

Hooding Ceremony
2021

Wake Forest University
School of Divinity
Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Sunday, May 16



# SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING SUNDAY, MAY THE SIXTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY ONE LAWRENCE JOEL VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM

GATHERING: COME AND SEE Musician in Residence of the School of Divinity Christian McIvor ('20), Trumpet Sheila M. Virgil, Flute Assistant Dean of Development Janiece Williams ('20) Dean of the School of Divinity Presidential Chair of Religion and Society Dean of Wait Chapel CENTERING: ENCOUNTER GOD'S SPIRIT SCRIPTURE READING: PROCLAIMING: HEAR GOD'S WISDOM MUSICAL OFFERING "Great Things" by DeAndre Patterson ......Lift Every Voice HOMILY "Go to Galilee" . . . . . Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo Earley Associate Professor of Catholic and Latin American Studies

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\*All who are able are invited to stand.

## RESPONDING: SAY "YES" TO GOD'S CALL

Remarks
Conferring of Degrees
Jonathan L. Walton  Dean
HOODING OF THE GRADUATES
Shonda R. Jones Senior Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives and Integrative Learning Assistant Teaching Professor of Theological Education
School of Divinity Faculty
SENDING: GO AND SEE
Presentation of the Class Gift
Special Recognitions
Benediction
RECESSIONAL* "Go in Peace. Go in Love" (page 9)

#### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

DR. ELIZABETH O'DONNELL GANDOLFO is a constructive theologian in the Catholic tradition whose teaching and research interests coalesce around the following themes in feminist and Latin American liberation theologies: the place of motherhood in theology and spirituality; the theological and political significance of remembering suffering; and the decolonial ecclesiology of Christian base communities in Latin America. Her first book, *The Power and Vulnerability of Love: A Theological Anthropology* (Fortress, 2015), draws on women's experiences of maternity and natality to construct a theology of suffering and redemption that is anchored in the reality of human vulnerability. She is also co-editor of *Parenting as Spiritual Practice and Source for Theology: Mothering Matters* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), which brings together theological reflections on mothering by women scholars in theology, bible, and ethics. Gandolfo has recently completed a co-authored book manuscript entitled *Re-membering the Reign of God: The Decolonial Witness of El Salvador's Church of the Poor* (under contract with Lexington Books) and is in the beginning stages of writing her next monograph, *Eco-martyrdom in the Americas: Dying for Our Common Home* (under contract with Orbis Books). Her articles have appeared in several edited volumes and in scholarly journals such as *Horizons, Spiritus, Theology Today*, and *Louvain Studies*.

#### CLASS OF 2021 GIFT

Each member of the Class of 2021 has pledged to give at least \$20.21 toward the Wake Forest Fund-School of Divinity (annual fund) and Divinity Internships. At the School of Divinity, the annual fund directly supports our MDiv students, who are called to work for justice, reconciliation and compassion. The generosity of our supporters makes it possible for these exceptional students to attend WFU, earn their MDiv, and become agents of justice, reconciliation, and compassion. Your gifts to these funds play an integral role in shaping tomorrow's leaders for a life of service. All who enroll at the School of Divinity receive some form of financial aid. Your gift will help provide scholarships to students and allow them to focus on their academic pursuits rather than their financial obligations. The School of Divinity appreciates the Class of 2021's continuing efforts to meet the goal of one hundred percent participation from the class.

#### **Notes**

- The Commencement hashtags are #wakediv2021 and #wfugrad.
- Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.
- Due to pandemic restrictions of the previous year, class of 2020 graduates were invited to participate in this year's ceremony. Only participating 2020 graduates are listed.

