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COLLEGE CHICAGO

COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 2018

IMAGE

"Arch" by Tucker O'Neill '18
2018 Commencement Photo Competition Winner

ARTIST STATEMENT

"Arch" is part of a series of black and white street photographs that focus on documenting the cityscape around me. My challenge as a photographer is to present a unique perspective of Chicago's iconic landmarks. In this photograph, I framed Alexander Calder's famous *Flamingo* sculpture in the context of the towering buildings around it, diminishing its scale. I see my photograph as a portrayal of the importance of understanding human scale and as a tribute to Charles and Ray Eames' classic documentary, "Powers of Ten," containing the same theme.

PRESIDENT KWANG-WU KIM, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND
THE FACULTY OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE

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2018 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

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- Creative Writing
- Cultural Studies
- Dance
- Education
- Fashion Studies
- Theatre

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THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

O, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

“THE BATS”

BY MEG CALDWELL

WINNER OF THE 2018 ALLEN AND LYNN TURNER COMMENCEMENT POETRY COMPETITION

bats circle above me looking for food i throw a small pebble into the dusk they chase after it /
my mother taught me to do that one hot night when we lived in the swamp / the bats circling
around she told us all about echolocation while throwing that pebble / we spent hours throwing
pebbles looking at bats until it was too dark to see / we did it again the next night and the next
night and the next / my sisters and mother and i danced in the swamp like women / we hollered
with the bats / my sister could hear alligators crooning past the fence / the bats hear it too / we
chased after our own pebbles on the ground collecting anything we found pretty enough /
pebbles screws broken bits of glass / we lay in the grass and stared at the bats chasing bugs in
the air / real bugs / my sisters spun in circles and we waited for the bats to notice us but they
never did / my mother kept throwing pebbles / my sister started singing with the alligators / i
listened and watched and when it got too dark to see the bats we knew they were still there / we
were still there throwing pebbles into the darkness / we were never afraid.

STUDENT SPEAKERS

NATIYA MONIQUE REGGANS

Candidate for the degree of Master of Arts, Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

SPEAKING SATURDAY, MAY 12, 10 A.M.

Natiya Reggans resides in Evanston, Illinois, where she received an MS in Leadership for the Creative Enterprises at Northwestern University. She has danced for professional companies, choreographs for dance studios, and engages in freelance work and commercial work in the entertainment industry. Currently, Natiya is receiving her second master's degree on a fully paid scholarship, studying Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling. She also works as a professional emcee, dancer, and DJ, specializing in interactive entertainment for special events.

NIKO GERENTES

Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary

SPEAKING SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2 P.M.

Niko Gerentes is signed with Stewart Talent for voiceover and has held audio internships with Dynasty Podcast and NoiseFloor Sound Solutions. Motivated by the collaborative process, he resurrected Columbia's Audio Drama Club to create live radio plays with students in different departments. He was most recently featured in the 25th annual Hokin Honors Gallery as one of the first audio exhibitors with his piece "What is Audio Drama?" Niko is currently pursuing animated voiceover work in Los Angeles and is dedicated to bringing radio plays back into the 21st century.

SOPHIE HENRIETTE MANNAERTS

Candidate for the second Bachelor of Arts degree, Cinema Art and Science

SPEAKING SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2 P.M.

Sophie Mannaerts first came to Columbia in the fall of 2016. From a young age, she has recognized the transformative power of storytelling, particularly through film, and to this day remains a firm believer that society is bound by the stories it shares, especially those relating to empathy and equality. It is her hope to continue collaborating with her fellow filmmakers to present honest and relatable, character-driven narratives that educate and inspire the masses.

CAITLYN NANCY BRUNNER

Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Architecture

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Caitlyn Brunner transferred to Columbia in the spring of 2015 to pursue her BFA in Interior Architecture. Originally from Hopatcong, New Jersey, Caitlyn has supported her undergraduate education with a range of internship experiences, including at Knoll Textiles and Antunovich Associates in Chicago and the Walt Disney Company in Los Angeles. Following graduation, Caitlyn will enroll in the Master of Architecture program at the University of Michigan.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Each year, Columbia College Chicago confers honorary degrees on individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the arts, journalism and the media, education, politics, and the business world. Their professional accomplishments, creative vision, and social and political engagement truly embody the highest ideals of the college.

