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# DEPARTMENT of GEOSCIENCES

### DEPARTMENTAL CONVOCATION

Celebrating the Class of 2022

Friday, May 20, 2022

Earth and Space Sciences Building

1:30 PM



#### Program

Welcome: Professor Brian Phillips

**Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees and Awards: Professor Lars Ehm** 

Undergraduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Sarah Tabibzada

*Myron Fuller Award: Ranger Agte* For outstanding Senior(s) in Geology and/or Earth Space Sciences.

*Oliver Schaeffer Award: Kim Vu* For academic performance, research, and departmental service, in honor of the Department's founder.

*Oliver Schaeffer Endowed Scholarship: Elijah Berger and Sarah Praisner This scholarship recognizes academic achievement and aspiration exemplifying the vision of the Department's founder. Endowment established by Professor Robert Warasila (PhD '76) and the George Schaeffer Family and continues to be supported by other generous donors.* 

Speaker Introduction: Professor Brian Phillips

Salute to Graduates: Dr. Ashaki Rouff (PhD 2004)

**Presentation of Graduate Degrees and Awards: Professor Deanne Rogers** 

Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Madison Anae and Hanxiao Wu

**David E. King Field Work Award: Taylor Grandfield and Kevin Hatton** Made possible by donations from David E. King (MS '84)

*The Far Beyond Award: Laura Breitenfeld* For exceptional voluntary service that significantly enhances the quality of the Geosciences undergraduate learning experience, research mission, or Department operation.

**Closing Remarks:** Professor Brian Phillips

### **Undergraduate Degree Candidates**

**Bachelor of Arts – Earth and Space Sciences** 

Amy Lin, Cum Laude Caitlin Maria Ocasio

**Bachelor of Arts – Earth and Space Sciences Education Track** 

Nicholas Andrew Montero Lia Judith Reisner

**Bachelor of Science – Geology** 

Ranger Roy Agte, Summa Cum Laude Gabrielle Nicole Clement Alexis Marie Cupo Enrico James Frantellizzi Ryan James Korman Shannon Letscher Lillian Jean Nicholson, Magna Cum Laude Nattarika Saengkhueankaeo Kim Thanh Vu, Cum Laude Ranae Andrea Ward Keena Wong

## Graduate Degree Candidates

Master of Arts in Teaching Earth Science

Robert M. Fernandez Matthew William Organ Jarrod Matthew Trojcak

Master of Science – Geosciences Hydrogeology Concentration

**Christopher Michael Rooney** 

**Doctor of Philosophy – Geosciences** 

Alexandra Anne Ahern David Graham Burtt Justin Chandler Cowart Donald Allen Hendrix Douglas Richard Schaub Siheng Wang Allison Mary Zastrow Dr. Ashaki Rouff is an Environmental Geochemist studying inorganic and organic contaminants in natural, human-impacted, and engineered systems with the goal of environmental preservation and sustainability. Research foci include phosphorus recovery from wastewater for sustainable use of nutrient resources, metals in urban soils, and sustainably-sourced sorbents for gas capture. She holds a PhD from Stony Brook University, NY and received postdoctoral training at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland. She was the recipient of a 2019 Fulbright Global Scholar Award, and a 2011 Career Enhancement Fellowship from The Institute for Citizens & Scholars. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Rutgers University, Newark.

