

Convocation

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES,
ANTHROPOLOGY,
GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES,
LATINA/LATINO STUDIES
and SOCIOLOGY



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



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TO OUR GRADUATES

Today you are graduates of the University of Illinois. It is a remarkable achievement, and we hope that you celebrate the occasion with loved ones. Commencement is a joyous and deeply symbolic event for all, including the faculty members and staff who have supported you on your journey. It is profoundly disappointing that we are unable to celebrate it together this spring. The Class of 2021 will long be remembered, however, for not only what was lost, but for your resilience and determination as you finished your degree in the face of one of the greatest challenges in our nation's history. Congratulations, and we look forward to learning of your future success.

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and lining, and the shape of the hood, represented the economic and social, as well as academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns are black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed. Women may wear white collars with the bachelor's gown when no hood is worn.

Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length, the master's is 3 ½ feet, and the doctor's is 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At the University of Illinois, the lining is orange and blue.

The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches, and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degree respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The black mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the graduating seniors do not wear hoods, as at the University of Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. At the University of Illinois, candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps before degrees are conferred, and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, there are different colors associated with the different disciplines. The color for Liberal Arts & Sciences is white.

Caps and gowns were worn for the first time at the University of Illinois Commencement ceremony of 1897. In the early 1900s the Commencement procession marched up Burrill Avenue to the old Armory. After diplomas were received, the procession marched back to the lawn south of Green Street. The seniors sang the State song and "Auld Lang Syne" before they said good-bye to each other and the campus.

HONORS

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Also known as the Chancellor's Scholars Program, the Campus Honors Program offers special challenges and opportunities to a small number of talented and highly motivated undergraduate students from all University of Illinois colleges. The small entering class of Chancellor's Scholars is selected from prospective freshmen based on exceptional academic achievement, and on evidence of creativity, leadership, intellectual curiosity, and willingness to be an active member of this community. Chancellor's Scholars are admitted from all University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign colleges, selected from students who are strongly motivated not only to excel, but also to make a difference — at Illinois, and in life after graduation.

COLLEGE HONORS

Each college at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has a James Scholar Program. These programs are named for Edmund J. James, the fourth president of the University of Illinois (1904-1920), who brought world-class scholars and researchers to the campus, developed many new undergraduate and graduate programs, and fostered a sense of community among faculty and students. His achievements helped to transform the University of Illinois into a center of international importance. Within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the James Scholar Honors Program encourages academically gifted students to develop their abilities fully, and to

achieve the college's highest academic recognition. By annually maintaining certification as James Scholars, participating students seek sustained intellectual achievement as undergraduates.

Bronze Tablet honors the top 3% of graduates from each college. These students receive special recognition and regalia at graduation ceremonies, and their names are inscribed on the tablets in the first-floor corridors of the University Library.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign recognizes more than 50 independent honor societies. Among the prestigious national honor societies with campus chapters at Illinois is Phi Beta Kappa (LAS).

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

Many Illinois academic departments award Distinction, High Distinction, or Highest Distinction for the completion of honors-quality work as specified in these curricula.

AWARDS AND HONORS

SPECIAL HONORS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Liebman Engaged Anthropology Award

Patricia Rose Avent
Priyasha Hancin Bhatt
Celeste Courtney
Israel Ramses Gomez Raffoul
Yolanda Rivera
Hayat Hanaa Zarzour

Patricia O'Brien Award

Celeste Courtney

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Jean Scharre Thompson Scholarship

Alaina Bottens

Special Mention, Jean Scharre Thompson Scholarship

Margaret Joan Scovic

LATINA/LATINO STUDIES

Latina/Latino Studies Undergraduate Research Paper Award

Lydia Socorro Alvarez

Dr. Jorge Chapa Memorial Scholarship in Latina/o Studies

Isabella Rose Marquez

SOCIOLOGY

Outstanding Senior Award

Seetha Ramaswamy

Student Engagement Award

Joseph Kreiling

Douglas Barnes Graduate Student in Sociology Scholar

Mona Khneisser

Florian Znaniacki Graduate Publication Prize

Brian O'Neill

Beslow Graduate Paper Award

Nehal Elmeligy

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

JAMES SCHOLARS

Alaina Bottens
Madison Jackson
Brooke Kadel
Isabella Rose Marquez
Taylor Ann Mazique

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLAR, CAMPUS HONORS PROGRAM

PHI BETA KAPPA

Kasey Bo-min Kim

DISTINCTION

Madison Jackson
Simrah Yameen Khaleel
Tiffany Rodela
Embrya Townsend

AWARDS AND HONORS

HIGH DISTINCTION

Lydia Socorro Alvarez
Karen Bucio
Melody Contreras
Joseph W. Kreiling
Leah Rose Macy
Isabella Rose Marquez
William H. Murphy
Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy

HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Courtney Ann Augello
Patricia Rose Avent
Allison J. Duncan
Anna D. Johnson
Brooke Kadel
Kassidy Elizabeth Mahoney
Qiwen Mai
Eric Mateusz Nocon
Alexis Pantoja-Gonzalez
Haeley Alaina Peters
Seethalakshmi Ramaswami
Kira Rutledge
Kimberly Ramona Wilson
Hayat Hanaa Zarzour

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

The lists are organized by degree. Because of deadlines, lists may be incomplete.

ANTHROPOLOGY

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Kyrie Jevon Agee
Heather Elizabeth Aubry
Patricia Rose Avent
Priyasha Hancin Bhatt
Karina Cordova
Doran Patrick Cotter
Celeste Courtney
Israel Ramses Gomez Raffoul
Amber Haines
Emma Kathryn Harnsberger
Drew Hong
Ashley Victoria Ireland
Nia Symone Jones
Brooke Kadel
Antonio M. Pierre
Yolanda Rivera
Kirin Amberlin Schlabitz
Chloe Isabelle Sherwin

Caroline Marie Tarantino
Stefanie Villalpando
Zehui Wang
Hayat Hanaa Zarzour

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE/ ANTHROPOLOGY

Amogh Dendukuri
Nicholas Tower Frey
Reva Kulkarni
Uma Paroma Pal
Sravya Reddy Patakota
Kai Rae Wiest

MASTER OF ARTS

Matthew Fort
Grazzia Grimaldi Calderon
Zarino Lanni

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Erin Benson (August 2020)
Katharine Lee (August 2020)

Ezgi Guner (December 2020)
Yoonjung Kang
An-Di Yim

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Brooke Brown
Madison Jackson
Destinee Pullen
Embrya Townsend

GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alaina Bottens
Nicole Lee Capesius
Taylor Ann Mazique
Margaret Joan Scovic
Mia Simone Seeley
Rebekkah Lyhn Sherrard
Sadie Urban

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LATINA/LATINO STUDIES

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Lydia Socorro Alvarez
Karen Bahena
Karen Bucio
Melody Contreras
Isabella Rose Marquez
Jocelyn Rodriguez
Gabriel Sanabria
Jailine Santiago
Ivan Saucedo
Cristian Solorzano

SOCIOLOGY

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Noah Rodney Adams
Daniel Michael Ahern
Courtney Anne Augello
Meiyia Sydney Black
Lazarrick Blair
Joel Caldero

Gabriela Castellanos
Victoria Daniels
Charmaine Sheree Dortch
Allison J. Duncan
Kendrick Joseph Green
Lillian Makenzie Marie Harris
Nathan Dewayne Hobbs
Alexis Rae Ivanic
Anna D. Johnson
James K. Knight
Joseph W. Kreiling
Emmanuel N. Kwaning
Dezirae Laird
Jeongmin Lee
Joo Young Lee
Isabella Marie Loya
Leah Rose Macey
Kassidy Elizabeth Mahoney
Qiwen Mai
Kayla Denise Malone
Helen Lizeth Morales
William H. Murphy
Eric Mateusz Nocon
Jahnavi Pandrangi
Alexis Pantoja-Gonzalez

Haeley Alaina Peters
Tucker W. Petersen
Angela Maria Przywara
Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy
Rokyah Aerieal Robinson
Tiffany Rodela
Fernando Ruiz
Kira L. Rutledge
Miyanna Rae Smith-Stamps
Aida Annette Sorour
Kristin Stellhorn
Joel Yngwie Swanson
Nicholas Marcel Walker
Jasmine Tia Wiley
Da'Monte A. Williams
Kimberly Ramona Wilson
Ricardo Ramos
Jeeyoung Won
Lily Angelica Zavala
Phillip E. Zelditch

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Fatima Castillo
Lizette Guadarrama

GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Simrah Yameen Khaleel
Jamison D. Post
Jonathan M. Woo
Kelsey Lauren Woodbury
Yijing Zhang

MASTER OF ARTS

Daniel C. Hale

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Julie C. Krueger

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who helped organize this convocation.
Thank you to the family and friends who have supported the graduates
throughout their time at the University of Illinois.



Degree Information

This program contains an unofficial list of degree candidates for May 2021, as well as a list of graduates who received degrees in August and December 2020. Due to printing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear while names of some degree candidates who have not yet completed degree requirements may be included.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 901 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL 61801.



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