



**MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY, MANKATO**

**COLLEGE OF
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL
SCIENCES**

**Fall 2020
Commencement Program
December 12, 2020**

Congratulations to all our fall 2020 graduates!

MISSION STATEMENT:

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is a community of diverse learners seeking to understand and transform the social world through inquiry, inspiration, service and innovation.

Recognition of Student Speakers

University Commencement Speaker

Anisa Omar, *Political Science*

Anisa is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in political science. She is from Mankato, Minnesota, and is a first-generation college student; something her parents are very proud of. Anisa dedicates much of her time to giving back to the community. She is an active volunteer with the YMCA Big Brother/Big Sister program and other community projects including Mankato Area Youth Project, Ignite the Youth, and Mankato Area Voices for Racial Equity.

One of Anisa's most memorable moments as a Maverick was when she was elected student body president by her peers. She found her time serving students as student body president to be a truly rewarding experience. Following graduation, Anisa will be attending law school to become either a family attorney or civil rights attorney. Her message to the graduating class is to "embrace this new journey and realize the power in your perspective."



College commencement speakers



Katelynn Ogunfolami, *Political Science*

Katelynn Ogunfolami is a graduating senior from Woodbury, Minnesota. Her major is Political Science (Pre-Law) with a minor in Social Welfare. And she is the President of the Recognized Student Organization African Women of Action. Katelynn has a passion for learning more about intersectionality, racial disparities, and the social and economic effects of society on individuals. She aspires to pursue a career in law as an attorney with future aspirations of serving her community as an elected official.

Michael Hess, *Social Studies Teaching*

Michael is from Lakeville, Minnesota and is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Teaching. After spending 22 years in the Army, he chose to pursue his education in social studies education "to be part of the solution for our country, not part of the problem." He believes that starts with education, especially public schools. His goal is to give his future students the tools and knowledge needed to be informed and productive citizens.



Recognition of Graduate Students

Master's Degree

Aging Studies

Danielle R. Freitag

Ethnic & Multi-Cultural Studies

Dolly Baruah

Gender & Women's Studies

Minara Nazmin

History

Sarah Fischer

School Psychology

Nickolas F. Campa

Sociology: Human Services, Planning & Administration

Serena N. Boyce

Sociology: Corrections

Kaitlyn M. Hansen

Urban Planning

Ryan S. Miller

Recognition of Undergraduate Students

American Indigenous Studies

Program Director: Professor

Rhonda Dass

Dacota K. Larson

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Interim Chairperson: Professor

Rhonda Dass

Anthropology

Katlynn Fjeld

Sara L. Haugo

Dacota K. Larson

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Chairperson: Professor Scott

