



## **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.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

## WELCOME

John Caughlin  
Professor and Department Head

## ALUMNI CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Lindsey Dunn Burgstahler (BA, '04; MA, '08)

## STUDENT CONVOCATION SPEAKER

James Fort

## SINGING OF "HAIL TO THE ORANGE"

Hail to the Orange,  
Hail to the Blue,  
Hail Alma Mater,  
Ever so true.  
We love no other,  
So let our motto be,  
Victory, Illinois, Varsity!

# LAS ADMINISTRATION

Gene E. Robinson, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Swanlund Chair in Entomology

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

## FACULTY

Scott Althaus

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Benjamin Gailey

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Trina Wright-Dixon

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# 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.

# AWARDS AND HONORS

## DEPARTMENTAL HIGH DISTINCTION

Tayisiya Tkachuk

*Thesis: "Communicating Sustainability:  
Applying the Extended Parallel Process  
Model (EPPM) to Sustainability Messages"*

Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Brian Quick

## DEPARTMENTAL DISTINCTION

Kacie Cusick

Meredith Gershenson

Kimberly Huizinga

Abigail Levitt

Jasmin Salaymeh

Glykeria Siozios

Allison Wasielewski

## LAMBDA PI ETA – NATIONAL COMMUNICATION HONOR SOCIETY

Jazmine Arnett

Gabriela Arroyo

Alec Aurand

Aaron Beliles

Addison Burns

Quoc-Nhu Dam

Quinn Devereaux

Parker Dow

Savannah Duncan

Jakob Eldridge

Helen Eng

Catherine Everett

Emma Foley

Emily Foster

Lauren Giordano

Patrick Gorski

Morgan Hobgood

Erin Hoffman

Kimberly Huizinga

Olivia Ingold

Alexis Ivanic

Michael Jakoby

Minjoung Jang

Riho Kanomata

Madilyn Keller

Karen Ketter

Lauren Kilar

Megan Korst

Meghna Kumar

Tyler Kyburz

Claude Lee

Abigail Levitt

Lydia Lorenzo

Tessa Nykaza

Paris Pinkney

Megan Regan

Rahat Rizwan

Jasmin Salaymeh

Breeanna Schmidt

Brett Schneider

Bennett Smith

Madeline Stamas

Hannah Stanton

Madisyn Stauffer

Jacob Stock

Dennis Studniarz

Allison Wasielewski

Taylor Windt

Angelica Zdarowski

Yexin Zhu

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

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

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mica Allison  
Kevin Andersen  
Ebene Anderson  
Jazmine Arnett  
Daniel Arreola  
Eric Arroyo  
Gabriela Arroyo  
Alec Aurand  
Armani Avila  
Mario Barajas  
Brian Bauer  
Christian Beal  
Brandy Beasley  
Sophie Beaulieu  
Derek Beavers  
Crystal Beck  
Alexandra Belaya  
Aaron Beliles  
Megan Bell

Caroline Bellefontaine  
Kimberly Belser  
Abigail Bertram  
Marlene Betancourt  
Ramya Bhattiprolu  
Sarah Birchenough  
Sandra Bjerga  
Thomas Boland  
Meagan Borgsmiller  
India Borjas  
Missipsa Bouharati  
Isabelle Brookover  
Brooke Brown  
Maya Brownlow  
Tyler Burda  
Addison Burns  
Kyle Burns  
Jack Byrne  
Shuyu Cai  
Leyah Cannon  
Ryan Carroll  
Mariana Castillo  
Alexa Castino  
Marcus Cavazos  
Karen Chen

Rebecca Ciszewski  
Zachery Claffy  
Cyrenthia Clark  
Paige Clark  
Myles Cobb  
Andrew Cohen  
Taylor Cohn  
Paloma Isabel Cortes  
Covan Cox  
Isabelle Cozzi  
Mary Creamer  
Kathryn Cressy  
Jada Culberson  
Elinor Cullen  
Jennifer Culli  
Quinn Cunningham  
Kacie Cusick  
Payton Cuthrell  
Zaid Dababneh  
Efuatta Dadson  
Quoc-Nhu Dam  
Anthony Davis  
Rachel Anne Dela Pena  
Quinn Devereaux  
Aldo Diaz

