

2021 GRADUATION CELEBRATION

THE THIRTEENTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE 7:00 P.M.

Master's Programs

Columbian College of Arts & Sciences

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY







SEAL OF THE COLUMBIAN COLLEGE



In 1819, the Reverend Luther Rice, Obadiah B. Brown, Spencer H. Cone, and Enoch Reynolds (all Baptist ministers) set in motion the reality of a college in the District. These men raised the needed funds to purchase land in the nation's capital, petitioned the Congress for a charter, and began organizing a college.

On February 9, 1821, President James Monroe signed the Act of Congress which created the College. By design of the Congress, a special provision was included which required that "persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected Trustees; nor shall any person, either as President, Professor, Tutor or pupil, be refused admittance, or denied any of the privileges, immunities, or advantages thereof, for or on account of his sentiments in matters of religion."

The original seal was designed by James Peale in 1821, at the time of the founding of the Columbian College. This is the seal that the graduates are wearing today as medals. The seal features a Biblical lion lying down with a lamb and Greek text in an open book. The Greek translates to "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God."

In 1873, the name Columbian College was changed to Columbian University and the seal was changed slightly to reflect this. The Latin text around the outside was changed from "Columbiani Collegii" to "Universitatis Columbianae Sigillim." In addition, some text was added to fill up the rest of the open book, since the Greek phrase only took up part of one page. In 1905, after the name changed to the George Washington University, the old seal was replaced by a completely new one.

The original Columbian College seal is currently on display in the Memorabilia Room of Gelman Library.

LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Paul J. Wahlbeck
Dean

Congratulations, Graduates!

This day marks the beginning of a new and exciting journey. As a graduate of the Columbian College of the Arts and Sciences, you now carry with you the skills that our university's namesake considered essential for responsible citizenship, skills that will help you be informed and effective global citizens. I encourage you to use your studies as a foundation for contributing to your communities and making a difference in whatever field you pursue.

As students of the liberal arts, you were driven by your desire to explore new ideas, to think broadly, be creative, ask questions and tackle new challenges. You took chances, combined your academic rigor and achievement with a spirit of exploration and adventure, and enhanced your intellectual and personal growth through GW's unique connections across the nation's capital and around the world.

During your time here, you collaborated with world-renowned scholars; benefited from research grants that positioned you to explore exciting innovations; and had access to the world's top research and cultural institutions—from the Library of Congress to the National Institutes of Health to the Smithsonian. You've also had a front-row seat to history and have experienced some truly special "only at GW" moments.

The relationships you established will provide a strong network to keep you connected with this institution and the world beyond our campus. Wherever you go, be proud to call yourself a George Washington University graduate. It is a privileged group, one that will reward you both personally and professionally.

Please know that the GW community will always be open to you, wherever and however you choose to keep in touch. I encourage you to stay connected through our social media platforms and read about our continued progress—and your continued impact—in our alumni publications. When the opportunity arises, I also hope you come back to Foggy Bottom to attend an event, participate in a campus forum or visit a faculty member.

Congratulations and all my best wishes as you embark on a future of promise and unlimited possibility!

Sincerely,

Paul J. Wahlbeck

Dean, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

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2021 CELEBRATION SPEAKERS



Marsha Reeves, B.A. '91
Executive Director, KIPP Baltimore

Marsha Reeves leads KIPP Baltimore, a non-profit organization that operates KIPP Harmony Academy and KIPP Ujima Village Academy—elementary and middle public charter schools. KIPP Baltimore is part of a national network of college-preparatory and public charter schools seeking to prepare students with the skills and confidence to pursue the paths they choose.

Prior to pursuing her passion towards equity in public education, Reeves was an accomplished leader in the private context, including twenty years of broad legal experience in Fortune 500 companies and both start-up and public emerging technology companies. Reeves began her career as an associate at Latham & Watkins and served as associate general counsel for the Technology and e-Commerce Practice Group at Fannie Mae. She then became the vice president and general counsel for Bill Me Later and successfully led their sale to PayPal, where she continued to lead the legal team until 2014.

Her non-profit leadership experience also includes serving on the boards of the Baltimore Community Foundation and the Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools, as well as Columbian College's National Council of Arts & Sciences. Reeves was a part of Baltimore's 2018 Leadership Class and was a 2020 recipient of *The Maryland Daily Record*'s Top 100 Women award.