#### LIFT EVERY VOICE:

Jasmine Evans ('21), leader
Steven Floyd ('21) piano

Jada Williams (JD/MDiv '24) percussion,
Sean McClure ('19) alto sax
Lovelle McMichael ('21)
Jasmine Logan ('23)
Janiece Williams ('20)

Renisha Lyon (MDiv/MA Counseling '22)
Barbara Rogers ('22)
Dayhige Wright ('20)

# PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL HYMNS:

Sally Ann Morris, piano
Sean McClure ('19) alto sax
Jada Williams (JD/MDiv '24) percussion
Austin Blake Tickle ('20)
Catherine Jackson-Jordan ('22)
Jasmine Logan ('23)
Christian McIvor ('20)

## SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS:

Johanna Judge Judy Thomas

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### DEGREE CONFERRED MAY 16, 2020 MASTER OF DIVINITY

Curtis Lee Adams	Beckley, WV	
Genesis Simone Adams †		
Ezra Rahel Fairley-Collins		
Sarah Margaret Hoover	Winston-Salem, NC	
Christian Clinton McIvor	Greensboro, NC	
Austin Blake Tickle	High Point, NC	
Janiece Renee Williams	Cleveland, OH	
Dayhige Mykell Wright	Greensboro, NC	
DEGREE CONFERRED MAY 16, 2020 MASTER OF DIVINITY / MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION		
Brandon Scott Petras ^	Worthington, PA	
DEGREE CONFERRED DECEMBER 31, 2020  MASTER OF DIVINITY		
Bradley Webster Chestnut.	Myrtle Beach, SC	
Cynthia Alden Gamble Nordskog	Winston-Salem, NC	
Katori DeShon Mobley	Winston-Salem, NC	
Anne Tambling	Winston-Salem, NC	
Sedaiya Rychael Walker-Mobley	Woodbridge, VA	
MASTER OF DIVINITY  May 2021 Graduates		
Paul Roy Anders	Collinsville, IL	
Mary Beth Beck-Henderson	Winston Salem, NC	
Gail Yvonne Brown ∞	High Point, NC	
JaMarcus Rashaun Bunn	Durham, NC	
Davita DesRoches.	Wolfville, NS, Canada	
Michael Lavoris Eley Jr.	Raleigh, NC	
Jasmine Katrice Evans †	Greensboro , NC	

Steven Lemarr Floyd Sr Greensbor	o, NC
Daniel R Godfrey	ıs, NC
Logan Caldwell Glenn Greenhaw	m, NC
Theresa Leron Gregory ‡ Greensbor	o, NC
Jacquelyn Emily Dora Hall	io, TN
Heather Marie Hill Winston Saler	m, NC
Richard Nehemiah Lazarus Hughes	ill, SC
Adam Casel Keener Winston Saler	m, NC
Jeffrey Reed Lawson	m, NC
Graham Lee	m, NC
Jenny Vu Mai	te, NC
Lovelle Akim McMichael	le, NC
Brandy Armstrong Murray	nt, NC
Kiersti Grace Phenow §	s, MN
Kristan Alexandra Pitts	lle, SC
Lucas Ray Safrit	ry, NC
Benjamin Walker Smith ^	n, MS
Allison M. Venable	o, NC
Peggy Arlene Weir	le, NC
Christy Anne Wilson	hamas

Only participating 2020 graduates are listed.

<sup>^</sup> Summer Graduate

<sup>§</sup> Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration: General Track

 $<sup>^{\</sup>infty}$  Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration: Food Track

<sup>‡</sup> Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration: Health Track

<sup>†</sup>Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Concentration

#### SCHOOL OF DIVINITY JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

Religious leaders are challenged to respond to countless contemporary challenges. Together, joint degrees create opportunities that enhance what each degree offers on its own.

#### Master of Divinity / Masters of Arts in Education

This degree is for students seeking to enter vocations at the intersection of religion and public education and/or who are interested in bi-vocational options that link public school teaching with religious leadership in congregational or non-profit contexts. Students enrolled in the joint degree program can complete the requirements for both degrees in four years instead of the five years needed if each program is undertaken separately.

Additional joint degrees with other schools and programs of the University include bioethics, counseling, law, sustainability, and a dual degree pathway in management with the School of Business.

Read more about our degree programs at divinity.wfu.edu/academics.

