PROGRAM

PROCessional Faculty

WELCOME BY THE DIRECTOR Professor André Punt

WELCOMING REMARKS FROM THE DEAN Dean Lisa Graumlich

FACULTY MERIT AWARDS Professor André Punt

STUDENT SPEAKERS Raegan Jarvis
SAFS Undergraduate Student
Catherine Austin
SAFS Graduate Student

INTRODUCTION OF THE GRADUATING STUDENTS Professor Christopher Anderson
Professor Sarah Converse

HOODING OF THE PHD GRADUATES Faculty Advisers

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Dr. Anne Beaudreau
Associate Professor
University of Alaska Fairbanks

CLOSING REMARKS Professor André Punt

RECESSIONAL Faculty and Graduating Students

GROUP TOAST Professor André Punt

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AWARDS

COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Exceptional Mentoring of Undergraduates
Prof. Luke Tornabene

Undergraduate Dean’s Medalist
Andrew Chin, BS 2020

Outstanding Commitment to Diversity
Natalie Lowell, PhD student

2019 FACULTY MERIT AWARDS

Bachelor of Science Program
Kyla Bivens  (Prof. Graham Young, Capstone Adviser)
Kylie Sahota  (Prof. Chris Grue, Capstone Adviser)

Master of Science Program
Calder Atta  (Prof. Luke Tornabene, Graduate Adviser)

Doctor of Philosophy Program
Catherine Austin  (Prof. Thomas Quinn, Graduate Adviser)
In appreciation of the 2020 College of the Environment graduating class, the College is partnering with the Campus Sustainability Fund to help fund the Precious Plastic Project in partnership with UW Recycling to build a plastics recycling workshop in the Maple Hall Area 01 Maker Space, which will reduce plastic waste on campus, help UW Recycling meet its goal of 70% waste diversion by 2020, and educate students about plastic waste and recycling. Recognizing our students are the next generation of leaders in environmental science and decision-making, we believe this is a contribution that showcases our collective commitment to the sustainability and the well-being of our campus, our community and our planet.
DEGREES AWARDED

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Kyla Bivens ∞ ‡  
Melinda Carr  
Andrew Chin °  
Markus Hiukka  
Ryan Fox Horn  
Ruolin Hou °  
Tyler Hoyt  
Raegan Jarvis  
Bailey Johnson  
Spencer Kubo °  
Josiah Likkel  
Emily McFarland  
Andrew Micks °  
Daisey Newman  
Cindy Thai Nguyen  
Kahana Pietsch ∞ ‡ *  
Jessica Quinn  
Kylie Sahota ∞ ‡  
Angel Sar  
Kara Skaw  
Rory Jerome Spurr  
Kentaro Yoshikawa

‡ departmental honors  * college honors  ∞ magna cum laude  ° cum laude

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Morgan Arrington  
Calder Atta  
Grace Crandall  
Davey French  
Kamaluddin Kasim  
Madison Shipley  
Catrin Wendt

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Catherine S. Austin  
Thiago Belisario D’Araujo Couto  
John Zachary Koehn  
Benjamin Miller  
Jane S. Rogosch
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. ANNE BEAUDREAU
Associate Professor, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Anne Beaudreau was raised in Rhode Island and completed her baccalaureate degree at Harvard University. Anne began her career as a fishery analyst at the New England Fishery Management Council, where she saw firsthand that the necessary ingredients for good decision-making are not only the best available science, but relationship-building, communication, and trust. This early experience in fisheries policy informs her work today. Anne went on to earn a PhD in aquatic and fishery sciences from the University of Washington and completed a postdoc at UW and NOAA’s Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Seattle. Since 2012, Anne has lived in Juneau, Alaska, where she is a member of the fisheries faculty at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Anne and her team conduct collaborative, interdisciplinary research that serves coastal communities and bridges knowledge systems to address resource management needs. Anne is excited to return to UW in 2021 as an Associate Professor in the School of Marine and Environmental Affairs. She looks forward to building new collaborations in Washington and continuing to grow her research program on the ecology and human dimensions of fisheries in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

RAEGAN JARVIS
Bachelor of Science

Raegan Jarvis is graduating with a degree in Aquatic and Fishery Sciences with double minors in Marine Biology and Quantitative Science. She’s been tidepooling since she could walk and never lost that drive to know everything about the marine environment. Raegan has enjoyed working on a variety of projects while at SAFS, from abalone withering syndrome with the Friedman lab to controlling ghost shrimp in Willapa Bay with Christian Grue and her capstone team. She’s had the unique opportunity to be a part of the first 3-week Friday Harbor Labs course, the first PAC-ISLEs trip to American Samoa, and volunteer in the new Burke Museum to identify Samoan fishes as a researcher on exhibit. For the past year, Raegan has served as the president of the SeaDawgs Marine Biology Club and has enjoyed strengthening bonds within the community alongside her officer team. Raegan would like to thank her family, friends, professors, classmates, and SAFS staff who have been a constant source of support every step of the way.
GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER
CATHARINE AUSTIN
Doctor of Philosophy Student

Catherine Austin completed her PhD at SAFS with Dr. Thomas Quinn, researching patterns of salmon and trout migration, distribution, and life history event timing. Her research interests were kindled when she was walking in creeks, wondering why, when, and how fish did what they did in their watery world. She has been fortunate enough to explore a few facets of the ever-unfolding mysteries of biology and ecology across multiple spatial and temporal scales as they play out in Washington’s rivers, and is continuing her study through regional fisheries research and management.

While at SAFS, Catherine also endeavored to support a plurality of voices in the sciences through the co-creation of a philosophical and practical course on outreach to diverse audiences in STEM and the implementation of active learning techniques in the classroom and field that are demonstrated to support the experience of students not otherwise well represented in the sciences. She plans to continue teaching and mentoring in some capacity always.

Catherine is grateful for the academic community and the friendships forged at SAFS, as well as the opportunity to work in the pristine ecosystems of Western Alaska while at SAFS, where an abundance of fish fills the lakes and streams and reminds us in more impacted ecosystems what we can aspire to in our restoration and conservation goals on our one planet, together.