



DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Wayne State Fieldhouse

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COMMENCEMENT ETIQUETTE

Commencement is an exciting and memorable occasion for all of our graduates. Leaving before the ceremony has ended is disruptive and disrespectful to others. Graduates and their guests are expected to remain for the entire ceremony. The last graduate to cross the stage should expect to receive the same honor as the first, so please show consideration for all graduates by remaining seated until the conclusion of the ceremony.

Please refrain from excessive talking and other distractions, as this takes away from the dignity of the ceremony. Cellphones and watches with alarms can also be distracting. Out of respect for all graduates and guests, please switch any and all of your electronic equipment to silent, vibrate or off.

Please observe the instructions and maintain respectful silence, especially during presentations. Your cooperation will enhance the enjoyment and remembrance of this joyous event for all.

RECOGNITION FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Students who attain high scholastic achievement are denoted by an asterisk after their name. The official list of graduates cited for *cum laude* (*), *magna cum laude* (**), or *summa cum laude* (***) will be compiled subsequently and their diplomas will carry the appropriate notation. This practice is observed at the undergraduate level only.

Students who have achieved distinction by completing the requirements for department and/or university honors are designated in the program book by (DH) for department honors and/or (UH) for university honors. Their diplomas acknowledge these scholastic achievements. Students graduating with honors conferred by departments, schools and colleges, and by the Irvin D. Reid Honors College are eligible to wear a gold collar in recognition of their achievements. Students completing the graduation requirements for the Community of Scholars will receive a blue cord to wear with their cap and gown.

John Corvino is dean of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College.

PROGRAM BOOK

Names submitted for the program book were compiled by lists submitted by graduate applications. There will be no program reprints to accommodate incorrect spelling or missing names. Due to publication deadlines, names and honor designations of students added to the graduation list after Nov. 11, 2024, will not appear in the program book.

The appearance of a name, recognition for academic achievement, and department and/or university honors on the following lists is presumptive, but not conclusive of graduation. Participation in the commencement ceremony does not constitute graduation. Academic records will show the graduation date and recognition for academic achievement when degrees have been certified. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this program's content. Any omissions or errors are unintentional.

THANK YOU

The Office of University Commencement would like to thank the faculty, staff and students who have volunteered their time and efforts as guest services volunteers or ceremony services volunteers for the December 2024 commencement ceremonies.

We would also like to thank the many university offices and departments for the services they provide to make these ceremonies successful:

Office of the Board of Governors
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Academic Senate
Academy of Scholars
Athletics
Computing and Information Technology
Dean of Students Office
Facilities Planning and Management
Marketing and Communications
Media Services
Office of the President
Office of Procurement and Strategic Sourcing
Office of the Registrar
Risk Management
Street Squad
University Television
WSU Alumni Association

Thank you to the school and college deans, their office staff, and academic personnel for their efforts and work with the commencement office to ensure our students are able to participate in this momentous occasion.



"HYMN TO WAYNE"

To thee, our Alma Mater,
Homage we bring.
Brave hearts raise grateful voices
Thy praise to sing.
Young art thou, young and strong;
Renowned shalt thou live, and long;
Honors to thee will throng-
And Fame to thee cling.
We laud thee, Alma Mater,
Guardian of Right.
Thou art our guide, our mentor-
Thy name shines bright.
Keep Learning's light aflame,
And hold Truth a sacred name,
Honor, thy steadfast aim.
All hail to thy might.

Nicholas Stanley Oates, 1929

The WSU MACE

The Academic Mace of Wayne State University is a ceremonial scepter whose features relate to the ancient maces used by universities worldwide. Though a symbol of the highest ideals of humankind, many maces exhibit the main characteristics of their most ancient relative, the medieval battle mace or war club.

The university's 51-inch mace consists of layers of carved ebony held in place by a tubular shaft. By tradition, it is carried by the president of the Academy of Scholars or a representative, and occupies a prominent place before those who attend and conduct the commencement ceremony. It is a symbolic weapon to protect and proclaim the ideals of harmony, truth, justice and learning.

The Academic Mace of Wayne State University is a gift of Sara and Melvyn Maxwell Smith. A 1939 graduate of the university, Mr. Smith was for many years a generous contributor to the artistic enrichment of campus life.

The Academic Mace was designed and created in 1984 by Phillip Fike, professor of art.

Thank you to Mary Rodgers, professor of chemistry, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Mark Luborsky, professor of anthropology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Feng Lin, professor of electrical and computer engineering, College of Engineering, for their participation as mace bearers for the December 2024 commencement ceremonies.

THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The governors of Wayne State University and their successors in office constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Governors of Wayne State University, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Michigan. The board consists of eight members elected by the people of Michigan for eight-year terms. Each governor holds office until completion of the term and a successor has been nominated and elected in statewide elections. All vacancies that occur within the eight-year terms are filled through appointment by the governor of the state. Board members serve without compensation but are entitled to necessary expenses incurred in connection with the duties of their office.