Reeves holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the George Washington University and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.



Fran Buntman
Assistant Professor of Sociology

Assistant Professor of Sociology Fran Buntman received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. She also has a master's in management of human services from Brandeis University, and her undergraduate degrees are from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. Dr. Buntman's research focuses on prisons, law, power and resistance, with the goal to both understand and redress inequities and injustice. These themes are core to her book, *Robben Island and Prisoner Resistance to Apartheid* (Cambridge, 2003) and her recent journal article "Prison and Law, Repression and Resistance: Colonialism and Beyond" (2019). In addition to serving as the Department of Sociology's director of graduate studies, Dr. Buntman directs the interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in law and society, which she helped create. She integrates theory and practice in her teaching and mentoring of students, and is currently engaged in research projects that examine prison's consequences on the children of incarcerated parents, prisoner reentry and the manifestos of mass shooters.

2021 DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR

DISTINGUISHED MASTER'S DEGREE SCHOLAR

The Distinguished Scholar Award is bestowed upon a master's student in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) who has excelled academically and shown commitment to scholarship through participation in research or other academic leadership activities. With this prize, CCAS recognizes exceptional achievement and excellence in graduate student research, significant extracurricular or off-campus activity related to the student's academic field of study, and/or important contributions to the growth and improvement of the student's department, school or the university. The 2020-2021 Award for Distinguished Master's Degree Scholar is presented to Tatiana Ruiz.



Tatiana Ruiz
2021 Distinguished Scholar

Tatiana Ruiz is graduating with a Master of Arts in Public Policy with a concentration in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS). Originally from southern California, Tatiana has completed a master's thesis that utilizes a feminist and postcolonial theoretical framework to examine the impact of transnational women's movements that address violence against women and femicide on legislation and public policy in Chile. She was drawn to this topic after observing a demonstration by Chilean feminist activists protesting violence against women. According to the WGSS faculty members who nominated her for this award, her thesis is a "tour de force," which they expect to be published and widely read and discussed. While at GW, Tatiana has been active in movements and events targeting violence against women, has worked to promote the WGSS program to prospective students, and was awarded the program's prestigious 2020 Nicole Paul Endowed Prize and the 2021 Women's Studies Endowment Award for her commitment to activism and feminist scholarship. Tatiana was also the recipient of a Federal Sector Social Science Research Fellowship, which provided her with an opportunity to work at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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The Kwiatkowska Award	Megan McMurdy, Sara Blevins
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Graduate Student Teaching Award	Kevin Blanks
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Sons of the Revolution Award	Leah Brand
Forensic Psychology	
Academic Excellence in Forensic Psychology Savannah Benes, Alexa Dud	ley, Caitlyn Harvey, Megan Hodges
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Interior Architecture	
Graduate Studio Award	rynn Jacoby Orban, Hannah Shafer
Museum Studies	
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Marie Malaro Excellence in Writing AwardSophia Brocen	nos, Caitlin Hepner, Yael Horowitz
Speech and Hearing Sciences	
The Diane Brewer Leadership Award	Norah Aljunaidi, Jessica DeFreeuw
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Leadership Award	Kathryn Howell
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Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies The Nicole Paul Endowed Prize in Women's Studies	Emmah Evangelista
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Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Graduate Prize for Feminist Scholarship	Shontrice Rarnes
The "Service to the Community of Women" Award	
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FACULTY MENTORING AWARD

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. Mentoring and advising are crucial to the intellectual life and career trajectories of graduate students across the arts, sciences and professions. A good mentor is a source of wisdom and expertise, an inspiring role model, a compassionate critic, a sounding board, an advocate and a career counselor. The 2020-21 Award for Excellence in Graduate Faculty Mentoring is presented to Dr. Matthew R. Wilson, associate professor of theatre in the Corcoran School of the Arts & design and director of graduate studies for the Master of Fine Arts program in Classical Acting, which is offered in partnership with the Shakespeare Theatre Company.

