



Hooding Ceremony

2019

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES
WAIT CHAPEL
SATURDAY, MAY 18



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PRELUDE Susan Bates
Organist

PROCESSIONAL

Phoenix Processional by Dan Locklair Susan Bates
Platform Party, Faculty and Candidates

Audience please stand for processional and invocation.
Please silence mobile devices during the ceremony.

INVOCATION Reverend Timothy L. Auman
University Chaplain

OPENING REMARKS Dwayne Godwin
Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST Doug Lyles
Professor, Biochemistry

ADDRESS *Future-Proof Your Career* by Michael A. Hollingsworth
Professor, Eppley Institute

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Dwayne Godwin

PRESENTER Bahjat Fadi Marayati
Graduate Student Association

THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD Wayne Pratt
Professor, Psychology

PRESENTER Dwayne Godwin

THE GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING
DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD Derek Jones
Biomedical Engineering Program

THE GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING
MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD Natalie Bennie
Department of Communication

THE HOODING CEREMONY

PRESENTATION OF THE DOCTORAL GRADUATES Dwayne Godwin
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS Doctoral Advisors

THE HOODING CEREMONY (continued)

PRESENTATION OF THE MASTERS' GRADUATES	Brad Jones Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF ARTS	Ron Von Burg Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Communication
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF SCIENCE.....	Bernard Roper Academic Advising Administrator, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES.....	Thomas Frank Associate Dean for Continuing Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF FINE ARTS	Peter Gilbert Professor of the Practice, Documentary Film Program
CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION	Adam Friedman Professor and Chair, Department of Education
CLOSING REMARKS	Brad Jones
BENEDICTION	Reverend Timothy Auman
RECESSONAL	
<i>Toccata (from Symphony V) by Charles M. Widor</i>	Susan Bates
	<i>Audience please stand in place for recessional.</i>
RECEPTION	Green Room, Reynolda Hall

FACULTY MARSHALS

J. Daniel Bourland, Professor, Radiation Oncology
Sandy Dickson, Associate Dean, Academic Initiatives
Thomas Frank, Associate Dean and Professor, Continuing Studies
Jennie McGuire, Manager, Curriculum and Outcomes
David A. Ornelles, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology
Bernard Roper, Academic Advising Administrator, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

DISTINGUISHED GUEST



MICHAEL A. (TONY) HOLLINGSWORTH, PH.D.

Eppley Institute, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Pathology and Microbiology
University of Nebraska Medical Center

Education

B.A. – Wake Forest University (Biology)
Ph.D. – Wake Forest Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Microbiology and Immunology)
Postdoctoral Fellow – Duke University Medical Center

Biography – Michael A. Hollingsworth, Ph.D. received his PhD from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University in 1982. Following a postdoctoral fellowship with Richard Metzgar at Duke University from 1982-1985, he was appointed to the faculty of the Department of Immunology at Duke from 1987-1991. He decided in 1985 to commit his research career to pancreatic cancer, and has worked on translational research projects in that subject area since that time, continuously maintaining R01 and other NCI funding (as Principal Investigator). The decision to work on pancreatic cancer was an important factor that contributed to his move to the Eppley Institute in 1991, where he has led the group effort in pancreatic cancer research for the past 15 years. He has participated in almost every major initiative from NIH related to pancreatic cancer since 1985. He has served as the Principal Investigator of a SPORE in Pancreatic cancer; and an Early Diagnostic Research Network (EDRN) Biomarker Discovery Laboratory (U01) that focused on biomarkers for pancreatic cancer and a project leader on a U54 Tumor Microenvironment Network Grant. He is currently the PI on a new U01 that is part of the Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium. Over the past 14 years, he has amassed a unique resource of longitudinal patient samples coupled to a rapid autopsy program, which is used to study progression and metastasis of pancreatic cancer. He has served on numerous review panels at the NIH and for other granting agencies, including as Chair of the Cancer Biomarkers Study Section (CBSS). He was appointed by NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins in July 2013 to serve as a member of the Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council, and served as a member of the Gastrointestinal Steering Committee, and currently serves on the Pancreas Cancer Task Force, which is organized by the Coordinating Center for Clinical Trials at the National Cancer Institute. Since June 2016, he has served as Associate Director for Basic Research for the UNMC Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

WAYNE PRATT, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

This award is presented to the faculty member whom the Graduate Student Association has selected as having done the most to promote excellence in graduate education this past year.

