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School of Nursing
and Health Studies

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

GRAND MARSHAL

Nurcin Celik, Ph.D.
College of Engineering

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BANNER MARSHAL

Marie-Ilene L. Whitehurst, A.B. '74

FACULTY SENATE MARSHAL

Richard L. Williamson, J.D.

ACADEMIC BANNER MARSHALS

School of Architecture

Frank Martinez, M.Arch.

College of Arts and Sciences

Daniel DiResta, Ph.D.

Business School

Susy Alvarez-Diaz, M.B.A.

School of Communication

Joseph B. Treaster, M.S.

School of Education and Human Development

Susan Mullane, Ph.D.

College of Engineering

Ryan Karkkainen, Ph.D.

Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

Lisa Murphy Goes, Ph.D.

Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Dafnis Prieto, B.M.

School of Nursing and Health Studies

Carmen Presti, D.N.P.

FACULTY MARSHALS

School of Architecture

Jaime Correa, Ph.D.
Carie Penabad, M.A.U.D.

College of Arts and Sciences

Chantel Acevedo, M.F.A.
Jennifer Ferriss-Hill, Ph.D.

Business School

Zoey Chen, Ph.D.
Ann M. Olazábal, J.D.

School of Communication

Ana François, M.B.A.
David Steinberg, M.A.

School of Education and Human Development

Gina Astorini, Ed.D.
Jennifer Krawec, Ph.D.

College of Engineering

Derin Ural, Ph.D.

Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

William Drennan, Ph.D.

Anthony Hynes, Ph.D.

Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Steven Moore, D.M.A.

Carlos Rafael Rivera, D.M.A.

School of Nursing and Health Studies

Mary Mckay, D.N.P.

Martin Zdanowicz, Ph.D.

ALUMNI MARSHALS

Andrew B. Carroll, A.B. '57

Kenneth Leichman, B.B.A. '59

Alan M. Hess, B.B.A. '65

Howard D. Goldstein, B.B.A. '77

Carlos A. Alvarez, B.S.E.E. '81, M.B.A. '86, M.S.I.E. '86

Serge L. Mansur, B.B.A. '88

Matthew N. Beekhuizen, B.B.A. '91

Randall Sookoo, B.S.Cp.E. '03

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

ACADEMIC PROCESSION *

University of Miami Commencement Band
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

University of Miami Fanfare
David Lambert, D.M.A. '05

Robert M. Carnochan, D.M.A.
Director of Wind Ensemble Activities

Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar

Jeffrey P. Summers, M.M.
Doctoral Conductor
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

PRESIDENT'S PROCESSION *

President's Processional Fanfare – Toward Our New Century
Brian Balmages, M.M. '00

Pomp and Circumstance
Edward Elgar

CONVOCATION OPENING

Jeffrey L. Duerk, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *

The Star Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key

Amanda Arguello
Student, Vocal Performance
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

INVOCATION *

Father Phillip H. Tran
Catholic Chaplain for the University of Miami
St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center

Rabbi Rachel G. Greengrass
Jewish Life Coordinator, Temple Beth Am

Imam Dr. Tarek Chebbi
Principal, Islamic School of Miami

WELCOME

Julio Frenk, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.
President

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Richard D. Fain
Chair
University of Miami Board of Trustees

ADVICE TO GRADUATES

Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., B.S. '89
President and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management
Trustee, University of Miami Board of Trustees

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

School of Architecture	Rodolphe el-Khoury, Ph.D., Dean
College of Arts and Sciences	Leonidas G. Bachas, Ph.D., Dean
Business School	John Quelch, Ph.D., Dean
School of Communication	Gregory J. Shepherd, Ph.D., Dean
School of Education and Human Development	Laura Kohn-Wood, Ph.D., Dean
College of Engineering	Jean-Pierre Bardet, Ph.D., Dean
Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science	Roni Avivsar, Ph.D., Dean
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music	Shelton G. Berg, M.M., Dean
School of Nursing and Health Studies	Cindy Munro, Ph.D., Dean

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Brian L. Itzkowitz, B.B.A. '90
Vice President, University of Miami Alumni Association

ALMA MATER *

William S. Lampe
and Christine Asdurian
Arranged by Henry Fillmore

Jeffrey P. Summers, M.M.
Doctoral Conductor
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Amanda Arguello
Student, Vocal Performance
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

RECESSIONAL

University of Miami Commencement Band
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

Man of the Hour
Miami March
The Crosley March
The Noble Men March
Henry Fillmore

*Those who are able are asked to stand for these portions of the program. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will please remain standing until the platform party has left the Watsco Center.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMENCEMENT BAND

Jeffrey Summers
Graduate Conducting Fellow
Frost School of Music

Flute

Emily Bedard
Alyssa Mena
Anna Kevelson

Oboe

Cameron Roberts
Joseph Wenda

Bassoon

Melaine Ferrabone
Keegan Hockett

Clarinet

Tina DeMeglio
Claire Grieller
Amy Hoang
Rachel Komroff
Patrick Prentice
Lee Seidner
Benjamin Webster

Saxophone

Frank Capoferri
Joey Speranzo
Nicholas Tobin
Samuel Valancy

Trumpet

Logan Butler
Kyle Elgarten
Ben Hunter
Nelson Martinez
Mack Wood
Cameron Zhen

Horn

Peter McFarland
Caitlin McKinney
Natalie Miller
Alex Witt

Trombone

Steven Eckert
Thomas McKee
Ryan Smith
Wesley Thompson

Euphonium

Abraham Zimmerman

Tuba

Philip Beatty
TJ Graf

Double Bass

Dezmond Rodgers

Percussion

Max Braunstein
Daniel Gerhardt
Katherine Fortunato
Conor Mulford

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

JOHNNY C. TAYLOR, JR.

