

About our Commencement Speaker  
Michael McGroder



Dr. Michael McGroder grew up in the Chicago, IL area and in 1980 graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Sciences from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Mike took two years off before graduate school, working as a field technician acquiring magnetotelluric measurements for oil/gas and geothermal companies around the western U.S. He attended the University of Montana from 1982 to 1984, where he studied rocks of the Proterozoic Belt Supergroup and received a Master of Science degree in Geology. Between 1984 and 1988 Mike attended the University of Washington, receiving his Ph.D. degree for his work in the North Cascades. His dissertation was titled: "Structural evolution of the eastern Cascades foldbelt, Washington and British Columbia: Implications for Cretaceous accretionary tectonics in the Pacific Northwest".

After graduating from the UW, Mike took a position in Houston, TX with Exxon Production Research Company. Among his early roles in the company were consulting with company affiliates around the world on their structural and seismic interpretation problems. Mike transferred to Calgary, Alberta in 1994, working there for nine years and becoming the lead geologist on the Foothills team which drilled many successful natural gas exploration and production wells at the leading edge of the Canadian Rockies. Mike transferred back to Houston in 2003 and after a short stint working in the Gulf of Mexico, became Coordinator of the Structure, Seal and Gravity-Magnetics skill group. In this role Mike was responsible for global deployment and career development of roughly 80 geoscientists in many parts the world. Mike's last assignment with ExxonMobil before retiring in 2015 was as an executive-level global technical advisor. In this role, he assisted management and teams in Russia, South America, Papua New Guinea, California, Arctic Canada and elsewhere.

Since retiring, Mike has kept busy with several part-time activities including helping the University of Washington run their summer field camp in Dillon, Montana. Mike looks forward to spending his third summer with the UW students this coming July and early August. He and his wife Leslie have daughters living in San Francisco and New York City. They still live in Houston, but have recently bought a second home in Truckee, CA where he invites all of his UW friends and colleagues to visit during the summer or ski season.

The College of the Environment  
Honors New Graduates

In appreciation of the 2018 College of the Environment graduating class, the College is partnering with the Campus Sustainability Fund to help fund a project to Pair UW Food Waste With Area Non-Profits in Need through a student-designed open source website and app. The app will facilitate the logistics and transportation of food waste from UW Food Services to local nonprofits, diverting left-over food that would have been composted to communities in need. 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.

The University of Washington

Department of  
Earth and Space Sciences



Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, June 9, 2018  
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

Dr. Michael McGroder  
*Earth and Space Sciences Alum*

A Graduate Student Perspective

Dr. Shelley Chestler  
*ESS Graduate Student*

Conferral of Graduate Degrees

Professor Ken Creager &  
ESS Faculty Members

An Undergraduate Student Perspective

Madeline Hille  
*ESS Undergraduate Student*

Undergraduate Slide Show

Ellen Ng  
*ESS Undergraduate Student*

Conferral of Undergraduate Degrees

Professor Gerard Roe  
*Professor, Earth and Space Sciences*

## Doctor of Philosophy

Jonathan N. Baptst

Chloe E. Hart

Perry E. Spector

Landon K. Burgener

Keith R. Hodson

Christopher "Max" Stevens

Shelley Chestler

Yan Hu

Matthew A. Tilley

Jiangang Han

Batbaatar Jigjidsuren

Carl Watkins Ullberg

Sarah Schanz

## Master of Science

Halley Barnett

William Grimm

Seamus Charles McLaughlin

Kevin Cowell

Shawn Michael Harrington

Brittany Jane McManus

Mariah Lauren Danner

Ayla Heinze Fry

Matthew Porter

Elizabeth Jean Davis

Paul M. S. Kintner

Adrienne Sorenson

## Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Science

\* Graduating With Distinction in Earth and Space Sciences

Fatin Syakirah Abd Razak

Kyle Morgan Hicks

Siti Sarah Rifqah Mohamed Reza

Fairuz Aisyah Binti Ahmad Zamri\*

Colin Seiji Higashi

Benjamin Gabriel Moy

Joshua Scott Anderson\*

Madeline Margaret Hille\*

Jocelyn Cathleen Muri

Stefan Marius Apreutesei

Gregory Christopher Horne

Allison Elizabeth Nelson

Siddharth Aramandla

Wei-Lin Hsu

Sarah Rosemarie Newport\*

Michael James Barber

Yung Shuai Hu

Patrick Richard O'Connor

Christine Leigh Benner

Theodore Hao-Tien Hung

Harry William Ohman

Weston Sedgwick Brown

Nadrah Hushin\*

Jason Noel Ott\*

Jalyn Missoura Buckley

Muhamad Sharman Faiz Ismail

Minji Park

Karine Chun Chen

Andrew Cole Jacobson

Robin Andrew Pflager

Tao Chen

Jeffrey Louis James

Dylan Spencer Preis

Anthony Kin Choi

Andrea Joe

Sofwa Sabarudin\*

Benjamin Ray Cohen

Dominic James Brinas Jones

Daniel Gordon Shanks

Carson Philip Colletier

Christopher James Kadlecik

Jacqueline Katherine Sherburne\*

Laura Esperanza Colmenares

Esten Jacob King\*

Steven Boonjindasup Sirisithi

Annah-Marie Grace Cortez

Kyler James Kruger

Renee Kim Slininger

Ibrahima Diallo

Jacob Dylan Laugeson

Brett Justin Smith

Bin Du

Joshua Hae Soo Lee

Tenzin Sonam

Ethan Scott Dunaway

Cindy Lee

Alicia Alexandra Stephan

Matthew Tanner Eggert

Ernesto Lemus

Lelin Sun

William Carter Elzemeyer

Suk Joon Lim

Allen Thomas Toland-Barber

James Yee Eng

Yangfan Ling\*

Harrison Tong

Brittany Ann Erickson

Christopher Ming-Hong Liu

Kaelyn Anne Trapp

James Warren Fowler

Kyle James Lowery

Michael Mark Weir Weyna

Andrea M. Hatsukami

Sharon Shaochih Ma

Erin Leigh Williamson

Logan Alex Heine

Anis Amira Mahmood

Peiyu Wu\*

Beau D. Hepler

Christopher Aaron Marquis

Richard Zhiwei Xu

Jacob Chad Hesse

Ashley Reign Milholland

Linghuan Xue

Patrick Glenn Milstead\*

*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 ∞