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DOCTORAL DEGREE CEREMONY

Graduate School

School of Architecture

College of Arts and Sciences

Business School

School of Communication

School of Education and Human Development

College of Engineering

Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

School of Nursing and Health Studies

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

GRAND MARSHAL

Terri Scandura, Ph.D.
Business School

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANNER MARSHAL

Eric Farmelant, B.B.A. '07, J.D. '10

ACADEMIC BANNER MARSHAL

Patricia Abril, J.D.
Business School

HOODERS

Elsa Drevyn, D.P.T.
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Viviana Horigian, M.D.
Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine

Neva Kirk-Sanchez, Ph.D., P.T.
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College of Arts and Sciences

ALUMNI MARSHALS

Jeffrey M. Fine, A.B. '64, J.D. '67
Richard C. Milstein, A.B. '68, J.D. '74
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Kenneth G. Lancaster, A.B. '71, J.D. '74
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Francisco R. Angones, A.B. '72, J.D. '76
Patrick H. Neale, B.S. '73, J.D. '78
Raquel A. Rodriguez, A.B. '82, J.D. '85
Osvaldo F. Padrón, B.S. '85, M.D. '89
Carleen M. Spano, Ph.D. '85
Carol Damian, Ph.D. '92
Peggy T. Gasior, B.S. '92, M.B.A. '96
Sabrina R. Gallo, B.S. '93, J.D. '00

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

* ACADEMIC PROCESSION

University of Miami Commencement Band
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

University of Miami Fanfare
David Lambert, D.M.A. '05

Robert M. Carnochan, D.M.A.
Director of Wind Ensemble Activities

Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar

Craig S. McKenzie, M.A.
Conductor
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

* PRESIDENT'S PROCESSION

President's Processional Fanfare – Toward Our New Century
Brian Balmages, M.M. '00

Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar

CONVOCATION OPENING

Jeffrey L. Duerk, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

* THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key

Julia Chen Myers
Candidate, Bachelor of Music
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

* INVOCATION

Rev. Katie Lineberger
Executive Director, Wesley Methodist Center

WELCOME

Julio Frenk, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.
President

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

H. Robert Horvitz
Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*

Alfred R. Camner, J.D. '69
Trustee
Board of Trustees

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

President Frenk

ADVICE TO GRADUATES

H. Robert Horvitz
2002 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine
Professor of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

Graduate School	Guillermo Prado, Ph.D., Dean
School of Architecture	Rodolphe el-Khoury, Ph.D., Dean
College of Arts and Sciences	Leonidas G. Bachas, Ph.D., Dean
Business School	John Quelch, Ph.D., Dean
School of Communication	Gregory J. Shepherd, Ph.D., Dean
School of Education and Human Development	Walter G. Secada, Ph.D., Acting Dean
College of Engineering	Jean-Pierre Bardet, Ph.D., Dean
Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science	Roni Avissar, Ph.D., Dean
Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine	Zafar Nawaz, Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music	Shelton G. Berg, M.M., Dean
School of Nursing and Health Studies	Cindy Munro, Ph.D., Dean

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Lissette Gonzalez, B.A.M. '01

* ALMA MATER

William S. Lampe
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Craig S. McKenzie, M.A.
Conductor
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Julia Chen Myers
Candidate, Bachelor of Music
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

RECESSIONAL

University of Miami Commencement Band
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Miami March
The Noble Men March
The Crosley March
The President's March
Henry Fillmore

*Those who are able are asked to stand for these portions of the program. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will please remain standing until the platform party has left the Watsco Center.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMENCEMENT BAND

Craig S. McKenzie, M.A., Conductor

Flute

Emily Bedard
Mackenzie Miller
Rebecca Tutunick

Oboe

Cameron Roberts
Joseph Wenda

Bassoon

Jordan Bidwell
Keegan Hockett

Clarinet

Margaret Flood
Amy Hoang
Rachel Komroff
Lee Seidner
Benjamin Webster
Chee Weng Yim

Bass Clarinet

Tomás Ramos

Saxophone

Frank Capoferri
Joey Speranzo
Nicholas Tobin
Samuel Valancy

Trumpet

Samuel Exline
Robert Gallagher
Aaron Ney
Ian Sawyer
Jeffrey Summers
Phillip Tsigolaroff

Horn

Michael Barcnas
Brandon Guillen
Caitlin McKinney
Alex Witt

Trombone

Steven Eckert
Thomas McKee
Ryan Smith
Wesley Thompson

Euphonium

Cassius Torres

Tuba

Dennis Lejardi

Double Bass

Diego Matallana Rodriguez

Percussion

Kiril Angelov
Max Braunstein
Katherine Fortunato
Ksenija Komljenovic

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

H. ROBERT HORVITZ

2002 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine
Professor of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator

Early in his career, H. Robert Horvitz hoped to better understand both how the brain works and how it can cease to function properly, as in neurological disorders like the one that claimed his father's life. His approach was to study the biology and genetics of a tiny, translucent, short-lived roundworm.

This was a risky pursuit, questioned by some peers as a genetic abstraction with little relevance to humans. After all, what could the microscopic *C. elegans* nematode, one of the simplest organisms with a nervous system, tell us about ourselves?

