Class of 2021

CONVOCATION

June 4th, 2021
3-5pm PST
Welcome Remarks
Stephen Meyers

Graduation Video

Presentation of Graduates

Award Presentation

Closing Remarks
Mark Harniss

Poetry Reading

Reception
THE 2021 GRADUATING CLASS
MAJORS IN DISABILITY STUDIES

Ana Luisa Anguiano
Early Childhood and Family Studies

Annette Malakoff
Sociology
with Honors

Grace Henneford
Psychology
Minor: Education, Learning and Society

Brianna Kaleihiwa McCleerey
Minor: Informatics

Aiden Kwong Ho
Minor:
Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies

Lindsey Muszkiewicz
Comparative History of Ideas

Hailey Marie Jensen
Minor: Education, Learning and Society

Ishira Parikh
with Honors in Disability Studies
Biology (Molecular, Cellular, Developmental)

Christine Lew
Psychology
Minor: American Sign Language
with Interdisciplinary Honors

Michelle C Tsang
Minors: History
Education, Learning & Society
Diversity
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GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Megan McCloskey
PhD, School of Law

Jacqueline Otting
Masters of Education in Learning Sciences and Human Development
College of Education

Shannon Tyman
PhD, College of Built Environments
2021
AWARDS
The Harlan Hahn Endowment Fund was established by a generous gift to the UW’s Disability Studies Program from the late Harlan D. Hahn, disability activist, political scientist, and disability studies scholar. Awards are given for research, writing, or activist projects that are framed within, aligned with, or informed by the academic field of Disability Studies.

**STUDENTS**

**Ryan DeCarsky**  
MA/PhD, Sociology

“Queering Deafhood: Identity Formation and Community Building by Deaf-LGBTQ+ Folk in the United States”. This project explores identity formation and community building, critically examining how Deaf-Queer folk navigate life as Deaf in a hearing world and (simultaneously) Queer in a heteronormative one. This work centers community perceptions of Deaf culture and Queer culture, and examines how these cultural landscapes are shared through community interaction.

**Christine Lew**  
BA, Disability Studies and Psychology

This research investigates the concept of “Disability Gain,” seeking contexts where disabilities become advantageous to the individual and to society, through interviews, qualitative data analysis, and cultural artifact analysis.

**Christine Lew, Megan McCloskey and Alizay Sajjad**  
Lew (Disability Studies, Psychology), McCloskey (School of Law), Sajjad (Sociology)

The objective of the project will be to provide a baseline assessment of the accessibility and inclusiveness of campus sexual assault prevention efforts and response services at UW to support student advocacy efforts.
DENNIS LANG AWARDS

The Dennis Lang Award in Disability Studies honors Dennis Lang, a co-founder of the UW Disability Studies Program, for his dedication and service in the creation and growth of the community and program. The award goes to students who embody Dennis’ spirited commitment to and academic excellence in the field of Disability Studies.

Katherine Chamblin
Minor in Disability Studies

Christine Lew
Major in Disability Studies

Kelly Mack

Ishira Parikh
Major in Disability Studies with Honors

HARLAN HAHN ENDOWMENT AWARDS

José Alaniz
Slavic Languages & Literatures

Heather Feldner
Rehabilitation Medicine

Christine Lew
Major in Disability Studies

Katherine Chamblin
Minor in Disability Studies

Kelly Mack

Ishira Parikh
Major in Disability Studies with Honors
OTHER AWARDS

PAMELA E. YEE GENDER & DISABILITY STUDIES AWARD
Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies

Annette Malakoff
Major in Disability Studies

HUSKY 100 AWARD
Annual Tri-Campus Award

Katherine Chamblin
Minor in Disability Studies

Christine Lew
Major in Disability Studies

Natalie Stagnone
Major in Disability Studies
Listen, Speak
Aurora Levins Morales

Come beloveds from your narrow places, from your iron beds, from your lonely perches, come warm and sweaty from the arms of lovers, we who invent a world each morning, and speak in fiery tongues.

Come you with voices like seagulls, dissonant and lovely, with hands like roots and twigs. Come limbs that wander and limbs like buds and limbs heavy as stone, come breathless and swollen and weary, fevered and wracked with pain. Come slow and heavy, come wary and scarred, come sweet and harsh and strong. Come arched with pleasure, come slick with honey, come breathless with delight.

You. Yes, you. Take the cord of memory from my hands, and tie a knot to mark your place. Each body knows its own exhausting journey, its own oases of joy, its belly-full of shouting, resilience and shame and jubilation. We mark the trail for each other, put lanterns by the door, scratch our signs in the dirt, make signals with fingers in palms, sing coded freedom songs.

Strike the stick of aliveness on whatever will make a sound. Bind your stories together. This is how rope is made. Each strand is essential to the strength of the braid. Bring your body closer. Lean in toward the heat and the light. We are striking sparks of spirit, we are speaking from our flesh, we are stacking up our stories, we are kindling our future.