UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

COMMENCEMENT 2018

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UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CEREMONY

Business School
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Anuj Mehrotra, Ph.D.
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Ramin Moghaddass, Ph.D.
Ramon Montero, Ph.D.
Joseph Sharit, Ph.D.
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Thomas H. Wright, B.S.E.E. '73
Pete Martinez, B.S.E.E. '75
Gary J. Spulak, B.B.A. '76
Thomas E. Lunak, Jr., B.B.A. '80
Malcom S. Butters, B.B.A. '82
J. Raul Cosio, B.B.A. '82
Carlos G. Guzman, B.B.A. '83
Ana Maria Cancio, B.S.E.E. '84
Olga M. Cardet, B.S.E.E. '84
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Christina Duran, B.B.A. '01, M.B.A. '07
* **Academic Procession**

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

* Pomp and Circumstance
  
  Edward Elgar

* **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

* **The National Anthem**

  Mia Tamburrino, B.M. ’18

  Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

**Invocation**

Abdul Hamid Samra, Ph.D.

University of Miami Muslim Chaplain

Director of Religious Services, Islamic Center of Greater Miami

Adjunct Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Welcome**

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

President

**Introduction of Speaker**

Ana VeigaMilton, B.S.E.E. ’87, J.D. ’93

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**Advice to Graduates**

Frank R. Jimenez, B.S. ’87

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President of the University of Miami Alumni Association

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John Quelch, Ph.D., Dean
College of Engineering
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Student Address
Emily M. Bajalia, B.B.A. ’18
Business School

Alumni Association Welcome
Brenda Baty, B.B.A ’90

* Alma Mater
William S. Lampe
and Christine Asdurian

Alma Mater
Craig S. McKenzie, M.A.
Conductor
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music
Mia Tamburrino, B.M. ’18
Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music

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

Miami March
The Noble Men March
The Crosley March
The President’s 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.

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University of Miami Commencement Band

Craig S. McKenzie, M.A., Conductor

Flute
Emily Bedard
Mackenzie Miller
Rebecca Tutunick

Oboe
Cameron Roberts
Joseph Wenda

Bassoon
Jordan Bidwell
Keegan Hockett

Clarinet
Margaret Flood
Amy Hoang
Rachel Komroff
Lee Seidner
Benjamin Webster
Chee Weng Yim

Bass Clarinet
Tomás Ramos

Saxophone
Frank Capoferrì
Joey Speranzo
Nicholas Tobin
Samuel Valancy

Trumpet
Samuel Exline
Robert Gallagher
Aaron Ney
Ian Sawyer
Jeffrey Summers
Phillip Tsigolaroff

Horn
Michael Barcenas
Brandon Guillen
Caitlin McKinney
Alex Witt

Trombone
Steven Eckert
Thomas McKee
Ryan Smith
Wesley Thompson

Euphonium
Cassius Torres

Tuba
Dennis Lejardi

Double Bass
Diego Matallana Rodriguez

Percussion
Kirit Angelov
Max Braunstein
Katherine Fortunato
Ksenija Komljenoivc

Commencement set designed by Kristian A. Rodriguez, B.S.C. ’04, M.F.A. ’18, art director in University Communications.
Frank R. Jimenez took a tad longer than most—nearly six years—to finish his undergraduate degree in biology at the University of Miami. As a whirlwind in Student Government and other student activities, he collected a handful of honors, including being tapped into the Iron Arrow Honor Society. But his pace still worried his parents, who left Cuba in 1961 with no assets, no college degrees, and no English skills.

They need not have worried. Like his older brother, Marcos, who also excelled at the University and is a former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Jimenez was simply garnering the education he needed to be successful in the world.

“I was premed, studying biology but unenthusiastic about med school,” remembers Jimenez, who served as vice president of Student Government and president of both the Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board honor societies. “It took me five years to admit it, but once I decided to go to law school instead, everything took off like a rocket.”

And take off he did. He earned his law degree in 1991 from the Yale Law School, where he was Notes editor of the Yale Law Journal and won the Harlan Fiske Stone and Benjamin N. Cardozo prizes for best oral argument and best brief, respectively, in the school’s moot court competition. He went on to earn an M.B.A. in 2005 from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a master’s degree in national security and strategic studies in 2009 from the U.S. Naval War College.