But Horvitz believed that the basic biology of any organism could reveal common, even universal features traceable to our evolutionary roots. At a conference in 1996, he received a fax that not only confirmed that hunch but helped earn him the 2002 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, which he shares with Sydney Brenner and John E. Sulston for their collective work on *C. elegans*. The fax from one of his Ph.D. students said a worm gene analyzed by Horvitz's lab was similar to a human gene that causes cancer. This and other related discoveries showed how healthy cells can kill themselves, a finding that has helped reveal the bases of many human diseases.

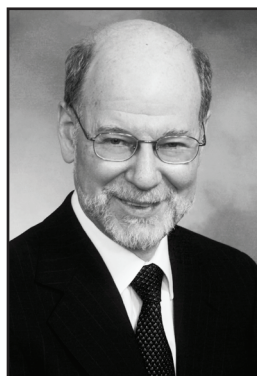
For his relentless pursuit of research that has led to a greater understanding of human biology and disease and opened new avenues for biological and medical research and treatments, H. Robert Horvitz is receiving a Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

Born in Chicago to an accountant and an elementary school teacher, both of whom revered knowledge and learning, Horvitz was never averse to risk. Even as a severely asthmatic child, he insisted on going away to summer camp, where he spent most of the time in the infirmary, barely able to catch his breath. Those two weeks only made him more determined to embrace opportunity.

While most of his high school peers stayed close to home, he followed his counselor's advice and applied to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—over the objection of his English teacher, who warned the technical school would stunt his intellectual development. Today, the MIT professor of biology is a member of MIT's McGovern Institute for Brain Research and Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, and an investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

As an undergraduate, Horvitz double-majored in mathematics and economics and became active in student government, winning the student body presidency after memorizing the names, hometowns, and majors of roughly 3,500 undergraduates. At the time, he thought he was headed for a career in law and politics or, based on his summer jobs at IBM in Chicago, in business.

But, as he recalled in his Nobel biography, this was the late 1960s, "and I wanted to do something 'relevant,' particularly if it did not involve wearing a three-piece suit." His life's path would emerge when he took his



first biology course his senior year at MIT. He was immediately enthralled.

After earning his master's (1972) and Ph.D. (1974) in biology at Harvard, Horvitz obtained a postdoctoral position at the Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, England, where his future Nobel co-winners had embarked on the earliest neurobiological studies of *C. elegans*. With a fellowship from the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, he joined their lab in hopes of finding the molecular pathways to

neurodegenerative diseases like amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, which his father would succumb to in 1989.

Through his research, which he has conducted at MIT since returning there in 1978, Horvitz identified genes that control programmed cell death, or apoptosis, in *C. elegans*. On February 12, 1996, Horvitz received the fax with the news that would grab the biomedical community's attention: A database search had revealed that a gene the Horvitz lab had shown to protect *C. elegans* cells from killing themselves is similar to a human cancer gene that keeps cells that should die alive, enabling them to evolve into a cancerous state.

It was the moment Horvitz knew his work on the tiny, translucent nematode would have a strong foothold in the future of human biology, which the Nobel committee recognized in 2002. "Suddenly," he said in a Superstars of Science video, "we were working on a gene and a pathway that was key in human disease."

A past president of the Genetics Society of America and cofounder of four biotechnology companies, Horvitz is the recipient of many other honors and awards. He holds numerous patents, has published many scientific articles, and is a member of the National Academy of Inventors, National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Medicine, American Philosophical Society, and Royal Society of London, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and American Academy of Microbiology.

A devoted educator who always shares his accomplishments with colleagues and graduate students, Horvitz also chairs the Board of Trustees of the Society for Science and the Public, which runs science competitions for high school and middle school students.

For his extraordinary contributions to advancing our knowledge of human biology and disease and for his commitment to nurturing the next generation of scientists who one day may advance his pioneering work, the University of Miami is proud to honor H. Robert Horvitz.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The awarding of degrees and honors to the candidates named in this program is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the appropriate requirements by each candidate. The listing of a student's name in this program in no way implies or ensures his or her graduation, or the award of honors. The information listed on the following pages is current as of April 16, 2018.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Degree candidates May 10, 2018

Sarah Henry Adwan

B.S., 2009, Notre Dame University
M.S., 2012, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Major: Exercise Physiology
Dissertation: *The Effect of a High-Intensity Interval Exercise Bout on Addictive Behaviors in Overweight/Obese Adults*
Advisor: Arlette C. Perry

Ozgun Alan

B.S., 2005, Hacettepe University, Turkey
M.S., 2009, Hacettepe University, Turkey
Major: Exercise Physiology
Dissertation: *A Comparison of Two Types of High-Intensity Interval Training Programs on Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors for Worksite Wellness*
Advisor: Arlette C. Perry

Alok Bahadur Amatya

B.A., 2010, Reed College
M.A., 2013, University of Miami
Major: English
Dissertation: *Resource Conflict Literature: Indigenous Struggles in Global Texts*
Advisor: Timothy P. Watson

Sarfraz Niaz Ali Baig

B.S.E.E., 2006, University of Miami
M.S.E.C.E., 2008, University of Miami
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Development of a Spectral Imaging Device for Imaging of the Fundus*
Advisors: Michael R. Wang and Weizhao Zhao

