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Frost School of Music

School of Nursing  
and Health Studies

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Derin Ural, Ph.D.

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Alice N. Bravo, B.S.C.E. '92  
Thomas E. Pfeiffer, A.B. '93  
Iris Guzman Kolaya, B.S.C. '00  
Derrick Garcia, B.B.A. '03  
Sue O'Malley, B.G.S.C. '07  
Philip C. Burke, B.B.A. '12  
Renny Sie, D.M.A. '13, M.B.A. '16

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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## 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

Talya Rene Feldman  
Student, Vocal Performance  
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

## INVOCATION \*

Rabbi Mendy Fellig  
Director, Chabad Jewish Student Center

## WELCOME

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

## PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Rodrigo Guerrero-Velasco  
Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*

Hilarie Bass, J.D. '81  
Chair  
Board of Trustees

## CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

President Frenk

## ADVICE TO GRADUATES

Rodrigo Guerrero-Velasco  
Former Mayor of Cali, Colombia

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## CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

School of Architecture	Rodolphe el-Khoury, Ph.D., Dean
College of Arts and Sciences	Leonidas G. Bachas, Ph.D., Dean
Patricia and Allan Herbert Business School	John Quelch, Ph.D., Dean
School of Communication	Karin Gwinn Wilkins, Ph.D., Dean
School of Education and Human Development	Laura Kohn-Wood, Ph.D., Dean
College of Engineering	Daniel Berg, Ph.D., Interim Dean
Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science	Roni Avissar, Ph.D., Dean
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music	Serona Elton, M.M.'95, J.D., Associate Dean
School of Nursing and Health Studies	Cindy L. Munro, Ph.D., Dean

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Chris Lomax, B.M. '05, J.D. '08  
Director, 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  
  
Talya Rene Feldman  
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

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\*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.

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## UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMENCEMENT BAND

### **Conductor**

Jeffrey Summers

### **Flute**

Emily Bedard  
Aaron Rib  
Anjali Shinde

### **Oboe**

Emily Mendez  
Daniel Graber

### **Bassoon**

Melanie Ferrabone  
Gabrielle Hsu

### **Clarinet**

Zachary Dierickx  
Tina DiMeglio  
Claire Grellier  
Maydeleen Guiteau Pierre-Noel  
Shannon McDonald  
Patrick Prentice  
Garrett VanArsdale

### **Saxophone**

Frank Capoferri  
Ben Morris  
Joey Speranzo  
Nick Tobin

### **Trumpet**

Logan Butler  
Filip Czarkowski  
Kyle Elgarten  
Bobby Gallagher  
Connor Towns  
Mack Wood

### **Horn**

Emily Butler  
Peter McFarland  
Caiti Beth McKinney  
Brittaney Pertsas

### **Trombone**

Aden Brooks  
Cameron Daly  
Thomas McKee  
Gabriel Ramos

### **Euphonium**

Cassius Torres

### **Tuba**

Philip Beatty  
Ramon Garavito

### **Double Bass**

Dezmond Rodgers

### **Percussion**

Katherine Fortunato  
Daniel Gerhardt  
Conor Mulford  
Guillermo Ospina



## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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### RODRIGO GUERRERO-VELASCO

Former Mayor of Cali, Colombia

When Rodrigo Guerrero-Velasco was first elected mayor of Cali, Colombia, in 1992, an average of five people were murdered in his hometown every day—about the same number as New York, a city five times larger.

Like many observers, Guerrero-Velasco assumed the killings were related to the city's notorious drug cartel, but the Harvard-trained epidemiologist didn't put stock in assumptions. He believed in data-driven evidence and set about the painstaking task of mapping and analyzing every death by time, neighborhood, and circumstance.

What the academician and policymaker found not only dispelled the popular assumption but inspired an innovative public health approach for preventing urban violence, one that has been adopted in numerous cities across Colombia and countries across the hemisphere: the use of data to identify and take action against risk factors.

For his pioneering work analyzing the causes of social ills like urban violence, poverty, and inequality and treating them as public health epidemics in need of evidence-based solutions, Rodrigo Guerrero-Velasco is receiving a Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

"The beautiful thing about epidemiology and a data-driven approach is its neutrality," he said in a 2016 interview. "It shows in the data. If it works, it works."

