

The ISS Mission

Equity and inclusion are core values of the Integrated Social Sciences major. Our mission is to provide equitable opportunity to students from diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds. Since our students have often faced a variety of institutional and interpersonal barriers when entering the program, our higher education mission is guided by the following principles.

PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS

We strive to open the university's doors to a broad population of students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue a high-quality UW baccalaureate degree.

Our goal is to dismantle the institutional and interpersonal barriers that have historically excluded certain segments of society from accessing and excelling in higher education, such as time constraints, family commitments, work and financial obligations, and the legacies of racist exclusion.

We believe that our identities, experiences, and responsibilities are a source of strength and knowledge. The ISS program welcomes everybody in whatever way they are identified by race, ethnicity, class, citizenship, gender age, religion, (dis)ability, and sexuality.



The University of Washington acknowledges the Coast Salish people of this land, the land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot nations.

PROMOTE DISCOVERY & EQUITABLE ADVANCEMENT

We build on pedagogical and technological innovations in an internet-enabled community that connects students with academic research and researchers.

Knowing the barriers of time and location, we strive to innovate in the delivery of online courses to create rich, interactive learning environments that help our students build new skills and connect to community interests.

INSPIRE HOLISTIC LEARNING

We seek to promote cultural understanding and respect for differences, with attention to historical and contemporary power dynamics at the local, national, and global scale.

Through an interdisciplinary program built across the breadth of the social sciences, our curriculum addresses the complexities of our globalized world and all the associated interdependencies and inequalities within and between societies around the world.

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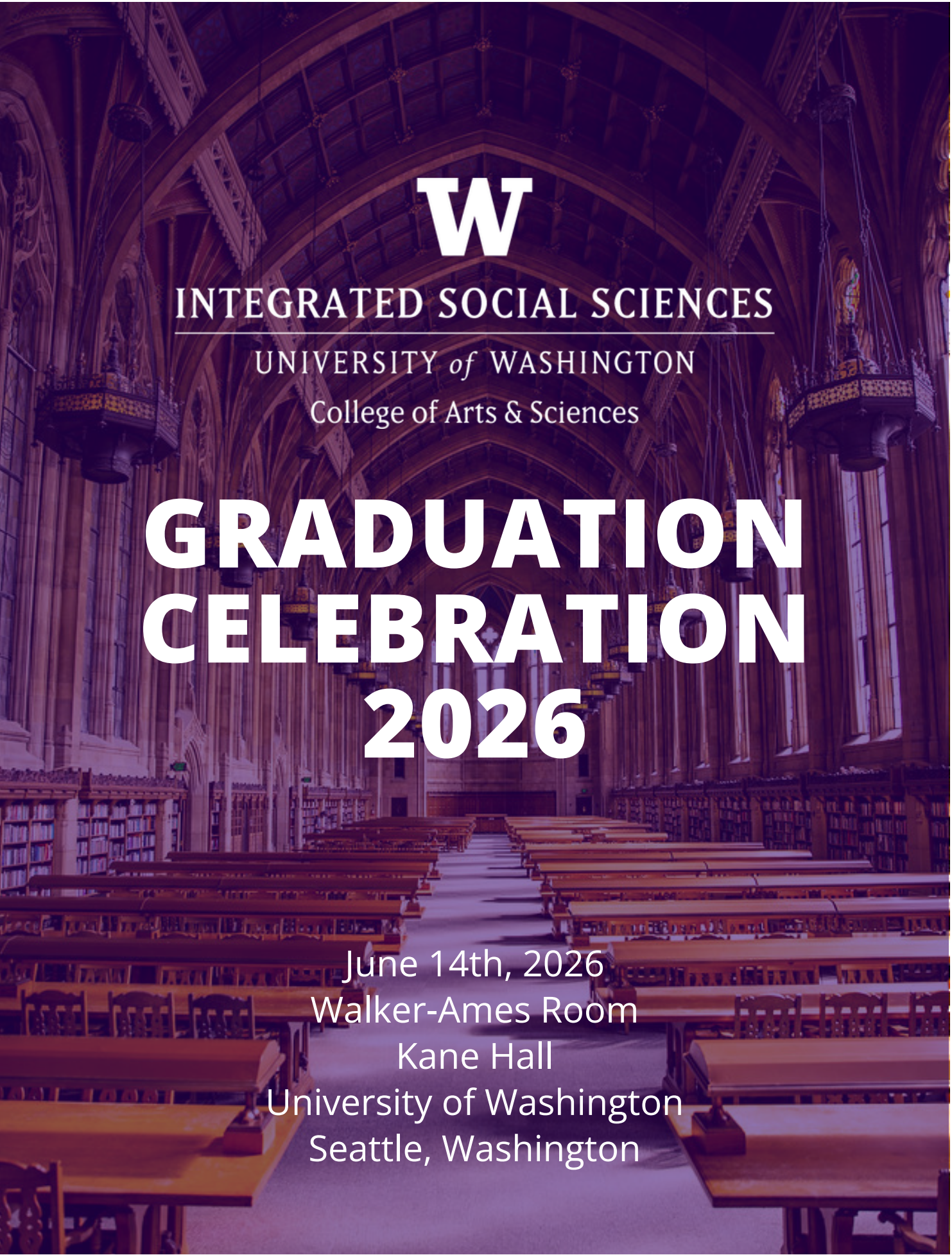
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**GRADUATION
CELEBRATION
2026**