Carlos Manuel Bajo Caraballo

B.S., 2012, Florida International University
M.S., 2014, University of Miami
Major: Mathematics
Dissertation: *Fluid Limit and Stochastic Stability for a Genetic Mutation Model*
Advisor: Ilie Grigorescu

Michele Baldoni

Bachelors, 2009, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Masters, 2012, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dissertation: *Computational Analysis of the Lumbar Spine Kinetics*
Advisor: Weiyong Gu

Joaquin Esteban Blanco

Bachelors, 2012, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
M.S., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Atmospheric Sciences
Dissertation: *Modulation of Cloud Cluster Propagation by Super Cloud Clusters*
Advisor: David S. Nolan

Jennifer Marie Brazill

B.S., 2007, University of Missouri, Columbia
Major: Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology
Dissertation: *Modulating Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy and Sensory Dysfunction in Drosophila*
Advisor: Rong Grace Zhai

Annie Elizabeth Brett

B.A., 2009, Harvard University
J.D., 2017, University of Miami
Major: Environmental Science and Policy
Dissertation: *Toward Understanding Law and Regulation: Citizen Science, Technology and Regulation*
Advisor: Kenneth Broad

Taylor Sullivan Bolt

B.S., 2013, Clemson University
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *The Prospects for a Biologically Driven Taxonomy of Cognition*

Roberto Cancio

B.A., 2013, University of California, Berkeley
M.A., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Sociology
Dissertation: *Military Life, Intersectionality, and Deployment: The Social Experiences and Difficulties of Mothers Who Stay Behind*
Advisor: Linda Liska Belgrave

Lucas Cardoso Laurindo

B.S., 2008, Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
M.S., 2010, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography
Dissertation: *On the Air-Sea Exchange of Mechanical Energy: A Meso- to Large-Scale Assessment Using Concurrent Drifter and Satellite Observations*
Advisor: Arthur J. Mariano

Sarah Elizabeth Cash

B.M., 1999, Palm Beach Atlantic University
M.A., 2013, Florida International University
Dissertation: *Inharmonic Resonance: Music and Temporality in Literature of the Long Nineteenth Century*
Advisor: Kathryn Freeman

Anthony Nolan Cauley

B.S., 2013, Monmouth University
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: *Fluorophores in Confined Spaces: From Targeting Molecular Transporters to Encapsulation by Organic Nanocontainers*
Advisor: James N. Wilson

Samantha Selina Sobrina Chaitram

M.Sc., 2008, The University of the West Indies, Barbados
Major: International Studies
Dissertation: *The United States and the Caribbean in the 21st Century: Towards a New Era of Engagement*
Advisor: Bruce Michael Bagley

Yu Cheng

B.S., 2010, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography
Dissertation: *Agulhas Leakage Variability and Its Climate Implications in a Coupled System*
Advisor: Lisa Beal

Grant Matthew Cohen

B.A., 2003, University of Colorado Boulder
M.A., 2005, University of Miami
M.Sc., 2008, University of London, England
Major: International Studies
Dissertation: *Origins of U.S. Public Opinion for Drone Strikes: The Intersection of Elite Rhetoric, Media Coverage, and American Public Opinion (2000-2015)*
Advisor: Joseph M. Parent

Ramsey Dahab

M.A., 2012, Florida International University
Major: Sociology
Dissertation: *The Struggle for Meaning: The Faces and Voices of the Muslim Experience in Miami*
Advisor: John W. Murphy