Dr. Wilson joined the faculty of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences as an associate professor of theatre in the fall of 2018. An actor, director and movement/combat choreographer, as well as a published playwright and theatre scholar, he holds a Ph.D. in Theatre and Performance Studies from the University of Maryland, College Park, and has performed and taught at theatres, festivals and universities around the world. He is a two-time Helen Hayes Award recipient and seven-time nominee, whose creative work has been seen not only on the stages of Washington and New York but also in the Netflix original TV series *House of Cards*. Professor Wilson's research as a theatre historian includes the forthcoming monograph *Commedia dell'Arte in History and Performance: New Play from Old Work* (Routledge Press). In addition to the graduate courses he offers in the classical acting program, he teaches performance in the undergraduate theatre and dance program and serves as the faculty advisor for theatre majors and minors.

Graduate students speak highly of Dr. Wilson's work as an instructor and mentor who goes above and beyond to provide exceptional learning opportunities for his students. He is recognized as an "outstanding educator" who is dedicated to helping students grow as both human beings and practitioners of their craft. One student noted that "his knowledge of theatrical performance, theory and all subfields related to dramatic studies is remarkable. Professor Wilson is equipping me with the knowledge, skills and confidence to meet this work head on. He offers resources to support and continue our personal explorations into any topic."

Dr. Wilson's students are especially grateful for the special care he has taken to monitor their progress during the current pandemic. "He is caring for students, not only for their academic success but for their wellbeing," one student wrote. "He challenges us and gives us the tools we need to meet those challenges. I am so thankful that Matt is advocating for us in this unusual year, and it is truly my honor to have him as a professor, mentor and friend."

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NATIONAL COUNCIL LETTER



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Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the Columbian College National Council for the Arts and Sciences, I offer my congratulations on your significant achievement and welcome you to the George Washington University alumni community. Do not overlook the greatness of this accomplishment.

As an alumnus of this historic institution, I can fully appreciate the excitement of this very special moment in your lives and remember that feeling well. You are now a member of a select group of individuals, bonded by a college for which you will forever be proudly associated. I encourage you to remain involved and, more importantly, engaged in the life of the university as you enter this next phase of your life. The opportunities to make a difference are endless—from becoming an active member of the Alumni Association organizing regional and local alumni events, to mentoring a student, offering services as a career advisor or being a guest lecturer, and providing philanthropic support. Each of these types of engagement offers a unique and wonderful opportunity to continue showing your pride in the University and passing some of that GW spirit down to generations of students to come.

My work as a volunteer in the National Council—which is comprised of alumni, parents and friends who advise the Dean of the Columbian College—has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me. I hope you find similar avenues of engagement and have an impactful role in advancing GW's promise and potential.

Finally, we recognize your time here has required a high level of personal dedication and financial commitment. We are grateful for your investment and hopeful that your degree will lay the groundwork for future success in whatever career you choose.

Again, congratulations! It is both an honor and a pleasure to welcome you as a graduate of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, and I hope to see you at a GW event soon.

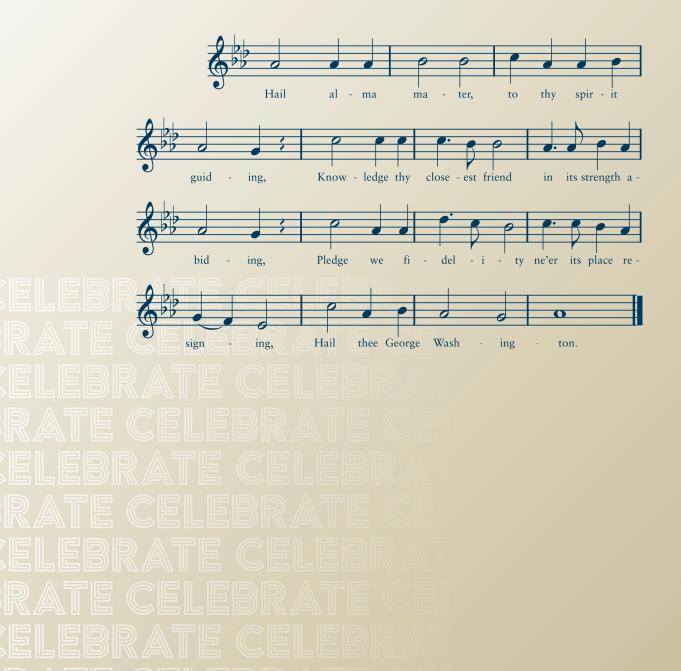
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