June 14th, 2026
Walker-Ames Room
Kane Hall
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

PROGRAM

BEFORE THE CEREMONY

Our ISS graduates have each created online portfolios documenting their learning in the program. Please enjoy images from a selection of these student websites.

PROCESSION OF GRADUATES

WELCOMING REMARKS

Mel Wensel
Director of Academic Services & Co-Director, Integrated Social Sciences

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Timeka N. Tounsel
Associate Professor of Black Studies in Communication

PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES

Dr. Rebakah Daro Minarchek
Core Faculty Member, Integrated Social Sciences
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CLOSING REMARKS

Mel Wensel

CLASS OF 2026

The following graduates have earned the degree of
Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Social Sciences.

SUMMER 2025

C. Merrell Stone ^

AUTUMN 2025

Arhonda Reyes *

Jack Harper Frasier Brown +

James Ralph

Jennifer Rowe ^

Megan South

Morgan Gould ^

Nicole Lorraine Daniels ^

Sarah Dickmeyer +

Sean Hagarty +

WINTER 2026

Alexandra Stephenson ^

Alexya Rayo

Allison L. Hansen ^ ♥

Anastasia Zorina ^

Anna Ter-Saakov ^

Fatima L. Tunkara

Jennifer Wiklund ^

M. Smith

Michelle L. Easley +

Minuk Tony Kim *

Nate Crowder

Olivia Bomkamp

Tara Shields

Tracey Le

SPRING 2026

Aidan Dougherty

Avery Hannah Francisca Sandbeck

Carson Cowing

Cheyenne Sierra Seim

Corey Leavell

Eileen Burke Guerrero

Ethan Koren Swidler

Frankie Jurkowski

Haley Riley

Jobelle C. Nicolas

Jordy Prado

Kate Reed Durben

Kenny Castro-Osborne

Laine Evans

Mic Paul

Nevaeh Brewer

Noah Whang

Sam Price

Sarah Margarita Gatica

Sharalyn Castro

Skyler Sharp

Stefany Zelepuza

Tamala Johnson Pearley ♥

Terisa Schooley

Virginia McMahon

SUMMER 2026

Alison Major

Andelana O'Hara

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Corinne Castagnetti

Erin Demmon

Flavia Lopes Cavalcante Perruso ♥

Grant Blasko

Gwyn Schneider

Jasmine Lee Leskela ♥

Lashuna McBride

Maia Luna Furchtenicht

Nicole Morgan

Sarah Conley

Sujanna Clark

Tricia Kane-Yi

* Graduation with Distinction in ISS

+ Graduation with High Distinction in ISS

^ Graduation with Highest Distinction in ISS

♥ ISS Peer Support Leader

Note that distinction honors cannot be listed for Spring and Summer graduates, as final grades for these students are not yet available.

We honor and celebrate all of our
ISS graduates, including those who
elected not to have their names
listed in this program.

CONGRATULATIONS!