Virtual Graduation Celebration
Saturday, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
June 12, 2021
Welcome and Remarks

Kenneth Schultz
Director, Program in International Relations
Professor of Political Science

Student Speakers

Heajune Lee
William Maxwell Smith

Prerecorded Video: Student Recognition

Student bios read by

Dr. Rob Rakove and Dr. Erica Gould

Closing

Kenneth Schultz
## Bachelor of Arts Degree Candidates

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* Graduating with Distinction (Top 15% of graduating class)

** Graduating with Distinction and Phi Beta Kappa
Program in International Relations

Barbara Hernandez Cantu
The Politics of Data Privacy Law Adoption in Latin America: A Descriptive Analysis
Advisor: Jeremy Weinstein

Chloe Stoddard
Truth and Justice: Understanding Franco’s Use of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) for Political Gain and Envisioning Justice for Impacted Individuals and Communities
Advisor: Beth Van Schaack

Mustafa Tikka
Dividing the Indivisible: Do the People of Azad Kashmir Support the Division of Kashmir?
Advisor: Robert Crews

Nitish Vaidyanathan
Chinese Influence in South America: Dimensions of Power in Argentina and Chile
Advisor: Larry Diamond

Ben Zuercher
How the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank is Advancing Chinese Foreign Policy Goals
Advisor: Francis Fukuyama

Center for International Security and Cooperation

Carter Clelland
Chinese Investment Strategy Across Latin America
Advisors: Thomas Fingar, Harold Trinkunas, and Amy Zegart

Dylan Junkin
Chinese State Media Partnerships in East Asia and the Pacific
Advisors: Kenneth Schultz and Glenn Tiffert

Heajune Lee
Strategic Publicity? Understanding US Government Cyber Attribution
Advisors: Andrew Grotto and Amy Zegart

Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Eunice Jung
Advisor: Christine Min Wotipka

French

William Maxwell Smith
Wine to Whiskey, Rejection to Replication: Understanding French Cultural Capital in the American South through Foodways
Advisor: Marisa Galvez

Spanish

Kathryn Churchill
Uncovering Narratives of Loss and Loyalty: Gang Membership and Societal Reintegration in El Salvador
Advisor: Vincent Barletta

Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

Sylvie Ashford
Authoritarian Resilience and Rentier State Theory in Oman
Advisor: Lisa Blaydes

Sarah Myers
The Future of the International Criminal Court: Connections Between Domestic Democracy and the International Rule of Law
Advisor: David Cohen

Hiroto Saito
Colombia After the FARC: Has Peace Really Arrived?
Advisors: Gil-li Vardi and Stephen Stedman
The Program in International Relations (IR), founded in 1970, is an interdisciplinary undergraduate major allowing students to explore how global, regional, and domestic factors influence relations between actors on the world stage. All IR students study abroad and achieve advanced competency in at least one language other than English.

A total of 39 majors and seven minors make up the IR Class of 2021. Fourteen IR majors have successfully completed an honors thesis—five in the IR Honors Program; three in the Center for International Security and Cooperation; three in the Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law; one in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; one in French; and one in Spanish.

The class includes students from seventeen states and seven countries. This year’s graduates have achieved high language proficiency in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hawaiian, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish; and studied abroad in Amman, Beijing, Beirut, Berlin, Bogotá, Brussels, Cape Town, Florence, Accra, Kyoto, London, Madrid, Manah (Oman), Oslo, Oxford, Jericho, Paris, Santiago, Shanghai, Tartu (Estonia), and Entebbe (Uganda).

Congratulations to the class of 2021!