Dr. Pratt has demonstrated commitment and excellence as a teacher, scholar, and mentor as part of the Psychology department. Dr. Pratt's research combines aspects of the neurobiology of the brain and the psychology of motivation and behavior; His research lab focuses on the signaling and communication between brain regions in response to rewards. Dr. Pratt's excellent mentorship and teaching are evident through the glowing letters of nomination received from his graduate students. One nominating graduate student describes Dr. Pratt's individualized approach to teaching as "talented at explaining concepts in different ways, adapting to each individual student's needs". Another nominating graduate student described Dr. Pratt's mentorship skills as "going beyond just clarifying the subject matter, but also in helping learn how to teach it to others". Dr. Pratt's outstanding service to the Psychology department exemplifies the values of the graduate school at Wake Forest University, and this is evident through the success stories told by the graduate students who had the privilege to work with Dr. Pratt.

GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD

DEREK A. JONES, BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM

This student has been identified as being outstanding in research, productivity and quality. Although the award is for excellence in the student's research program in general, special emphasis in selecting the recipient is given to the dissertation in terms of originality, importance, and potential influence on the student's field. Other factors which are considered in conferring this award are academic record, activity in the discipline, as well as university and departmental citizenship. The award's monetary prize is made possible through gifts from alumni and friends to the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Doctoral Student Award Fund of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Derek Jones completed his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering with Dr. Joel Stitzel in the Department of Biomedical Engineering and the Virginia Tech – Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences. Derek's training and research is in injury biomechanics and virtual modeling of human interaction with land and aerospace vehicle safety systems. His dissertation, entitled "Head and Neck Injury Risk Predicted by Finite Element Anthropomorphic Test Devices and Human Body Models in the Aerospace Landing Environment" concerns injury prediction, mitigation and prevention in space flight. He performed virtual human modeling and simulation of seating and restraint environments for a project with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and its Commercial Crew program. His work specifically and directly addresses the commercial crew environment, and safety associated with launch, flight, and landing. His work will be used by NASA to inform safety requirements for commercial crew including SpaceX, Boeing and NASA led programs. Derek is an accomplished engineer and a technical and team leader who has authored 15 refereed journal papers, 63 conference publications, and 11 technical reports. Derek has also mentored many summer students and undergraduates and has been instrumental to projects supported by Toyota, the National Institutes of Health, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Derek has joined Elemance, LLC as a Senior Engineer in Clemmons, NC.

GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD

NATALIE LILLIAN GRACE BENNIE, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

This student has been identified as being outstanding in terms of academic record, activity in the discipline, as well as university and departmental citizenship. Furthermore, the student's research productivity and quality have been deemed exceptional. The award's monetary prize is made possible through gifts from alumni and friends to the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Master's Student Award Fund of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Natalie Bennie earned the M.A. in Communication under the guidance of Professor Michael Hyde. She displays stunning intelligence and intensity in classroom discussions and debates and during presentations at conventions. Her nationally recognized debate training informs these talents, which are complemented by writing skills that make her research papers a pleasure to read. Ms. Bennie's thesis is entitled "Rhetoric of the Counter-Monument: The Stolpersteine Project." A stolpersteine is a cobblestone memorial to a Jewish individual murdered during WWII at their former residence. The stolpersteine case provides a strong argument for the rhetorical power of reclaiming banality and its role in evoking consciousness. Research for this project required Ms. Bennie to travel to Budapest, Hungary for 6 weeks to examine the rhetorical function of Holocaust counter-monuments both within and beyond the German cultural context. Ms. Bennie makes much of the role of counter-monuments as protest artifacts, focusing particularly on how a citizen-led memorial project functions to counter the official state narrative of Hungarian innocence during WWII. As part of this project, Ms. Bennie met with activists who collectively view their bodies as second-generation Holocaust survivors as "living memorials." Ms. Bennie plans to develop this part of her project during her upcoming doctoral studies.