The Board of Governors elects the president of the university and has general supervision of Wayne State University and the control and direction of all expenditures from university funds. It enacts bylaws and regulations for the conduct of its

business and for the governance of the university. It sets tuition and policy for other fees and charges; determines the compensation to be paid for services; confers degrees; sets the policy for management of gifts, grants, bequests, agreements and contracts; and leases or disposes of property.

Michigan's constitutional system of independent, elected boards to govern its universities is different from systems of most other states. It has helped Michigan to develop and preserve one of the nation's finest systems of colleges and universities. Each governing board devotes itself to one university and is able to work carefully to develop and nurture the excellence of that institution. The constitutional independence of the boards protects the universities from political interference; the election of boards by the voters assures that universities remain responsible to the public at large.



Shirley Stancato,
chair



Bryan C. Barnhill II,
vice chair



Danielle Atkinson



Michael Busuito



Mark Gaffney



Marilyn Kelly



Anil Kumar



Terri Lynn Land



Kimberly Andrews Espy,
ex officio

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT KIMBERLY ANDREWS ESPY

Dear Warriors,

Congratulations on your graduation from Wayne State University! We are so excited to celebrate your accomplishment with you today, along with your family and friends who have cheered for you throughout your educational journey.

Earning a college degree takes determination, drive and grit: qualities that define our Wayne State Warriors. I'm so very proud of your achievement!

You made an intentional choice to attend Wayne State University. You did so because you believed we would prepare you with the knowledge, expertise and competencies necessary to thrive in your future careers. After you graduate today, you will go on to do great things wherever you go, making a positive impact in metro Detroit and our state, across the nation, and around the world.

Because you chose Wayne State for your academic career, you also have played a critical role in making our community so special. In addition to the commitment you showed in earning your degree, you also brought the unique perspectives, insights and care that inspire many others.

As you head into your careers and prosperous lives ahead, remember that you are always a Warrior – now and forever. Please stay in touch! I invited you to come back, visit campus regularly and engage with the next generation of WSU graduates by providing career-related experiences that will prepare them to find their own path to success.

Once again, congratulations! Now forge your own bold path, impact our community in a positive way and make our world a better place. And always be Warrior Strong.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy
President



GOVERNORS EMERITI

Tina Abbott
Vernice D. Anthony
Richard Bernstein
Debbie Dingell
Diane Dunaskiss
Michael Einheuser
Elizabeth Hard
Paul Hillegonds
Danialle Karmanos
Denise J. Lewis
Paul Massaron
Annetta Miller
Robert H. Naftaly
David A. Nicholson
Sandra Hughes O'Brien
Gary S. Pollard
Michael T. Timmis
Kim Trent

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Kimberly Andrews Espy, *President*
Laurie M. Lauzon Clabo, *Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

ACADEMICS AND RESEARCH

Deans are represented on their school or college's list of graduate names.

Ezemenari M. Obasi, *Vice President for Research & Innovation*
Ahmad M. Ezzeddine, *Senior Vice Provost for Partnerships, Workforce and International Initiatives*
Charles Cotton, *Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment*
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Boris Baltés, *Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Personnel*

HEALTH

Mark Schweitzer, *Vice President for Health Affairs and Special Associate to the President and Provost for Public Health Planning*

SHARED GOVERNANCE

Linda Beale, *President, Academic Senate*
Hayden Johnson, *President, Student Senate*

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Bethany Gielczyk, *Senior Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer*
Carolyn P. Hafner, *Associate Vice President for Human Resources*
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Rob Thompson, *Acting Vice President for Enterprise Planning and Operational Excellence*

ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

Ned Staebler, *Vice President for Economic Development and President, TechTown*
Taunya Phillips, *Assistant Vice President for Technology Commercialization*
Erika Wallace, *Director of Athletics*
David Ripple, *Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs and President, Wayne State University Foundation*
Melissa Smiley, *Chief of Staff and University Relations Officer*
Patrick O. Lindsey, *Vice President for Government and Community Affairs*

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

Michael Poterala, *Vice President and General Counsel*
Julie H. Miller, *University Secretary and Executive Officer to the Board of Governors*

THANK YOU

Thank you to Douglas Bianchi, conductor, associate professor of music and director of university bands; James Fusik, conductor, assistant professor of teaching, applied saxophone, and director of athletic bands; Darcel Davis and Josh Lavrack, student conductors; and members of the Wayne State University Wind Symphony for their participation and performance in the December 2024 commencement ceremonies.

