

fall 2012 convocation

December 20, 2012 ASU Gammage



Message from the Dean

Welcome to Arizona State University and the nation's first School of Sustainability. I am proud to join you on this remarkable occasion.

Convocation is a ceremony quite literally robed in medieval traditions. The garments worn today signal to the world that these men and women are ready to move forward in excellence to the next level of their careers. Whether they stay in academia and choose to do research and teach others, or move into jobs that require practical application of everything they have gained in this institution, they will take with them the memories and knowledge imparted on them by this school and this university. We honor them, their hard work and discipline. We acknowledge the completion of this part of their journey and remember fondly the time we had the privilege of spending with them.

Our students and graduates are addressing some of the most critical challenges of our time, and the knowledge and solutions that they create today will shape the quality of life for future generations. They are thinking in new ways about the natural and social environment, about equity between different parts of the planet, about the norms and aspirations of its peoples, and about what is realistically achievable in a world that will soon count nine billion inhabitants.

The candidates we honor today join their predecessors in what will surely be a long and distinguished line of sustainability graduates; they are the intellectual capital upon which so much of our future depends. We count on them to be wise citizens in the complex world we live in today. Their decisions and actions will impact us all.

We hope they continue to reach out into society to help identify and implement practical 'sustainability solutions' in a wide range of domains, from urban planning and management to alternative energy, environmental decision-making, supply-chain management and food security, seeking the best outcomes for both human and natural environments both now and into the indefinite future.

All these aspects of our program strive to make sustainability a fundamental cornerstone of the cultures of the many societies inhabiting our planet, and of the behavior of the people involved.



I wish today's graduates the very best and look forward to remaining connected and collectively furthering the cause of a sustainable planet!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sander van der Leeuw', written over a horizontal line.

Sander van der Leeuw
Dean of the School of Sustainability

About the School of Sustainability

The School of Sustainability, established in 2007, offers transdisciplinary degree programs that advance practical solutions to environmental, economic, and social challenges of sustainability—especially as they relate to urban areas.

The School offers both undergraduate and graduate programs leading to degrees in sustainability. Students can earn a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, Master of Science, or an applied Master of Sustainable Solutions.

We focus on collaborative learning, innovative approaches, and problem-oriented training to address sustainability challenges relating to energy and materials, water, ecosystems, urbanization, international development, social transformations, climate change, and food systems. For more information, visit: schoolofsustainability.asu.edu.

The School is part of the Global Institute of Sustainability, which is the hub of ASU's sustainability initiatives. The Institute advances research, education, and business practices for an urbanizing world. For more information, visit: sustainability.asu.edu.



Order of Events

PROCESSIONAL

Welcome

Sander van der Leeuw, Ph.D.

Dean and Professor, School of Sustainability

Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change

Senior Sustainability Scientist, Global Institute of Sustainability

Master of Ceremonies

Brigitte Bavousett, M.S.

Associate Faculty and Student Recruitment & Retention Specialist Senior,

School of Sustainability

President, School of Sustainability Alumni Chapter

Honored Guests

School of Sustainability Faculty

Student Speakers

Graduate

Andrew Krause, M.S.

Undergraduate

Kimberly Pearson, B.S.

Order of Events *(continued)*

Introduction of Doctoral and Master's Degree Candidates

Reader

John Martin Anderies, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, School of Sustainability

Associate Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change

Senior Sustainability Scientist, Global Institute of Sustainability

Introduction of Bachelor's Degree Candidates

Readers

Nalini Chhetri, Ph.D.

Teaching Faculty, School of Sustainability

Climate Change Science Manager, Global Institute of Sustainability

Senior Sustainability Scientist, Global Institute of Sustainability

Video Montage

Days Like This

by Van Morrison

Closing Remarks

John Martin Anderies, Ph.D.

Recessional

Please join us at Wrigley Hall for a congratulatory reception immediately following the ceremony.

Sign language interpreters provided by Arizona Interpreting Service, Inc.

Convocation photography by Tim Trumble

View commencement videos, order convocation photos, and connect with fellow alumni at schoolofsustainability.asu.edu/alumni

Candidates for Doctoral and Master's Degrees

Fall 2012

Braden Ryan Kay, Ph.D.

Developing and Testing Transition Strategies for Urban Sustainability: Case Studies in Transition Research in Phoenix, Arizona

Liou Xie, Ph.D.

Sustainability Implications of Mass Rapid Transit on the Built Environment and Human Travel Behavior in Suburban Neighborhoods: The Beijing Case

Brendan Austin Denker, M.S.

The Social Consumer Gaming System: Promoting Sustainable Behavior Patterns

Andrew Robert Krause, M.S.