- Maria De La Luz De Ornelas**
B.S.B.E., 2008, University of Miami
M.S.B.E., 2011, University of Miami
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Exploration of Density Incorporation in Inverse Radiotherapy Optimization*
Advisor: Ivaylo Bodganov Mihaylov
- Summer D. DeBastiani**
B.S.N., 2004, West Virginia University
M.P.H., 2010, Johns Hopkins University
Major: Nursing
Dissertation: *A Population-Based Assessment of Suicide Risk*
Advisor: Anne E. Norris
- Viviana Dalina Diaz**
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics
Dissertation: *Depositional and Diagenetic Heterogeneities of Plio-Pleistocene Reefal Limestones, Southern Dominican Republic*
Advisor: James Klaus
- Deon Martina Dick**
B.S., 2010, Florida International University
M.S., 2012, Duke University
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Fiducial-Less Real Time Tracking in the Radiation Treatment of Liver Tumors Using Artificial Neural Networks*
Advisor: Weizhao Zhao
- Brittney Denise Ellzey**
B.S., 2012, Louisiana Tech University
M.S., 2014, University of Miami
Major: Mathematics
Dissertation: *On Chromatic Quasisymmetric Functions of Directed Graphs*
Advisor: Michelle Wachs
- Julia Del Pilar Escandon Cueva**
M.D., 2006, Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador
Major: Cancer Biology
Dissertation: *Role of Cancer Testis Antigens in Uveal and Cutaneous Melanoma*
Advisor: J. William Harbour
- Honglin Feng**
B.S., 2008, Jilin University, China
M.S., 2011, Jilin University, China
Major: Biology
Dissertation: *Regulation of Interactions between Sap-Feeding Insects and Their Obligate Endosymbionts*
Advisor: Alexandra C.C. Wilson
- Thouraya Ferid**
B.A., 2009, University of Tunis, Tunisia
M.A., 2011, University of Tunis, Tunisia
Major: Literary, Cultural and Linguistic Studies
Dissertation: *Terrorists' Imaginaries: Social Exclusion, Queerness, Repressive Apparatus and the Emergence of Post-Religious Terrorism in Contemporary Maghrebian Francophone Literature and Film*
Advisor: Ralph Heyndels
- Calvin John Fitch**
B.A., 2012, California State University, Long Beach
M.S., 2012, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Effects of Psychological and Structural-Level Factors on Sexual Risk and STI in High-Risk Men Who Have Sex with Men*
Advisor: Gail Ironson
- Matthew Alexander Foretich**
B.S., 2012, University of Georgia
Major: Marine Biology and Ecology
Dissertation: *Chemosensory and Ecological Context: Signposts for Navigating Fish Larvae*
Advisor: Claire B. Paris-Limouzy
- Daniel Forster**
B.A., 2011, University of California, Santa Barbara
M.S., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Are Apologies Less Effective for Transgressors Who Seem Likely to Exploit Their Victims Again in the Future? An Experimental Evaluation of a Mediation Hypothesis*
Advisor: Michael McCullough
- Karin Alexandra Garcia**
A.B., 2010, University of Miami
M.S.Ed., 2012, University of Miami
M.S., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Sleep Duration, Postprandial Metabolic Function, and the Role of Insulin Resistance in Nondiabetic Individuals*
- Cheng Hong**
B.A., 2012, Peking University, China
LL.B., 2012, Peking University, China
Major: Communication
Dissertation: *Boycotting or Buycotting? An Investigation of Consumer Emotional Responses Towards Brand Activism*
Advisor: Cong Li
- Sima Jannati**
Bachelors, 2011, Amirkabir University of Technology, Iran
Masters, 2013, Amirkabir University of Technology, Iran
Major: Business Administration
Dissertation: *Essays in Financial Economics*
Advisor: Alok Kumar
- Yiwen Ji**
B.S., 2012, University of Miami
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: *Synthesis and Applications of Carbon Dots*
Advisor: Roger M. Leblanc
- Weitao Jiang**
B.S., 2012, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, China
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Pulsed Infrared Radiation for Stimulation of Vestibular System in Vivo: Evoked Eye Movements*
Advisor: Suhrud M. Rajguru
- Loren Jones**
B.A., 2010, University of South Florida
M.S.Ed., 2014, University of South Florida
Major: Teaching and Learning
Dissertation: *"It's Kind of a Balancing Act: " Scaffolding Collaborative Writing Activities in a Diverse First-Grade Classroom*
Advisor: Luciana de Oliveira
- Nareshbabu Kamatham**
B.S., 2010, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: *Caged Molecules Released from Capsules: Photochemical and Photophysical Studies of Coumarin Triggers*
Advisor: Francisco Raymo
- Stanislav Lazopulo**
Bachelors, 2011, Lomonosov University, Russia
M.S., 2011, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia
Major: Physics
Dissertation: *A Time-Dependent Color Preference in Adult Drosophila*
Advisor: Sheyum Syed
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B.M., 2011, Yantai University, China
Major: Human Genetics and Genomics
Dissertation: *Understanding Rare Neurological Disorders Using Drosophila Models: Mechanistic Characterization of Neurotoxicity in Snyder-Robinson Syndrome*
Advisor: Rong Grace Zhai
- Yutian Li**
B.S., 2013, University of Science and Technology of China, China
Major: Business Administration
Dissertation: *Essays on Value of Information in Supply Chain Management and Healthcare Operations*
Advisor: Sammi Yu Tang
- Lily Pei-Yao Liu-Shin**
B.S., 2004, Emory University
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Dissertation: *Cysteine-Linked IgG2 Antibody-Drug Conjugates: How Antibody Structure Affects Conjugation Locations and Stability*
Advisors: Arun Malhotra and Gayathri Ratnaswamy

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B.A., 2012, University of North Florida
M.A., 2016, University of Miami
Major: Philosophy
Dissertation: *Counterpossibles for Modal Normativists*
Advisor: Peter J. Lewis

Eric Ramsey Louderback

B.A., 2012, University of Tampa
M.A., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Sociology
Dissertation: *Towards the Development of an Integrated Theory of Macro-Level Crime: A Multilevel and Geospatial Analysis of Anomic Disorganization Theory*
Advisor: Amie L. Nielsen

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B.S., 2011, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata, Argentina
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Major: Cancer Biology
Dissertation: *Identifying and Targeting Androgen Receptor-Variant Oncogenic Networks as Prostate Cancer Vulnerabilities*
Advisor: Kerry Burnstein

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B.S., 2007, Bilkent University, Turkey
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Major: Computer Science
Dissertation: *Knowledge Acquisition and Representation Methodology (KNARM) and Its Applications*
Advisor: Ubbo Visser

Sara Frances Milrad

B.A., 2011, Smith College
M.S., 2016, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Couple-Based Stress Management Intervention and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) Biopsychological Processes*
Advisor: Michael Antoni

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B.S., 2009, University of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico
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Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics
Dissertation: *Geophysical Characterization and Modeling of Volcanic Systems: Multi-Parameter Approach from Geodetic and Seismic Signals*
Advisor: Falk C. Amelung

