

Hooding Geremony
2022

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
WAIT CHAPEL
SATURDAY, MAY 14



SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING SATURDAY, MAY THE FOURTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO WAIT CHAPEL

PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT*

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Alyson Anderson ('23)
Gabbi Pohlman ('25)

PROCESSIONAL*: "Sing A New World Into Being" (page 8)

OPENING PRAYER

Aundreya Shepherd ('22)

WELCOME

Jonathan Lee Walton

Dean of the School of Divinity

Presidential Chair of Religion and Society

Dean of Wait Chapel

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:28-31

Raymond O'Pharrow ('22)

Grace McMullen ('22)

Paul Freeman ('22)

SCRIPTURAL REFRAIN: "Isaiah 40:31"



^{*}All who are able are invited to stand.

New Testament Reading
Musical Offering: "Order My Steps" (page 9)
Introduction of Speaker
HOODING Address: "The Hidden Leaven"
Conferring of Degree
Jonathan Lee Walton Dean
Hooding of the Graduates
Brittani Hunt Director of Student Services
School of Divinity Faculty
Special Recognition : The Margaret Woodford Guthrie Prize
Presentation of the Class Gift
Special Recognition : The Bill J. Leonard Distinguished Service Award Jonathan Lee Walton Dean
Benediction. Jonathan Lee Walton Dean
RECESSIONAL*: "Go in Peace. Go in Love" (page 9)

Please join us for a reception honoring the graduates in the Green Room of Reynolda Hall.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

DR. CHARLES "AUSTIN" RIVERA joined the faculty of Wake Divinity in 2021 as Assistant Professor of Church History. In his research and teaching, Rivera tells a truly global story of the history of the Church that challenges western-centric views which have traditionally shaped the teaching of Church history, especially of the ancient and medieval periods. In narrating the history of Christian doctrine, Rivera brings to the fore texts and genres conventionally excluded from the realm of theology proper, especially poetry. His current research project offers a new account of the idea of grace in two ancient Christian authors, the biblical interpreter Origen of Alexandria and the poet Ephrem of Nisibis. Rivera holds degrees from The University of Chicago, Duke Divinity School, and Yale University.

Rivera is also an ordained elder in the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has pastored local congregations in Kansas and Nebraska. He is passionate about sharing the riches of the Church's past with Christians today. Here at Wake Divinity, Professor Rivera lives out his dual vocation as both an academic and a pastor as an intellectual for the Church.

Since 2019, he has been married to the Rev. Dr. Diana Abernethy, Assistant Professor of Religion (Old Testament) at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama.

CLASS OF 2022 GIFT

Members of the Class of 2022 gave \$20.22 toward the enrichment of the Wake Forest University School of Divinity student lounge. The student lounge is a communal space for Divinity students to connect, study and engage with one other. The generosity of our supporters make the enhancement of this space possible. Your gifts play an integral role in continuing to strengthen community life within the Divinity School. The School of Divinity appreciates the Class of 2022's continued efforts in contributing to our learning community.

Notes

- The Commencement hashtags are #wakediv2022 and #wfugrad.
- Please silence all mobile devices during the ceremony.
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DIVINITY CHOIR:

Joshuah Campbell, director Matthew Bacon ('24), organ Jada Williams ('24), drums Sally Morris, piano Gabrielle Banks ('24) Alfred Clemonts ('20) Jill Crainshaw Ramon Durham ('24) Davita DesRoches ('21) Derek Hicks

Catherine Jackson-Jordan ('22) Mark Jensen

Jasmine Logan ('23)

Demi McCoy ('17) Lovelle McMichael ('21)

Darnysha Nard ('17)

Kenneth Pettigrew ('16) Blake Tickle ('20)

MUSICIANS

Matthew Bacon, organ

Joshuah Campbell Director of Music & Arts Director of University Gospel Choir

> Sally Morris, piano Musician in Residence

STUDENT MARSHALS:

Kari Baumann ('23) Donald Fragale ('23) Chloe Griffin ('23) Kirby Jones ('24) Daniel Lee ('23) Caroline Tucker ('23)

