Katy Atakturk grew up in Redmond, WA and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Washington in 2012. As an undergraduate, she was one of the first student dog handlers for the University’s Live Mascot, Dubs (I) and has fond memories of walking him through Johnson Hall during her class breaks. She was heavily involved in the department as the GeoClub President, an undergraduate TA, and a team member in Dr. Kate Huntington’s research group. After graduating, she attended the University of Texas at Austin from 2012 to 2014 where she studied metamorphic core complexes of western Turkey and received a Master of Science degree in Geology. Through field trips and studying abroad, her love of geology brought her to a variety of exotic locations around the world such as Svalbard, Spain, Finland, Sweden, Turkey, Greece, and much of Central and South America.

Outside of academia, Katy interned at Hess Corporation and began her early career right after graduate school as an Exploration Geologist in Houston, TX. She worked a diverse set of global basins from the Equatorial Guinean slope deposits in West Africa to the frontier basin of Guyana in South America. She attributes much of her professional success to her ability to integrate people and ideas across disciplines and within teams. Her skill set became a valuable asset that allowed her to pivot her career as she chose to move back to Seattle in 2017 and pursue work as an Environmental Geologist. Katy currently works at GeoEngineers managing sediment cleanup projects along the Puget Sound coastal region spending much of her time collaborating with engineers and scientists to improve the environmental health of the Pacific Northwest.

The College of the Environment Honors New Graduates

In appreciation of the 2019 College of the Environment graduating class, the College is partnering with the Campus Sustainability Fund to help fund the UW Anaerobic Digester at the University District Food Bank, which will use food waste to create compost and natural gas, reducing carbon emissions from disposal trucks as less food waste is hauled away, improving soil health by producing compost, and serving as a small-scale model of renewable energy generation from food waste. 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.
Dean’s Welcome
Professor Lisa Graumlich
*Dean, College of the Environment*

Chair’s Welcome
Professor Ken Creager
*Chair, Earth and Space Sciences*

Guest Speaker
Katelyn Atakturk, MS
*Earth and Space Sciences Alum*

A Graduate Student Perspective
Dr. Julia R. Kelson
*ESS Graduate Student*

Conferral of Graduate Degrees
Professor David Catling &
ESS Faculty Members

An Undergraduate Student Perspective
Tyler James Valentine
*ESS Undergraduate Student*

Undergraduate Slide Show
ESS GeoClub
*ESS Undergraduate Students*

Conferral of Undergraduate Degrees
Professor Gerard Roe
*Professor, Earth and Space Sciences*

Doctor of Philosophy
Aaron W. Brewer
Laura M. Kehrl
Steven F. Sholes

Kelley A. Hall
Julia R. Kelson
Michael D. Turzewski

Sarah A. Harbert
Michael A. Kipp
Hao Zheng

Trevor R. Hillebrand
Joshua Krissansen-Totton
Ling Zheng

David A. Lilien

Master of Science
Mary Alice Kipp Benson
Virginia Heidi Littell
Morgan Elise Simon

Eric Dunham
Kristen Marohl
Aleksander Srebro

Ethan Daniel Guzek
Jana Meixnerova
Varqa Tavangar

Hannah Karlsson
Austin Tyler Rains
Elizabeth Wratten

Nancy Ann Sackman

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