras	Jacob Toews	

◊Citation Winner

•Department Honors

*Phi Beta Kappa

Prize Awardees for 2019-2020

Department Citation

Caitlyn Jordan

Dennis Lamb Memorial Prize

Maddi Ghatak

Molly Nolan

Chauncey Whetmore Wells Prize

Grace Carter

Yoshiko Uchida Prize

Scout Turkel

Hugh Richmond Shakespeare Prize

Leon Chou

Elizabeth Mills Crothers Prize

Lucy Eaton

Noah Warren

Emily Chamberlin Cook Poetry Prize

Noah Warren

Eisner Prose Prize

Elodie Townsend

Samuel C. Irving Prize

Hannah Piette

Lili Fabilli and Eric Hoffer Essay Prize

Ryan Lackey

Joan Lee Yang Memorial Poetry Prize

Hannah Piette

Haas Scholars

Arina Stadnyk

Jacqueline Vela

James Phelan Prize Scholarships

Vanessa Arredondo

Grace Carter

Siddharth Chittarajan

Gabriel Fiandiero

Anna Ho

Sam Levin

Olivia Lewke

Oceanus Love

Sophia Moore

Timothy Schiller

Outstanding Teaching Awards

Cheng-Chai Chiang

Michelle Ripplinger

Max Stevenson

Outstanding GSI Awards

Andrew Barbour

Emma Eisenberg

Bernardo Hinojosa

Jane Hu

Sarah Sands Rice

Amanda Su