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Major: Teaching and Learning
Dissertation: *Parent-Teacher Agreement on Problem Behavior in Kindergarten Children with and without an Individualized Education Program*
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Major: Executive Biochemistry
Advisor: Maria T. Zayas

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B.A., 1999, Wesleyan University
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Major: Epidemiology
Dissertation: *Family Impact on Substance Use and Sexual Risk Behavior in Sexual Minority Hispanic Adolescents*
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B.S., 2011, Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione IULM, Italy
M.S., 2012, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
M.S., 2013, Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland
Major: Communication
Dissertation: *Animated Messages for Clinical Trial Education: The Mediating Role of Cognitive Absorption on the Effect of Multimedia Communication Strategies*
Advisor: Susan Morgan

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B.A., 2000, Coppin State University
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Dissertation: *Distributional Conflict and Compensation Mechanisms in Regional Institutions in the Global South*

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Dissertation: *Regional Climate Variability in an Ocean Eddy Resolving Global Coupled Climate Model: Implications on Coastal Flooding*
Advisor: Benjamin Kirtman

Carlton J. Patrick

B.A., 2005, Florida State University
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Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Testing an Evolutionary Psychological Model of Incest*
Advisor: Philip M. McCabe

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M.S., 1996, University of Miami
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics
Dissertation: *Idiosyncratic Spatial and Temporal Modifications of Seismic Waveforms*
Advisor: Christopher Harrison

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B.A., 2005, California State University, Los Angeles
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B.S.N., 2014, University of Miami
Major: Nursing
Dissertation: *Sexual Decision Making Among Men Who Identify as Bears, a Gay Subculture*
Advisor: Joseph P. De Santis

Katrina Berentsen Reinhert

B.M., 1999, Manhattan School of Music
M.M., 2007, University of Miami
Major: Music Education
Dissertation: *Developing Popular Music Programs in Higher Education: Exploring Possibilities*
Advisor: Don Coffman

Kirk Bennett Roberson

B.S., 2011, East Carolina University
M.S., 2015, Florida Atlantic University
Major: Exercise Physiology
Dissertation: *Hemodynamic and Hormonal Responses to an Exercise Test in Parkinson's Disease Patients without Orthostatic Hypotension*
Advisor: Joseph F. Signorile

Carolina Rossato de Almeida

B.A., 2012, Loyola Marymount University
M.A., 2014, University of Miami
Major: Teaching and Learning
Dissertation: *Illustrated Libros for Ninos: The Interplay of Translanguaging and Multimodality in Polycultural Picturebooks*
Advisor: Luciana de Oliveira

Johna Elizabeth Rudzin

B.S., 2012, Florida State University
Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography
Dissertation: *An Assessment of the Caribbean Sea's Upper Ocean Influence on Air-Sea Interaction During Tropical Cyclones*
Advisor: Lynn Keith Shay

Lorenzo Sansalone

Pharm.D., 2013, University of Milan, Italy
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: *Photonics Strategies for Bioimaging and Modulation of Biological Systems*
Advisor: Francisco M. Raymo

- Wyatt Vann Sharber**
B.S., 2011, Oklahoma State University
Major: Biology
Dissertation: *Systematics, Evolution, and Biogeography of Ayenia (Malvaceae subfamily Byttnerioideae)*
Advisor: Barbara A. Whitlock
- Kai Shen**
B.S., 2008, Wuhan University, China
Masters, 2010, Wuhan University, China
Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dissertation: *High Resolution and Wide Field-of-View Optical Coherence Tomography for 3D Imaging*
Advisor: Michael Renxun Wang
- Dario Emmanuel Solano Rojas**
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics
Dissertation: *Geological Hazard Assessments for Mexico City and Its Surroundings Based on Synthetic Aperture Radar Interferometry (InSAR) Observations*
Advisor: Shimon Wdowinski
- Molly Haynes Stevens**
B.S., 2011, University of Florida
Major: Marine Biology and Fisheries
Dissertation: *What Is the Cost of Management Inaction? A Bioeconomic Assessment of Florida's Commercial Reef Fisheries*
Advisor: Jerald Stephen Ault
- Ni Sun-Suslow**
B.S., 2011, University of California, San Diego
M.S., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *A Factor Analysis and Exploration of the Associations between Physical Frailty Symptoms and Cognitive Functioning*
Advisors: Bonnie E. Levin and Philip M. McCabe
- Michael Jonathan Szanto**
B.A., 1998, Northwestern University
M.A., 1998, Northwestern University
M.S., 2001, University of Chicago
Major: International Studies
Dissertation: *Transgovernmental Networks and the North American Security Markets*
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Devin Liu
Sheila Lopez Pena
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Alexis A. Lugo
Mirel Marquez Jimenez
Jenelle Cruz Mascardo
Jacqueline Marie Mazza
Akua Mensah
Grace Mensah
Gretert Montano Lavina
Jessica Nicole Morales
Khoa Nguyen
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Nancy Odor
Benedict Ikenna Okafor
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Casey Elizabeth Pearce (C)
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Tyler Chelsea Proctor
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Natalia Morales
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Please stop by your home away from home, the Robert and Judi Prokop Newman Alumni Center, the next time you visit campus.

Again, congratulations on your accomplishments, and welcome to the 'Canes alumni family. It's great to be a Miami Hurricane!