His studies, legal acumen, and expanding passion for the law led him to a clerkship for a federal judge in California, a litigation partnership in a Miami law firm, and roles as deputy chief of staff and acting general counsel for former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under Secretary Mel Martinez, and in 2006 as the 21st general counsel of the U.S. Navy at the Pentagon, the chief legal officer of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, where he managed more than 600 attorneys worldwide and helped to oversee the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

The young man who needed just a stitch more time to find the light for his academic fuse would serve in a multitude of other senior executive, leadership, and legal positions in both government and the private sector. Since 2015 Jimenez has been the vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Raytheon Company, a technology and innovation leader specializing in defense, civil government, and cybersecurity solutions with 64,000 employees and sales in 2017 of $25 billion.

Prior to joining Raytheon, Jimenez served as general counsel, secretary, and managing director of corporate affairs of Bunge Limited, a Fortune Global 200 agribusiness and food company, and as senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Xylem Inc., an S&P 500 water technology spinoff from ITT Corporation, which Jimenez joined as general counsel in 2009.

And, as if he wasn’t busy enough, last June Jimenez began a two-year term as president of the University of Miami Alumni Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees. Though he lives in Massachusetts, recently became a first-time husband and father, and maintains a rigorous professional schedule, he generously donates his time and expertise to the ‘Canes cause.

But then the Jimenez family formed a unique bond to the University long ago.

“Next to family and church, the institution most responsible for my family’s success in the United States has been the University of Miami,” Jimenez told Miami magazine in an interview. “The University provided us with a world-class education, setting my brother and me up well for graduate study, and in my case, offered rewarding and enriching extracurricular experiences through leadership in Student Government, Lambda Chi Alpha, ODK, Homecoming, and Carni Gras. Throw in great friends, sports championships, and numerous faculty role models—and you have a formula for magical college years and lifelong loyalty.”

The University of Miami is proud to welcome as commencement speaker Frank R. Jimenez, a remarkable alumnus and loyal friend of the University whose exceptional leadership skills and legal expertise have richly benefited our community, our government, and the private sector.

FRANK R. JIMENEZ, B.S. ’87
Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of Raytheon Company
President of the University of Miami Alumni Association
University of Miami Trustee
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 April 16, 2018.

Candidates for Degrees

Graduate School
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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Degree candidates May 10, 2018

Sarah Henry Adwan
B.S., 2009, Notre Dame University
M.S., 2012, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Major: Exercise Physiology
Dissertation: The Effect of a High-Intensity Interval Exercise Bout on Addictive Behaviors in Overweight/Obese Adults
Advisor: Arlette C. Perry

Alok Bahadur Amatya
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 Worksite Wellness
Advisor: Arlette C. Perry

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 Worksite Wellness
Advisor: Arlette C. Perry

Michele Baldoni
Bachelors, 2009, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Masters, 2012, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Dissertation: Computational Analysis of the Lumbar Spine Kinetics
Advisor: Weiyong Gu

Joaquin Esteban Blanco
Bachelors, 2012, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
M.S., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Atmospheric Sciences
Dissertation: Modulation of Cloud Cluster Propagation by Super Cloud Clusters
Advisor: David S. Nolan

Jennifer Marie Brazil
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

Annie Elizabeth Brett
B.A., 2009, Harvard University
J.D., 2017, University of Miami
Major: Environmental Science and Policy
Dissertation: Toward Understanding Law and Exploration: Citizen Science, Technology and Regulation
Advisor: Kenneth Broad

Taylor Sullivan Bolt
B.S., 2013, Clemson University
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: The Prospects for a Biologically Driven Taxonomy of Cognition
Advisor: Michael R. Wang and Weizhao Zhao

Sarah Elizabeth Cash
B.M., 1999, Palm Beach Atlantic University
M.A., 2013, Florida International University
Dissertation: Inharmonic Resonance: Music and Temporality in Literature of the Long Nineteenth Century
Advisor: Kathryn Freeman

Anthony Nolan Cauley
B.S., 2013, Monmouth University
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: Fluorophores in Confined Spaces: From Targeting Molecular Transporters to Encapsulation by Organic Nanocarriers
Advisor: James N. Wilson