JENNIFER FARRINGTON '93

TO BE HONORED SATURDAY, MAY 12, 10 A.M.

From the moment she started her career at Chicago Children's Museum as an intern over 25 years ago, Jennifer Farrington has never lost sight of her goal to improve children's lives through education and the arts. As president and CEO of Chicago Children's Museum—one of the city's leading cultural institutions focused solely on young children and their families and caregivers—Farrington and her staff now reach more than 400,000 children annually through a variety of exhibits, programs, and partnerships at the museum's Navy Pier home and throughout Chicago's neighborhoods. Known for her innovative and progressive approaches, Farrington has positioned the museum as a national leader in play-based learning, early childhood development, and community engagement, and as an institution that advocates for all children to have access to high-quality play, learning, and cultural experiences.

After graduating from Columbia College Chicago, Farrington did her graduate work in education at University of Illinois at Chicago. She has pursued further study of early childhood education in Reggio Emilia, Italy, and of nonprofit management at Harvard Business School. Farrington is the chair of the Board of Directors of the Washington, D.C.-based Association of Children's Museums, a board member of Illinois Action for Children and the Lutz Family Center, and a member of the Advisory Board of After School Matters. She is a member of Chicago's Early Learning Executive Council and an active volunteer with Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, AFS, Ravenswood Community Services' Community Kitchen & Food Pantry, and ORD Camp.

Farrington lives in Chicago with her husband, illustrator and author Sean O'Neill, who is also a Columbia alumnus. They have two teenage children.

PAUL B. BROUCEK '74

TO BE HONORED SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2 P.M.

Paul Broucek serves as president of music at Warner Bros. Pictures (WBP). In this capacity, he exercises creative and operational oversight of the studio's theatrical music department. On the creative side, Broucek manages the team responsible for pairing the right music, musicians, and composers with film projects from WBP and New Line Cinema. On the operational side, he oversees the department's administrative, production, and day-to-day business functions, as well as the development and deployment of music-related initiatives to meet the needs of Warner Bros. Pictures Group's producers and directors. He also has oversight of WaterTower Music, the record label that releases WBP's feature film soundtracks.

Among the recent films on which Broucek has overseen the music are *Wonder Woman*, *Dunkirk*, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, *Inception*, *The Hobbit* trilogy, *Argo*, *Gravity*, *Interstellar*, *The Dark Knight Rises*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *Sherlock Holmes*.

Prior to joining WBP in 2009, Broucek founded Common Market Media, a music consulting, production, and publishing company specializing in productions for film, television, records, commercials, games, and new media.

Broucek previously headed the creative music team at New Line for 12 years and served as president of music from 2004 until 2008, when New Line became a unit of Warner Bros. Entertainment. During his tenure, he served as the executive music producer (along with Peter Jackson and Fran Walsh) for *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy, which won three Academy Awards in music categories. Other New Line titles on which he oversaw music include the *Austin Powers* films, the *Rush Hour* film series, *Wedding Crashers*, *Hairspray*, *Sex and the City*, *Elf*, *American History X*, *Wag the Dog*, *Blow*, *The Notebook*, *A History of Violence*, and *The Golden Compass*.

In a career spanning more than four decades, Broucek has also worked in music supervision, recording, engineering, and management. Among the storied companies and individuals with whom he has worked with are Fairlight Instruments of Australia, music supervisor Eveyen Klean, The Record Plant in Los Angeles, Paramount Studios' famed Stage M, and The Plant Studios in Sausalito, California. He began his film music career as an assistant engineer to Academy Award-winning sound designer and picture editor Walter Murch on the landmark film *Apocalypse Now*.

MARY A. MITCHELL '91

TO BE HONORED SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2 P.M.