AWARDS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES

- Amer Ismil Aladin..... Appointee, Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology T32 Training Program, 2017-2019
- Gregory Erik Alberto Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award,
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2015-2019
Norman Sulkin Award in Neuroscience, 2017
- Anna M. Ayers Richter Scholarship, The Richter Foundation, 2018
- Alexander Cusa Bashore..... Appointee, Integrative Lipid Metabolism, Inflammation, and
Chronic Diseases T32 Training Program, 2015-2017
- Natalie Lillian Grace Bennie Richter Scholarship, Richter's Scholars Program, 2018
Matt Grindy Graduate Coach of the Year, District 6/Cross-Examination Debate Association, 2019
- Meredith Jane Bowthers..... The Daniel Fogel Director's Award, Sustainability Graduate Program, 2018
- Angela D. Broadnax Travel Award, National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, 2017
Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Chemistry Department, Wake Forest University, 2017
- Carolina Burgos Aguilar..... Florence Robinson Neuroscience Award, Wake Forest University, 2018
- Michael Cerchia..... Best Graduating Student, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Wake Forest University, 2018
- Alexander Stamatiros Dakos Second Place, Wake Forest Healthcare Strategy Conference and Competition, 2015
Appointee, Multisensory Integration T32 Training Program, 2013-2015
Image Based Biomedical Modeling Fellowship, 2016
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Eye Institute, 2016-2018
Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2017-2018
- Megan Q. Daniels "Filmed in NC" Grant Recipient, The NC Film Office and Cucalorus, 2018
First Place Winner Student Documentary Category, New Orleans Film Festival "South Pitch", 2018
- Ryan Richard Davis..... Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Fellowship, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2014
Appointee, Structural and Computational Biophysics T32 Training Program, 2015
Awardee & Investigator, American Heart Association Grant, 2016-2018
- Haoze Du Honorable Mention, Mid-Atlantic Regional of ACM-ICPC, 2017
- Sarah Elizabeth Ewin Trainee Professional Development Award
Society for Neuroscience Scientific Conference, Washington, DC, 2017
Student Merit Award, Research Society on Alcoholism, 2016, 2017, 2018
NIAAA R13 Travel Award, International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism, Kyoto, Japan, 2018
- Appointee, Multidisciplinary Training in the Biology of Alcohol Addiction T32 Training Program, 2015-2017
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2017-2019
Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2015-2019

AWARDS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES (continued)

- Alexa Samiah Hendricks Future Leaders in Advancing Research in Endocrinology Fellow, Endocrine Society, 2016
Underrepresented Graduate Student Travel Award
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 2016
- Second Place, Graduate Student Best Presentation Award
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 2016
- Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2016-2017
- Travel Award, American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 2017
- First Place, Dolores C. Shockley Best Presentation Award
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 2017
- Poster Award Winner
Cardiovascular Sciences Center Dean's Research Symposia Poster Competition, 2017
- NIH Blueprint Diversity Specialized Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Advancement in Neuroscience Award
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, 2017
- Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 2017
- New Investigators Travel Award, American Heart Association Council on Hypertension, 2017
- Rachel Annette Hillyer Exploration Fund Grant, Explorers Club, 2012
- Leilani L. Johnson Appointee, Health Disparity Research for a Diverse Neuroscience Workforce Training Program, 2017-2019
- Yixuan Ji Best Graduating Student, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Wake Forest University, 2019
- Oula Khoury Recipient of the Lisa Dean Moseley Stem Cell Research Grant
- Caitlin Rose Kirby Tutor of the Year, Wake Forest University Writing Center, 2017-2018
- Erica Lynn Lyons Appointee, Integrative Lipid Metabolism, Inflammation, and Chronic Diseases T32 Training Program, 2014-2016
- Renata S. Magalhaes First Place, Oral Presentation
Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine Division of Surgical Services Research Day, 2016
- Student in Gold Award in Basic Science, Wake Forest School of Medicine Division of Surgical Services, 2016
- Appointee, Studies in Translational Regenerative Medicine T32 Training Program, 2017-2018
- Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2017
- Margaret Mattox Grant Recipient, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2018
- Spencer Wynn McCarthy Sundberg Scholar Award, 2017
- Appointee, Neurobiology of Drug Abuse T32 Training Program, 2017-2018