Samantha Selina Sobrini Chaitram
M.Sc., 2008, The University of the West Indies, Barbados
Major: International Studies
Dissertation: The United States and the Caribbean in the 21st Century: Towards a New Era of Engagement
Advisor: Bruce Michael Bagley

Yu Cheng
B.S., 2010, National Taiwan University, Taiwan
Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography
Dissertation: Agulhas Leakage Variability and Its Climate Implications in a Coupled System
Advisor: Lisa Beal

Grant Matthew Cohen
B.A., 2003, University of Colorado Boulder
M.A., 2005, University of Miami
M.Sc., 2008, University of London, England
Major: International Studies
Advisor: Joseph M. Parent

Ramsey Dahab
M.A., 2012, Florida International University
Major: Sociology
Dissertation: The Struggle for Meaning: The Faces and Voices of the Muslim Experience in Miami
Advisor: John W. Murphy

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

Lucas Cardoso Laurindo
B.S., 2008, Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
M.S., 2010, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography
Advisor: Arthur J. Mariano
Maria De La Luz De Ornelas
B.S.B.E., 2008, University of Miami
M.S.B.E., 2011, University of Miami
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: Exploration of Density Incorporation in Inverse Radiotherapy Optimization
Advisor: Iyavlo Bodganov Mihaylov

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B.A., 2012, California State University, Long Beach
M.S., 2012, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: Effects of Psychological and Structural-Level Factors on Sexual Risk and STI in High-Risk Men Who Have Sex with Men
Advisor: Gail Ironson

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B.S., 2012, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, China
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Advisor: Suhrud M. Raiguru

Summer De Bastiani
B.S.N., 2004, West Virginia University
M.P.H., 2010, Johns Hopkins University
Major: Nursing
Dissertation: A Population-Based Assessment of Suicide Risk
Advisor: Anne E. Norris

Matthew Alexander Foretich
B.S., 2012, University of Georgia
Major: Marine Biology and Ecology
Dissertation: Chemosensory and Ecological Context: Signposts for Navigating Fish Larvae
Advisor: Claire B. Paris-Limouzy

Loren Jones
B.A., 2010, University of South Florida
M.S.Ed., 2014, University of South Florida
Major: Teaching and Learning
Dissertation: "It’s Kind of a Balancing Act:" Scaffolding Collaborative Writing Activities in a Diverse First-Grade Classroom
Advisor: Luciana de Oliveira

Viviana Dalina Diaz
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics
Dissertation: Depositional and Diagenetic Heterogeneities of Plio-Pleistocene Reefal Limestones, Southern Dominican Republic
Advisor: James Klaus

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B.S., 2010, Florida International University
M.S., 2012, Duke University
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: Fiducial-Less Real Time Tracking in the Radiation Treatment of Liver Tumors Using Artificial Neural Networks
Advisor: WeiZhao Zhao

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B.A., 2011, University of California, Santa Barbara
M.S., 2015, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: Are Apologies Less Effective for Transgressors Who Seem Likely to Exploit Their Victims Again in the Future? An Experimental Evaluation of a Mediational Hypothesis
Advisor: Michael McCullough

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B.S., 2010, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: Caged Molecules Released from Capsules: Photochemical and Photophysical Studies of Coumarin Triggers
Advisor: Francisco Raymo

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B.S., 2012, Louisiana Tech University
M.S., 2014, University of Miami
Major: Mathematics
Dissertation: On Chromatic Quasisymmetric Functions of Directed Graphs
Advisor: Michelle Wachs

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A.B., 2010, University of Miami
M.S.Ed., 2012, University of Miami
Major: Psychology
Dissertation: Sleep Duration, Postprandial Metabolic Function, and the Role of Insulin Resistance in Nondiabetic Individuals
Advisor: Weizhao Zhao

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B.M., 2011, Yantai University, China
Major: Human Genetics and Genomics
Dissertation: Understanding Rare Neurological Disorders Using Drosophila Models: Mechanistic Characterization of Neurotoxicity in Snyder-Robinson Syndrome
Advisor: Rong Grace Zhai

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B.S., 2008, Jilin University, China
M.S., 2011, Jilin University, China
Major: Biology
Dissertation: Regulation of Interactions between Sap-Feeding Insects and Their Obligate Endosymbionts
Advisor: Amanda C.C. Wilson

