2016 GRADUATION CELEBRATION
THE THIRTEENTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN

Columbian College of Arts & Sciences
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Master’s & Doctoral Degrees
Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the faculty and staff at the George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, I congratulate you on this momentous academic achievement.

In the journey that brought you here today, you have been part of a community of scholars—curious, questioning, and eager to examine and analyze issues and ideas. You took chances, embraced outside-the-box thinking, and combined your academic rigor with a spirit of exploration and adventure. And, through GW's distinct connections and enviable location in the heart of the nation's capital, you have benefited from unique learning and research opportunities to enhance your intellectual and personal growth.

Think about all you have experienced: You may have worked side-by-side with world-renowned scholars in a classroom, lab, or field site; or benefited from prestigious research grants that positioned you to explore an exciting innovation; or maybe you took full advantage of our partnerships with the world's top research and cultural institutions—from the Library of Congress to the National Institutes of Health to the Smithsonian. Wherever your educational adventure has led you, I encourage you to continue to follow your passion and pursue your dreams.

It is also my sincere hope that your time here has prepared you to be informed, engaged, and compassionate citizens of the world. While you may have come to the final page in this chapter of your education, you are about to write an exciting new book in your ongoing legacy of learning and discovery.

I encourage you to stay connected with our students, faculty, and fellow graduates. The relationships you have forged here will continue to provide a strong network of support as you pursue future goals. We are a vast and vibrant community connected by a shared purpose: to build a better future through knowledge and understanding. Your continued engagement can and will make a difference.

Again, I offer my hearty congratulations on this significant achievement and wish you all the best for the future.

Ben Vinson III
Dean
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences
PRELUDE .........................................................................................................................................................

2016 GRADUATION CEREMONY

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONS .................................................................................................................................

Students, Faculty, and Dean

WELCOME ............................................................................................................................................................

Michael King
School Marshal

FACULTY SPEAKER ..............................................................................................................................................

Christopher Carrigan
Adjunct Professor of Public Policy and Public Administration and Policy

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE FACULTY MENTORING .................................................................

Presented by Jeffrey Brand
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies

GRADUATE FACULTY MENTOR AWARDEE ........................................................................................................

Adrienne B. Hancock
Associate Professor of Speech and Hearing Science

DISTINGUISHED MASTERS DEGREE SCHOLAR ..................................................................................................

Amanda K. Figueroa
Master of Arts, American Studies

ANNOUNCEMENT OF STUDENT AWARDS ........................................................................................................

Michael King
School Marshal

INTRODUCTION OF THE GRADUATES .................................................................................................................

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CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES ................................................................................................................................

Ben Vinson III
Dean

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DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

American Studies
Eltie M. Carper Prize for Outstanding Senior Research Essay ................................................................. Ariel Amaru

Anthropology
Jane B. Hart Awards for Academic Excellence ....................................................................................... Ashley Ohnona, Peri Buch, Tristan Scholl, Samuel Johnson

Art Therapy
The Katherine J. Williams and Prasad Family Multicultural Award .............................................. Sone-Seere Burrell, Johanna Martinez

The Kwaikowska Award ......................................................................................................................... Ashley Carr, Lida Sunderland

Biological Sciences
Harlan Scholars .............................................................................................................................................. Connor Barley, Ced Block, Julia Keegan, Melinda McCalley

American Institute of Chemists Prize – Undergraduate Student .......................................................... Simon Wentworth, Maya Wolf

American Institute of Chemists Prize – Graduating Doctoral Student .................................................. Simon Wentworth, Maya Wolf

American Chemical Society Prize – Division of Analytical Chemistry ................................................. Hannah S. Yi

Alpha Chi Sigma Prize – Highest Academic Record in Chemistry Courses ........................................... Richard M. Fisher

American Chemical Society Prize – Division of Analytical Chemistry ................................................. Richard M. Fisher

American Institute of Chemists Prize – Graduating Doctoral Student .................................................... Sara M. Wagner

American Institute of Chemists Prize – Undergraduate Student ............................................................ Hannah S. Yi

Benjamin D. Van EaVer Memorial Prize – Effective Graduate Teaching Assistants ............................ Jennifer A. Giacci, Xu (Jack) Wang

Byrne Thurtell Burns Memorial Prize ........................................................................................................... Richard M. Fisher, Hannah S. Yi