AWARDS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES (continued)

- Molly Marlene McGinnis Appointee, Multidisciplinary Training in the Biology of Alcohol Addiction T32 Training Program, 2015-2017
Student Merit Award, Research Society on Alcoholism, 2016
ASPET Mentoring Network: Coaching for Career Development Award
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 2017
Third Place Poster Award, Student/Postdoc Poster Competition
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, 2017
NIAAA Travel Award, Alcoholism and Stress: A Framework for Future Treatment Strategies, 2017
Exceptional Poster Award, Alcoholism and Stress: A Framework for Future Treatment Strategies, 2017
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award,
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2017-2019
First Place Poster Award, Neuroscience Research Day
Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2017
Student Merit Award, Research Society on Alcoholism, 2017, 2018
Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2016-2018
NIAAA Travel Award, 19th Congress of International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism, 2018
- Kyle Patrick McNamara MD-PhD Academic Scholarship Award, Wake Forest School of Medicine, 2014-2021
Letter of Commendation for Exemplary Service to the Medical School Community
Wake Forest School of Medicine, 2017-2018
First Place, NC-ACP Annual Chapter Scientific Meeting Student Poster Presentation
American College of Physicians, 2018
- Kristopher Theodore Michalson Scholar in Training Travel Award, Radiation Research Society, 2018
Appointee, Laboratory Animal and Comparative Medicine T32 Training Program, 2015-2018
- Felix Morton IV NBCC MFP Master's-level Fellow, National Board of Certified Counselors, 2018
- Lauren Nelson T32 Training Grant, National Institutes of Health, 2015-2016
- Ann Noell Robert M. Shorter Medieval Prize, Wake Forest University, 2018
Gordon A. Melson Graduate Student Award in Medieval Studies, Wake Forest University, 2018
- Goodwell Nzou Student Scientist Award, Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, 2017
Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2018
- Drew Richard Onken Dean's Fellowship, Physics Department, Wake Forest University 2013
Outstanding Student Oral Presentation, Domestic Nuclear Detection Organization – ARI Program, 2015
Outstanding Student Poster Presentation, Domestic Nuclear Detection Organization – ARI Program, 2016

AWARDS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES (continued)

- Pooja Dattatraya Patil Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2016-2017
Oral Presentation, Annual Meeting of American Society of Nutrition, 2018
- Charles Robert Pierce Appointee, Health Disparity Research for a Diverse Neuroscience Workforce Training Program, 2017-2019
- Omeed A. Rahimi..... Travel Award, AHA Council on Hypertension
Runner-Up, Center for Advancing Innovation Neuroscience Startup Challenge, 2015
Awardee, Phase One Small Business Innovation Research Grant, National Institutes of Health
Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2014-2017
- Andrew C. Rakhshani..... Hearst Scholar, William Randolph Hearst Foundation, 2017-2019
- Tadas Kazimieras Rimkus Business Development Fellow, Wake Forest Innovations, 2018
- Mychelle Rinaldi..... Appointee, Health Disparity Research for a Diverse Neuroscience Workforce Training Program, 2017-2019
- Daniel Saez Carl Strom Underrepresented Fellowship, Gordon Research Conference, 2018
Awardee, Wake Forest Graduate School Alumni Travel Award, 2018
- Veronica Emily Scerra Appointee, T32 Training Grant in Multisensory Integration,
National Institutes of Health, 2013-2015
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Eye Institute, 2016-2018
- Nichanun Sirasunthorn Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Wake Forest University Chemistry Department, 2018
Outstanding Senior Graduate Student Award, Wake Forest University Chemistry Department, 2018
- Sherona R. Sirkisoon.....Diversity Supplement, National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke, 2015-2018
Mike and Lucy Robbins Graduate Scholarship Fund Award, 2017-2018
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Cancer Institute, 2018-2019
- Mary Carlton Tribble Honorable Mention, Robert G. Torbet Essay, American Baptist Society, 2017
- Emily Jo Wall..... Appointee, Health Disparity Research for a Diverse Neuroscience Workforce Training Program, 2017-2019
- Jiajie Xiao..... First Place University Photograph Contest, Wake Forest University, 2017
Fibrosis Foundation Fellowship, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2014
Structural and Computational Biophysics, NIH T32 Training Grant, National Institutes of Health, 2015
- Julia Ann Yancey..... Appointee, Health Disparity Research for a Diverse Neuroscience Workforce Training Program, 2017-2019
- Helena Rose Zimmermann.....Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award,
National Institute on Aging, 2018-2019