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B.S., 2012, University of Miami
Major: Chemistry
Dissertation: Synthesis and Applications of Carbon Dots
Advisor: Roger M. Leblanc

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B.S., 2013, University of Science and Technology of China, China
Major: Business Administration
Advisor: Sammi Yu Tang

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B.A., 2009, University of Tunis, Tunisia
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Major: Literary, Cultural and Linguistic Studies
Dissertation: Terrorists' Imaginaries: Social Exclusion, Queerness, Repressive Apparatu and the Emergence of Post-Religious Terrorism in Contemporary Maghrebian Francophone Literature and Film
Advisor: Ralph Heyndels

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B.S., 2004, Emory University
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
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B.A., 2012, University of North Florida  
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Major: Philosophy  
Dissertation: Counterpossibles for Modal Neo-Normalists  
Advisor: Peter J. Lewis

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Major: Sociology  
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Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics  
Dissertation: Geophysical Characterization and Modeling of Volcanic Systems: Multi-Parameter Approach from Geodetic and Seismic Signals  
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B.S., 2006, James Madison University  
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Major: Teaching and Learning  
Dissertation: Parent-Teacher Agreement on Problem Behavior in Kindergarten Children with and without an Individualized Education Program  
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Dissertation: Androgen Receptor-Variant Oncogenic Networks as Prostate Cancer Vulnerabilities  
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Major: Epidemiology  
Dissertation: Family Impact on Substance Use and Sexual Risk Behavior in Sexual Minority Hispanic Adolescents  
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Major: Communication  
Dissertation: Animated Messages for Clinical Trial Education: The Mediating Role of Cognitive Absorption on the Effect of Multimedia Communication Strategies  
Advisor: Susan Morgan

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B.A., 2000, Coppin State University  
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Major: International Studies  
Dissertation: Distributional Conflict and Compensation Mechanisms in Regional Institutions in the Global South  
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B.S., 2012, University of Virginia  
Major: Meteorology and Physical Oceanography  
Dissertation: Regional Climate Variability in an Ocean Eddy Resolving Global Coupled Climate Model: Implications on Coastal Flooding  
Advisor: Benjamin Kirtman

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Major: Psychology  
Dissertation: Testing an Evolutionary Psychological Model of Incest  
Advisor: Philip M. McCabe

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Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics  
Dissertation: Idiosyncratic Spatial and Temporal Modifications of Seismic Waveforms  
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Dissertation: Sexual Decision Making Among Men Who Identify as Bears, a Gay Subculture  
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Dissertation: Developing Popular Music Programs in Higher Education: Exploring Possibilities  
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Major: Exercise Physiology  
Dissertation: Hemodynamic and Hormonal Responses to an Exercise Test in Parkinson’s Disease Patients without Orthostatic Hypotension  
Advisor: Joseph F. Signorile

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B.A., 2012, Loyola Marymount University  
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Major: Teaching and Learning  
Dissertation: Illustrated Libros for Ninos: The Interplay of Translanguaging and Multimodality in Polycultural Picturebooks  
Advisor: Luciana de Oliveira

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Dissertation: An Assessment of the Caribbean Sea’s Upper Ocean Influence on Air-Sea Interaction During Tropical Cyclones  
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Major: Chemistry  
Dissertation: Photonics Strategies for Bioimaging and Modulation of Biological Systems  
Advisor: Francisco M. Raymo
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B.S., 2011, Oklahoma State University  
Major: Biology  
Dissertation: *Systematics, Evolution, and Biogeography of Ayenia (Malvaceae subfamily Byttnerioideae)*  
Advisor: Barbara A. Whitlock

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B.S., 2008, Wuhan University, China  
Masters, 2010, Wuhan University, China  
Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Dissertation: *High Resolution and Wide Field-of-View Optical Coherence Tomography for 3D Imaging*  
Advisor: Michael Rensun Wang

Dario Emmanuel Solano Rojas  
Major: Marine Geology and Geophysics  
Dissertation: *Geological Hazard Assessments for Mexico City and Its Surroundings Based on Synthetic Aperture Radar Interferometry (InSAR) Observations*  
Advisor: Simon Wdowinski

