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 Dissertation Title: "No Student is an Island: College Readiness on Guam"
 Chair: Dr. William G. Tierney



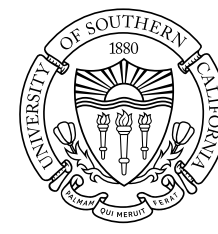
Erin Abshere EdD '16
 Dissertation Title: "The Relationship Between Employee Value Propositions and Teacher Employment Decisions"
 Chair: Dr. Dennis Hocevar



Trista Ann Beard EdD '16
 Dissertation Title: "Significant Others in the Lives of Latino First-Generation College Students: How Social Capital Aids Persistence"
 Chair: Dr. Reynaldo R. Baca



Jeffrey Mark Knepper EdD '15
 Dissertation Title: "The Impact of the Mindful Method, Youth Empowerment Seminar (YES! for Schools), on Students' Self-Efficacy, Self-Regulation, and Academic Performance for Becoming College- and Career-Ready"
 Chair: Dr. Patricia Tobey



Commencement 2016



Master's Ceremony

Flag Bearers



Gil Lee MAT '16
 "My educational journey with Rossier was full of challenge and inspiration. I have learned about teaching pedagogy and students' cultural background. As a prospective teacher, now I am geared up to start my first year teaching."



Hui Qing ME Educational Counseling '16
 "I have received tremendous support from the passionate and inspiring Rossier faculty, staff, internship supervisors and my cohort members throughout the Educational Counseling program. I will Fight On in my journey to becoming a specialist in international education!"

Student Speaker



Salman Farooq Master of Marriage and Family Therapy '16
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