Mary A. Mitchell is an editorial board member and columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*. She is a recipient of numerous journalism awards, including the Award of Excellence from the National Association of Black Journalists; the Studs Terkel Award from the Community Media Workshop; the Peter Lisagor Award from the Chicago Headline Club; and the Herman Kogan Media Award. In 2011, Mitchell was inducted into the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame.

Mitchell earned a BA in Journalism at Columbia College Chicago in 1991. That same year, she joined the *Sun-Times* as an education writer, and has covered City Hall and the U.S. Federal courts.

Mitchell's columns continually raise community awareness about important advocacy issues, including criminal justice, police misconduct, and race relations. Her reporting often rallies African-American readers to empower their communities by giving the voiceless a platform to address social ills such as failing schools, abusive police, disparities in the criminal justice system, and corrupt government officials. In several instances, her work has led state legislators to strengthen laws protecting the rights of women and children.

Mitchell's *Sun-Times* column appears on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. She has also written for several national publications, including *Essence*. She is co-host of "Zebra Sisters," a podcast that explores race; is a frequent panelist on WTTW's *The Week in Review* and FOX-TV; and has appeared on national news programs, including *Meet the Press*.

Mitchell is an alumna of Dunbar Vocational High School. She resides on the South Side of Chicago with her husband, Melvin Johnson.

DAWOUD BEY

TO BE HONORED SUNDAY, MAY 13, 5:30 P.M.

Dawoud Bey began his career as an artist in 1975 with a series of photographs, *Harlem, USA*, that later became the subject of his first one-person exhibition at the Studio Museum in Harlem in 1979. Since then, he has had exhibitions worldwide at institutions such as the Art Institute of Chicago, the Barbican Centre in London, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, the National Portrait Gallery in London, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. His work has been the subject of traveling surveys

organized by the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis (*Dawoud Bey: Portraits 1975-1995*) and the Renaissance Society at the University of Chicago (*Dawoud Bey: Picturing People*). In 2012, the Art Institute of Chicago acquired and — with Yale University Press — published the complete vintage group of *Harlem, USA* photographs, and mounted the first exhibition of that work since the 1979 show.

Bey's works are held in the permanent collections of over 50 museums in the United States and Europe, including the Addison Gallery of American Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Brooklyn Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University, the Guggenheim Museum, the High Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, the Museum of Modern Art, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Studio Museum, and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Bey's *Birmingham Project* (2013), an exhibition of photographic diptychs and a video work titled *9.15.63*, evokes the tragic events of September 15, 1963, when four black girls and two boys were killed in Birmingham, Alabama, in acts of racist violence. The diptych portraits depict young black children who are the ages of the young people killed that day, and women and men who are the ages they would have been 50 years later.

In his recent project *Harlem Redux* (2016), Bey returned to Harlem 40 years after *Harlem, USA* to look at the effects of gentrification on that storied African-American community. These photographs reflect his ongoing interest in excavating the social histories embedded in place. Bey is at work on *Station*, a group of works referencing the Underground Railroad in Ohio that will debut at the FRONT International Triennial in Cleveland in 2018.

Over the course of his career, Bey has been honored with fellowships from, among others, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. He was a 2015 United States Artist Fellow, and in 2017 he received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. His essays on contemporary art have been published in exhibition catalogs and critical journals, and he has curated exhibitions at museums and institutions across the country. In September 2018, the University of Texas Press will publish *Dawoud Bey: Seeing Deeply*, a major retrospective monograph.

Bey holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University School of Art. He is professor of photography and a former Distinguished College Artist at Columbia College Chicago, where he has taught since 1998.