Wayne State University Wind Symphony

Conductors: Douglas Bianchi and James Fusik

Student Conductors: Darcel Davis and Josh Lavrack

Flute

Alexia Kalush
Marissa Milanovich*
Chailyn Wacasey

Piccolo

Alexia Kalush

Oboe

Molly Kelly

Clarinet

Brandon Graves
Dara Nivanh
Ryan Rainey*

Bass Clarinet

Emily Finkbeiner

Bassoon

Bennett Curran*

Alto Saxophone

Darcel Davis
Derek Huff*

Tenor Saxophone

Frank Rasizzi

Baritone Saxophone

Jessica Huynh

French Horn

Jackson Bolsley
Bailey Broccardo
Rahkesh Dearing
Ella Wilson*

Trumpet

Mackenzie Jones*
Josh Lavrack
Gavin Malak

Cornet

Cayden Cox
Janae Swanson*

Trombone

Audrey Brock
Mitchell Roth
Shane Van Abel*

Euphonium

Waylon Krolczyk*

Tuba

Nicholai Powell*

String Bass

Rowan O'Brien

Percussion

Austin Comstock
Codenne Fleming
De'Andre Little
Brandon Mendoza
Elijah Schweda*
Samuel Wolcott

*denotes section leader



COLLEGE OF FINE, PERFORMING AND
COMMUNICATION ARTS
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

ORDER of EXERCISES

Saturday, December 14, 2024
9 a.m.



Overture	<i>Fanfare for a New Era</i> , James Curnow
Welcome and announcements	Voice overture
Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1</i> , Sir Edward Elgar, Arr. Alfred Reed
The national anthem	Lillian Fellows
Introductions and marshaling of the ceremony	Laurie Lauzon Clabo, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Greetings from the Board of Governors	The Honorable Shirley Stancato, <i>Chair</i>
President's address	Kimberly Andrews Espy, President
Faculty acknowledgement	Stephen Chrisomalis, Academic Senate
Conferring of academic degrees	President Espy
Diploma march	
Student address video	Hayden Johnson, B.A. '24, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Student Senate President
Welcome to the Alumni Association video	Regina Baker, President, Wayne State Alumni Association
Ceremonial recognition of graduates	
Recessional	

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
EUGENE APPLEBAUM COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
AND HEALTH SCIENCES



ORDER of EXERCISES

Saturday, December 14, 2024
 2 p.m.

Overture	<i>Fanfare for a New Era</i> , James Curnow
Welcome and announcements	Voice overture
Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1</i> , Sir Edward Elgar, Arr. Alfred Reed
The national anthem	Lillian Fellows
Introductions and marshaling of the ceremony	Laurie Lauzon Clabo, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Greetings from the Board of Governors	The Honorable Bryan C. Barnhill II, <i>Vice Chair</i>
President's address	Kimberly Andrews Espy, President
Faculty acknowledgement	Noreen Rossi, Academic Senate
Conferring of academic degrees	President Espy
Diploma march	
Student address video	Hayden Johnson, B.A. '24, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Student Senate President
Welcome to the Alumni Association video	Regina Baker, President, Alumni Association
Ceremonial recognition of graduates	
Recessional	

**MIKE ILITCH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
COLLEGE OF NURSING
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

ORDER of EXERCISES

**Saturday, December 14, 2024
7 p.m.**



Overture	<i>Fanfare for a New Era</i> , James Curnow
Welcome and announcements	Voice overture
Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> , March No. 1, Sir Edward Elgar, Arr. Alfred Reed
The national anthem	Lillian Fellows
Introductions and marshaling of the ceremony	Laurie Lauzon Clabo, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Greetings from the Board of Governors	The Honorable Marilyn Kelly
President's address	Kimberly Andrews Espy, President
Faculty acknowledgement	Linda Beale, Academic Senate
Conferring of academic degrees	President Espy
Diploma march	
Student address video	Hayden Johnson, B.A. '24, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Student Senate President
Welcome to the Alumni Association video	Regina Baker, President, Alumni Association
Ceremonial recognition of graduates	
Recessional	

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Hayden Johnson

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Hayden Johnson is an accomplished scholar and leader at Wayne State University, where he has pursued dual majors in political science and anthropology. As a second-term Student Senate president, Johnson demonstrated a steadfast commitment to representing student interests and advancing initiatives that promote engagement, inclusivity and institutional improvement. His contributions reflect a nuanced understanding of policy and governance, which he effectively applied to create tangible benefits for the campus community.

Johnson was also a third-year resident advisor who fostered an inclusive, supportive and academically enriching environment for residents. His contributions to student life earned him a place on the 2024 Wayne State Homecoming Court, a distinction that highlighted his active role in shaping the university's culture. Johnson's interdisciplinary approach academically integrated

the study of governance and cultural dynamics, equipping him to be a well-rounded leader, and his commitment to mentorship and advocacy underscored his dedication to service and personal development.