The son of a physician, Guerrero-Velasco was born and raised in Cali, where in 1962 he earned his medical degree from Universidad del Valle. After obtaining a master's degree in hygiene and a doctorate in public health from Harvard, he returned to Cali in 1968 and began forging his three passions—academia, public service, and social development—into an extraordinary career that has bettered countless lives.

Joining the faculty of Universidad del Valle to teach epidemiology, he served in numerous administrative capacities at his alma mater, including dean of the Division of Health Sciences, director of its hospital, and as president of the institution for two years. The founder and longtime member of the editorial committee of the Colombia Médica journal, he also served for two years as Cali's secretary of health and for nearly a decade as executive director of Cali's Carvajal Foundation, a nonprofit committed to social justice and development for vulnerable communities.

When he took the reins of Colombia's third-largest city in 1992, he knew from analyzing city reports that homicide, not chronic or contagious disease, was the top killer. But he was surprised by what the task force of police, pathologists, statisticians, and fellow physicians he assembled found by analyzing the murders: Most homicides occurred during weekends or followed Friday paydays and involved young people and guns. More than half involved alcohol or unfolded at bars.

With the data showing that personal conflicts, not organized crime, sparked the violence, Guerrero-Velasco took the politically



risky steps of banning late-night alcohol sales, restricting weapons permits, and imposing targeted curfews. Bar owners, restaurants, patrons, and the army, which controlled gun sales, objected, but Guerrero-Velasco soon had persuasive evidence on his side. Almost immediately, hospitals reported fewer homicides, accidents, and injuries. After a few months, murders dropped by a third.

Limited to one term in office, Guerrero-Velasco took his

epidemiological approach to addressing violence to the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, D.C., where in 1995 he launched the Violence Prevention Program. After returning to Cali, he helped create VallenPaz, an organization dedicated to fostering economic opportunity for rural Colombians engaged in drug production or caught in the crossfire of the nation's guerilla war.

But by the new century, with his reforms languishing, Cali's murder rate began rising again. Guerrero-Velasco successfully ran for Cali's city council and, in 2012, for mayor again. This time, the data told a different story. By then, most homicides occurred on weekdays and, involving high-powered firearms and criminal gangs, were premeditated.

Once again, Guerrero-Velasco devised targeted interventions for specific problems. He asked national authorities to create special police and judicial units to strengthen a criminal justice system weakened by the drug trade. He also invested in social programs to improve housing, health facilities, and education, helping to reduce what he knew was a huge underlying problem for disaffected youth: inequality.

"All the evidence shows societies that are poor and unequal are more prone to be violent than those that aren't," he said.

The policies were a success, and in 2014, with Cali's murder rate dropping again, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at Washington University awarded Guerrero-Velasco its inaugural Roux Prize for taking "bold action to improve population health through disease burden evidence."

The author of numerous scientific publications, he has received many other honors, including induction into Colombia's National Academy of Medicine, the Colombian Society of Epidemiology, and, in the United States, the National Academy of Medicine.

For his innovative work aimed at reducing violence across our hemisphere, and for inspiring leaders around the world to use science to identify solutions for social problems, the University of Miami is proud to honor Rodrigo Guerrero-Velasco.

# 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 21, 2019.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Presented by Guillermo Prado, Ph.D., Dean

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Degree candidates December 12, 2019

### Ahmad Mohammad N Alassaf

B.S., 2009, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia  
M.S., 2014, Catholic University of America  
Major: Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Non-Invasive Analysis of Electrophysiological Properties of Primary Cell Culture*  
Advisor: Ashutosh Agarwal

### Nojoud Khaled S Alhakeem

B.S., 2010, Lynn University  
M.S., 2012, Florida International University  
Major: Ergonomics  
Dissertation: *Improvement of Gait Patterns in Spastic Adults Through Surgical Intervention on Spastic Upper Extremity*  
Advisor: Shihab S. Asfour

### Celeste Amadei

B.A., 2008, University of California, Berkeley  
M.S., 2009, Georgetown University  
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Dissertation: *The Role of E6ap in Autism Spectrum Disorder*  
Advisor: Zafar Nawaz