President and Chief Executive Officer of the Society for Human Resource Management
Trustee, University of Miami Board of Trustees

In the early 1990s, not long after graduating from law school, Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. happened to sit next to H. Wayne Huizenga on a plane. At the time, the young labor lawyer didn't know much about the influential South Florida entrepreneur, nor about the "little business," Blockbuster Entertainment, Huizenga was growing.

Huizenga was so impressed with Taylor that he offered the Fort Lauderdale native and University of Miami alumnus a job in the legal department of his emerging company. Not long after, Blockbuster rocketed into the nation's largest video-rental chain, and Taylor, as the company's associate general counsel and vice president of human resources, began fueling his passion for "tapping the magic" of human talent and capital in the ever-changing workspace.

"It has been my life's work to unleash talent in all of its forms, from wherever it originates," Taylor said in February, when President Donald Trump appointed him chair of the President's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. "No matter their industry, size, or longevity, today's organizations all share the same challenge: closing the skills gap while building diverse, inclusive, engaged workforces."

Now the president and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest HR professional society, Taylor regularly advises corporate executives and elected policymakers on all issues—from sexual harassment to paid leave—that affect work, workers, and the workplace. A global leader in human capital, culture, and leadership who previously spearheaded the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's resurgence, he is frequently invited to testify before Congress and writes a weekly column, "Ask HR," for *USA Today*.

He also coauthored "The Trouble with HR: An Insider's Guide to Finding and Keeping the Best People," which, ironically, was published the same year, 2009, that Taylor intended to retire. At the time, he was a first-time father and wanted to concentrate on raising his daughter. Plus, he had already spent nearly two decades in a myriad of senior and chief executive roles at a number of notable entertainment, technology, and human resources companies—including Viacom, which merged with Blockbuster and acquired Paramount Pictures and Spelling Entertainment; McGuireWoods HR Strategies LLC; the Compass Group USA; and IAC/Interactive Corp., where Taylor oversaw the HR functions for a portfolio of interactive and technology initiatives and launched the first-ever identity search engine.

Yet, instead of retiring, Taylor accepted the job as president and CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf), which represents the nation's 47 publicly supported Historically Black Colleges and



Universities (HBCUs). The fund had an unplanned leadership vacancy and, as a member of its board of directors, Taylor agreed to help lead the search for a new CEO.

Much to his surprise, the search led right back to Taylor, and under his nearly eight-year tenure, the fund raised more than \$100 million to ensure the nonprofit could continue providing "a robust and diverse pipeline of talented workers and future leaders." The investments included

\$43 million from Apple Inc. to create programming, scholarships, and other initiatives for HBCU faculty and students, and \$26 million from the Charles Koch Foundation and Koch Industries to create research centers on HBCU campuses that focus on issues affecting fragile communities.

"Frankly, my goal in assuming the role was pretty straightforward: Get the 'business' of TMCf back on track and then return to my life as a new dad," Taylor told *TheSHRMBlog*. "I didn't have any grand plan to work in the nonprofit higher education space. But what was supposed to be a one- or two-year business turnaround assignment became a wonderful seven-and-a-half-year journey to help rebuild an iconic institution."

Growing up, Taylor was familiar with fragile communities. Driven to school by his grandmother, a longtime teacher, their car was often accosted by drug dealers and prostitutes. But he was a devoted student who knew by age 7 he wanted to be a lawyer. The valedictorian of his senior class at Dillard High School, he was an Isaac Bashevis Singer Scholar at UM and graduated with honors and a B.S. in Communication in just three years. He went on to earn a joint M.A. in Communication and J.D. from Drake University, where he was research editor of the *Drake Law Review* and argued on the National Moot Court team.

A member of UM's Board of Trustees, Taylor also serves on the corporate board of Gallup, the world's leading public opinion and consulting firm, and on the boards of Jobs for America's Graduates and the American Red Cross, and as an adviser to Safe Streets & Second Chances, an initiative to reduce recidivism among the formerly incarcerated.

For his dedication and innumerable contributions to making our world, particularly the workplace, better for all, the University of Miami is proud to welcome Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. as commencement speaker.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

The awarding of degrees and honors to the candidates named in this program is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the appropriate requirements by each candidate. The listing of a student's name in this program in no way implies or ensures his or her graduation, or the award of honors. The information listed on the following pages is current as of October 22, 2018.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Degree candidates December 13, 2018

Alexandra Danielle Alexander

B.S., 2009, Florida International University
M.S., 2016, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Preschool Teachers' Science Knowledge: Validating the Preschool Teachers' Applied Science Knowledge Survey*
Advisor: Daryl B. Greenfield

Mohan Raj Anthony Raj

B.S., 2003, St. Joseph's College, India
M.S., 2005, St. Joseph's College, India
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: *Controlling Photo Processes within a Confined Space: Switches, Triggers, and Electron Transfer*
Advisor: V. Ramamurthy