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Madeline Dodge  
Sara Dolins  
Charles Donegan  
Booker Donelson  
Ethan Doran  
Tierra Dorsey  
Parker Dow  
Savannah Duncan  
Daniel Duran  
Aleksandra Ekiert  
Jakob Eldridge  
Helen Eng  
Lorena Esparza  
Julian Estrada  
Catherine Everett  
Aidan Ezgur  
Abigail Farrell  
Jason Fillingim  
Riley Fitzgerald  
Olivia Fleming  
Emma Foley  
Hannah Foley  
Estelle Forson  
James Fort  
Emily Foster

Alexandra Gabor  
Andoni Garcia  
Lissette Garcia Mondragon  
David Garcy  
Mario Garnello  
Jordyn Gauger  
Alyson Gerdes  
Meredith Gershenson  
Alexa Gianacacos  
Lauren Giordano  
Gianni Gonzalez  
Patrick Gorski  
Elise Grande  
Yijia Guo  
Alexander Gutierrez  
Whitney Harry  
Sidney Heck  
Julian Herrera  
Jo'shawn Hill  
Annabelle Hladik  
Morgan Hobgood  
Erin Hoffman  
Colleen Hogan  
Michael Hood  
Yiming Huang

Satchel Hudson  
Kimberly Huizinga  
Teylor Hunter  
Isaiah Im  
Olivia Ingold  
Taylor Isirov  
Alexis Ivanic  
Daniel Ivce  
Kaley Jackson  
Kenyon Jackson  
Kiarra Jackson  
Simran Jadhvani  
Michael Jakoby  
Brianna James  
Minjoung Jang  
Samantha Jankusky  
Riley Jasser  
Cayci Jeter  
Yolanda Johnson  
Csammer Love Jularbal  
Hye Soo Jung  
Rebecca Jungels  
Josiah Jurevis  
Jin-Young Kang  
Riho Kanomata

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Eric Karn  
Breanna Keenley  
Madilyn Keller  
Karen Ketter  
Lauren Kilar  
Daniel Kim  
Irene Kim  
Janet Kim  
Junghyun Kim  
Wisdom Kinsey  
Anne Kirsh  
Kelsey Klovens  
Brian Ko  
Page Koerner  
Nathan Korn  
Megan Korst  
Maya Kowitt  
Eric Kruszynski  
Meghna Kumar  
Tyler Kyburz  
Anna Lane  
Sade Lang  
Megan Lapham  
Claude Lee

Jeffrey Lee  
Leonard Lee  
Paul Lee  
Abigail Levitt  
Luyuyang Li  
Yinong Li  
Michael Licata  
Claire Lim  
Joseph Lopez  
Lydia Lorenzo  
Alan Lozano  
Luke Madden  
Alvaro Martinez  
Catarino Martinez  
Daniel Martinez  
Ruben Martinez  
Susan Martinez  
Sophia Mastroianni  
Tyler McCullar  
Eric Menendez  
Adriana Miranda  
John Misak  
Abigail Mitchell  
Claire Mitchell  
Ethan Mizer

Nicole Mondì  
Xavier Montalvo  
Carolina Montano  
Evan Morrow  
Rebecca Mosk  
Katherine Mulligan  
Mikenzie Multack  
Mikayla Murphy  
Yasmeen Najjar  
Grace Niezyniecki  
Chantel Noggle  
Austin Norem  
Tessa Nykaza  
Maryrose O'Donnell  
Darren O'Hanlon  
Marli Oleff  
Sofia Olivera  
Brit Omara  
Isabel Orellana  
Brian Ornelas Ramirez  
Victoria Osaro  
Natalia Pacura  
Aliyah Paiz  
Barrett Patton  
Alexandra Pellegrini