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B.S., 2011, University of Florida  
Major: Marine Biology and Fisheries  
Dissertation: *What Is the Cost of Management Inaction? A Bioeconomic Assessment of Florida’s Commercial Reef Fisheries*  
Advisor: Jerald Stephen Ault

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B.S., 2011, University of California, San Diego  
M.S., 2015, University of Miami  
Major: Psychology  
Dissertation: *A Factor Analysis and Exploration of the Associations between Physical Frailty Symptoms and Cognitive Functioning*  
Advisors: Bonnie E. Levin and Philip M. McCabe

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B.A., 1998, Northwestern University  
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Major: International Studies  
Dissertation: *Transgovernmental Networks and the North American Security Markets*  
Advisor: Lilian E. Yaffe

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B.S., 2013, Jilin University, China  
Major: Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Activatable Fluorophores Combined with Amphiphilic Polymer Carriers for Bioimaging*  
Advisor: Francisco M. Raymo

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B.A., 2009, New York University  
M.A., University of Central Florida  
Major: English  
Dissertation: *Imminent Communities: Transpacific Literary Form and Racialization, 1847-1920*  
Advisor: Timothy P. Watson

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B.S., 2005, P. V. K. N. Government College, India  
M.S., 2007, Vivekananda Global University, India  
Major: Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Photochemistry of CIS-Cinnamic Acids and CIS-Cinnamides in the Crystalline State and Aqueous Solution*  
Advisor: Francisco M. Raymo

Nicolas G. Velasquez  
B.A., 2006, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia  
M.A., 2016, University of Miami  
Major: International Studies  
Dissertation: *Political Power in the Peripheries*  
Advisor: Elvira Maria Restrepo

Astrid A. Werkmeister  
B.S., 2011, Universität Hanover, Germany  
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Major: Applied Marine Physics  
Dissertation: *Boundary Layer Winds and Waves in Tropical Cyclones from SAR Imagery*  
Advisor: Hans C. Graber

Daniel Toner Wynn  
B.S., 2010, University of South Carolina  
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Dissertation: *The Detection of Hazardous Materials Using Genetically Engineered Biotechnology*  
Advisor: Sylvia Daunert

Yilan Yan  
B.S., 2009, Beihang University, China  
M.S., 2013, National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan  
Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Dissertation: *Deep Learning Based Imbalanced Data Classification and Information Retrieval for Multimedia Big Data*  
Advisor: Mei-Ling Shyu

Liu Yang  
B.S., 2005, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China  
B.S. Eng., 2005, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China  
M.S., 2012, Louisiana State University  
Major: Business Administration  
Dissertation: *Causes and Consequences of the Adoption of OTC Market’s Alternative Reporting System*  
Advisor: Andrew J. Leone

Yunchao Yang  
B.S., 2011, Harbin Institute of Technology, China  
M.S., 2013, Harbin Institute of Technology, China  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Investigations of Super-Lifting Co-Flow jet Airfoil and Distributed Electric Propulsion Aircraft*  
Advisor: Ge-Cheng Zha

Liliann Y. Zamora  
B.A., 1996, California State University, East Bay  
M.S., 2011, University of Miami  
Major: Biology  
Dissertation: *Alcohol-Induced Developmental Defects of Octavolateral Organs in Zebrafish: A Time-Sensitive Period and Mechanisms*  
Advisor: Zhongmin Lu

Rui Zeng  
B.S., 2012, Wuhan University, China  
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Dissertation: *The Assembly of the Mitochondrial Large Subunit in Saccharomyces cerevisiae*  
Advisor: Antonio Barrientos

Chen Zhang  
B.S., 2005, Shandong University, China  
M.S., 2008, Shandong University, China  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Study of Prussian Blue and Its Analogues as Mediators in Supercapacitors*  
Advisor: Xiangyang Zhou

Xuyang Zhang  
B.S.M.E., 2012, University of Miami  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Systematic Error Analysis of Darcy’s Law for Porous Media in Fuel Cells*  
Advisor: Hongtao Liu