PAST HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1964-2017

2017

DAVID CROMER Theatre Director and Stage Actor

MARK E. KELLY Former Vice President for Student Success, Columbia College Chicago

RICHARD P. KIPHART Former Chair, Columbia College Chicago Board of Trustees
(honored in memoriam)

KERRY JAMES MARSHALL Artist

JUDY AND DENNIS SHEPARD Activists for LGBT Equality

2016

PAUL GARNES '96 Television and Movie Producer

JANE LYNCH Actor, Singer, and Comedian

TRACY K. SMITH Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet

CARLOS TORTOLERO Founder and President, National Museum of Mexican Art

DIANE WARREN Grammy Award-winning Songwriter

2015

LEONARD C. AMATO '75 President, HBO Films

CHESTER M. GREGORY '95 Stage Actor and Singer

JOSEFINA LÓPEZ '93 Playwright, Screenwriter, and Theatre Producer

ANNA D. SHAPIRO '90 Tony Award-winning Theatre Director

NAN R. WARSHAW, MA '93 Co-founder, Bloodshot Records

2014

JEANNE GANG Architect

JIM JACOBS Composer, Lyricist, and Playwright

TONY KARMAN Promoter of Contemporary Art

GORDON QUINN Documentary Filmmaker

DIANE RAVITCH Professor and Historian of Education

2013

WARRICK L. CARTER President, Columbia College Chicago

JANE HAMILTON Novelist

HERBIE HANCOCK Pianist, Composer, and Bandleader

LORENZO (RENNIE) HARRIS Dancer, Choreographer, Dance Company Director,
and Teacher

MARTHA NUSSBAUM Philosopher

JOSEPH SHANAHAN Founder and Owner, Metro and Smart Bar

JESSICA STOCKHOLDER Artist

ROBERT TEITEL '90 and **GEORGE TILLMAN JR. '91** Filmmakers

ALLEN M. TURNER Former Chair, Columbia College Chicago Board of Trustees

2012

PHILIP-LORCA diCORCIA Photographer

LEE FLAHERTY Founder and CEO, Flair Communications Agency

STEVE JAMES Documentary Filmmaker

PHIL RAMONE Record Producer and Recording Engineer

WARREN SPECTOR Video Game Designer

MAVIS STAPLES Grammy Award-winning Singer

2011

BRUCE MAU Designer

RYAN SCHREIBER Founder and Editor-in-Chief, *Pitchfork*

REGINA TAYLOR Actress and Playwright

2010

ROBERT KLEIN Actor and Comedian

ALEX KOTLOWITZ Author and Journalist

PETER MAGUBANE Photographer

2009

LEE ELIOT BERK Former President, Berklee College of Music
RAY BRADBURY Science Fiction Writer
TRISHA BROWN Dancer and Choreographer
CARLA DELFOS Executive Director, European League of Institutes of the Arts
ALISON KNOWLES Artist
THOMAS MISNER Audio Education Entrepreneur
KUNIHICO UKIFUNE Advocate for Vocational Education

2008

PHILIP BAILEY, RALPH JOHNSON, MAURICE WHITE, VERDINE WHITE Band Members, Earth, Wind & Fire
GRACIELA ITURBIDE Photographer
DAN RATHER Broadcast Journalist

2007

JOE ADAMS Business Manager and Music Producer
ARMYAN BERNSTEIN Film Producer, Screenwriter, and Director
DIONNE WARWICK Grammy Award-winning Singer

2006

BUDDY GUY Blues Musician
LINDA JOHNSON RICE President and CEO, Johnson Publishing Company
BERNARD SAHLINS Founder, The Second City

2005

MARK HEISTER Fashion Designer
ALAN KAY Computer Scientist
BILL VIOLA Video Artist

2004

BILL T. JONES MacArthur Fellowship-winning Choreographer and Dancer
MARY ELLEN MARK Photographer and Humanist
FRANK RICH Columnist and Drama Critic, *New York Times*

2003

HENRY FOGEL President, Chicago Symphony Orchestra
TONY KUSHNER Playwright
RUSSELL SIMMONS Music Producer, Entrepreneur, and Hip-Hop Pioneer
LOIS WEISBERG Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Chicago
JOHN EDGAR WIDEMAN Writer

2002

ALAN ARKIN Screen Actor and Director
LEWIS MANILOW Founder, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
GRACE PALEY Writer and Political Activist
JAWOLE WILLA JO ZOLLAR Choreographer and Founder, Urban Bush Women