Kilan Celima Ashad-Bishop

B.S., 2012, Morgan State University
Major: Cancer Biology
Dissertation: *Role of Transcription Cofactor LBH in the Etiology and Progression of Basal Triple Negative Breast Cancer*
Advisor: Karoline Briegel

Johayra Bouza

B.A., 2010, University of Miami
M.S.Ed., 2013, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Developing a Multidimensional Measure of Family Engagement for Toddlers in the Early Head Start Program: A Mixed-Method Approach*
Advisor: Philip M. McCabe

Jennifer Lynn Burgis

B.A., 2007, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
M.A., 2009, University of Houston
Major: Philosophy
Dissertation: *Making Covenants with Brute Beasts: Making Room for Animals in a Contractualist Framework*
Advisor: Peter J. Lewis

Julia Y. Carbonella

B.A., 2010, Princeton University
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Trauma, and Stress: A Network Approach*
Advisor: Kiara R. Timpano

Candy Ho Lam Chan

B.A., 2010, Caldwell University
Major: Cancer Biology
Dissertation: *Polycomb Complexes Associated with Enhancers to Regulate Oncogenic Pathways in Cancer*
Advisor: Lluís Morey

Gedun Chen

B.S., 2011, Peking University, China
Major: Marine and Atmospheric Chemistry
Dissertation: *Marine Trace Metal (Cadmium, Copper, Gallium, Manganese, Titanium, and Zinc) Geochemistry*
Advisor: Jingfeng Wu

Guanhua Chen

B.S.Eng., 2009, Hohai University, China
M.Ed., 2013, University of Georgia
Major: Teaching and Learning
Dissertation: *Developing an Online Computational Thinking Instrument for Elementary Students*
Advisor: Ji Shen

Szu-Yu Chen

B.S., 2002, University of Florida
M.S., 2005, Barry University
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Dissertation: *Regulation of Human Limbal Stem Cells by Native Niche in HC-HA/PTX3 Purified from Amniotic Membrane*
Advisor: Scheffer C.G. Tseng

Dina Ragheb Dajani

B.S., 2014, University of Miami
M.S., 2016, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: *Neuroimaging of Cognitive Flexibility: Task Validity and Clinical Applications*
Advisor: Lucina Q. Uddin

Xu Dong

B.S., 2011, Wuhan University of Technology, China
M.S., 2013, Wuhan University of Technology, China
Major: Industrial Engineering
Dissertation: *Diffusion of Innovations Over Large Social Networks*

Sheeva Yamunaprasad Dubey

B.Tech., 2006, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, India
P.G.D.M., 2012, Mudra Institute of Communications Ahmedabad, India
Major: Communication
Dissertation: *Subaltern Communication for Social Change: The Struggles of Manual Scavengers in India*
Advisor: Christina Lane

Tamer H. Elattar

B.S., 1999, Alexandria University
M.S.I.E., 2004, University of Miami
Major: Industrial Engineering
Dissertation: *The Design and Implementation of a Comprehensive Back Injury Prevention Program and Development of a Vo2max Non-Exercise Regression Model for Emergency Services Personnel*
Advisor: Shihab S. Asfour

Madeline Fernandez

A.B., 2012, University of Miami
B.S.N., 2013, University of Miami
Major: Nursing
Dissertation: *Salient Factors Among Hispanic Parents for Vaccinating Children Against HPV*
Advisor: Rosina Cianelli

Emre Havazli

B.Sc., 2009, Yildiz Technical University, Turkey
M.Sc., 2012, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics
Dissertation: *Quantifying the Effect of Tropospheric Delay on Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar for Crustal Deformation*
Advisors: Falk C. Amelung and Shimon Wdowinski

Janith Nadun Anuja Heendeni P Don

B.S., 2009, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dissertation: *Learning and Reasoning with Imperfect Data*
Advisor: Kamal Premaratne

Qimin Huang

B.S., 2012, Shandong University, China
Major: Mathematics
Dissertation: *Modeling the Effect of Seasonality on the Transmission of Antibiotic Resistance Bacteria in Hospitals with Environmental Contamination*
Advisor: Shigui Ruan

Vivian Iglesias

B.S., 2013, St. Thomas University
 Major: Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Supramolecular Complexation Studies of Electroactive Guests by Cucurbit[n]uril Hosts*
 Advisor: Angel Kaifer

Brittany Jaso

B.A., 2014, Cornell University
 Major: Psychology
 Dissertation: *Thinking About Feelings: The Relationship Between Repetitive Negative Thinking and Emotion Instability*
 Advisor: Aaron S. Heller

Alexander Kreymerman

B.S., 2008, Florida Atlantic University
 Major: Neuroscience
 Dissertation: *The Role of Mitochondrial Dynamics in Retinal Ganglion Cell Development and Regeneration*
 Advisor: Jeffrey Goldberg

Randy Lee Lawrence

B.S., Year, University of Maryland
 Major: Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Light Driven Functional Materials for Catalytic Modulation of Nanoparticles*
 Advisor: Francisco Raymo

Andrey Lazopulo

B.S., 2011, Lomonosov University, Russia
 M.S., 2011, Lomonosov University, Russia
 Major: Physics
 Dissertation: *Decoding the Sleep Homeostat Architecture*
 Advisor: Sheyum Syed