### Salim Ayoub

B.A., 2010  
M.A., 2013  
Major: Literary, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies  
Dissertation: *Indigènes Entre Deux Rives: Adopted Maghrebi Authors and Maghrebi Diasporic Voices Questioning and Queering Coloniality, Normativities and Nation-State in Language, Literature and Film*  
Advisor: Tracy L. Devine Guzman

### Lara Baez

B.A., 2015, Johns Hopkins University  
Major: Psychology  
Dissertation: *A Network Perspective on Peripartum Depression: How Do Symptoms Change Over Time?*

### Ashley Harris Beecham

B.S., 2006, Presbyterian College  
M.S., 2008, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Major: Human Genetics and Genomics  
Dissertation: *Leveraging Admixture in U.S. Minority Populations to Elucidate the Genetic Underpinnings of Multiple Sclerosis*  
Advisor: Jacob McCauley

### Rachel R. Besser

B.S., 2014, University of Florida  
Major: Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Engineering a Compartmentalized Hydrogel Platform for In-Vitro Assembly of Neuromuscular Junctions*  
Advisor: Ashutosh Agarwal

### Ahjane D. Billingsley

B.A., 2005, Whitman College  
M.A., 2010, Boston College  
Major: Community Well-Being  
Dissertation: *Community Is Our Power: Elevating Transformative Justice as a Multidimensional Community-Based Approach to Gender Violence*  
Advisor: Soyeon Ahn

### Briana M. Bohannon

B.S., 2015, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Major: Physiology and Biophysics  
Dissertation: *Investigating Novel Compounds in the Treatment of Cardiac Arrhythmia*  
Advisor: H. Peter Larsson

### Thomas Cadenazzi

B.S.C.E., 2014, Politecnico di Milano, Italy  
M.S.C.E., 2016, Politecnico di Milano, Italy  
Major: Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *The Halls River Bridge Case Study: Constructability, Economical, and Sustainability Aspects for an FRP Reinforced Concrete Bridge*  
Advisor: Antonio Nanni

### Alejandro Carvajal Pardo

Bachelor, 2006, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia  
Major: International Studies  
Dissertation: *Neither the Rock Nor the Hard Place: Local Actions of Neutrality in Colombia*  
Advisor: Bruce M. Bagley

### Fely Suzette Paule Catan

B.A., 2010, Université La Sorbonne, France  
M.A., 2011  
M.A., 2014, University of Wisconsin–Madison  
Major: Literary, Cultural, and Linguistic Studies  
Dissertation: *Non-Sovereignty and Artistic Production in Puerto Rico, Martinique, and Guadeloupe: Rethinking Nationalism and Independence*  
Advisor: Tracy L. Devine Guzman

### Shanghua Chen

A.B., 2014, University of Miami  
B.S.M.E., 2014, University of Miami  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *A Method to Investigate a Spark-Ignition Lean Burn Homogeneous Charge I.C. Engine's Energy Balance without Pressure Versus Volume Measurements*  
Advisor: Michael R. Swain

### Sarah Alison Cowles

B.A., 2009, Gustavus Adolphus College  
M.S., 2013, University of Nebraska–Lincoln  
Major: Biology  
Dissertation: *Genomic Analyses Reveal the Evolutionary Dynamics of Speciation in Two Tropical Avian Systems*  
Advisor: John Albert C. Uy

### Lacey T. Critchley

B.S., 2007, University of Florida  
M.P.H., 2010, University of Miami  
Major: Epidemiology  
Dissertation: *Food Insecurity: Deconstructing Its Predictors and Relationship to HIV Medication Adherence*  
Advisor: Daniel J. Feaster

### Mark J. Demma

B.S., 1985, State University of New York at Albany  
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Dissertation: *Targeting the Oncogenic Myc Pathway by Miniproteins: Understanding Mechanism of Action*

### Kimberly C. Galvez

A.B., 2013, University of Miami  
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics  
Advisor: Gregor Paul Eberli