Johnson's future academic pursuits include earning a master of business administration at the Mike Ilitch School of Business, with a concentration in management and human resources. This advanced degree will position him to lead in organizational development, fostering innovation and equity in professional settings. Johnson exemplifies the values of leadership, scholarship and service, embodying a commitment to meaningful impact in every endeavor.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

From the Graduate School
Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Ph.D., *Dean*

Founded in 1933

August 2024

Oluwanifemi Adegbulugbe

B.S. 2017, Federal University of Technology Akure
M.S. 2018, Florida State University

Dissertation: "Integrated Accessibility-Reliability Measurement for Evaluating Transit Equity Impacts"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Steven Lavrenz
Civil Engineering

Najma Akhther

B.S. 2014, M.S. 2015, University of Dhaka
M.A. 2021, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Mental Health Recovery Narratives in Anti-Stigma Communication: Longitudinal Effects of Narratives and Social Media Affordances on Reducing Stigma and Promoting Professional Service-Seeking Among Minoritized Communities"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Pradeep Sopory
Communication

Ahmad Alsendi

B.S. 2011, Al-Mustansiriya University
M.S. 2017, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Reliability Based Design Optimization of Bridge Structures Subjected to Blast Loads"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Christopher Eamon
Civil Engineering

Nur Banu Altinpulluk

B.S. 2015, M.S. 2019, Middle East Technical University

Dissertation: "New Generation of Machine Learning Models to Improve Prediction and Optimization in Energy Systems"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Murat Yildirim
Industrial Engineering

Hussain Alzahrani

B.A. 2012, Majmaah University
M.A. 2018, East Carolina University
M.A. 2021, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Unemployment and Mortality: A Panel Study of American States, 2008-2019"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Young-Ro Yoon
Economics

Hannah Bremer

B.S. 2019, Valparaiso University

Dissertation: "Application of Chemical Tools to Identify Kianse Substrate Relationships"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Mary Kay Pflum
Chemistry

Robiann Broomfield

B.S. 2016, Missouri State University
M.A. 2021, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "The Relationship of Empathy and Memory for Emotions With Social Integration Following Traumatic Brain Injury"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Lisa Rapport
Psychology

Furkan Cakmak

B.S. 2019, Middle East Technical University
M.S. 2021, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Response Characterization and Prediction of UHPC Flat Plates Subjected to Perpendicular Axisymmetric Concentrated Loads"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Fatmir Menkulasi
Civil Engineering

Chandra Chand

B.S. 2016, Tribhuvan University
M.S. 2018, Central Queensland University

Dissertation: "Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Based Performance Rating System for Infrastructure Pavements"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Ali Abolmaali
Civil Engineering

Venkata Sirimuvva Chirala

B.E. 2014, Manipal University
M.S. 2023, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Novel Data Driven Algorithms for Autonomous Vehicle Path Planning Problems During Planning and Evaluation Stages"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Saravanan Venkatachalam
Industrial Engineering

Md Raduanul Chowdhury

B.S. 2019, University of Dhaka
M.S. 2022, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Clinical-Scale Hyperpolarizers for Low-Field Pulmonary MRI: Development, Optimization, and Validation"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Eduard Chekmenev
Chemistry

Christina Dandar

B.A. 2018, Kalamazoo College
M.A. 2021, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Associations of Blood Gas and Acid-Base Values with Motor and Language Outcomes in Preterm-Born Preschoolers"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Sarah Raz
Psychology

Manavendra Desai

B.Tech. 2018, Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute

M.S. 2020, University of Michigan

Dissertation: "Algorithms for Safe and Robust Motion Control of Autonomous Ground Robots and Vehicles"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Azad Ghaffari

Mechanical Engineering

Eronmonsele Esekhaigbe

B.S. 2016, Covenant University

M.S. 2020, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Understanding Travel Behavior and Representativeness in Transportation Surveys: A Focus on Disadvantaged Communities"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Steven Lavrenz

Civil Engineering

Joseph Frimpong

B.S. 2017, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Dissertation: "Quasiparticle Electronic Structure and Optical Properties of Heterogeneous Interfaces and Quantum Dots"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Zhenfei Liu

Chemistry

Katey Gibbins

B.S. 2016, Wright State University

M.A. 2019, University of Dayton

Dissertation: "Changes in Public Attitudes on and Prevalence of Homelessness in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Paul Toro

Psychology

Noah Gleason

B.S. 2018, Alma College

M.S. 2020, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Novel Regulators of Small G Protein Function in the Pancreatic Beta Cell"

Dissertation Advisors: Professors Anjaneyulu

Kowluru and Jiemei Wang

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Poornima Dineshika H. Herath Mudiyansele

B.S. 2017, University of Colombo

Dissertation: "Developing Peptoid-Based Inhibitors for UCHL5 Deubiquitinase"