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

(Advisor)

Gregory Erick Alberto §.....	Neuroscience (<i>Dr. Dwayne Godwin</i>)
Robert Scott Bayne *.....	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (<i>Dr. Douglas Lyles</i>)
Natalie Kim Bremner-Hay.....	Chemistry (<i>Dr. Lindsay Comstock</i>)
Alexander Stamatios Dakos.....	Neuroscience (<i>Dr. Benjamin Rowland and Dr. Barry Stein</i>)
Sarah Elizabeth Ewin	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. Jeffrey Weiner</i>)
Derek A. Jones	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Joel Stitzel</i>)
Rasesh Bharatkumar Joshi *.....	Neuroscience (<i>Dr. Dwayne Godwin</i>)
Mireille E. Kelley.....	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Jillian Urban</i>)
Oula Khoury.....	Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (<i>Dr. Anthony Atala</i>)
Peiyun Li.....	Physics (<i>Dr. Richard Williams</i>)
Erica Lynn Lyons *	Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (<i>Dr. Allyn Howlett</i>)
Renata S. Magalhaes	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. Anthony Atala</i>)
Molly Marlene McGinnis	Neuroscience (<i>Dr. Brian McCool</i>)
Kyle Patrick McNamara.....	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Ashley Weaver</i>)
Sixbert Picard Muhoza.....	Chemistry (<i>Dr. Michael Gross</i>)
Emil Mikael Nilsson.....	Chemistry (<i>Dr. Rebecca Alexander</i>)
Goodwell Nzou.....	Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (<i>Dr. Anthony Atala</i>)
Pooja Dattatraya Patil.....	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. E. Ann Tallant and Dr. Patricia Gallagher</i>)
Olga Vladimirovna Pen	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. J. Daniel Bourland</i>)
Omeed A. Rahimi *	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. E. Ann Tallant and Dr. Patricia Gallagher</i>)
Tadas Kazimieras Rimkus.....	Cancer Biology (<i>Dr. Hui-Wen Lo</i>)
Kelli N. Simms §§.....	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Elaheh Rahbar</i>)
Nichanun Sirasunthorn	Chemistry (<i>Dr. Lindsay Comstock</i>)
Sherona R. Sirkisoon	Cancer Biology (<i>Dr. Hui-Wen Lo</i>)
Charles Bryson Williams III	Chemistry (<i>Dr. Bradley Jones</i>)
Zachary K. Zabarsky	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. Thomas Smith</i>)
Chenkang Zheng.....	Chemistry (<i>Dr. Patricia Dos Santos</i>)
Helena Rose Zimmermann	Neuroscience (<i>Dr. Tao Ma</i>)

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Alexander Cusa Bashore.....	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. John Parks</i>)
Stephen Mathew Day.....	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. Tao Ma</i>)
Alexa Samiah Hendricks §§	Neuroscience (<i>Dr. Debra Diz</i>)
Kristofer Theodore Michalson	Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (<i>Dr. Thomas Register</i>)
Logan Elyse Miller	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Joel Stitzel</i>)
Mona Saffarzadeh	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Ashley Weaver</i>)
Mary Elizabeth Stromberg	Molecular Genetics and Genomics (<i>Dr. Don Bowden</i>)
Emily Marie Tompkins	Biology (<i>Dr. David Anderson</i>)
James Franklin Tucker	Molecular Genetics and Genomics (<i>Dr. Ke Zhang</i>)
Xin Ye.....	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Ashley Weaver and Dr. Joel Stitzel</i>)