For the University of Miami,



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THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

The Great Seal of the University of Miami symbolizes exceptional scholarship, a limitless quest for knowledge, and an abiding commitment to service shared by University faculty, staff, and students. The Great Seal includes a stylized sun and palm tree, as well as a shield with the traditional symbols of education—a key, a book, and a torch. The key signifies the unlocking, discovery, or re-evaluation of

learning and knowledge; the book holds the Latin words for discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge; and the torch symbolizes the spread and dissemination of learning. Below the shield is the University's Latin motto, from the Book of Esdras, *Magna Est Veritas*: Great Is Truth.



THE MACE

The academic mace, an enduring symbol of institutional authority and prestige, is a vestige from prehistoric times. First used as a battle weapon, the mace evolved into a ceremonial staff carried in processions of royalty, magistrates, and church or university officials.

The University of Miami's current mace, which dates back to 1986, was sculpted by former UM Professor of Art William Ward. He chose a contemporary design, one that reflects the University's timelessness and perpetual growth from a young institution to one of national prominence. The clean lines and polished silver surface are elegant, dignified, and reflective of colors, textures, and forms in the ever-changing environment. Ward indicated that timelessness is further

represented by the mace's geometric design. Rather than employing symbols like books, candles, or globes, he noted that "these geometric shapes are not tied to fad or style but are an integral part of our world. There are obvious relationships to mathematics and the sciences, and as the mace is rotated, some of the planes at the top resemble letters. Its complexity is like the unfolding plot of a good story."

The University of Miami's current mace serves as a symbolic weapon to protect the ideals of truth, justice, and learning. During the commencement ceremony, it is carried at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, whose symbolic duty is the protection of the University, its people, and its processes.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

The University of Miami Presidential Chair, or *cathedra*, took its place on the commencement stage in 2016 as a symbol of the Office of the President. Traditionally representing the seat of learning, the *cathedra* was designed and crafted by master furniture maker Austin Matheson, an adjunct professor in the School of Architecture whose family history in South Florida predates the University's 1925 founding.

Matheson carved and joined what appear to be the seamless pieces of the chair from a single slab of highly prized and once-abundant Cuban mahogany wood. It was salvaged from a tree felled by a hurricane in nearby Coconut Grove. The fluidity of his design represents the idea that "We Are One U," while his use of a contemporary style and a few

traditional flourishes represent the University's rich past and promising future. "The chair is unique. It has no precedent. It stands alone," Matheson said.

Etched by laser, the Great Seal of the University of Miami is prominently displayed on the splat, or back, of the chair. More subtly, twin silhouettes of an ibis head, with its graceful beak, adorn each side of the crest rail. Known for its invincible spirit when hurricanes approach, the marsh bird has been the school mascot since the University opened its doors, just a month after the hurricane of 1926 devastated Miami. Like the chair, the ibis continues to be a symbol of our resilience and renewal as we approach our new century.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND REGALIA

The ceremonies of commencement immerse us in the rich tradition of academic honors and dress that reaches back to the early days of the world's oldest universities.

The University of Miami awards degrees in three basic divisions: the doctorate, master's, and baccalaureate, which can be traced to medieval times. The student receiving a "first degree in arts" was crowned with a wreath of laurel berries, hence "baccalaureate" and "bachelor." The master's degree was a license to teach (*Licentia docendi*), so the "master" was an appropriate title. The doctor was even better qualified to teach, for this degree required advanced study, independent research, and defense of a "thesis." These standards still apply to the doctorate, except for those conferred *honoris causa* (as honorary degrees) for meritorious service in public or private endeavor.

Some degrees are awarded with special recognition. For those who have achieved appropriate standards in their work, the words *cum laude* (with praise), *magna cum laude* (with high praise), and *summa cum laude* (with highest praise) are used. Students who have met formal scholarly demands, including both specified courses and high overall grade averages, may graduate with "General Honors." These achievements are recorded on diplomas and in official transcripts.

From medieval practice, academic dress has three items: cap, gown, and hood. In reviving the use of these items for the United States, an intercollegiate commission in 1895 drafted a code that most universities,

including the University of Miami, follow.

For all degrees, the mortarboard is the traditional cap. The tassel may be gold for a doctor or may indicate the field of study.

The bachelor's gown is black with long, pointed, open sleeves. The master's gown is black with a long, closed sleeve hanging below the elbow. The doctor's gown is black and is distinguished by three bars of velvet on a full sleeve.

The academic hood is the identifying symbol of the degree. Its length indicates which degree it represents: three feet for the baccalaureate, three-and-a-half for the master's, and four for the doctorate. The lining indicates the college or university that awarded the degree. University of Miami hoods are lined in orange, green, and white. The color of the velvet band represents the academic discipline. The most frequently seen colors are white for arts, yellow for science, pink for music, sapphire blue for philosophy, purple for law, scarlet for divinity, green for medicine, light blue for education, drab for business, orange for engineering, violet for architecture, gray for general studies, and apricot for nursing.

President Julio Frenk wears a black robe with four black velvet bars. The fourth chevron indicates this is the presidential regalia. The gown features orange and green piping as well as a doctoral hood lined in orange, green and white—reflecting the official University of Miami school colors.

