

About our Commencement Speaker

Michelle Koutnik



Michelle Koutnik earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Astrophysics and Planetary Science at the University of California Los Angeles in 2001. She spent a year at the University of Calgary as a Fulbright Fellow, and had a visiting appointment in Planetary Science at Caltech. Michelle earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Geophysics here at the University of Washington in 2009, writing a dissertation entitled “Inferring Histories of Accumulation Rate, Ice Thickness, and Ice Flow from Internal Layers in Glaciers and Ice Sheets” while holding a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. After graduation, she was appointed as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Copenhagen, where she was a National Science Foundation International Research Fellow. She returned to the University of Washington as a Research Assistant Professor in 2013.

Michelle’s research has taken her all over the world - Canada, Antarctica, Iceland, Greenland and Switzerland. Her excellence is apparent through her achievements, such as the David Bonderman International Travel Fellowship (2003), the David A. Johnston Memorial Fellowship for Research Excellence (2006), and a National Science Foundation International Research Fellowship (2009-2012) - to name just a few.

She describes her current research: “I am interested in how ice-core history interpreted from ice cores that are on the flank of modern ice divides are affected by upstream conditions such as accumulation gradients, divide migration, and ice thickness changes.”

The College of the Environment Honors New Graduates

In appreciation of the 2016 College of the Environment graduating class, the College is partnering with the [Campus Sustainability Fund](#) to help fund two CSF projects at the Center for Urban Horticulture: planting pollinator habitats to create suitable habitat for local pollinating insects, and installing a composting toilet to support over 180 student farmers and volunteers and over 500 student visitors annually. 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 community and our planet.

The University of Washington

Department of Earth and Space Sciences



Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Husky Union Building Lyceum (Room 160)

9:15 AM

Program

Dean's Welcome

Professor Lisa Graumlich
Dean, College of the Environment

Chair's Welcome

Professor Bruce Nelson
Chair, Earth and Space Sciences

Guest Speaker

Michelle Koutnik
Earth and Space Sciences Alumna

A Graduate Student Perspective

Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger
ESS Graduate Student

Presentation of Graduate Certificates

Professor Bruce Nelson &
ESS Faculty Members

An Undergraduate Student Perspective

Eddy Liu
ESS Undergraduate Student

Undergraduate Slide Show

Nicholas Thibault
ESS Undergraduate Student

Presentation of Undergraduate Certificates

Professor Gerard Roe
Professor, Earth and Space Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

Lu Liu

Kristin E. Poinar

David Shean

Master of Science

Camille M. Collett

Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger

Matthew Teich

Chelsey Jo DeWitt

Amelia C. Oates

Chad A. Truitt

Christopher G. French

Amanda Dovich Ong

Bart Weitering

Steven C. Kee

Andrew Christopher Ritchie

Pamela Rae Wichgers

Coire P. McCabe

Tait Steven Russell


Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science

** Graduating With Distinction*

† Graduating With Bachelor of Arts Degree

Elie Abouafia	Pristine Rose Kalif	Matthew Clark Sorensen †
Daniel Raymond Aguilar	Brandon F Keck	Garrett Drake Timm
Izzati Ahamad Fouzi *	Andrew Kimn	Patrick Tokarz
Charlotte Michelle Ainsworth †	Ian Rui Jie Lee *	Paul Alexander Tosello *
Hannah Dorothy Allen	Zi Xian Leong *	Chelsea Nicole Warner †
Eva Alvarado	Virginia Heidi Littell *	Jacob Allen Woods
Shiori Laura Baba	Eddy J. Liu *	Neng Xiong
Brandon Scott Bentcover	Cody Mcclary Mack	Jiarui Zhou
Megan Marie Bergman	Linnea Elizabeth McCann *	
Dylan Taylor Chase	John Paul McGuirk †	
Bowei Cheng †	Brittany Jane McManus	
Matthew Young-Kwon Chi	Katherine Victoria Midkiff	
Lance Kyle Colley	Nikolas Connor Midttun	
Kevin John Darole †	Fasick Teshome Mulugeta	
Edward De Souza	Minh Bao Dinh Nguyen	
Diane Marie Dewilde †	Angela Christine Oberti	
Nhat M. Dinh	Maryann Georgia Olson	
Jesse Wayne Evans	Ashly Brook Padgett *	
Luke Hibbs Fisher *	Mara Esther Page *	
Madeline Irelene Gentry	Sarah Young Park	
Guy Giesa-Wilson *	Samantha Miriam Potter	
Elizabeth Rachel Grant	Adam Frosch Richard	
John Hamilton *	David Joseph Rubin	
Frederic D'Mitri Henry	Najimi Luqman Salim	
Madeleine Mary Hummer	Erica Lian Sampaga	
Brianna Kayleen Hunt *	John Bo Shim	

The Department would like to thank the ESS faculty, staff, and students who have worked hard to make this special event a success!

 Reception to Follow 