Jasper S. Lee

B.S., 2015, University of Miami
 Major: Psychology
 Dissertation: *Connecting the Dots: Network Analysis for Examining Psychosocial Syndemic Conditions Among High-Risk HIV-Negative Men Who Have Sex with Men*
 Advisor: Steven A. Safren

Joy Kathleen Leopold

B.A., 2010, Louisiana State University
 M.S., 2012, The University of Texas at Dallas
 Major: Communication
 Dissertation: *Can Digital News Shape Civic Participation? Discussion, Deliberation, and the Civic Potential of a New Form of News Delivery*
 Advisor: Sallie L. Hughes

Xi Lin

B.S., 2009, Wuhan University, China
 Major: Mathematics
 Dissertation: *Fluctuation Limit of Mean Field Additive Increase Multiplicative Decrease Model*
 Advisor: Bruno N. De Oliveira

Judith Diane Lobo

B.A., 2012, New College of Florida
 Major: Psychology
 Dissertation: *Resting-State Connectivity and Cardiovascular Disease Risk of Successful Agers*
 Advisor: Roger C. McIntosh

Xing Lu

B.S., 2012, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
 Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography
 Dissertation: *South Pacific Tropical Water: Variability and Downstream Impacts*
 Advisor: Rana A. Fine

Lauren Mamolite

B.A., 2008, Pace University
 M.A., 2009, Rutgers University
 Major: English
 Dissertation: *Wives Writing Privacy, 1640-1670*
 Advisor: Timothy P. Watson

Nadee Nissanka

B.S., 2011, Cornell University
 M.Eng., 2012, Cornell University
 Major: Neuroscience
 Dissertation: *Mitochondrial DNA Fate and Deletion Formation Following Double-Strand Breaks*
 Advisor: Carlos T. Moraes

Rafael C. Nunez

M.S., 2007, University of Delaware
 Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering
 Dissertation: *Novel Methods for Reasoning with Uncertain Hard and Soft Data Using Probabilistic and Belief Theoretic Models*
 Advisor: Manohar Narayanamurthi

Ana María Palacio Castro

Pregado, 2010, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia
 Major: Marine Biology and Ecology
 Dissertation: *Abiotic Controls on Endosymbiotic Algal Communities and Their Implications for Coral Bleaching Susceptibility and Recovery*
 Advisor: Andrew Charles Baker

Christina Pasparakis

B.S., 2009, University of Miami
 M.S., 2013, San Francisco State University
 Major: Marine Biology and Ecology
 Dissertation: *Effects of Temperature, Ultraviolet Radiation and Crude Oil Exposure on Early-Life Staged Mahi Mahi (Coryphaena hippurus)*
 Advisor: Martin Grosell

Karli Jeanne Peña

B.S., 2010, University of Miami
 Major: Biomedical Engineering
 Dissertation: *The Development of a Microwave Ablation Model for the Treatment of Small Renal Masses*
 Advisor: Nelson Salas

Juan C. Pinales

B.S., Year, State University of New York
 Major: Applied Marine Physics
 Dissertation: *Developing a Hierarchical Classifier Using Machine Learning for Marine Oil Spill Classification on Synthetic Aperture Radar Imagery*
 Advisor: Hans C. Graber

Jennifer Katherine Roebber

B.S., 2012, University of California, Santa Cruz
 Major: Neuroscience
 Dissertation: *Salt Detection and Homeostasis in the Taste System*
 Advisor: Nirupa Chaudhari

Santas Ana Rosario

B.S., 2009, University of Miami
 Major: Cancer Biology
 Dissertation: *KSHV-Encoded Viral IL-6 (vIL-6) Enhances Immunoglobulin Class-Switch Recombination*
 Advisor: Enriqué Mesri

David Wayne Sant

B.S., 2010, Brigham Young University
 Major: Human Genetics and Genomics
 Dissertation: *An Integrated Bioinformatic and Statistical Analysis of NGS Data Relevant to Diabetic Retinopathy*
 Advisor: Gaofeng Wang

Andrew Phillip Sawaya

Major: Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology
 Dissertation: *Molecular Mechanisms by which Statins Promote Epidermal Wound Healing*
 Advisor: Marjana Tomic-Canic

Shiv Kumar Sharma

B.S., 2008, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
 M.S., 2013, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
 Major: Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Surface Chemistry and Spectroscopic Studies of Enzymatic, Non-Enzymatic Molecules and Their Applications*

Conor Joseph Smith

B.S., 2011, College of Charleston
 Major: Applied Marine Physics
 Dissertation: *Identification and Quantification of Wave Breaking Effects in Single-Polarization Along-Track InSAR Imagery of the Coastal Ocean*
 Advisor: Roland Romeiser

Ahmed Talaat Elsayed Soliman

B.S., 1998, Ain Shams University, Egypt
 Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering
 Dissertation: *Cancer Driver Missense Mutation Identification*
 Advisor: Mei-Ling Shyu

Philip Tauxe Staudigel

B.S., 2012, University of California, Santa Cruz

Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics

Dissertation: *Application of Clumped Isotopes in the Study of Marine Diagenesis*

Advisor: Peter K. Swart

Wendy Blair Stephan

B.A., 1991, University of Washington

M.P.H., 1998, University of Miami

Major: Epidemiology

Dissertation: *Hispanic Ethnicity and Poison-Related Outcomes in Florida, 2010-2015*