- Tyler Christian Huff**  
B.A., 2015, DePauw University  
Major: Neuroscience  
Dissertation: *The Epigenetic Role of Pro-Myelinating Factors in Schwann Cell Myelination*
- Christina Kay Johnson**  
B.S., 2014, Appalachian State University  
Major: Physiology and Biophysics  
Dissertation: *Glial Regulators of Ionic Homeostasis Shape Neuronal Output in C. elegans*
- Andre Ryan Jordan**  
B.S., 2009, Syracuse University  
B.S., 2013, Brooklyn College  
Major: Cancer Biology  
Dissertation: *Molecularly Targeted Treatments for Urothelial and Renal Cell Carcinomas*
- Ibrahim Kaya**  
B.S., 2008, Middle East Technical University, Turkey  
Major: Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *High Rate Quasi-Steady State Pattern Visual Evoked Potentials for Brain-Computer Interface*  
Advisor: Ozcan Ozdamar
- Alexander Kreymerman**  
B.S., 2008, Florida Atlantic University  
Major: Neuroscience  
Dissertation: *The Diverse Roles of Mitochondrial Dynamics in Retinal Ganglion Cell Maturation, Disease, and Regeneration*  
Advisor: Maria T. Zayas
- Mohammad Nasir Uddin Laskar**  
B.S.C., 2008, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh  
M.S., 2013, Kyung Hee University, Republic of Korea  
Major: Computer Science  
Dissertation: *Understanding Texture Sensitivity in the Brain Visual System with Deep Neural Networks*  
Advisor: Odelia Schwartz
- Christian Paul Llano Robayo**  
B.S., 2007  
M.S., 2012  
Major: Industrial Engineering  
Dissertation: *Simultaneous State and Parameter Estimation of Non-Linear Dynamic Models Using Particle Learning*  
Advisor: Nazrul I. Shaikh
- Darlah Michelle Lopez Rodriguez**  
B.S., 2009, University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo  
Major: Microbiology and Immunology  
Dissertation: *A Role for the Hypoxia-inducible Factor 1 Alpha in Murine Gammaherpesvirus 68 (MHV68) Lytic Replication and Reactivation from Latency*  
Advisor: Samita Andreanksky
- Sanchit Mehta**  
B.S., 2010, Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, India  
M.S., 2012, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India  
Major: Applied Marine Physics  
Dissertation: *Air-Sea Interaction Dynamics Under Hurricane Wind Conditions*  
Advisor: Brian K. Haus
- Samantha Mitsven**  
B.A., 2013, San Diego State University  
Major: Psychology  
Dissertation: *What You Hear Is What You Say: The Dynamic Interplay of Classroom Vocalizations and Language Abilities*
- Rhoda Keese Moise**  
B.S., 2015, Pennsylvania State University  
Major: Prevention Science and Community Health  
Dissertation: *Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control in Haitian Women Living in South Florida and the Central Plateau of Haiti*  
Advisor: Erin Kobetz
- Lisa Marie Nyman**  
B.S., 2014, Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Major: Applied Marine Physics  
Dissertation: *A Study of Upper Ocean Dynamic Features Based on Advanced Coherent Marine Radar Techniques*  
Advisor: Roland Romeiser
- Seong Oh**  
B.A., 2006, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea  
M.A., 2014, Tufts University  
Major: Philosophy  
Dissertation: *Perceptual Experience and Understanding Language*  
Advisor: Berit Brogaard
- Daniel Branden Perez**  
M.S., 2016, University of Miami  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Multi-Scale Analysis of Multifunctional Composites and 3D Printed Polymers*  
Advisor: Ryan Lee Karkkainen
- Timothy More Perez**  
B.S., 2010, University of Vermont  
Major: Biology  
Dissertation: *The Ecophysiology of Photosynthetic Heat Tolerances in Tropical Plants*  
Advisor: Kenneth J. Feeley
- Joshua D. Poorbaugh**  
B.A., 2000, Asbury College  
M.S., 2005, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis  
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Dissertation: *Identification of T Cell Biomarkers: A Gene Signature for Human CD8 T Cell Exhaustion and Ultrasensitive ELISA Methods for IL-21*  
Advisor: Sylvia Daunert
- Mirza Muhammad F Qadir**  
M.S., 2014, National University of Science and Technology, Pakistan  
Major: Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology  
Advisor: Juan Dominguez-Bendala
- Rosario Catalina Ramirez**  
B.L.A., 2003, University of Miami  
Major: Romance Studies, Spanish  
Dissertation: *Contemporary Central American Imaginaries Under (Re)Construction: Landings in a Postwar Cultural Landscape*  
Advisor: George A. Yúdice
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B.A., 1999, Northwestern University  
Major: Physical Therapy  
Dissertation: *Risk Factors for Injuries in Elite Junior and Professional Tennis Players*
- Marco Rossini**  
B.S.C.E., 2013, Politecnico di Milano, Italy  
M.S.C.E., 2016, Politecnico di Milano, Italy  
Major: Civil Engineering  
Dissertation: *FRP Reinforcement for Prestressed Concrete Applications*  
Advisor: Antonio Nanni
- Laura Edith Rueda Sanchez**  
B.S., 2008, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia  
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics  
Dissertation: *Stratigraphy and Geochemistry of the Tithonian Vaca Muerta-Picún Leufú Mixed Depositional System*  
Advisor: Gregor Paul Eberli
- Muhammad Saad Sadiq**  
B.S., 2008  
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Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Dissertation: *Counterfactual Auto Encoders*  
Advisor: Mei-Ling Shyu
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B.S., 2010, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom  
M.S., 2012, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom  
Major: Cancer Biology  
Dissertation: *A Comprehensive Investigation of MTH1 as a Novel Therapeutic Target in RAS-Driven Cancers*  
Advisor: Priyamvada Rai
- Kristen Marie Sanders**  
B.S., 2009, Meredith College  
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Major: Neuroscience  
Dissertation: *Characterization and Optogenetic Manipulation of the Affective Itch Circuit in Mouse Models of Itch*  
Advisor: Tasuku Akiyama