Chemical Rubber Company Freshman Chemistry Achievement Prize .................................................. Schobha Jagannathan

Chemical Society of Washington Prize ..................................................................................................... Richard M. Fisher

Madeleine Reimer Jacoby Scholars .............................................................................................................. Richard M. Fisher, John-Hanson Machado, Jenna L. Sartucci, Hannah S. Yi

William E. Fitch Prize ....................................................................................................................................... Hannah S. Yi

Classical and Semitic Languages and Literatures
Elton Prize ......................................................................................................................................................... Katherine Lee Bradshaw

John Francis Latimer Prize in Classics ........................................................................................................... Katherine Lee Bradshaw

Staughton Prize .............................................................................................................................................. Katherine Lee Bradshaw

Economics
Hoib Prize in Economics for the Best Economics Proseminar Paper for 2014 ........................................... Andrew Avitabile

English
Clayssens Prize .............................................................................................................................................. Dillon Lewis

E.K. Catter Prize .............................................................................................................................................. Katherine Bradshaw

Goddard Prize ................................................................................................................................................. Katherine Bradshaw
### DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

**Sylvia Spick Prize**

**Vivian Nellis Prize**

**Fine Art and Art History**

Leite Prize for Outstanding Work by a Second-Year MA Student in Art History

Outstanding Senior in Art History

Outstanding Senior in Combined Art History and Fine Arts

**History**

Outstanding Senior in Fine Arts

**Judaic Studies**

Graduate Student Teaching Award

**Mathematics**

Graduate Student Teaching Award

James H. Taylor Graduate Prize

Marein Green Prize

Raglows Undergraduate Prize

**Museum Studies**

Marie C. Malroz Excellence in Research and Writing Award

**Geological Sciences**

George C. Stephens Award

**Geography**

Dorn C. McGrath Award

Muriel H. Parry Award

Robert D. Campbell Prize

Thomas Foggin Award in Environmental Studies

**Graduation Celebration 2016**

Graduate Studio Award

Thomas F. Walsh Prize

Jesse Fant Evans Prize – Excellence in Contemporary History

The Gardiner G. Hubbard Memorial Prize

**International Studies**

The Leite Prize for Outstanding Work by a Second-Year MA Student in Art History

Outstanding Senior in Art History

Outstanding Senior in Combined Art History and Fine Arts

**Interior Design**

Graduate Studio Award

**Judaic Studies**

Graduate Student Award

Undergraduate Studio Award

**Mathematics**

Graduate Student Teaching Award

James H. Taylor Graduate Prize

Marein Green Prize

Raglows Undergraduate Prize

**Museum Studies**

Marie C. Malroz Excellence in Research and Writing Award

**Music**

Barry Manilow Endowed Prize in Music

Harmon Choral Award

**Organizational Sciences and Communication**

Henigian-Stevens Communication Award

Isaac Davis Communication Award

**Philosophy**

Excellence in Service to the Department of Philosophy and/or the Community

Gauss Prize for Excellence in Philosophy

**Physics**

Barry Manilow Endowed Prize in Music

Harry Yeide Prize for Excellence in the Field of Religious Studies

**Religion**

Buka Family Prize in German

National Slavic Honor Society Award: Dobro Slovo

**School of Media and Public Affairs**

Dorothy and Will Roberts Prize

Mabriem-Stirling Research Prize

School of Media and Public Affairs Distinguished Scholar

**The Hoberman Family Prize**

**Departmental Prizes**

Emily Nee Asquith

Catherine West

Emma Perloff

Milan Gary

Emily Hawthorne

Gloriana Sojo

Katherine Cann

Stephen Conley

Eleanor Davis

Ava Marie Lazor

Matthew Maressa

Robert Hansen

Emily Niekrasz

Jennifer Sherman

Nicholas Holy, Edward Rickford

Ross Schofield Berry

Caley Donovan (Undergraduate)

Michael Johnson (Graduate)

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Aminatou Fall

Yaron Ginsberg

Lara El-Sherrif, Hakim Walker

Chong Wang

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Kevin Long

Emily Pearce

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Jorah Huntington, Samantha Law