Advisor: David J. Lee

Molly Haynes Stevens

B.S., 2011, University of Florida

Major: Marine Biology and Fisheries

Dissertation: *An Evaluation of Florida Commercial Reef Fisheries: Management History and Bioeconomic Consequences*

Advisor: Jerald Stephen Ault

Soumya Sundara Rajan

M.S., 2013, University of Hyderabad, India

Major: Cancer Biology

Dissertation: *Elucidating the Mechanism of Cancer-Drug Addiction in ALK+ ALCL*

Advisor: Jonathan Schatz

Feifei Tao

B.S., 2010, Nanjing University, China

M.S., 2013, Nanjing University, China

Major: Human Genetics and Genomics

Dissertation: *Identifying Genetic Modifiers in Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Type 1A*

Advisor: Stephan Züchner

Miling Wang

B.S., 2011, Queen's University, Canada

M.S., 2014, University of Toronto, Canada

Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Dissertation: *Uncovering the Mechanisms of Physiological Amyloidogenesis*

Advisor: Stephen Lee

Yunwei Xu

B.S., 2012, Zhejiang University, China

M.S., 2014, Florida International University

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: *An Orthotropic Augmented Finite Element Method for Progressive Damage Analyses of Laminated Composites*

Advisor: Qingda Yang

Gonzalo E. Vazquez

B.S., 1984, Southern Illinois University

M.A., 2012, University of Miami

Major: International Studies

Dissertation: *The "Bolivarian Revolution" of Hugo Chávez: How His Implementation of "21st Century Socialism" Transformed Venezuela's Governance*

Advisor: Lilian E. Yaffe

Joanna Elaine Witkin

B.S., 2009, Tufts University

M.S., 2013, State University of New York

Major: Psychology

Dissertation: *Dynamic Adjustments in Working Memory in the Face of Affective Interference*

Advisor: Amishi Jha

Yu-Ping Yang

B.S., 1999, Taipei Medical College, Taiwan

Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Dissertation: *Bioluminescence: An Old Tool for New Applications in Cancer Research "Detection of Circulating Tumor Cells and Image-guided Therapy"*

Advisor: Sylvia Daunert

Yuhang Yang

B.S., 2012, Dalian University of Technology, China

M.S., 2015, Zhejiang University, China

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: *Augmented Finite Element and Binary Model for Structural Applications*

Advisor: Qingda Yang

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Ozgur Alan

B.S., 2005, Hacettepe University, Turkey

M.S., 2009, Hacettepe University, Turkey

Major: Exercise Physiology

Dissertation: *A Comparison of Two Types of High Intensity Interval Training Programs on Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors for Worksites Wellness*

Advisor: Arlette C. Perry

Molly Hope Broome Amador

B.A., 2013, Rollins College

Major: Marine Biology and Ecology

Dissertation: *The Role of the Serotonin Transporter (SERT) in Peripheral Serotonin Dynamics in the Gulf Toadfish, Opsanus Beta*

Advisor: Danielle Busson McDonald

Alok Bahadur Amatya

B.A., 2010, Reed College

M.A., 2013, University of Miami

Major: English

Dissertation: *Resource Conflict Literature: Indigenous Struggles in Global Texts*

Advisor: Timothy P. Watson

Catherine Murray Ariail

B.A., 2009, University of the South

M.A., 2013, University of Georgia

M.A., 2016, University of Miami

Major: History

Dissertation: *Sprints of Citizenship: Black Women Track Stars and the Making of Modern Citizenship in the United States and Jamaica, 1946-1962*

Carlos Manuel Bajo Caraballo

B.S., 2012, Florida International University

M.S., 2014, University of Miami

Major: Mathematics

Dissertation: *Fluid Limit and Stochastic Stability for a Genetic Mutation Model*

Advisor: Ilie Grigorescu

William Zachary Billings

A.B., 2011, University of Miami

B.S., 2011, University of Miami

Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics

Dissertation: *An Exploration of the Two-Dimensional Poroelastic Properties of the Oceanic Lithosphere at the Formation Scale*

Advisor: Keir Becker

Joaquin Esteban Blanco

B.S., 2012, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Major: Atmospheric Sciences

Dissertation: *Modulation of Cloud Cluster Propagation by Super Cloud Clusters*

Advisor: David S. Nolan

Eric Raymond Bray

B.S., 2011, University of Pittsburgh

Major: Neuroscience

Dissertation: *The Role of Retinal Ganglion Cell Subtype in Survival and Regeneration Following Axonal Injury*

Advisor: Kevin K. Park

Jennifer Marie Brazill

B.S., 2007, University of Missouri, Columbia

Major: Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology

Dissertation: *Modulating Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy and Sensory Dysfunction in Drosophila*

Advisor: Rong Grace Zhai

Juan Bu

B.S., 2008, South China University of Technology, China

M.S., 2010, Sun Yat-Sen University, China

Major: Business Administration

Dissertation: *The Interplay of Innovation, Institutions and Internationalization in the Context of Emerging Markets*

Advisor: Yadong Luo

Catherine Ann Burrows

B.S., 2011, Tufts University

M.S., 2014, University of Miami

Major: Psychology

Dissertation: *Neural Basis of Repetitive Negative Thinking in Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Advisor: Lucina Q. Uddin