**in absentia* § *Joint Degree with Doctor of Medicine* §§ *Joint Degree with Master of Business Administration*

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (continued)

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Ahmad Al-Qawasmeh.....	Physics (<i>Dr. Natalie Holzwarth</i>)
Angela D. Broadnax.....	Chemistry (<i>Dr. Mark Welker</i>)
Ryan Richard Davis.....	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (<i>Dr. Thomas Hollis</i>)
Berkan Guleyupoglu.....	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Scott Gayzik</i>)
Rachel Annette Hillyer.....	Biology (<i>Dr. Miles Silman</i>)
Fatemeh Mokhtari	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. Paul Laurienti</i>)
Drew Richard Onken	Physics (<i>Dr. Richard Williams</i>)
Anirudh Sattiraju.....	Cancer Biology (<i>Dr. Akiva Mintz</i>)
Veronica Emily Scerra.....	Neuroscience (<i>Dr. Emilio Salinas and Dr. Terrence Stanford</i>)
Harleigh Jane Warner.....	Biomedical Engineering (<i>Dr. William Wagner</i>)
Jiajie Xiao.....	Physics (<i>Dr. Freddie Salsbury</i>)
Benyam Petros Yoseph.....	Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (<i>Dr. Shay Soker</i>)

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Meghan Althoff.....	Counseling
Stephanie Daniela Arismendy	Communication
Anna M. Ayers.....	Counseling
Erika Jade Bailey	Psychology
Kimberly Allysha Barrett.....	Counseling
Natalie Lillian Grace Bennie.....	Communication
Edward Lee Blanchard *	Liberal Studies
Amanda Bloom	Counseling
Jeffrey L. Blunt *	Counseling
Olivia Carolina Ozga Bonner \$\$\$.....	Sustainability
Amanda Bostjancic.....	Counseling
Kelly Anne Buchanan.....	Psychology
Kristen Bumgarner	Counseling
Caitlin Nicole Canada.....	Counseling
Nicolette Terese Castagna.....	Counseling
Michael Cerchia	Mathematics and Statistics
Mona Anne Matthews Clifton	Psychology
Scharlie Lynn Coleman.....	Counseling
Rong Cong.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
James Edward Cooper, Jr. *	Sustainability
Brandee Louise Crim.....	Counseling
Mikayla Ann Cservenko.....	Counseling
Geophrey Owen Darrow.....	English
Melissa Dawn Dixon	Counseling
Renee L. Donovan.....	Counseling

**in absentia* \$\$\$ Joint Degree with Juris Doctor

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

Leah Taylor Emery.....	Psychology
Allison Werk Farr.....	Counseling
Christina M. Ferguson *	Counseling
Rebecca Anne Fichthorn.....	Counseling
Alexis N. Fintchre	Counseling
Harriet Elizabeth Fisher.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
April Nastassia Foster.....	Counseling
Kristin Marie Frantz	Liberal Studies
Madeleine Achille Gallo *	English
Pablo Gannon.....	Communication
Lia L. Gormsen *	Counseling
Leslie I. Gura.....	Counseling
Laura Colston Hannifan.....	Counseling
Jiaxin He.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Ellen Elizabeth Hilliard	Counseling
Britany Hockley	Religious Studies
Corri Ann Hopkins \$\$\$ *	Sustainability
Alexandra Humphrey *	English
Angela L. Jackson.....	Counseling
Tyler Jagt *	English
Yixuan Ji.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Leah Inez Johnson	Counseling
Bobbi Lee Jones	Counseling
Marquis Jones	Communication
Elizabeth Lucille Whitley Joyner.....	Counseling
Chelsea Keaton *	Counseling
Megan Elizabeth Kessler.....	Counseling
Caitlin Rose Kirby	Communication
Sierra Jaques Kohler.....	Counseling
Catherine M. Kummer.....	Sustainability
Rebekah Morgan Lavender.....	Counseling
Eun Hyeok Lee	Mathematics and Statistics
Andrew Robert Lopez *	Bioethics
Kate Smith Mallory *	Counseling
John Michael Manchester, Jr.....	Communication
Colin E. Martin.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Margaret Elaine Mattox.....	Communication
Kaitlyn Rebecca Meyerowitz.....	Counseling
Lindsey Miguelez	Bioethics
Jacob Mihelich.....	Communication
Christopher Miller.....	Communication
Jillian Marie Miller *	Counseling
Megan Maureen Mischinski	Psychology