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Maha Hasen, Harry Rosenberg

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Benjamin Heffner

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Joshua Schwartz

Kathryn Ferlito

Audrey Anna Elliott

Katrina Lindemann, Shyi Zhou

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Emily Mascarenas, Cody Van Dusen, Chance (Losse) Williams

Nana Agyemang, Jaggar DeMarco, Christopher Evans, Sam Gubitz, Molly Hogan, Colleen Murphy, Alayna Treene

Farida Fawzy, Molly Hogan

Christopher Evans

Joanne Zalatoris
Sociology
Hilda Haves Manchester Award.........................................................................................Emily Daenzer
2015 Honey W. Nashman Outstanding Senior in Human Services Award..................Shanna Helf
Outstanding Senior in Sociology Award .........................................................................Shaun Harrison
William J. Chambliss Outstanding Senior in Criminal Justice.................................Vera Kiefer

Speech and Hearing Sciences
The Diane Brewer Leadership Award .............................................................................Sara Pool
J. W. Hillis Undergraduate Student Leadership Award..................................................Rebecca Goldenberg

Statistics
Jerome Cornfield Award....................................................................................................Joshua Tsoyz
J. W. Hillis Undergraduate Student Leadership Award..................................................Panpan Zhang

Theatre and Dance
Bradley William Sabelli Design Award............................................................................Molly Hall
Kevin Peter Hall Memorial Theatre and Dance Award..................................................Joshua Bierman
Maida Wither Impact Award ..........................................................................................Andree Beals
Nancy Dier Johnson Theatre and Dance Award .............................................................Lauren Lamb
The Al Kincaid Theatre and Dance Award......................................................................Samantha Gonzalez
The Elizabeth Bartner Theatre and Dance Award ..........................................................Gabrielle Garruppo
The Herbert M. Price Memorial Theatre and Dance Award .........................................Emily Yula
The Maida Witherns Dance Construction Company Innovation Award........................Felicia Avalos
The Paul Parody Memorial Theatre and Dance Award..................................................Alexandra Zanikos
The Tim Evans Memorial Theatre and Dance Award ..................................................Sydney Moore
The Todd Andrew Musser Theatre and Dance Award..................................................Marcelene Sutter

The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration
The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration Community Service Award.................................Joshua Alvarez
The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration Leadership Award..................................................Austin Barkow, Neko Michelle Castleberry, Monika Jansen, Aura Kirstein, Sofie Miller, Rachael Munkaci
The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration Service Award........................................................................Marisa Kanof, Chelsea Lenhart, Emilie Rafal, Jessica Taylor

Women’s Studies
Nicole Paul Award..............................................................................................................Gina Chirillo
Outstanding Feminist Scholarship by an Undergraduate................................................James M. Fondin, Michela Masson, Jennifer Meneray
Women’s Studies Endowment Scholarship..................................................................Jennifer Meneray
Women’s Studies Graduate Prize for Feminist Scholarship........................................James Johnston
Women’s Studies “Making A Difference” Award............................................................Erin Hultgren
Women’s Studies Service to the Community of Women Award...................................Jennifer Meneray

CORCORAN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AND DESIGN
Arts and Humanities
Ann Elson Memorial Prize for Academic Excellence .......................................................Leila Egaino, Jessica Metzger
BA Senior Thesis Award...................................................................................................Emma Sweeney

BFA Graphic Design and Digital Media Design
Senior Thesis Graphic Design Award..............................................................................Karl Anders Larsson
Senior Thesis Writing Award in Design..........................................................................Lucien Liz-Lepiorz
Senior Undergraduate Digital Media Design Faculty Award.........................................Grace Boyle, Alexa Carlson

Art and the Book Program
Art and the Book Faculty Award......................................................................................Marisol Ardon
Art and the Book Thesis Award.........................................................................................Magdalena Cordero

Corcoran Interior Design Program
BA Senior Thesis Award...................................................................................................Haley Zimmerman
MA Senior Thesis Award.....................................................................................................Maria Del Paz Marin
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE FACULTY MENTORING

The Award for Excellence in Graduate Faculty Mentoring is given to a faculty member nominated by graduate students. Graduate mentoring and advising are crucial because of the range of programs and the variety of research projects that students undertake. Careful mentoring and advising enable students to select appropriate plans of study, and close monitoring advances research and facilitates the successful completion of graduate programs.