Roberto Cancio

B.A., 2013, University of California, Berkeley

M.A., 2015, University of Miami

Major: Sociology

Dissertation: *Military Life, Intersectionality, and Deployment: The Social Experiences and Difficulties of Mothers Who Stay Behind*

Advisor: Linda Liska Belgrave

Carlos Miguel Carballosa

B.S., 2010, University of Miami
 Major: Biomedical Engineering
 Dissertation: *The Effects of E-Cigarette Aerosol Exposure, and the Role of $\alpha 7$ Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors and MicroRNA, on the Regeneration Potential of Periodontal Ligament Derived Stem Cells*
 Advisor: Herman S. Cheung

Maria Carmela Cartolano

B.S.M.A.S., 2013, University of Miami
 Major: Marine Biology and Ecology
 Dissertation: *Pulsatile Urea Excretion in Gulf Toadfish: Neuroendocrine Control and Potential Involvement in Chemical Communication*
 Advisor: Danielle Busson McDonald

Lindsey Anne Chapman

B.S.Ed., 2007, University of Miami
 M.S., 2009, Nova Southeastern University
 Major: Teaching and Learning
 Dissertation: *Teachers' Negotiation of Curricular Adaptations: Understanding the How and Why in Intensive Reading Settings*
 Advisor: Batya E. Elbaum

Gino Chen

B.S., 2005, Tunghai University, Taiwan
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THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

The Great Seal of the University of Miami symbolizes exceptional scholarship, a limitless quest for knowledge, and an abiding commitment to service shared by University faculty, staff, and students. The Great Seal includes a stylized sun and palm tree, as well as a shield with the traditional symbols of education—a key, a book, and a torch. The key signifies the unlocking, discovery, or re-evaluation of

learning and knowledge; the book holds the Latin words for discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge; and the torch symbolizes the spread and dissemination of learning. Below the shield is the University's Latin motto, from the Book of Esdras, *Magna Est Veritas*: Great Is Truth.



THE MACE

The academic mace, an enduring symbol of institutional authority and prestige, is a vestige from prehistoric times. First used as a battle weapon, the mace evolved into a ceremonial staff carried in processions of royalty, magistrates, and church or university officials.

The University of Miami's current mace, which dates back to 1986, was sculpted by former UM Professor of Art William Ward. He chose a contemporary design, one that reflects the University's timelessness and perpetual growth from a young institution to one of national prominence. The clean lines and polished silver surface are elegant, dignified, and reflective of colors, textures, and forms in the ever-changing environment. Ward indicated that timelessness is further

represented by the mace's geometric design. Rather than employing symbols like books, candles, or globes, he noted that "these geometric shapes are not tied to fad or style but are an integral part of our world. There are obvious relationships to mathematics and the sciences, and as the mace is rotated, some of the planes at the top resemble letters. Its complexity is like the unfolding plot of a good story."

The University of Miami's current mace serves as a symbolic weapon to protect the ideals of truth, justice, and learning. During the commencement ceremony, it is carried at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, whose symbolic duty is the protection of the University, its people, and its processes.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

The University of Miami Presidential Chair, or *cathedra*, takes its place on the commencement stage as a new symbol of the Office of the President. Traditionally representing the seat of learning, the *cathedra* was designed and crafted by master furniture maker Austin Matheson, an adjunct professor in the School of Architecture whose family history in South Florida predates the University's 1925 founding.

Matheson carved and joined what appear to be the seamless pieces of the chair from a single slab of highly prized and once-abundant Cuban mahogany wood. It was salvaged from a tree felled by a hurricane in nearby Coconut Grove. The fluidity of his design represents the idea that "We Are One U," while his use of a contemporary style and a few

traditional flourishes represent the University's rich past and promising future. "The chair is unique. It has no precedent. It stands alone," Matheson said.

Etched by laser, the Great Seal of the University of Miami is prominently displayed on the splat, or back, of the chair. More subtly, twin silhouettes of an ibis head, with its graceful beak, adorn each side of the crest rail. Known for its invincible spirit when hurricanes approach, the marsh bird has been the school mascot since the University opened its doors, just a month after the hurricane of 1926 devastated Miami. Like the chair, the ibis continues to be a symbol of our resilience and renewal as we approach our new century.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND REGALIA

The ceremonies of commencement immerse us in the rich tradition of academic honors and dress that reaches back to the early days of the world's oldest universities.

The University of Miami awards degrees in three basic divisions—the doctorate, master's, and baccalaureate—which can be traced to medieval times. The student receiving a “first degree in arts” was crowned with a wreath of laurel berries, hence “baccalaureate” and “bachelor.” The master's degree was a license to teach (*Licentia docendi*), so the “master” was an appropriate title. The doctor was even better qualified to teach, for this degree required advanced study, independent research, and defense of a “thesis.” These standards still apply to the doctorate, except for those conferred *honoris causa* (as honorary degrees) for meritorious service in public or private endeavor.

Some degrees are awarded with special recognition. For those who have achieved appropriate standards in their work, the words *cum laude* (with praise), *magna cum laude* (with high praise), and *summa cum laude* (with highest praise) are used. Students who have met formal scholarly demands, including both specified courses and high overall grade averages, may graduate with “General Honors.” These achievements are recorded on diplomas and in official transcripts.

