

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY



CELEBRATION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Friday, May 14th, 2021

5:30 pm

CLASS OF 2021

BACHELOR OF ARTS – ANTHROPOLOGY

Amber Jahan Samia Beg

Kendall Patrick Castaneda

Mengzi Chen, *Summa Cum Laude*

Catherine Mirae Chun, *Cum Laude*

Katherine Talia Draisen

Emily Katherine Fusco

Wenxin Gao, *Cum Laude*

Hailey Hart-Thompson, *Magna Cum Laude*

Rehnuma Kabir

Audrey Marie Kurtz, *Cum Laude*

Nichole Kyprianou, *Cum Laude*

Devin Maxwell

Kathy Mo-Yan Mei, *Cum Laude*

Bailey Sinclair Newsome

Mylene Elizabeth Oyarzabal, *Magna Cum Laude*

Christian James Poole

Madeline B. Rogers, *Magna Cum Laude*

Angelo Joseph Schimmenti

Abigail Heather Schofield

Brianna N. Sison-Gilmore, *Cum Laude*

Gianna V. Somarriba, *Cum Laude*

Astrid Aisha Viola Sundberg

Ciela “C.” Angel Alma Vega, *Summa Cum Laude*

BACHELOR OF ARTS -- ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELIGION

Bridget Lindsay Cohen, *Magna Cum Laude*

Jade Isabella Lau, *Magna Cum Laude*

MASTER IN APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

Samantha Moy Fifield

MASTER IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Zeynep Senveli

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Andrea Beth Blackburn

Mary Elizabeth Clarke

Noha Mohamed Moustafa Roushdy

Amy Marie Scott

CELEBRATION PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Nancy J. Smith-Hefner, *Chair*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Cheryl Knott, *Director of Undergraduate Studies, Biological Anthropology*
Kimberly Arkin, *Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociocultural Anthropology*

Department Award for Research Excellence in Biological Anthropology

Nichole Kyprianou

Department Award for Research Excellence in Biological Anthropology

Ciela "C." Angel Alma Vega

Department Award for Research Excellence in Sociocultural Anthropology

Brianna N. Sison-Gilmore

Department Award for Scholarly Excellence in Sociocultural Anthropology

Jade Isabella Lau

College Prize for Excellence in Anthropology

Mengzi Chen

Honors Work in Anthropology

Nichole Kyprianou
Jade Isabella Lau
Brianna N. Sison-Gilmore
Ciela "C." Angel Alma Vega

Hailey Hart-Thompson (Kilachand)
Madeline B. Rogers (Kilachand)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GRADUATING MAJORS BY THE FACULTY

Amber Jahan Samia Beg, presented by Assist Prof Eva Garrett
Kendall Patrick Castaneda, presented by Assoc Prof Joanna Davidson
Mengzi Chen, *Summa Cum Laude*, presented by Prof Matt Cartmill
Catherine Mirae Chun, *Cum Laude*, presented by Assist Prof Eva Garrett
Katherine Talia Draisen, presented by Assist Prof Merav Shohet
Emily Katherine Fusco, presented by Assoc Prof Ayse Parla
Wenxin Gao, *Cum Laude*, presented by Prof Robert Weller
Hailey Hart-Thompson, *Magna Cum Laude*, presented by Assoc Prof Joanna Davidson
Rehnuma Kabir, presented by Assoc Prof Ayse Parla
Audrey Marie Kurtz, *Cum Laude*, presented by Assist Prof Merav Shohet
Nichole Kyprianou, *Cum Laude*, presented by Assist Prof Carolyn Hodges-Simeon
Devin Maxwell, presented by Assist Prof Chris Schmitt
Kathy Mo-Yan Mei, *Cum Laude*, presented by Prof Robert Weller

Bailey Sinclair Newsome, presented by Prof Nancy J. Smith-Hefner

Mylene Elizabeth Oyarzabal, *Magna Cum Laude*, presented by Prof Cheryl Knott

Christian James Poole, presented by Prof Cheryl Knott

Madeline B. Rogers, *Magna Cum Laude* presented by Assist Prof Merav Shohet

Angelo Joseph Schimmenti, presented by Assoc Prof Kimberly Arkin

Abigail Heather Schofield, presented by Assist Research Prof Catherine West

Brianna N. Sison-Gilmore, *Cum Laude*, presented by Assist Research Prof
Caterina Scaramelli

Gianna V. Somarriba, *Cum Laude*, presented by Assist Prof Carolyn Hodges-
Simeon

Astrid Aisha Viola Sundberg, presented by Assist Prof Chris Schmitt

Ciela "C." Angel Alma Vega, *Summa Cum Laude*, presented by Assist Prof Eva
Garrett

ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELIGION MAJORS

Bridget Lindsay Cohen, *Magna Cum Laude*, presented by Assist Prof Merav
Shohet

Jade Isabella Lau, *Magna Cum Laude*, presented by Assoc Prof Kimberly Arkin

*Honors: Summa Cum Laude Top 5% of their graduating class; Magna Cum Laude Next 10%;
Cum Laude Next 15%*

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUTE STUDENTS

Masters in Applied Anthropology

Samantha Moy Fifield

Masters in Anthropology

Zeynep Senveli

Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology

Andrea Elizabeth Blackburn

Dissertation: “Orangutan Seed Dispersal Effectiveness and Spatial Distribution Patterns”

Mary Elizabeth Clarke

Dissertation: “Producing Stone and State: The Intersection of Domestic and Institutional Economies in Classic Maya Society”

Noha Mohamed Mustafa Roushdy

Dissertation: “Between Class and Nation: International Education and the Dilemmas of Elite Belonging in Contemporary Egypt”

Amy Marie Scott

Dissertation: “Sexual Selection and Sexual Conflict in the Reproductive Strategies of Bornean Orangutans”

CLOSING REMARKS

Virtual Zoom Cocktail Hour

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2020-2021

Nancy J. Smith-Hefner, *Chair*

Kimberly Arkin, *Associate Chair & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociocultural Anthropology*

Cheryl Knott, *Associate Chair & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Biological Anthropology*

Robert Weller, *Director of Graduate Studies*

Associate Professor Kimberly Arkin

Professor Thomas Barfield

Professor David M. Carballo

Professor Matt Cartmill
Associate Professor Joanna Davidson
Assistant Professor Eva Garrett
Professor Shahla Haeri
Professor Robert W. Hefner
Assistant Professor Carolyn Hodges-Simeon
Professor Cheryl Knott
Professor Frank Korom
Adjunct Professor Laurie LaPorte
Associate Professor John M. Marston
Professor Fallou Ngom
Associate Professor Ayşe Parla
Professor Curtis Runnels
Research Assistant Professor Caterina Scaramelli
Assistant Professor Christopher Schmitt
Professor Parker Shipton
Assistant Professor Merav Shohet
Professor Nancy J. Smith-Hefner
Professor Robert P. Weller
Research Assistant Professor Catherine West
Professor Merry White