Converting the Social Web into a Sustainability-Based Collaboration Platform, eEcosphere.com

Thomas Christopher Redd, M.S.

The Interpersonal Determinants of Green Purchasing: An Assessment of the Empirical Record

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees

Fall 2012

Courtney Brooke Buzzard, B.A.
Society and Sustainability Track

Timothy Grant Clayton, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Marvin Evangelista De Guzman, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track, Cum Laude

Tara Elizabeth Hartcorn, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track

Ashlee Tyson Henderson, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track, Cum Laude

Drake Philip Hoffman, B.A.
Society and Sustainability Track, Summa Cum Laude

Kali Rena Miller, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track, Magna Cum Laude

Cameron Michael Pritulsky, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

McKenzie Wilson Ragan, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track, Cum Laude

Kaitlin Sue Simanson, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track, Magna Cum Laude

Christine Marie Soboleski, B.A.
Society and Sustainability Track, Summa Cum Laude

Meghan Lee Tipton, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track

Alexis Christine Veno, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track, Cum Laude

Nathan Christopher Wible, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Ryan D. Winkle, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Kevin Michael Benton, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Brandon Borsheim, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Ute Barbara Brady, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track, Summa Cum Laude

Christopher Robert Buccola, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Christopher James Chappell, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees *(continued)*

Brendan Cotter, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Scott Thomas Davenport, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Corey Alan DeWinter, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Magna Cum Laude

Atanas Mark Dimov, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Nicolle Alessandra Doyle, B.S.

Sustainable Ecosystems Track, Cum Laude

Angela Edmund, B.S.

Sustainable Ecosystems Track

Dean Allen Haithcox, III, B.S.

Economics of Sustainability Track

John A. Hannum, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Einav Henenson, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Summa Cum Laude

Steven Michael Hoover, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Brandon P. Iott, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Cum Laude

Alanna Mileva Leahy, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Christopher Daniel Lurie, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Nicole Lynn Nebitsi, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Michael Joseph Nicastro, B.S.

Economics of Sustainability Track, Cum Laude

Loren Oliver, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Cum Laude

Kimberly Megan Pearson, B.S.

Economics of Sustainability Track, Summa Cum Laude

Drew Rostain, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Jason Javid Saeedi, B.S.

Economics of Sustainability Track

Ryan Charles Shatto, B.S.

Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees *(continued)*

Alicia Ann Shebel, B.S.

*Sustainable Energy, Materials, and
Technology Track*

Katie Marie Shoemaker, B.S.

*Sustainable Energy, Materials, and
Technology Track*

Justin Tinkle, B.S.

*Economics of Sustainability Track,
Summa Cum Laude*

Andrew Thomas Toler, B.S.

*Economics of Sustainability,
Magna Cum Laude*

Natasa Vulic, B.S.

*Sustainable Energy, Materials, and
Technology Track, Summa Cum
Laude*

Tai Wallace, B.S.

*Sustainable Energy, Materials, and
Technology Track, Magna Cum
Laude*

Raina Whittekiend, B.S.

*Sustainable Ecosystems Track,
Cum Laude*

Academic Recognition

A baccalaureate degree candidate must have completed at least 56 semester hours of resident credit at Arizona State University to qualify for graduation with academic recognition. For purposes of this ceremony, grade point averages from the end of last semester were used. Final designations will be noted on the student's diploma and transcript.

Summa Cum Laude

designates those candidates with a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 – 4.00

Magna Cum Laude

designates those candidates with a cumulative grade point average of 3.60 – 3.79

Cum Laude

designates those candidates with a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 – 3.59

Students whose names appear in this program are candidates for the degrees listed, which will be conferred subject to completion of requirements.

Regalia



The School of Sustainability Gonfalon

This banner of ASU maroon and gold features fields of scarab green, the shade established by Arizona State University as the academic color for the new discipline of sustainability. The symbol adorning the School of Sustainability's gonfalon is a city skyline surrounded by a vine growing in an unbroken circle. The skyline denotes economic growth and social justice, while the twining vine signifies the natural environment and its relationship to all things.

Honor Society for Sustainability Stoles

In 2012, Arizona State University established the nation's first Honor Society for Sustainability, a network of sustainability scholars who have demonstrated academic excellence and are committed to solving global challenges of sustainability. Students who applied and have met the academic requirements established by the chapter can be identified by their scarab green stoles, the mark of their achievement.


Arizona State University Caps and Gowns

Arizona State University has partnered with Herff Jones to reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Graduation caps and gowns are made out of 100% recycled materials, with each gown saving 29 plastic bottles from the landfill. The company's Renew Gown Recycling program collects worn graduation gowns and recycles them into brand new ones for future graduates. The School of Sustainability also collects donated gowns for re-use in future ceremonies.



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