From medieval practice, academic dress has three items: cap, gown, and hood. In reviving the use of these items for the United States, an intercollegiate commission in 1895 drafted a code that most universities,

including the University of Miami, follow.

For all degrees, the mortarboard is the traditional cap. The tassel may be gold for a doctor or may indicate the field of study.

The bachelor's gown is black with long, pointed, open sleeves. The master's gown is black with a long, closed sleeve hanging below the elbow. The doctor's gown is black and is distinguished by three bars of velvet on a full sleeve.

The academic hood is the identifying symbol of the degree. Its length indicates which degree it represents: three feet for the baccalaureate, three-and-a-half for the master's, and four for the doctorate. The lining indicates the college or university that awarded the degree. University of Miami hoods are lined in orange, green, and white. The color of the velvet band represents the academic discipline. The most frequently seen colors are white for arts, yellow for science, pink for music, sapphire blue for philosophy, purple for law, scarlet for divinity, green for medicine, light blue for education, drab for business, orange for engineering, violet for architecture, gray for general studies, and apricot for nursing.

President Julio Frenk wears a black robe with four black velvet bars. The fourth chevron indicates this is the presidential regalia. The gown features orange and green piping as well as a doctoral hood lined in orange, green and white—reflecting the official University of Miami school colors.

THE MUSIC OF THE CEREMONY

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI FANFARE

Great universities throughout the country begin their halftime performances with a special fanfare consisting of small portions of their school fight songs and alma mater. The fanfare signals the start of halftime festivities, exciting the crowd and encouraging loyal fans to remain in their seats during the band's performance. Following the Miami Hurricane's National Championship season in 2001-2002, David Lambert, D.M.A. '05, wrote a similar fanfare for the University

of Miami. "UM Fanfare" was premiered by the University of Miami Band of the Hour during the 2004 Miami Hurricane home football opener versus Florida State University. It has since been performed as a prelude to all Band of the Hour performances and has become a part of the University of Miami's commencement to announce the opening of the ceremony.

PRESIDENT'S PROCESSIONAL FANFARE

Commencement ceremonies are rich in history, tradition, and ritual. Over the years, the University of Miami has had a number of talented musicians and composers contribute to that history and tradition. The "President's Processional Fanfare – Toward Our New Century" was

commissioned by the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music for the inauguration of the University of Miami's sixth president, Julio Frenk. Written by Brian Balmages, M.M. '00, the fanfare premiered on January 29, 2016, at President Frenk's inauguration ceremony.

THE MUSIC OF HENRY FILLMORE

Henry Fillmore, the American composer and bandleader best known for his marches, was an ardent supporter, friend, and benefactor of the University of Miami band. After retiring to Miami, he quickly adopted the Band of the Hour at the University of Miami as his own. As a result, he was named "permanent guest conductor" of the band, and in appreciation of his dedication, the University awarded Fillmore an honorary doctorate in music. Fillmore's prominence as a band composer and his tireless dedication to the field of music remain his

legacy. Benefiting most from his musical passion and artistry was the University of Miami band, to which he bequeathed most of his estate. The Henry Fillmore Band Hall, dedicated in 1959 along with the Fillmore Museum, is a symbol of that legacy.

The recessional music today is but a small part of his life's work. Each selection has a unique relationship to Miami and the University. "The Miami March" was dedicated to the community of Greater Miami, which enthusiastically supported Fillmore and his music.

ALMA MATER

*William S. Lampe and Christine Asdurian
Arranged by Henry Fillmore*

Southern suns and sky blue water
Smile upon you Alma Mater
Mistress of this fruitful land
With all knowledge at your hand
Always just, to honor true
All our love we pledge to you
Alma Mater
Stand forever
On Biscayne's wondrous shore.