2001

MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV Dancer and Choreographer
DANNY K. DAVIS United States Representative, 7th Congressional District, Illinois
RENEE FERGUSON Emmy Award-winning Investigative Reporter
ALTON B. HARRIS Chair, Columbia College Chicago Board of Trustees
JESSE L. JACKSON JR. United States Representative, 2nd Congressional District, Illinois
LISEL MUELLER Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet
HAROLD RAMIS Film Director and Screenwriter
JOHN SZARKOWSKI Curator and Photographer

2000

ORAL LEE BROWN Philanthropist and Child Education Advocate
SIDNEY L. PORT Philanthropist and Businessman
ROBERT V. REMINI Historian
ROBERT SHAYE Founder and CEO, New Line Cinema

PAST HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1999

SHERMAN JOSEPH ALEXIE JR. Novelist, Poet, and Filmmaker

ARTHUR C. NIELSEN JR. Former President and Chairman, A.C. Nielsen Company

SARA PARETSKY Mystery Writer

WILLIAM E. STRICKLAND JR. President and CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation

1998

JOHN H. BRYAN Chairman and CEO, Sara Lee Corporation

DAVID HENRY HWANG Tony Award-winning Playwright and Screenwriter

MOMMA HAWK Educator and Children's Advocate

WILLIAM WARFIELD Singer and Actor

1997

JAMES W. COMPTON President and CEO, Chicago Urban League

MARGARET CORBETT DALEY First Lady of the City of Chicago

FRED EYCHANER Media Innovator and Philanthropist

1996

ISABEL ALLENDE Writer

RICHARD HUNT Sculptor

IRV KUPCINET *Chicago Sun-Times* Gossip Columnist and Television Talk Show Host

JOHN W. ROGERS JR. Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Ariel Capital Management

PAUL SIMON United States Senator, Illinois

1995

EUGENE C. D'ANGELO JR. Television News Innovator

SANDRA P. GUTHMAN President and CEO, Polk Bros. Foundation

JOHN H. JOHNSON Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Johnson Publishing Company

ANN LANDERS Syndicated Advice Columnist

VICTOR SKREBNESKI Photographer

BEN VEREEN Stage and Film Actor, Dancer, and Singer

1994

MYRLIE EVERS-WILLIAMS Civil Rights Activist

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN Presidential Medal of Freedom-winning Historian

HAGE G. GEINGOB Prime Minister, Republic of Namibia

JOHN T. RICHARDSON Former President, DePaul University

RITA SIMÓ Founder and Executive Director, The People's Music School

1993

JANE ALEXANDROFF Former First Lady of Columbia College Chicago

ETTA MOTEN BARNETT Singer, Actress, and Chicago Civic Leader

RIGOBERTA MENCHU Nobel Peace Laureate, 1992

CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN United States Senator, Illinois

CINDY PRITZKER President, Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library

COKIE ROBERTS Senior News Analyst, National Public Radio

1992

HENRY AARON Hall-of-fame Baseball Player

MATHILDE KRIM Medical Researcher and Founding Chair, American Foundation
for AIDS Research

HEDRICK L. SMITH Journalist

1991

WILLARD L. BOYD President, Field Museum of Chicago

JOHNATHAN RODGERS President, Television Stations Division, CBS

HELEN VALDEZ President, Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum

DOUGLAS TURNER WARD Founding Artistic Director, The Negro Ensemble Company

1990

LEON DESPRES Former Alderman, City of Chicago

FAITH HUBLEY Academy Award-winning Animated Filmmaker

YOUSUF KARSH Photographer

CLARENCE PAGE Syndicated Columnist

HASKELL WEXLER Academy Award-winning Cinematographer

1989

LEON LEDERMAN Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1988
BERNARD LOWN Cardiologist and Nobel Peace Laureate, 1985
STERLING STUCKEY Historian
BERNICE WEISSBOURD Founder and President, Family Focus

1988

JOHN BIRKS "DIZZY" GILLESPIE Jazz Trumpeter
ARDIS KRAINIK General Director, Lyric Opera of Chicago
MIKE ROYKO Newspaper Columnist
KENNETH G. RYDER President, Northeastern University
WILLIAM JULIUS WILSON Sociologist