Granberg-Rademacker

Economics

Joshua N. Coyle

Abdifatah A. Farah

Gabriel D. Harvieux

Mohamed Ben A. Meite

Jonathan L. Pataoli

Joseph S. Stockman

Paul A. Swenson

Nicholas B. Tanguay

Almaz Totayev

Cheick I. Toure

DEPARTMENT OF ETHNIC STUDIES

Chairperson: Professor Kebba

Darboe

Ethnic Studies

Sanjaya Balami

Samuel D. Logan

DEPARTMENT OF GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES

Chairperson: Professor

Maria Bevacqua

Gender & Women's Studies

Angela H. Buzay

Katie R. McQueen

Miranda Steele

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Chairperson: Professor

Martin Mitchell

Earth Science

Micaela L. Anderson

Andrew F. Larum

Geographic Information Science (GISc) Certificate

Micaela L. Anderson

Luke W. Frahm

Peter L. Kivimaki

Andrew F. Larum

Geomorphology & Earth Science Processes Certificate

Micaela L. Anderson

Andrew F. Larum

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Chairperson: Professor Pat

Nelson

Criminal Justice

Caitlin R. Ballin

Arleth B. Fajardo

Benjamin Huebner

Samantha A. Mallow

Kate M. Quesenberry

Liza K. Rodriguez

Cynthia G. Vang

Isabelle C. Wolf

International Relations

Paul J. Adeyemi

Ferima A. Dosso

Valeria O. Garcia Tiza

Rachel M. Iverson

Law Enforcement

Alexandros C. Bakritges

Joshua J. Claussen

Allison A. Fleming

Scott T. Hengesteg

Edward J. Hoppmann

Zachary L. Knutson Rivers

Nicholas A. Martin

Tony L. Miller

Alexander B. Peterson

Kate M. Quesenberry

Trevor J. Schmidt

Gregory H. Theriault

Shelby M. Tombers

Dennis J. Vandestouwe

Ken Wickelgren

Political Science

Desire K. Ahua

Ahmed M. Alfoudari

Alexander K. Auger

Frances Johnson

Zomadre D. Lago

Jeremy A. Loger

Connor J. Morgan

Katelynn Ogunfolami

Anisa A. Omar

Bado M. Opullo

Naomi A. Pigeon

Jordan M. Prescher-Smerud

Shayla R. Schumacher

Aya Ryme Regine I. Shaw

Shaun Q. Simpson

Janet A. Somah

Thomas C. Vang

Marie Clemence A. Yapi

Urban and Regional Studies

Peter L. Kivimaki
Brandon R. Malecha

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

*Interim Chairperson: Professor
Tao Peng*

History

Alexis S. Counter
Aaron L. Harkner
Nicklaus R. Johnson
Evan D. Koch
Ian B. Petersen
Adam R. Renfroe
Brian R. Ruohoniemi
Keegan M. Stanley
Melony R. Wagner
Dustin C. West

Social Studies Teaching

Mackenzie R. Anderson
Matthew J. Egan
Michael L. Hess
Jacob C. Olson
Ian B. Petersen
Adam M. Schorn
Peter A. Self
Colin A. Varley

**DEPARTMENT OF
PSYCHOLOGY**

*Chairperson: Professor Chip
Panahon*

Psychology

Kos F. Adam
Dariyan R. Adams
Brianna M. Anderson
Samuel A. Benson
Kylie E. Berquist
Sydney R. Brezany
Colton D. Cahow
Junyeon Cho
Cheyanne D. Crisman
Kendra Cruz
Michael E. Davey
Jakob R. Etbauer
Abdirahman M. Farah

Arcydia Garcia
Samantha N. Giannelli
Latha A. Gram
Jacalyn B. Heinis
Josie L. Huss
Emily M. Jaeger
Kassandra J. Jansen
Kendra J. Javens
Rachel A. Karp
Ally M. Kelley
Emma N. Kiger
Etienne Kinney
Tyra L. Klarenbeek
Elliott S. Kunerth
Lindsey M. Mattson
Abby S. McCormack
Taylor N. McShane
Stephanie C. Merritt
Monica J. Nelson
Kaisei Okada
Nicole R. O'Malley
Da'Sha'Nae A. Pharms
Pamela M. Philip
Alyssa M. Rauchman
Cecilia Roche
Koburungo E. Sawaki
Megan M. Schwab
Austin J. Seibert
Josephine R. Sticha
Katherine A. Svacina
Sara J. Swan
Elizabeth M. Tiegs
Danielle A. Wacker
Serena M. Wagner
Meghan T. Walsh
Sierra R. Wieneke
Maria L. Willner
Angel D. Wright

**Experimental Psychology
Certificate**

Kailing G. Aw
Elizabeth M. Tiegs

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL WORK**

*Chairperson: Professor
Debra Gohagan*

Social Work

Jacey M. Anderson
Madison A. Ashe
Sydney L. D'Angelo
Ashley R. Delaurentis
Taylor E. Domek
Morgan N. Ebert
Megan N. Emery
Mackenzie M. Erickson
Deedra L. Foley
Lyndsey B. Haler
Ashlynn N. Hodges
Hassan A. Ibrahim
EmmaLee A. Krosch
Madelyn M. LaFlamme
Celeina Lee
Bailey A. McNulty
Payton A. Merritt
Peggy J. Nelson
Madison J. Olsem
Shelby Lynn Poati
Anna R. Rasmussen
Kaylie A. Rauchman
Cassandra P. Rigdon
Lucy V. Rodriguez
Courtney M. Schallock
Caitlin N. Schmeltzer
Sidney R. Schriever
Megan R. Schultz
Yuriana B. Soto
Brianna R. Spangler
Samantha D. Tohal
Christopher Vang-Xiong
Jacqueline Venegas
Paige H. Wittrock
Hannah M. Wynia

