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The word *philosopher*, translated from Greek, means lover of wisdom. The term has come to define one who seeks knowledge, enlightenment, and truth.

Philosophy teaches students to think and argue rigorously about basic questions concerning value, rationality, language, and thought. It is of value to students who wish to reflect carefully on the world and our place in it as knowers and agents. The major provides the opportunity for students to explore the foundations of almost any other subject in which they may be interested—whether history, religion, the arts, government, law, or science.



Dear Class of 2020 and your families,

On behalf of the entire UCLA Department of Philosophy, congratulations!

This has been a very difficult—indeed an increasingly difficult—quarter for all of us, and my heart goes out especially to you, our graduating seniors, whose hard work has earned you the right to a proper celebration of your achievement, with your peers, with your families, and with our faculty and graduate students. We will aim to find a later occasion.

But here and now we must not forget this is a moment for your celebration. You have not merely done well: you have done EXTRAORDINARILY well!

You not only successfully completed your degree, you completed it in an environment and climate that many would have found daunting. You persevered. Your determination to finish what you started in these uncertain times is what makes your class quite exceptional, and one that will be long remembered. You should be extremely proud of yourselves and your commitment.

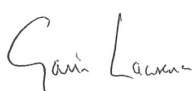
Philosophy is a notoriously difficult subject in which success often involves a student pushing themselves to the utmost, helped by the engagingly open nature of the subject. Society's need for you, and for your calm reflective powers and your sense of social justice and decency, is obviously immense. It is my real delight, as chair speaking for all the philosophy faculty, to wish you every success in your future endeavors, in all your new beginnings, in all the paths that open now in front of you.

To your families, thank you for your continued support and encouragement in these times. Your student has shown great character and grace. Many are here because of your support. For that, we are most appreciative and grateful.

And so on this great day after a long academic journey:

Congratulations, EXTRAORDINARY Class of 2020!

Be well, be safe, and we look forward to seeing you—in person—as soon as may be.



Gavin Lawrence
Chair, UCLA Department of Philosophy



DEPARTMENT HONORS

**Anticipated honors. Graduates must complete all requirements on the degree
for the designation to appear on the diploma*

Scott George Blomgren
Mallory Keelan Christman
Chelsea Reddy Dyapa
Alberto Antonio Gutierrez
Corban Joel Lethcoe

Sophia Marie McMurry
Casandra Donna Szeliga
Shan Vartanian
Xinong Wang
Ghanashyam Devon Wheeler

KALISH PRIZE FOR INTELLECTUAL EXCELLENCE

Scott Blomgren
Sophia McMurry

Jiarui Qu
Shan Vartanian

GLORIA ROCK AWARD

Chelsea Dyapa

Sophia McMurry

RUDOLF AND INA CARNAP PRIZE

Kyle Scott

LOGIC AND LANGUAGE PRIZE

Ian Boon

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS!

LATIN HONORS

**Anticipated honors. Students not listed may still be eligible to receive college honors. Information included is the most accurate available at the time of printing. Graduates must complete all requirements for the designation to appear on the diploma.*

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Dissertation: “Normality Judgments: Structure and Content,”

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Dissertation: “First Principles to Further our Understanding of What is to be Done”



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Citlally Guadalupe Reynoso

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Omar Ramadan Said

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