1987

JACK BRICKHOUSE Sportscaster
MARGARET BURROUGHS Founder, DuSable Museum
PASTORA SAN JUAN CAFFERTY Professor, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration
LAWRENCE K. GROSSMAN President, NBC News
IRVING B. HARRIS Businessman and Philanthropist
JAMES HIGHTOWER Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture

1986

RUTH ADAMS Editor, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*
WILLIAM D. FORD United States Representative, 15th Congressional District, Michigan
FRED FRIENDLY Broadcast Journalist and Educator
LINUS PAULING Nobel Laureate (Chemistry, 1954; Peace, 1962)
RANDALL ROBINSON Executive Director, TransAfrica

1985

JAMES HOGE Publisher, *New York Daily News*
RAY NORDSTRAND President, WFMT, Inc.
CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN Diplomat and Author
EILEEN SOUTHERN Musicologist

1984

PAMELA HARRIMAN Democratic Party Activist
JOHN LEWIS Composer, Pianist, and Founder of the Modern Jazz Quartet
VICTOR NAVASKY Editor, *The Nation*
WILLIAM APPLEMAN WILLIAMS Historian

1983

MARJORIE CRAIG BENTON United States Representative to UNICEF
CHRISTOPHER JENCKS Sociologist
MARCEL OPHÛLS Documentary Filmmaker
HAROLD WASHINGTON Mayor, City of Chicago

1982

HELEN CALDICOTT Anti-Nuclear Activist
SHERRY LANSING President, 20th Century Fox
LUIS VALDEZ Playwright and Artistic Director, El Teatro Campesino
JAMES VAN DER ZEE Photographer
GARRY WILLS Historian

1981

MICHAEL CACOYANNIS Filmmaker
HARRY EDWARDS Sociologist
MARILYN FRENCH Writer and Feminist Activist
FRANKLIN A. LONG Chemist
GEORGE McGOVERN Former United States Senator and Presidential Candidate

PAST HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1980

HERMON D. SMITH Chairman, Field Foundation of Illinois
HARRY WEESE Architect
LOIS WILLE Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist
RONALD WILLIAMS President, Northeastern Illinois University

1979

MAYA ANGELOU Poet and Memoirist
JOHN FISCHETTI Pulitzer Prize-winning Editorial Cartoonist
CARLOS FUENTES Novelist
TOM WICKER Journalist
JESSIE WOODS Director, Urban Gateways

1978

CARLOS CHÁVEZ Composer and Conductor
ROBERT COLES Child Psychiatrist, Professor, and Author
EDGAR Y. "YIP" HARBURG Lyricist
ABBY MANN Emmy and Academy Award-winning Screenwriter
ADDIE WYATT Labor and Civil Rights Leader

1977

ORIANA FALLACI Journalist
MARIA MARTINEZ Potter
GORDON PARKS SR. Photographer, Filmmaker, and Author
DANIEL SCHORR Broadcast Journalist
ELIOT WIGGINTON Oral Historian and Folklorist

1976

ED BULLINS Playwright
JOHN HAMMOND Record Producer
JONATHAN KOZOL Educator and Social Critic
KATHARINE KUH Museum Curator and Gallery Owner
ROMAN VISHNIAC Photographer and Biologist

1975

GEORGE W. BONHAM Editor in Chief, *Change*
SEYMOUR M. HERSH Pulitzer Prize-winning Reporter
ARTHUR MITCHELL Director, Dance Theatre of Harlem
ADA "BRICKTOP" SMITH Cabaret Artist and Club Owner
ALEC WILDER Composer

1974

IVAN ALBRIGHT Artist
JAMES T. FARRELL Writer
ALBERT E. JENNER JR. Attorney
RUTH PAGE Dancer and Choreographer
CHARLEMAE ROLLINS Librarian, Chicago Public Library