Dissertation Advisors: Professors Hien Nguyen and Young-Hoon Ahn

Chemistry

Marcos Imer

B.S. 2017, M.S. 2019 University of the Republic

Dissertation: "Thermosensitive Phosphors as Optical Temperature Sensors in Extreme Environments"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Federico Rabuffetti

Chemistry

Rahul Jayan

B.Tech. 2019, CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute

Dissertation: "First-Principles Investigation of Interfacial Chemistries in Room Temperature Sodium-Sulfur Batteries"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Mahbub Islam

Mechanical Engineering

Angela Johnson

B.S. 1993, Purdue University

M.A. 2001, Rensselaer University

Dissertation: "The Drivers of Perceived OEM-Supplier Relationship Quality and the Influence of Culture, Alignment, & Engagement"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Ratna Babu Chinnam

Industrial Engineering

Kylie Kadey

B.A. 2017, Central Washington University

M.A. 2022, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Learning in the Absence of Training: Examining Differential Age and Alzheimer's Disease Risk-Related Performance on a Stimulus Equivalence Task"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor John Woodard

Psychology

Mohammad Kang

B.S. 2018, M.S. 2019, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "The Cohomology of the Extended Morava Stabilizer Group, With Trivial Coefficients, at Large Primes"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Andrew Salch

Mathematics

Prabhjot Kaur

B.S. 2012, Wayne State University

M.S. 2017, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Dissertation: "Autonomous Robot for Indoor Enhanced Living (ARIEL)"

Dissertation Advisors: Professors Weisong Shi and Zheng Dong

Computer Science

Carla Kevern

B.A. 2016, Western Michigan University

M.A. 2019, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Intersectional Predictors of Women's Well-Being: A Weekend Workshop Model"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Cheryl Somers

Educational Psychology

Hussein Kokash

B.S. 2011, Hashemite University

M.S. 2020, University of Michigan

Dissertation: "Flow Instabilities and Vortical Dynamics Analysis in the Wake of Bluff Bodies: From Cylinders to Airfoils"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Gbemeh Agbaglah

Mechanical Engineering

Beatriz Lara

B.S. 1993, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

M.A. 2018, Eastern Michigan University

Dissertation: "Stockholm Syndrome or Love Story? A Socio-Historical Analysis of Three Animal Bridegroom Tales in Early Modern France"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Anne Duggan
Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures

Chengyin Li

B.A. 2013, Nanjing University of Science and Technology

M.S. 2016, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences

Dissertation: "Novel Transformer Architectures for 3d Multi-Modal and Multi-Organ Medical Image Segmentation"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Dongxiao Zhu
Computer Science

Daohua Liu

B.S. 2016, Changchun University of Technology

M.S. 2019, Guangdong University of Technology

Dissertation: "Visible Light Photocatalysis With Quantum Dot Gel for Organic Synthesis"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Long Luo
Chemistry

Allison Lucas

B.A. 2010, Michigan State University

M.P.A. 2014, Indiana University

Dissertation: "Crossing the 'Valley of Death': How Climate Technology Entrepreneurs Navigate Relationships with Venture Capital Investors"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Rahul Mitra
Communication

Archana Mannem

M.B.A. 2016, University of Redlands

Dissertation: "The Mixed-Benefits Signaling Model"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Andrea Tangari
Business

Liyah Marshall

B.S. 2018, Grand Valley State University

M.A. 2021, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Understanding Relationship Satisfaction When Your Partner Has Chronic Pain: Attachment and Potential Moderators"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Mark Lumley
Psychology

Sara Mashat

B.A. 2002, King Abdulaziz University

M.A. 2010, Um Al Qura University

Dissertation: "Psychometric Properties of an Arabic Translated Version of the Adult Inventory of Procrastination Scale"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Whitney Moore
Evaluation and Research

Claire McCarthy-Leo

B.S. 2016, Michigan State University

M.S. 2018, Northern Michigan University

Dissertation: "Functional Evaluation of CHEK2 Single Nucleotide Variants in Hereditary Cancer Predisposition"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Michael Tainsky
Molecular Genetics and Genomics

Elizabeth Milad

B.A. 2015, Saint Louis University

M.A. 2019, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "A Complex Systems Approach to Identifying Risk Factors for Drinking Decision-Making in Black College Students"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Tim Bogg
Psychology

Jake Miller

B.S. 2018, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Understanding the Regions Around Supermassive Black Holes at the Centers of Galaxies Using the Zowada Observatory"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Edward Cackett
Physics

Baha Mohsen

B.S. 2011, Hashemite University

M.B.A. 2013, Plymouth State University

Dissertation: "A Robust Framework for Designing Leagile Supply Chains"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Ratna Chinnam
Industrial Engineering

David Moutard

B.S. 2018, M.S. 2020, Wayne State University

Dissertation: "Verifying and Analyzing Ultra-Compact X-Ray Binaries via Reflection Spectroscopy"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Renee Ludlam
Physics