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Edgar Pena  
David Perez  
Siena Pieruccini  
Paris Pinkney  
Mira Piucci  
Elizabeth Pohl  
Angelina Popovic  
Sadie Potvin  
Carlos Puentes  
Noah Radloff  
Zain Rahman  
Ahmad Ramahi  
Ecelia Ramos  
Sophia Raynal  
Leyla Razo  
Megan Regan  
Nadya Renteria  
Adrian Reynoso  
Evan Rice  
Samantha Riley  
Rahat Rizwan  
Daequan Robinson  
Lissete Rodriguez  
Daniel Roers  
Gillian Roloff

Isabella Rosanova  
Erin Rosenzweig  
John Ruane  
Stephanie Rush  
Rickey Rushing  
Imani Russell  
Euikyeong Ryu  
Jasmin Salaymeh  
Kenneth Sanders  
Breeanna Schmidt  
Austin Schmohe  
Brett Schneider  
Bryana Serrano  
Genevieve Severini  
Christine Sheriff  
Nicole Shields  
Emily Shimanovsky  
Kennedy Silverman  
Glykeria Siozios  
Barghav Sivaguru  
Matthew Skelton  
Nicholas Skorin  
Bennett Smith  
Ivan Snyder  
Macklin Snyder

Taylor Sparacino  
Jaylen Spence  
Madeline Stamas  
Hannah Stanton  
Emily Staudt  
Madisyn Stauffer  
John Stein  
Jacob Stock  
Laurence Strickland  
Brett Studer  
Dennis Studniarz  
Clare Sullivan  
Anthony Sung  
Katelyn Swichtenberg  
Peter Tate  
Joe Taylor  
Stanley Taylor  
Tayisiya Tkachuk  
Rikki Trimpe  
Rachel Troeger  
Karena Tse  
Jose Vela  
Kerry Vinson  
Kaylie Vladislav  
Caroline Walker

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Jack Walker  
Alexa Warren  
Allison Wasielewski  
Hettimia Wheeler  
Erin Wildman  
Daja Wilson  
Taylor Windt  
D'Anne Winston  
Zongyi Yang  
Maurice Young  
Xiaoman Yuan  
Ushna Zamir  
Angelica Zdarowski  
Yexin Zhu  
Emma Zisook  
John Zubak

### MASTER OF ARTS

Sarah Bencivenga  
Lauren Buisker  
Katherine Bunsold  
Dominique Campbell  
Graciela Cantos  
Victoria Fields  
Rachael Gregory  
Kimberlyn Harrison  
Lauren Kriss  
Kirsten Pool  
Allison Vernon

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

Aminata Bangoura  
Nanda Bhikhari  
Kelly Campbell  
Elizabeth Cohen  
Donna Coleman  
Carah Kucharski  
Margaret Leid  
Amanda Magdalenski  
Katherine Moore  
Erica Noel  
Amanda Ruedas  
Christine Sanchez  
Arielle Schultz  
Rachel Snyder  
Paula Veith  
Vincent Villalobos  
Anne Wawrzyniak

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

José Izaguirre III

*Dissertation: "Becoming La Raza:  
Chican@ Counterpublicity and  
Rhetorics of the Viet Nam War"*

Advisor: Dr. J. David Cisneros

Marisa Smith

*Dissertation: "I saw it on social media:  
Public opinion on race, crime, and  
immigration in the era of social media  
news consumption."*

Advisor: Dr. Travis Dixon

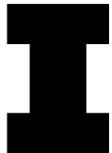
Kristopher Weeks

*Dissertation: "The effects of interracial  
street fight video exposure on self-  
concept, racial identification, and  
criminal justice evaluations: A survey  
and experimental approach."*

Advisor: Dr. Travis Dixon

# THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who helped organize this convocation ceremony.  
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.

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