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B.S., 2009, Tribhuvan University, Nepal  
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 Major: Physics  
 Dissertation: *Properties of Local Diffuse X-Ray Background Below ¼ keV*

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 M.S., 2014, College of William and Mary  
 Major: Marine Biology and Fisheries  
 Dissertation: *The Effects of Environmental Variables and Anthropogenic Pollutants on the Physiology and Behavior of Marine Fishes*  
 Advisor: Martin Grosell

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 Major: Applied Marine Physics  
 Dissertation: *Air-Sea Interaction and Submesoscale Processes Near Fronts*  
 Advisor: Brian K. Haus

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 Major: Chemistry  
 Dissertation: *Investigating the Mechanisms of Hydrolysis and Amyloidosis through Computational Approaches*  
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 Major: Counseling Psychology  
 Dissertation: *African American Women's Experiences of Race-Based Traumatic Stress*  
 Advisor: Marie Guerda Nicolas

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 Major: Industrial Engineering  
 Dissertation: *Bayesian Filtering Methods for Dynamic System Monitoring and Control*  
 Advisor: Ramin Moghaddass

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 Major: Neuroscience  
 Dissertation: *Pancreatic Islets Communicate with the Brain via Vagal Sensory Neurons*  
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 M.A., 2014, University of Denver  
 Major: Counseling Psychology  
 Dissertation: *Externalizing Problems and Hispanic/Latinx Adolescents: A Bioecological Approach*  
 Advisor: Daniel A. Santisteban

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 Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics  
 Dissertation: *Depositional Partitioning of Organic Material in a Mixed Carbonate-Siliciclastic System, Controls on Production, Preservation and Dilution: The Vaca Muerta Formation, Neuquen, Argentina*  
 Advisor: Gregor Paul Eberli

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 Dissertation: *The Association of Breastfeeding Practices and Postpartum Depression Risk*  
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**Brooke E. Vitek**

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 Dissertation: *Multiscale Morphogenesis of Hamelin Pool Stromatolites*  
 Advisor: R. Pamela Reid

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 Major: Marine Biology and Fisheries  
 Dissertation: *The Physiological and Molecular Mechanisms of Nitrogen Excretion in the Early Life Stages of Mahi-Mahi (Coryphaena hippurus) and Zebrafish (Danio rerio)*  
 Advisor: Martin Grosell

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B.S., 2013, University of Miami  
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 Major: Exercise Physiology  
 Dissertation: *Biomechanical and Electromyographical Analysis of Visually Observed Symmetrical and Asymmetrical Hip Movement Patterns in the Back Squat*

**Jimmy Manuel Wong**

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 Major: International Studies  
 Dissertation: *The NATO Allies and Intervention in Libya*  
 Advisor: Bruce M. Bagley