1973

BOB FOSSE Stage and Film Choreographer
JAMES B. HOLDERMAN Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education
MYLES F. HORTON Director, Highlander Folk School
ROSA PARKS Civil Rights Activist
HARRISON E. SALISBURY Associate Editor, *New York Times*

1972

CHESTER "HOWLIN' WOLF" BURNETT Blues Musician
PAULINE KAEI Film Critic
NEWTON N. MINOW Attorney and Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
BILL RUSSELL Former NBA All Star
NEIL SHEEHAN Reporter, *New York Times*
QUENTIN D. YOUNG National Chairman, Medical Committee for Human Rights

1971

KAY BOYLE Writer

CHARLES G. HURST JR. President, Malcolm X College

JOSEPH PAPP Director, New York Public Theatre and Shakespeare Festival

WILLIAM PROXMIRE United States Senator, Wisconsin

AARON SISKIND Photographer and Teacher

1970

WILLIAM M. BIRENBAUM President, Staten Island College

R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER Architect

FANNIE LOU HAMER Civil Rights Activist

FRANK REYNOLDS Broadcast Journalist

1969

ANN IDA GANNON President, Mundelein College

DAVID HALBERSTAM Pulitzer Prize-winning Reporter

CHARLES WILBERT WHITE Artist

1968

EDWARD KENNEDY "DUKE" ELLINGTON Composer and Bandleader

RALPH NADER Consumer Advocate

LOUIS J. "STUDS" TERKEL Radio Journalist and Oral Historian

1967

NORMAN CORWIN Radio Journalist, Radio Dramatist, and Screenwriter

DWIGHT W. FOLLETT Chairman and President, Follett Corporation

LANGSTON HUGHES Poet (*honored in memoriam*)

KENNETH F. MONTGOMERY Attorney

1966

JOHN BRADEMAS United States Representative, 3rd Congressional District, Indiana

FREDERICK DOUGLASS O'NEAL President, Actors' Equity

EUGENE RABINOWITCH Editor, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*

1965

PAUL HAMILTON ENGLE Poet and Teacher

CURTIS D. MacDOUGALL Journalist and Teacher

1964

GWENDOLYN BROOKS Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet

Vanessa De Leon

Amanda Louise Tuohy

Nicole Louise Anderson

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Natalie Rose Breitmeyer

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Bria Alexis Campbell

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Chelsea Joy Davis

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Elizabeth Quinn Davis

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Eric Charles Henry

Journalism

Emily M. X. Higgins

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Kathryn Claire Hochleitner

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Alisha Sue-Yi Jihn

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Stephanie Kilper

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Danielle Koeck

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Joshua Reese Manzano

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Lauren Rose Milburn

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Quinlan Mitchell

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Alyssa Danielle Owens

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Maria Elizabeth Parise

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Grace Catherine Pelzer

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Diamond Janell Perry

Journalism

Maura Cristin Reagan

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Natiya Monique Reggans

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Elise Marie Ringenberg

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Aliza Goldie Roth

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Nina Resean Ruff

Journalism

Rebecca Anne Schultz

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Shauna Diane Shrewsbury

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Samantha Ellen Stahl

Journalism

Joanna Marie Taubeneck

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Jaclyn Lee Torrento

Journalism

Tia Lane Vegemast

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Meredith Elizabeth Weissert

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Sarah Anne Wiltgen

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Alison Vodnoy Wolf

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

David Allen Woods Jr.

Journalism

Elyssa Mari Yeh

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Interdisciplinary Arts

Xue'er Zhang

Journalism

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Cinema Art and Science - Cinema Directing

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Creative Nonfiction

Stephen Michael Antieau
Poetry

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Music Composition for the Screen

Sadaf Ferdowsi
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Hongyu Fu
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Music Composition for the Screen

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Christine Goggins
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Music Composition for the Screen

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Creative Writing - Fiction

Madiha Syeda Hussaini
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Bethany Mae Kanter
Poetry

Negesti Selene Roxann Kauda
Nonfiction

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Cinema Art and Science - Cinema Directing

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Music Composition for the Screen

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*Cinema Art and Science - Creative
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Music Composition for the Screen