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY & CORRECTIONS**

*Chairperson: Professor Luis
Posas*

Applied Leadership

Marissa O. Akinseye
Deanna R. Armstrong
Benjamin R. Bassett
Ian D. Cobb
Jeremiah J. Dickie
Adam Edwards
Benjamin P. Gottlieb
Bailey E. Green
Christin A. Harriman
Jillian Hauerwas
Lester J. Hopwood
Jamee L. LaRow
Jordan Leebens
Tricia A. Lewis
Dena M. Maounis
Ashley M. Maynus
Aimee M. Morgan
Faraz R. Paul
Virginia K. Pilles
Patricia R. Radford
Richard M. Rafflesberger
Dallas Robinson
Jacqueline K. Schickling
Morgan A. Wiersma
Katrina L. Wood
Allison K. Xiong

Corrections

Derek D. Beatty
Skylee M. Bell
Samantha M. Braesch
Kayla J. Fahey
Cheyenne M. Fendrich
Angelica Funes
Amber Haack
Chaise A. Light
Taylor N. McShane
Mitchell D. Peterson
Emily R. Thompson

**Non-Profit Leadership
Certificate**

Patricia R. Radford
Shayla R. Schumacher
Sabrina M. Silver

Sociology

Zachary P. Herbst
Mckenna Hupf
Ronald J. Pribyl
Megan E. Ridler
Mitchell X. Wallace
Jordan M. Whelan

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Cum Laude Graduates

Samuel A. Benson
Kendra Cruz
Mackenzie M. Erickson
Lyndsey B. Haler
Hassan A. Ibrahim
Kendra J. Javens

Etienne Kinney
Dacota K. Larson
Aimee M. Morgan
Peggy J. Nelson
Madison J. Olsem
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Paige H. Wittrock

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Summa Cum Laude Graduates

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EmmaLee A. Krosch
Elliott S. Kunerth
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Kaisei Okada
Anna R. Rasmussen
Megan E. Ridler

Cecilia Roche
Lucy V. Rodriguez
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Megan R. Schultz
Shayla R. Schumacher
Elizabeth M. Tiegs
Danielle A. Wacker
Sierra R. Wieneke
Angel D. Wright

Dissertation, Thesis, Alternate Plan Paper, and Capstone Titles

Dolly Baruah

Ethnic Studies

The Role of Social Media in Facilitating the #RememberMeToo Movement and other Social Movements.

Dr. Kebba Darboe

Serena N. Boyce

Sociology: Human Services, Planning & Administration

Disparities withing School Discipline: An Examination of Race, English Language Learner Status, and Suspension

Dr. Vicki Hunter

Nickolas F. Campa

School Psychology

Teacher Training in LGBTQ+ Issues: A Literature Review

Dr. Jeffrey Brown

Sarah Fischer

History

The Cruellest of Ills': Irregular Practitioners, the Royal College of Physicians, and the 'French Pox,' c. 1550-1630.

Dr. Justin Biel

Danielle R. Freitag

Aging Studies

Caregiver Knowledge and Perceptions of Dementia Specific Nutritional Approaches

Dr. Jeff Buchanan

Kaitlyn M. Hansen

Sociology: Corrections

An Examination of Risk/Needs Assessment Implementation and How it is Measured in Probation Departments

Dr. Tyler Vaughan

Ryan S. Miller

Urban Planning

History, Trends, and Issues in Affordable Housing Policy

Dr. Beth Heidelberg

Minara Nazmin

Gender & Women's Studies

Compilation of Four Different Papers on Different Gender Issues

Dr. Ana Perez



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