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 Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography  
 Dissertation: *Understanding and Predicting the MJO During DYNAMO*  
 Advisor: Benjamin Kirtman

**Yunjun Zhang**

M.S., 2014  
 Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics  
 Dissertation: *Geodetic Imaging of Volcanic Processes with Time Series Radar Interferometry*  
 Advisor: Falk C. Amelung

**Yeting Zheng**

Major: Chemistry  
 Dissertation: *Complexation of Viologen Derivatives by Cucurbit[7]Uril*  
 Advisor: Angel E. Kaifer

**Yi Zhu**

B.Med., 2010, Jinan University, China  
 Master, 2013, Sun Yat-Sen University, China  
 Major: Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology  
 Dissertation: *Isoform-Specific Protection of Nicotinamide Mononucleotide Adenylyltransferase in the Pathogenesis of Neurodegenerative Diseases*  
 Advisor: R. Grace Zhai

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**Jordan Bryce Ainsley**

B.A., 2006, Emory University  
 M.A., 2011, Boston University  
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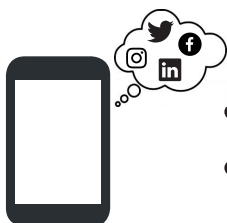


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## THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

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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

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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 art professor 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 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.

In 2019, staff and faculty in the Department of Theatre Arts performed preservation and restoration work on the mace, crafting a new base and reviving the original sheen so that, after decades of use, the mace continues to play its role in the University's commencement ceremonies.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

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The University of Miami Presidential Chair, or *cathedra*, takes its place on the commencement stage as a 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

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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. 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

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## 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. "University of Miami 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,

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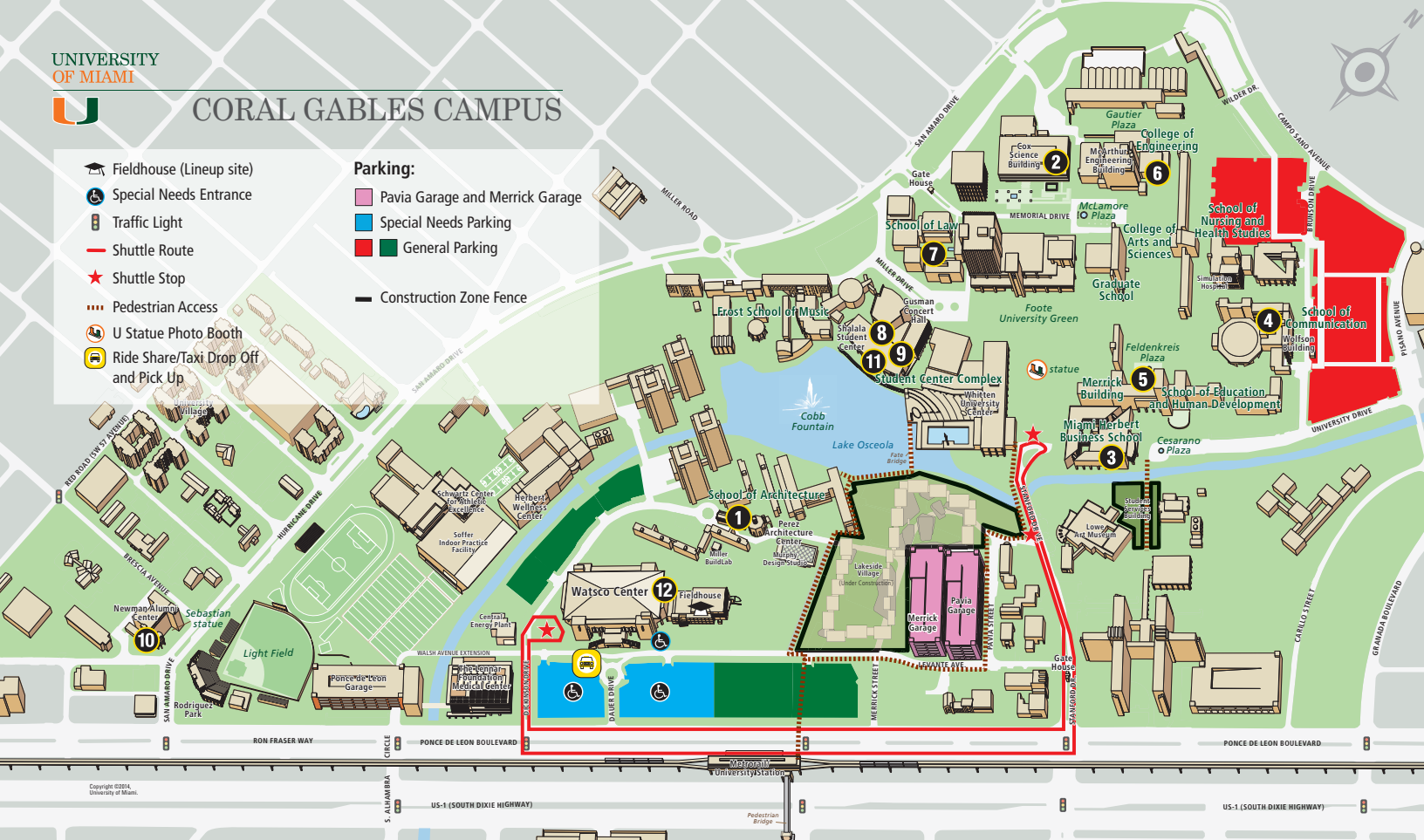