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

Amber Kristine Monroe	Communication
William Platte Boyd Moring.....	Counseling
Felix Morton IV	Counseling
Ann Noell.....	English
Laurise Althia Oliver.....	Counseling
Kristen Nicole Pascal.....	Counseling
Chloe Ann Pearson.....	Communication
Chentao Peng.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Zachary Pierce-Messick	Psychology
Ryan Popma.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Gabryella Marie Pulsinelli *	Sustainability
Hridya Chowduri Rao	Bioethics
Meghan Sabba Hall Rauen	Counseling
Maximilian Karl-Malzacher Rezek.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Heather Richardson.....	Religious Studies
Jessica Rivers *	Psychology
Susan C. Rogowski *	Mathematics and Statistics
Thomas Eric Simonson *	English
Ryan Smout.....	Psychology
Kathryn Sporing *	Counseling
Travis W. Stratford *	Counseling
Marki B. Sulzbach.....	Counseling
Ray Celeste Silverthorne Tanner	Communication
Kimberly Christine Thornton \$\$\$\$	Counseling
Mary Carlton Tribble	Liberal Studies
Brittani N. Waldrip.....	Counseling
Preston Charles Walker	Religious Studies
Yiwei Wang	Mathematics and Statistics
James Howard Warta	Mathematics and Statistics
Stephanie Webster *	Mathematics and Statistics
Elena Wise.....	Counseling
Thomas Woodward.....	Religious Studies
Xiaohuan Xue	Mathematics and Statistics
Yaqi Yang.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Yutong Yang.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Min Yi.....	Counseling
Ana Victoria Yrausquin	Counseling
Kayleigh Alyssa Zeeff	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Wanqun Zhan.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Yuanyuan Zhang.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Wenting Zhou.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Longhui Zou	Interpreting and Translation Studies

**in absentia* \$\$\$\$ Joint Degree with Master of Divinity

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

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Kristen Adkins	Counseling
Matthew David Berthinet.....	Sustainability
Katelyn Elizabeth Boan.....	Counseling
Edmund Tayloe Buckman IV	Counseling
Alessandra Marie Citro.....	Counseling
Nicholas Clinch.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Jessica Marie Naputi Crowther.....	Counseling
Rachel Dare Croxton	Bioethics
April Catheryne Dodd	Counseling
Kristie Marie-Rose Fuller	Counseling
Ashley Hamby	Counseling
Teneisha Nicole Hardison.....	Counseling
Laura Elise Holland	Counseling
Dawn M. Holmes	Counseling
Margaret Elizabeth Horvat.....	Bioethics
Ava Raquel Johnson.....	Counseling
David Edward Kouba	Counseling
Zachary Harrison Miller	Counseling
Sara Alberty Mize	Counseling
Elizabeth Kraemer Moyer.....	Counseling
Kate Farrell Polk.....	Counseling
Amanda Renee Ramirez	Counseling
Adonna Maria Roberts.....	Counseling
Matthew Wilson Siler.....	Counseling
Emily Stockett	Counseling
Emily Ahern Wareing	Counseling
Lisa Klein Weintraub.....	Counseling
Janay Marie Whittaker \$\$\$\$	Counseling
Krista Wingate	Counseling
Chenyuan Zhang	Counseling

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Crystal Aguero-Norman.....	Sustainability
Sharonda Lakiesha Ballard.....	Counseling
Lauren Gannon Bunker	Counseling
Erica Lea Barrett	Counseling
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