Daniel Mulligan

B.S. 2012, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Dissertation: "Beyond SES: A Study of Class, Status, Resources, and Health Under American Capitalism"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Christopher Trentacosta

Psychology

Nkechi Nnadi

B.Tech. 2016, Federal University of Technology, Owerri

M.S. 2019, African University of Science and Technology

Dissertation: "Distance in Topological Data Analysis"

Dissertation Advisor: Professor Daniel Isaksen
Mathematics

Katie Parks

B.A. 2014, M.A. 2016, *Oakland University*
Dissertation: "But the Women are on the Walls!":
A Gendered Analysis of Holocaust Museums in the
United States"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Andrew Port
History

Ethan Partington

B.S. 2019, *Georgia Institute of Technology*
M.S. 2022, *Wayne State University*
Dissertation: "The X-Ray/UV Connection in Active
Galactic Nuclei"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Edward Cackett
Physics

Christine Pedder

B.A. 2011, *Olivet College*
M.A. 2014, *University of Michigan*
Dissertation: "Sustaining Health and Wellness
Initiatives in the Elementary School Setting"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Jeanne Barcelona
Kinesiology

Avery Peterson

B.S. 2019, *University of Michigan*
Dissertation: "Improving the Accuracy and
Practicality of Patient-Specific Dosimetry in 177Lu
Radiopharmaceutical Therapies"
Dissertation Advisors: Professors Otto Muzik and
Yuni Dewaraja
Medical Physics

Joao Paulo Jacomini Prioli

B.S. 2016, *Universidade Federal de Uberlandia*
M.S. 2021, *Wayne State University*
Dissertation: "A Cyber-Physical System Approach
for Collaborative Disassembly Automation"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Jeremy Rickli
Industrial Engineering

Yao Qiang

B.S. 2010, *Xidian University*
Dissertation: "Designing for Reliability: Algorithmic
and Applied Perspectives on Trustworthy Artificial
Intelligence"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Dongxiao Zhu
Computer Science

Timothy Quainoo

B.S. 2018, *Kwame Nkrumah University of Science
and Technology*
Dissertation: "Density Functional Studies of
Molecular Separation and Charge Transport"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Zhenfei Liu
Chemistry

Michelle Renaud

B.S. 2002, M.S. 2014, *Eastern Michigan University*
Dissertation: "Examining the Impact of Yoga and
Mindfulness on Perceived Caregiver Stress and
Burden"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Jeanne Barcelona
Kinesiology

Zenaida Rivera

B.A. 2010, *University of Michigan*
M.A. 2013, *Northwestern University*
M.A. 2018, *Wayne State University*
Dissertation: "Cultural Betrayal Trauma Theory in a
Sexual Orientation Minority Context"
Dissertation Advisor: Professor Valerie Simon
Psychology

Jaydeb Sarker

B.S. 2016, *Rajshahi University of Engineering and
Technology*
M.S. 2022, *Wayne State University*
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Alex Manoogian	Albert Henry Poetker	George Washington Stark	Benjamin E. Young
Jacob Rader Marcus	Milo Milton Quaife	Roger Lacey Stevens	Coleman A. Young
Florine Mark	Heribert Rams	Bryan A. Stevenson	George Frederick Zook
Saralyn Mark, M.D.	Dudley Randall	Mary Chase Stratton	
Samuel Simpson Marquis	Chad Joseph Raseman	Adam Julius Strohm	
Benjamin Raymond March	Victor G. Reuther	Adolph Gustavus Studer	*Awarded posthumously
Alfred Cookman Marshall	Walter Philip Reuther	Thomas G. Sugrue	
Samuel Lyman Atwood	Lawrence Reynolds	Edson R. Sunderland	
Marshall	Lloyd Richards	Billy Taylor	
Justice Thurgood Marshall	Edgar Preston Richardson	Frank Owen Taylor	

ACADEMY OF SCHOLARS

The Academy of Scholars of Wayne State University was approved by resolution of the Board of Governors in 1979.

The Academy of Scholars is committed to recognizing outstanding excellence in scholarship and in creative achievement of the faculty members at Wayne State University. The academy's founding purpose was and has remained to raise the scholastic prestige of the university by bringing the most prominent academic experts to campus under its aegis and to create a community of scholars from among its most celebrated researchers. Appointment to the academy is the highest recognition that may be bestowed upon faculty members by their colleagues.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Marion I. Barnhart, *Physiology*
Walter Chavin, *Biology-Radiology*
Carl R. Johnson, *Chemistry*
Ross Stagner, *Psychology*