DEGREE CONFERRED DECEMBER 31, 2021 MASTER OF DIVINITY

MASTER OF DIVINITY		
May 2022 Graduates		
Elizabeth Morrow Davis	Sioux Falls, SD	
Hannah Murray Fox §	Chuckey, TN	
Paul Matthew Freeman	Winston-Salem, NC	
Alden Bradley Gallimore.	Powder Springs, GA	
Weston Griffith Henderson.	Winston-Salem, NC	
Catherine Marie Jackson-Jordan	Huntersville, NC	
Logan Wade John †	Franklinton, NC	
Ashley LaRaine Love	Salisbury, NC	
Maya Latoria McCoy	Winston Salem, NC	
Grace Marie McMullen	Lakeland, FL	
Raymond Maurice O'Pharrow	Kinston, NC	
Taylor L. Romeo	East Moline, IL	
Aundreya Kailin Shepherd	Leicester, NC	
Ellen Dawn Snow §	Colfax, NC	
Austin Tolbert	Wytheville, VA	
Madison Dori White	Winston-Salem, NC	
Logan Foster Willis	Winston-Salem, NC	
MASTER OF DIVINITY / MASTER OF ARTS IN CO May 2022 Graduate	UNSELING	
Ellen Marjorie Claire Doster.	Brunswick, GA	

MASTER OF DIVINITY / MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING August 2022 Graduate

Renisha Nicole Lyon
MASTER OF DIVINITY December 2022 Graduate
Patrick Louis Evans
MASTER OF DIVINITY / MASTER OF ARTS IN SUSTAINABILITY December 2022 Graduate
Jessica Mendez Rowe §
MASTER OF DIVINITY / MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING May 2023 Graduates
Meredith Kelley Trank
Adam Patrick Windham

[§] Religious Leadership in Food, Health, and Ecology Concentration: General Track

 $^{^{\}dagger}$ Interfaith Literacy and Leadership 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 / Master of Arts in Counseling

This Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Counseling joint degree is for students seeking to enter vocations in religious leadership with skills both in theology and counseling. Students enrolled in the joint degree program can complete the requirements for both the Divinity and Master of Arts in Counseling degrees in four years instead of the five years needed if each program is undertaken separately.

Master of Divinity / Master of Arts in Sustainability

The Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Sustainability joint degree acknowledges the growing demand for professionals in religious leadership venues who have the knowledge and the skills to lead communities to respond to critical ecological and other social issues. Congregations and other religiously affiliated organizations are increasingly interested in sustainability concerns and seek leaders who can guide their efforts to respond to these concerns. Knowledge from the biological, physical, chemical, and earth sciences are critical to any working professional who designs and implements sustainability practices. The humanities and social sciences incorporate information about spirituality, religious beliefs, and an understanding and appreciation of our relationship to the natural world.

Additional joint degrees with other schools and programs of the University include education, bioethics, law 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.

Interfaith Literacy and Leadership

A religiously pluralistic society needs leaders committed to respectful and collaborative engagement with diverse faith traditions. This concentration provides students with opportunities for focused study of a non-Christian religious or spiritual tradition and the development of the necessary leadership skills for fostering interfaith understanding and cooperation.

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

STUDENT LIFE AND GRADUATION COMMITTEE:

STUDENT PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Brittani Hunt Catherine Jackson-Jordan ('22) John Senior Catherine Jackson-Jordan ('22) Grace McMullen ('22) Aundreya Shepherd ('22)

ABOUT THE MARGARET WOODFORD GUTHRIE PRIZE

The Margaret Woodford Guthrie Prize is an award established by Wiley C. Guthrie ('52) in memory of his wife. Recipients must have a superior scholarship record, a personality suited to the requirements of Christian ministry, and have effectively participated in the school's activities.

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 J. 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

2022

Elizabeth "Betty" Miller Strickland

SING A NEW WORLD INTO BEING



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GO IN PEACE. GO IN LOVE



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b.1953 Tune: GIPGIL; Sally Ann Morris, b.1952 BUT THOSE THAT wait ON THE LORD SHALL
RENEW THEIR strength. THEY SHALL MOUNT
UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES, THEY SHALL run
AND NOT BE WEARY, THEY SHALL walk

AND NOT FAINT.

Isaiah 40:31

MAY THE GOD OF hope FILL YOU WITH ALL

joy and peace IN BELIEVING, SO THAT YOU

MAY ABOUND IN hope BY THE POWER OF THE

HOLY SPIRIT.

Romans 15:13