#### Master of Divinity Concentrations

The Wake Forest University School of Divinity provides an integrative, multi-disciplinary approach to theological education. One of our aims is to equip women and men to be public religious leaders. Several concentrations within the Master of Divinity degree offer courses that allow students to develop skills and gain knowledge specific to particular fields of study and areas of public religious leadership.

#### Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology

Religious leaders today have unique and growing opportunities to impact congregations and communities by understanding the synergistic relationship between food, health, and ecology as each is broadly defined. Public health leaders and institutions and religious leaders and institutions share much history and at least one goal: the well-being of humans and the communities in which they live, work, and play. Religious leaders today become more effective when they cultivate a holistic view of wellness and learn strategies for helping faith communities embody this view in worship, education, mission, and other programs. This Master of Divinity concentration explores the implications for and intersections of contemporary religious leadership with foodways, the health of the public, and ecology through three tracks: food, health, and ecology. A general track is also available.

Read more about all of our concentrations at divinity.wfu.edu/academics/concentrations.

#### GRADUATE CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES.

The Graduate Concentration in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Wake Forest is designed to provide graduate students across campus the opportunity to study gender and sexuality from a range of disciplinary perspectives in conjunction with their study toward a professional program's or master's degree.

#### STUDENT LIFE AND GRADUATION COMMITTEE:

#### STUDENT MARSHALS:

Jill Y. Crainshaw

Graham Lee ('21), Student Leadership Council, Third-Year Representative

Shonda R. Jones

Brandy Murray ('21)

Allison Venable ('21)

Michael Branton (MDiv/MA Counseling '24)

Jasmine Logan (MDiv '23)

Madison White (MDiv '22)

Jada Williams (JD/MDiv '24)

Logan John (MDiv '22)

#### ABOUT THE BILL J. LEONARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD PRO FIDE ET HUMANITATE:

The Bill J . Leonard Distinguished Service Award is awarded annually to faculty, alumni, or friends of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity . Recipients embody the principle of Wake Forest's motto of Pro Humanitate and the School's mission, such as a commitment to diverse faith engagements and to being agents of justice, reconciliation, and compassion in Christian churches and other ministries.

The award was established and funded by the late James M. Dunn and his wife, Marilyn, to honor "the life contributions of Bill J. Leonard as teacher, scholar, historian, and as the first dean of the divinity school at Wake Forest." Dunn served as resident professor of Christianity and public policy from 1999 until his retirement in 2014.

The first award was made during the 2009-2010 academic year to commemorate the School's first class of entering students in 1999 and to honor the Reverend Dr. Bill J. Leonard's decade of service to the School.

#### RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

2010

Bill I. Leonard

Dean and Professor of Church History (retired)

2011

Douglass "Doug" M. Bailey Assistant Professor of Urban Ministry (retired)

2012

Laura Barclay (MDiv '08)

2014

Michael "Mike" Aiken ('71)

Executive Director, Greensboro Urban Ministry (retired)

2015

Jo Ann Trethaway

Operations Manager, School of Divinity (retired)

2016

Jeanette Wallace Hyde ('58, LLD '10)

United States Ambassador and Wake Forest life trustee

2017

J. Lee Hill, Jr. (MDiv '05)

2018

Gail R. O'Day (1954-2018)

Dean and Professor of New Testament and Preaching

2019

John Mendez

Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church

2020

Mark E. Jensen

Teaching Professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology

2021

Chelsea Yarborough ('15)

PhD Candidate in Homiletics and Liturgics, Vanderbilt University

### FROM WISDOM EMERGING



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## Go in Peace, Go in Love



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# I WILL ofen rivers IN high places, AND FOUNTAINS IN

THE midst of the valleys: I WILL MAKE THE wilderness

A POOL OF WATER, AND THE dry land SPRINGS OF WATER.

Isaiah 41:18

THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THEM, Se not afraid go tell MY

BRETHREN THAT THEY go into Galilee, AND THERE

SHALL THEY See me.

Matthew 28:10