ELECTED 1979

Horst S. Daemrich, *Romance and Germanic Languages and Literatures*
David Fand, *Economics*
Piero P. Foa, *Physiology*
Morris Goodman, *Anatomy*
Larry Kevan, *Chemistry*
Chuan-Pu Lee, *Biochemistry*
Leonard Leone, *Theatre*
John Reed, *English*
Walter H. Seegers, *Physiology*

ELECTED 1981

Wayne Andrews, *Art and Art History*
Gabriel W. Lasker, *Anatomy*
Edward Lim, *Chemistry*
Noel R. Rose, *Immunology/Microbiology*
David J. Smyth, *Economics*
T. T. Tchen, *Chemistry*

ELECTED 1982

John F. Endicott, *Chemistry*
Eva Kahana, *Sociology*
Jacob Lassner, *Near Eastern Languages*
Ivan Schulman, *Spanish*

ELECTED 1984

Albert Siegel, *Biological Sciences*

ELECTED 1986

Michael Conrad, *Computer Science*
Albert King, *Mechanical Engineering*
Guy Stern, *Romance and Germanic Languages and Literatures*

ELECTED 1988

Fernande Bassan, *Romance and Germanic Languages and Literatures*
Karl W. Roskamp, *Economics*
Clarence W. Wilkerson Jr., *Mathematics*

ELECTED 1989

A. Paul Schaap, *Chemistry*

ELECTED 1990

David Kessel, *Pharmacology and Medicine*
Charles E. Lucac, *Surgery*
Alexander J. Walt, *Surgery*

ELECTED 1991

Harry Maisel, *Anatomy*
Orlando J. Miller, *Molecular Biology and Genetics*
Robert L. Thomas, *Physics*

ELECTED 1992

Thomas N. Bonner, *History*
James J. Hartway, *Music*
Ananda S. Prasad, *Medicine*

ELECTED 1993

Jerome P. Horwitz, *Internal Medicine*
Melvin Small, *History*

ELECTED 1994

Sam Brooks, *Biochemistry*
William Hase, *Chemistry*
James Jay, *Biological Sciences*
Walter Kauppila, *Physics and Astronomy*
Talbert Stein, *Physics and Astronomy*
Robert Wilbert, *Art and Art History*

ELECTED 1995

Gloria Heppner, *Internal Medicine*
John Phillis, *Physiology*

ELECTED 1996

Philip R. Abbott, *Political Science*
Mark I. Evans, *Obstetrics and Gynecology*
Bonnie F. Sloane, *Pharmacology*

ELECTED 1997

Ronald A. Aronson, *Interdisciplinary Studies*
Joseph D. Grano, *Law*

ELECTED 1998

Robert N. Frank, *Ophthalmology*
Christopher H. Johnson, *History*

ELECTED 1999

Gisela Labouvie-Vief, *Psychology*

ELECTED 2000

Marvin E. Newcomb Jr., *Chemistry*
Barry P. Rosen, *Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*
Charles J. Stivale, *Romance Languages and Literatures*

ELECTED 2001

Linda Dondero Hazlett, *Anatomy*
Jeanne M. Lusher, *Pediatrics*
H. Bernhard Schlegel, *Chemistry*

ELECTED 2002

Timothy M. Bates, *Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs*
 Julie Thompson Klein, *Interdisciplinary Studies*
 Robert P. Lisak, *Neurology*
 Arthur F. Marotti, *English*
 Rita C. Richey, *Administrative and Organizational Studies*

ELECTED 2003

Rafail Khasminskii, *Mathematics*
 Robert Sokol, *Medicine*
 Serge Vinogradov, *Biochemistry*
 George Ziegelmueller, *Communication*

ELECTED 2004

Boris Mordukhovich, *Mathematics*
 Blaine White, *Medicine*

ELECTED 2005

Joyce Benjamins, *Neurology*
 Joseph Jacobson, *Psychiatry*
 Richard Osborn, *Business*
 Robert Sedler, *Law*

ELECTED 2006

Thomas M. Cormier, *Physics and Astronomy*
 Anjaneyulu Kowluru, *Pharmaceutical Sciences*
 Seetha Shankaran, *Pediatrics*
 Gan George Yin, *Mathematics*

ELECTED 2007

Bhanu P. Jena, *Physiology*
 Michael H. Scrivener, *English*
 Arthur G. Suits, *Chemistry*

ELECTED 2008

Paula Dore-Duffy, *Neurology*
 Raouf A. Ibrahim, *Mechanical Engineering*
 Roberto Romero, *Perinatology*
 Steve Shaviro, *English*

ELECTED 2009

Yaddanapudi Ravindranath, *Pediatrics*
 Charles A. Schiffer, *Internal Medicine*

ELECTED 2010

Jin-Kun Cha, *Chemistry*
 John F. Dolan, *Law*

ELECTED 2011

Donald Haase, *Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures*
 Renu Kowluru, *Ophthalmology*
 Jack Sobel, *Infectious Diseases*
 Wei-Zen Wei, *Immunology and Microbiology*