South - ern suns and sky blue wa - ter Smile up - on you, Al - ma Ma - ter

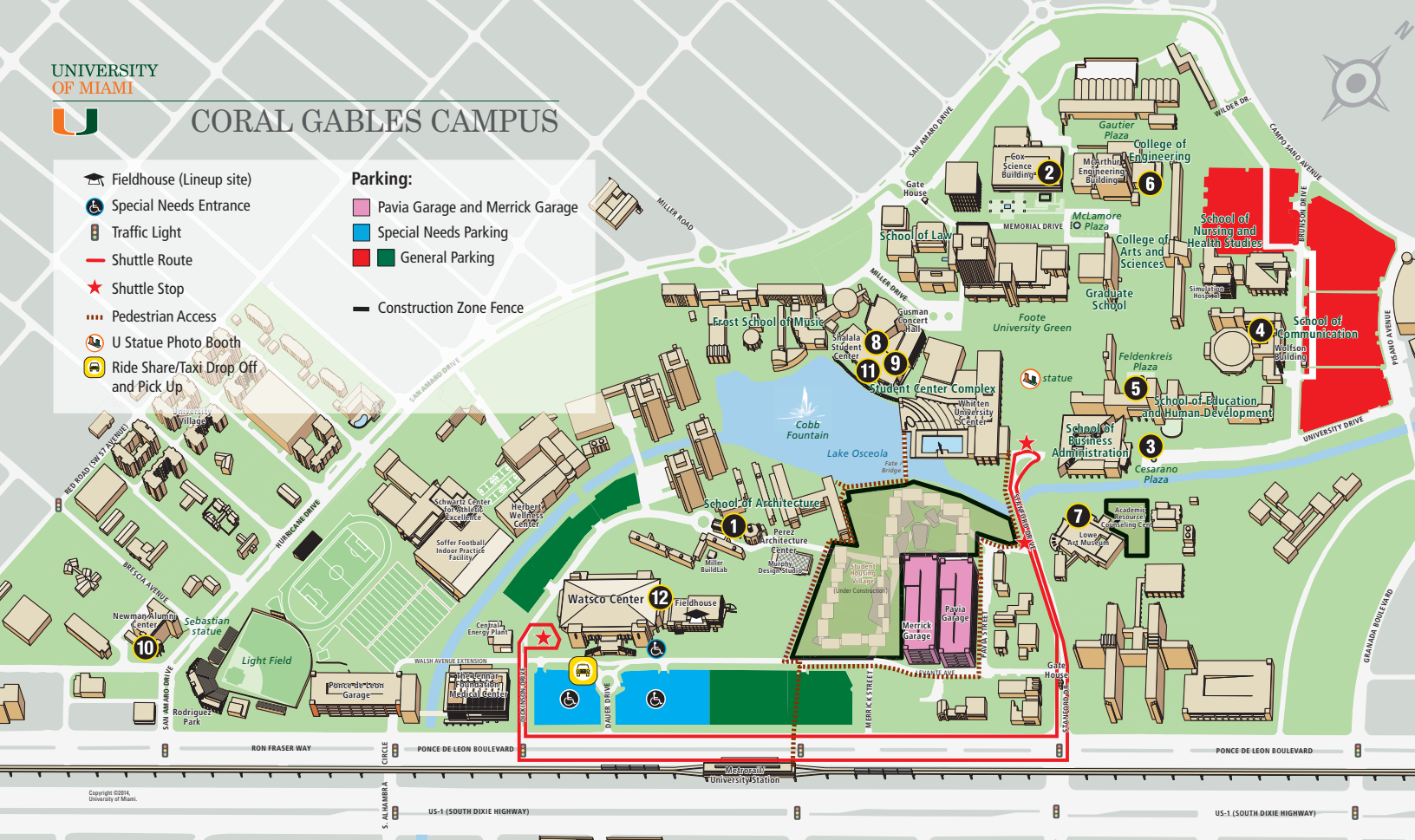
Mis - tress of this fruit - ful land, With all know - ledge at your hand,

Al - ways just, to hon - or true All our love we pledge to you.

Al - ma Ma - ter Stand for - ev - er, on Bis - cayne's won - drous shore.



CORAL GABLES CAMPUS



Reception and Parking Information

The Fall commencement ceremonies will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018, in the Watsco Center on the Coral Gables campus. Free parking is conveniently located adjacent to the Watsco Center and at Pavia and Merrick Garages with shuttle service to the Watsco Center. Guests attending receptions also may park in the red lots. Special Needs parking is available at the Watsco Center in the blue lots. No parking passes are required for any commencement guests. No handicap passes are required for special needs parking. Parking at Ponce Garage is strictly reserved for patients of The Lennar Foundation Medical Center.

Receptions will be held at the following locations on the designated dates and times:

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| <p>1 School of Architecture
Jorge M. Perez Architecture Center
Irvin Korach Gallery
December 13, 2018 • 12 p.m.</p> <p>2 College of Arts and Sciences
Cox Science Center Portico
December 13, 2018 • 12 p.m.</p> <p>3 Miami Business School
Cesarano Plaza
December 13, 2018
<i>Graduate Degree Recipients</i>
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
<i>Undergraduate Degree Recipients</i>
12:30–2 p.m.</p> <p>4 School of Communication
Frances L. Wolfson Building Courtyard
December 13, 2018 • 12–2 p.m.</p> <p>5 School of Education and Human Development
Merrick Breezeway
George Feldenkreis Fountain
December 13, 2018 • 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.</p> | <p>6 College of Engineering
McArthur Engineering Building
December 13, 2018 • 12 p.m.</p> <p>7 School of Law
Lowe Art Museum
December 13, 2018 • 4 p.m.</p> <p>8 Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music
Shalala Student Center
Activities Room
December 13, 2018 • 12–2:30 p.m.</p> <p>9 School of Nursing and Health Studies
Shalala Student Center
Grand Ballroom
December 12, 2018 • 5 p.m.</p> <p>10 Division of Continuing and International Education
Newman Alumni Center
Tower Room, 4th Floor
December 7, 2018 • 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>11 UOnline
Shalala Student Center
Activities Room
December 12, 2018 • 3–5 p.m.</p> <p>12 Graduate School
<i>Doctoral Degree Candidates</i>
<i>Hooding Rehearsal and Reception</i>
Watsco Center, Hurricane 100 Room
December 12, 2018 • 4–6 p.m.</p> <p>Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science
4600 Rickenbacker Causeway
Miami, FL 33149
<i>Undergraduate Degree Recipients</i>
Rosenstiel School Commons
December 12, 2018 • 3–5 p.m.
<i>Graduate Degree Recipients</i>
Marine Science Center Auditorium
December 14, 2018 • 2:30 p.m.</p> |
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Stop by the U Statue at the Rock on Thursday, December 13, between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. for a complimentary photo!

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