## CORAL GABLES CAMPUS

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- Special Needs Entrance
- Traffic Light
- Shuttle Route
- Shuttle Stop
- Pedestrian Access
- U Statue Photo Booth
- Ride Share/Taxi Drop Off and Pick Up

- Pavia Garage and Merrick Garage
- Special Needs Parking
- General Parking

Construction Zone Fence



## Reception and Parking Information

The fall commencement ceremonies will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, 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><b>1 School of Architecture</b><br/>Jorge M. Perez Architecture Center<br/>Irvin Korach Gallery<br/>December 12, 2019 • 12–1 p.m.</p> <p><b>2 College of Arts and Sciences</b><br/>Cox Science Building Portico<br/>December 12, 2019 • 12 p.m.</p> <p><b>3 Miami Herbert Business School</b><br/><i>Undergraduate Degree Recipients</i><br/>James W. McLamore Executive<br/>Education Center, 3rd floor<br/>December 12, 2019 • 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>4 School of Communication</b><br/>Frances L. Wolfson Building Courtyard<br/>December 12, 2019 • 12–2 p.m.</p> <p><b>5 School of Education and Human Development</b><br/>Solomon G. Merrick Building Breezeway<br/>George Feldenkreis Fountain<br/>December 12, 2019 • 12–2:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>6 College of Engineering</b><br/>McArthur Engineering Building<br/>December 12, 2019 • 12 p.m.</p> <p><b>7 School of Law</b><br/>Hilarie Bass Bricks<br/>December 12, 2019 • 4–5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>8 Frost School of Music</b><br/>Shalala Student Center<br/>Activities Room<br/>December 12, 2019 • 12–2 p.m.</p> <p><b>9 School of Nursing and Health Studies</b><br/>Shalala Student Center<br/>Grand Ballroom<br/>December 11, 2019 • 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>10 Division of Continuing and International Education</b><br/>Newman Alumni Center<br/>Tower Room, 4th floor<br/>December 4, 2019 • 6–8 p.m.</p> | <p><b>11 UOnline</b><br/>Shalala Student Center<br/>Activities Room<br/>December 11, 2019 • 3–5 p.m.</p> <p><b>12 Graduate School</b><br/><i>Doctoral Degree Candidates</i><br/><i>Hooding Rehearsal and Reception</i><br/>Watsco Center, Hurricane 100 Room<br/>December 11, 2019 • 4–6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science</b><br/>4600 Rickenbacker Causeway<br/>Miami, FL 33149<br/><i>Undergraduate Degree Recipients</i><br/>Rosenstiel Commons<br/>December 11, 2019 • 3:30–5 p.m.<br/><i>Graduate Degree Recipients</i><br/>Rosenstiel Auditorium<br/>December 13, 2019 • 10:30 a.m.</p> |
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Stop by the U Statue at the Rock on Thursday, December 12, between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. for a complimentary photo.

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