ELECTED 2012

Michael J. McIntyre, *Law*
 Enrique M. Ostrea Jr., *Pediatrics*
 Fazlul Hoque Sarkar, *Pathology*
 Sergei A. Voloshin, *Physics*

ELECTED 2013

Paul Karchin, *Physics*

ELECTED 2014

James E. Granneman, *Psychiatry*
 Barrett Watten, *English*

ELECTED 2015

Gary W. Abrams, *Ophthalmology*

ELECTED 2016

Jian-Ping Jin, *Physiology*
 Steven E. Lipshultz, *Pediatrics*
 Le Yi Wang, *Electrical and Computer Engineering*

ELECTED 2017

Dora Apel, *Art and Art History*
 Tamara Bray, *Anthropology*
 David Crich, *Chemistry*

ELECTED 2018

Miriam Greenberg, *Biological Sciences*
 Alexey A. Petrov, *Physics and Astronomy*
 Naftali Raz, *Gerontology*
 Brad Roth, *Political Science*

ELECTED 2019

Melba Joyce Boyd, *African American Studies*
 Feng Lin, *Electrical and Computer Engineering*
 Mary T. Rodgers, *Chemistry*
 Alan Schenk, *Law*

ELECTED 2020

Antonia Abbey, *Psychology*
 M. Safwan Badr, *Internal Medicine*
 Stephanie Brock, *Chemistry*
 Mark Lumley, *Psychology*
 Kezhong Zhang, *Molecular Medicine and Genetics*

ELECTED 2021

Mark Baskaran, *Geology*
 Vladimir Y. Chernyak, *Chemistry*
 David Cinabro, *Physics and Astronomy*
 Tanja Jovanovic, *Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences*
 Jun Li, *Neurology*
 Steven L. Winter, *Law*

ELECTED 2022

Mark R. Luborsky, *Gerontology*
 Ljiljana Progovac, *English and Linguistics*
 Michael J. Rybak, *Pharmacy and Health Sciences*
 Ann G. Schwartz, *Oncology*
 Matthew W. Seeger, *Communication*

ELECTED 2023

Anne E. Duggan, *Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures*
 Elizabeth Faue, *History*
 Jonathan Flatley, *English*
 Peter LeWitt, *Neurology*
 Gil Mor, *Obstetrics and Gynecology*
 Avraham Raz, *Pathology*

ELECTED 2024

Peter Lichtenberg, *Gerontology and Pathology*
 Tej K. Mattoo, *Pediatrics*
 Douglas Risner, *Theatre and Dance*
 Krysta Ryzewski, *Anthropology*
 Caisheng Wang, *Electrical and Computer Engineering*
 Zhimin Zhang, *Mathematics*

CAPS, GOWNS AND HOODS

One of the most colorful features of an academic procession is the appearance of the graduates, faculty, cabinet and Board of Governors in full academic costume. These caps, gowns and hoods have long histories, and their patterns and colors have special significance.

The gown recalls the time when all students in centers of higher learning were members of the clergy and therefore wore garments the church considered proper.

The custom of wearing a cap comes from the Roman practice of giving slaves the right to wear a cap when they were granted their freedom. The Oxford or "mortarboard" cap worn today is thought to be a combination of the close-fitting cap worn indoors by scholars of the Middle Ages and the soft square biretta worn outdoors. The tuft on the early cap has been replaced by a colored tassel that signifies the college granting the degree.

In modern universities, the distinctive mark of a degree is the hood, which in its earliest form was simply an article of clothing. Since the churches and lecture halls of European universities were cold, drafty places, scholars wore hoods as head coverings, attached to a cape or worn separately.

American universities, unlike those of England and Europe, have adopted a standard code of academic costume. The design of the gown; the color of the tassel; and the pattern, length and colors of the hood all have special meaning.

Each graduate wears a gown appropriate to the degree granted. The bachelor's gown is closed at the throat and has long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrists, and tapers at the back in a square cut. The doctor's gown is faced with velvet and has bell-shaped sleeves. Each sleeve carries three bars of velvet, or chevrons. Wayne State uses a specially designed green gown for its Ph.D. and Ed.D. candidates.

The most colorful part of the costume is the hood. The color of the velvet trim indicates the department in which the degree was granted; the width corresponds to the level of the degree. At this ceremony, candidates for master's and doctoral degrees wear hoods with lining in the university's colors.

College and color of tassels:

Business	Drab
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine, Performing and Communication Arts	Brown
Graduate Studies	Crimson
Information Sciences	Yellow
Law	Purple
Liberal Arts and Sciences	White
Medicine	Green
Nursing	Apricot
Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Olive
Social Work	Citron



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Regina Baker

Dr. Regina Baker, '75, '10, '21
President, WSU Alumni Association Board of Directors
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