The 2015-16 Award for Excellence in Graduate Faculty Mentoring is presented to Dr. Adrienne B. Hancock of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. A former department chair describes her as "a role model for all faculty who mentor students." In her seven years at the university, Dr. Hancock has directed seven master’s theses, served on seven additional thesis committees and directed fourteen independent studies. She regularly talks with alumni, as well as students at other universities, about her area of specialization, transgender voice.

One student wrote of Dr. Hancock, “She encouraged me to do things, such as speak on LGBTQ issues at another university, become part of an ASHA community, and take a particularly challenging job for the upcoming year, that I questioned my ability to do. She has been a source of power throughout everything over the past year-and-a-half.”

Another student went to Dr. Hancock to apologize for her poor performance on a challenging exam. “Dr. Hancock brushed off my apologies for my poor grade,” the student writes, “She immediately set to calm my fears about my inadequacy and brainstormed with me as to how I might best study and what I could do to maximize my success in graduate school. I left her office feeling empowered by her faith in me.”

Yet another student, facing severe financial hardship, found a tireless advocate in Dr. Hancock, who wrote letters of support nominating the student for a wide range of scholarships. That student is receiving her graduate degree here today.

A key element of Dr. Hancock’s success is her style of mentorship and the thoughtful approach she brings to her efforts on students’ behalf. “In her office, you are her peer,” writes one. She sets up her office so she can sit next to students – “shoulde to shoulders,” as she calls it – and look at pages and projects together.

Dr. Hancock also sets high expectations. In the words of one student, “She takes the time to challenge me. She treats your ideas with respect and is welcoming of student contributions. She entertained my emails for an entire week about what statistical statistic should be used for my thesis, only to find out that I was far from accurate! I wasn’t right, but I learned something because she let me try. Never one to hand you an answer, Dr. Hancock ensures that you leave each interaction with experience in critical thinking.”

Dr. Hancock is known as “someone who advocates for her students.” They come to her with issues ranging from career path to boyfriends, from personality clashes with supervisors to infertility stress. As students in her department say when faced with adversity, “Go talk to Dr. Hancock. She is our voice of reason.”

EMERITUS FACULTY 2016

The faculty code provides that a member of the faculty with long and distinguished service to the university may, upon retirement, be awarded emeritus status. While these words convey both the criteria and process for awarding this academic rank, they fail to connect fully with the countless students whose lives have been enriched by these colleagues, the contributions each has made to the disciple, or the service each had rendered to this college.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

2016 MASTERS DEGREE GRADUATES

AMERICAN STUDIES

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Fine Arts and Art History....Frank Wright
History..........................Linda Levy Peck
Music............................Benno Fritz
Psychology.......................Carol Reisen
Romance, German, Slavic Languages and Literatures...Isabel Vergara
**BIOCHEMISTRY AND SYSTEMS BIOLOGY**
- Diti Chatterjee Bhowmick

**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**
- Jashri Atri
- Tania Doris Maldonado
- Bethany Anna Stokes

**BIOSTATISTICS**
- Yafei Bai
- Jui-Lien Hsu
- Anna Yakovleva
- Xiaoxi Chen
- Sophia Hui Wang

**CHEMISTRY**
- John W. Bain
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- Jason Chi-Ming Lau
- Jessica Fae Stuart

**CLASSICAL ACTING**
- Laura Kathleen Artesi
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- Jamison Turey Foreman
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- Mackenzie Lynn Beyer
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**CRIMINOLOGY**
- Sara N. Fisher
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- Sonya Rebecca Volsky
- Angela Sunmin Lee
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**DATA SCIENCE**
- Jiyu Ding

**DANCE**
- Felicia Beatriz Avalos
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- Sarah Barbara Smith

**ECONOMICS**
- Mohammed Maraj Allahrakha
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- Kimberly Ann Allos
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- Adam Forrer
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**FINE ARTS**
- Eames M. Armstrong
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- Armaghan Mehrabian
- Danielle Dane’ Smith

**FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**
- Chelsea J. Bennett
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### 2016 Masters Degree Graduates

#### Forensic Psychology (Continued)

- Maxwell Isaac Lyle Mabilouf
- Fallon Claire McNulty
- Alicia M. McShane
- Corey M. Memmott
- Meredith Ashley Heinzels
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