Degree candidates August 10, 2018

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Essay: Mindfulness Practice in the Collegiate Voice Studio: A Case Study
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Essay: At the Edge of Hope, A Cantata for the Everyday Colombian
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Essay: Ottorino Respighi: Published and Unpublished Works for Piano Solo
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Essay: An Analysis of Overtone and Undertone Structure and Its Influence on the Relative Consonance and Dissonance of the Diatonic Modes as Used in Jazz
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Essay: Building an Improvisational Practice for the Classical Cellist
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Essay: Bright Bass Timbres in the "Dark Age" of Jazz: Eddie Gomez, Three Quartets, Transgression, and Transcendence
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Essay: A Pedagogical Exploration of Selected Art Songs by Franz Schubert Transcribed for Bassoon
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Essay: A Method for Versatility and Flexibility for the Low Reed Specialist
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Please stop by your home away from home, the Robert and Judi Prokop Newman Alumni Center, the next time you visit campus.

Again, congratulations on your accomplishments, and welcome to the 'Canes alumni family. It's great to be a Miami Hurricane!

For 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 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, took its place on the commencement stage in 2016 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.
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.
Hurricane Strong

Words and Music by Rey Sanchez, B.M.’80, M.M.’82
Professor of Music, Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation
Performed by the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music American Music Ensemble, under the direction of Daniel Strange

The season is over, but our work has just begun;
   Ready to make another change.
Our moment is closer now, and our time has finally come;
   Nothing is getting in our way.

Southern wind across the land
   Will never end, we’ll always stand;

Hurricane strong, Hurricane proud
Flying through the eye of the storm, singin’
Hurricane songs, Hurricane loud
   Right where we belong.
‘Cause it’s all about the U;
   We’re Hurricane strong!

We can stand in a driving rain and we shall not be moved;
   No matter what may come our way.
We’ll stand up for justice, for honor and for truth;
   No matter how long it may take.

Southern wind across the land
   With all its power in our hands!

Hurricane strong, Hurricane proud
Flying through the eye of the storm, singin’
Hurricane songs, Hurricane loud
   Right where we belong.
‘Cause it’s all about the U…

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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.
Reception and Parking Information
The Spring commencement ceremonies will be held in the Watsco Center on the Coral Gables campus. 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 handicap or other parking passes are required for any commencement guests. 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:

1. **School of Architecture**
   Jorge M. Perez Architecture Center
   Irvin Korach Gallery
   **Graduate Degree Recipients**
   May 10, 2018 • 3 p.m.
   **Undergraduate Degree Recipients**
   May 11, 2018 • 3 p.m.

2. **College of Arts and Sciences**
   Cox Science Center Portico
   May 11, 2018 • 10:30 a.m.

3. **Miami Business School**
   Cesarano Plaza
   **Graduate Degree Recipients**
   May 10, 2018 • 3 p.m.
   **Undergraduate Degree Recipients**
   May 11, 2018 • 1:30–3:30 p.m.

4. **School of Communication**
   Frances L. Wolfson Building Courtyard
   May 11, 2018 • 3 p.m.

5. **School of Education and Human Development**
   Merrick Breezeway
   George Feldenkreis Fountain
   May 11, 2018 • 3:15–5:15 p.m.

6. **College of Engineering**
   McArthur Engineering Building
   May 11, 2018 • 12 p.m.

7. **School of Law**
   School of Law, Bass Bricks
   May 12, 2018 • 12 p.m.

8. **Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music**
   Shalala Student Center
   Activities Room
   May 11, 2018 • 3–5 p.m.

9. **School of Nursing and Health Studies**
   Shalala Student Center
   Grand Ballroom
   May 12, 2018 • 8:30 a.m.

10. **Division of Continuing and International Education**
    Newman Alumni Center
    Tower Room
    April 30, 2018 • 6 p.m.

11. **UOnline**
    Shalala Student Center
    Activities Room
    May 9, 2018 • 3–5 p.m.

12. **Graduate School**
    Doctoral Degree Candidates
    Hooding Rehearsal and Reception
    Watsco Center, Hurricane 100 Room
    May 9, 2018 • 4–6 p.m.

13. **Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science**
    **Undergraduate Degree Recipients**
    Newman Alumni Center
    May 10, 2018 • 6–8 p.m.
    **Graduate Degree Recipients**
    Rosenstiel School Commons
    4600 Rickenbacker Causeway
    Miami, FL 33149
    May 9, 2018 • 2:30 p.m.

Stop by the U Statue at the Rock on Friday, May 11, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a complimentary photo!