THE MUSIC OF THE CEREMONY

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FANFARE

Great universities throughout the country begin their halftime performances with a special fanfare consisting of small portions of their school fight songs and alma mater. The fanfare signals the start of halftime festivities, exciting the crowd and encouraging loyal fans to remain in their seats during the band's performance. Following the Miami Hurricane's National Championship season in 2001-2002, David Lambert, D.M.A. '05, wrote a similar fanfare for the University

of Miami. "UM Fanfare" was premiered by the University of Miami Band of the Hour during the 2004 Miami Hurricane home football opener versus Florida State University. It has since been performed as a prelude to all Band of the Hour performances and has become a part of the University of Miami's commencement to announce the opening of the ceremony.

PRESIDENT'S PROCESSIONAL FANFARE

Commencement ceremonies are rich in history, tradition, and ritual. Over the years, the University of Miami has had a number of talented musicians and composers contribute to that history and tradition. The "President's Processional Fanfare – Toward Our New Century" was

commissioned by the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music for the inauguration of the University of Miami's sixth president, Julio Frenk. Written by Brian Balmages, M.M. '00, the fanfare premiered on January 29, 2016, at President Frenk's inauguration ceremony.

THE MUSIC OF HENRY FILLMORE

Henry Fillmore, the American composer and bandleader best known for his marches, was an ardent supporter, friend, and benefactor of the University of Miami band. After retiring to Miami, he quickly adopted the Band of the Hour at the University of Miami as his own. As a result, he was named "permanent guest conductor" of the band, and in appreciation of his dedication, the University awarded Fillmore an honorary doctorate in music. Fillmore's prominence as a band composer and his tireless dedication to the field of music remain his

legacy. Benefiting most from his musical passion and artistry was the University of Miami band, to which he bequeathed most of his estate. The Henry Fillmore Band Hall, dedicated in 1959 along with the Fillmore Museum, is a symbol of that legacy.

The recessional music today is but a small part of his life's work. Each selection has a unique relationship to Miami and the University. "The Miami March" was dedicated to the community of Greater Miami, which enthusiastically supported Fillmore and his music.

HURRICANE STRONG

*Words and Music by Rey Sanchez, B.M. '80, M.M. '82
Professor of Music, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation
Performed by the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music American Music Ensemble, under the direction of Daniel Strange*

The season is over, but our work has just begun;
Ready to make another change.
Our moment is closer now, and our time has finally come;
Nothing is getting in our way.

Southern wind across the land
Will never end, we'll always stand;

*Hurricane strong, Hurricane proud
Flying through the eye of the storm, singin'
Hurricane songs, Hurricane loud
Right where we belong.
'Cause it's all about the U;
We're Hurricane strong!*

We can stand in a driving rain and we shall not be moved;
No matter what may come our way.
We'll stand up for justice, for honor and for truth;
No matter how long it may take.

Southern wind across the land
With all its power in our hands!

*Hurricane strong, Hurricane proud
Flying through the eye of the storm, singin'
Hurricane songs, Hurricane loud
Right where we belong.
'Cause it's all about the U...*

*Hurricane strong, Hurricane proud
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ALMA MATER

*William S. Lampe and Christine Asdurian
Arranged by Henry Fillmore*

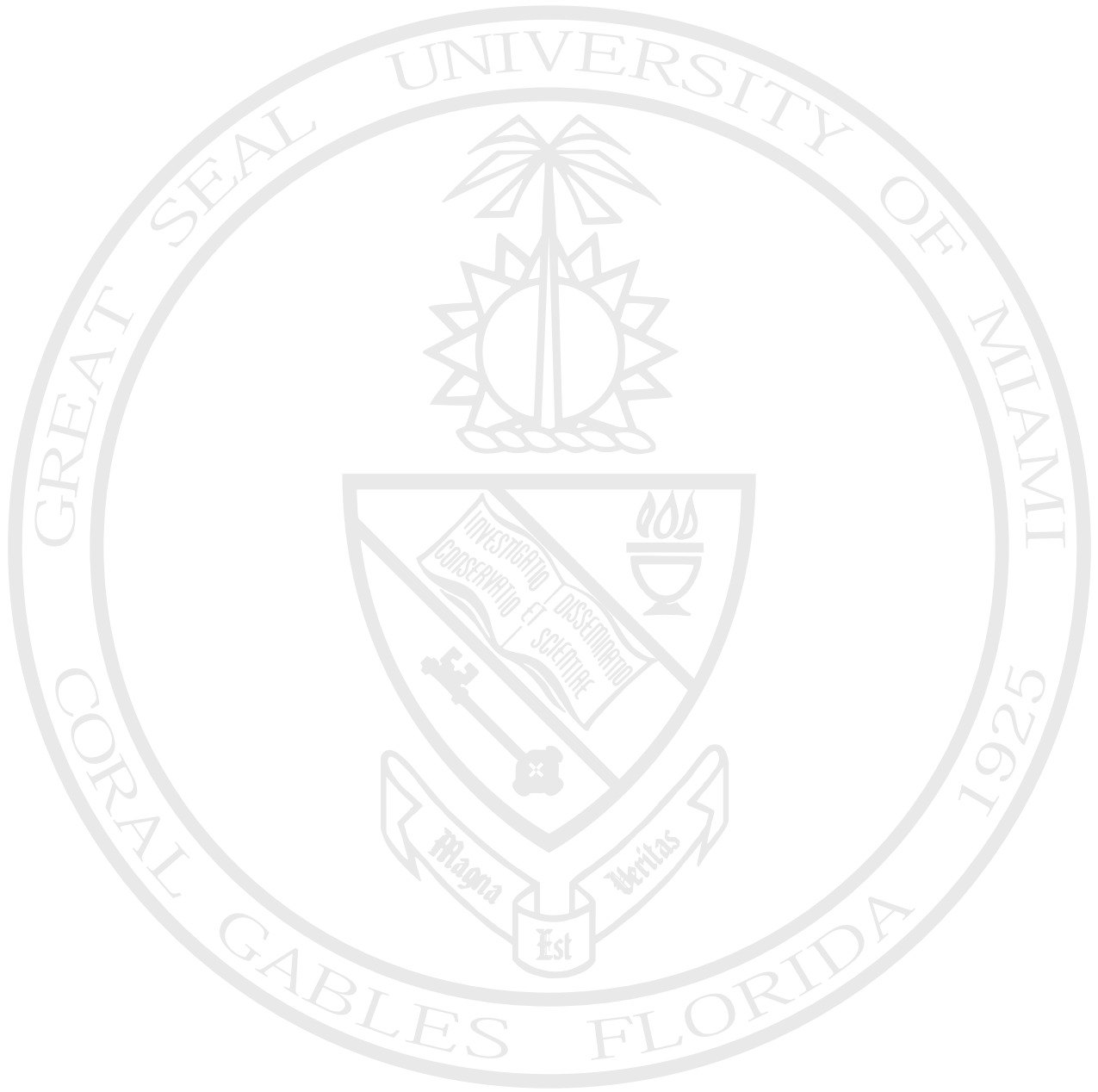
Southern suns and sky blue water
Smile upon you Alma Mater
Mistress of this fruitful land
With all knowledge at your hand
Always just, to honor true
All our love we pledge to you
Alma Mater
Stand forever
On Biscayne's wondrous shore.

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- Fieldhouse (Lineup site)
- Special Needs Entrance
- Traffic Light
- Shuttle Route
- Shuttle Stop
- Pedestrian Access
- U Statue Photo Booth
- Ride Share/Taxi Drop Off and Pick Up

- Parking:**
- Pavia Garage and Merrick Garage
 - Special Needs Parking
 - General Parking
 - Construction Zone Fence



Reception and Parking Information

The Spring commencement ceremonies will be held in the Watsco Center on the Coral Gables campus. Parking is conveniently located adjacent to the Watsco Center and at Pavia and Merrick Garages with shuttle service to the Watsco Center. Guests attending receptions also may park in the red lots. Special Needs parking is available at the Watsco Center in the blue lots. No handicap or other parking passes are required for any commencement guests. Parking at Ponce Garage is strictly reserved for patients of The Lennar Foundation Medical Center.

Receptions will be held at the following locations on the designated dates and times:

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| <p>1 School of Architecture
Jorge M. Perez Architecture Center
Irvin Korach Gallery
<i>Graduate Degree Recipients</i>
May 10, 2018 • 3 p.m.
<i>Undergraduate Degree Recipients</i>
May 11, 2018 • 3 p.m.</p> | <p>5 School of Education and Human Development
Merrick Breezeway
George Feldenkreis Fountain
May 11, 2018 • 3:15–5:15 p.m.</p> | <p>11 UOnline
Shalala Student Center
Activities Room
May 9, 2018 • 3–5 p.m.</p> |
| <p>2 College of Arts and Sciences
Cox Science Center Portico
May 11, 2018 • 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>6 College of Engineering
McArthur Engineering Building
May 11, 2018 • 12 p.m.</p> | <p>12 Graduate School
<i>Doctoral Degree Candidates</i>
<i>Hoarding Rehearsal and Reception</i>
Watsco Center, Hurricane 100 Room
May 9, 2018 • 4–6 p.m.</p> |
| <p>3 Miami Business School
Cesarano Plaza
<i>Graduate Degree Recipients</i>
May 10, 2018 • 3 p.m.
<i>Undergraduate Degree Recipients</i>
May 11, 2018 • 1:30–3:30 p.m.</p> | <p>7 School of Law
School of Law, Bass Bricks
May 12, 2018 • 12 p.m.</p> | <p>13 Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science
<i>Undergraduate Degree Recipients</i>
Newman Alumni Center
May 10, 2018 • 6–8 p.m.
<i>Graduate Degree Recipients</i>
Rosenstiel School Commons
4600 Rickenbacker Causeway
Miami, FL 33149
May 9, 2018 • 2:30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>4 School of Communication
Frances L. Wolfson Building
Courtyard
May 11, 2018 • 3 p.m.</p> | <p>8 Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music
Shalala Student Center
Activities Room
May 11, 2018 • 3–5 p.m.</p> | |
| | <p>9 School of Nursing and Health Studies
Shalala Student Center
Grand Ballroom
May 12, 2018 • 8:30 a.m.</p> | |
| | <p>10 Division of Continuing and International Education
Newman Alumni Center
Tower Room
April 30, 2018 • 6 p.m.</p> | |

Stop by the U Statue at the Rock on Friday, May 11, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a complimentary photo!

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