Kat Liu
Photography

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Alyssa Marie Oltmanns
Nonfiction

Timothy Parfitt
Nonfiction

Samantha Quill
*Cinema Art and Science - Creative
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Vanessa Smith Ramstack
Poetry

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Interdisciplinary Arts and Media

Sandeep Ravindranath
Cinema Art and Science - Cinema Directing

Geng Ren
Photography

Shawn Michael Rowe
Photography

America Paola Salomon
Interdisciplinary Arts and Media

Kazumi Seki
Interdisciplinary Book and Paper Arts

Luwen Shao
*Cinema Art and Science - Creative
Producing*

John Austin Stadelman
Creative Writing - Fiction

Alexandra Stanislaw-Bennett
Creative Writing - Fiction

Neal Matthew Steichen
Creative Writing - Fiction

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Music Composition for the Screen

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Creative Writing - Fiction

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Cinema Art and Science - Cinema Directing

Benjamin Bryant Williams
Poetry

Kate Wisel
Creative Writing - Fiction

Michael Ethan Woods
Poetry

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Producing*

Jingkun Yang
*Cinema Art and Science - Creative
Producing*

Feifan Zhang
Photography

GRADUATION WITH ACADEMIC HONORS

Columbia College Chicago undergraduates who graduate with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 are recognized as having graduated with academic honors. Graduates with a 3.75–3.79 GPA graduate *cum laude* (“with honors”); students with a 3.80–3.89 GPA graduate *magna cum laude* (“with high honors”); and students with a 3.90–4.00 GPA graduate *summa cum laude* (“with highest honors”). These students wear a gold tassel on their mortarboards at Commencement, and their names are listed with an asterisk in the program.

HONORS PROGRAM GRADUATES

The following 2018 graduates of Columbia’s undergraduate Honors Program have successfully completed 15 credits of Honors coursework in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum and have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher over the course of their college career. At Commencement, Honors Program graduates wear a gold Honors stole on which is embroidered the college seal.

Alexis Ann Arata
Nicholas James Bader
Angel Antonio Blanco
Breanna R. Boswell
Morgan Elizabeth Braastad
Parker James Bradford
Paul Brennan
Erin Brown
Courtney Marie Buoy
Nicolas James Cabrera
Colby James Carlson
Rachael Susanne Cowell
Jacob Charles Cox
Jacob William Dagit
Anne Robin Daley
Katherine Marie Daniel
Luke Allen Dupuis
Dana Elizabeth Einersen
Grace Louise Fanning

Haley Michelle Fischer
Lindsey Ellen Fisher
Blake Charles Fortin
Brianna Nicole Garrett
Leah Chaya Gaynor
Amanda N. Grathwohl
Leah Jean Griffith
Willow Nicole Gritzmaker
Taylor Mackenzie Hall
Tristin M. Hall
Kat Hassler
Zoe Marie Haworth
Samantha Diane Hunter
Baylee Y. Jackson
Rialin Jose
Ryan Patrick Kelly
Parker Daniel Kohl
Lauren Nicole Kostiuik
Sabrina Isabella Kozin

John Thomas Lachausse
Luna Rosvitha Leverenz
Jonathan Noel LeVert
Holly A. Liebenow
Leah Ellen Luksetich
Megan Ellis Magensky
Katelyn Georgette Mandel
Samuel Verne Melby
Trisha Ann Miller
Robyn Lyn Minor
Anna Leigh Moritz
Katherine H. Morrissey
Umiko Grace Nakamura
Jason S. Nimako-Boateng
Veronica Oczowinski
Dana Ontiveros
Celeste Dominique Paed
Ariel Parrella-Aureli
Kaitlyn Rairden

Elizabeth Decoursey Regan
Sidney Rosene
Kelly Rottman
Rachel Marie Schafer
Belinda Autumn Scruggs
Kendra Rose Searl
Alexandra Secrieru
Cassandra Lyn Selsor
Haley Morgan Slamon
Emma Jayne Smith
Eliza Jorie Spogis
Evan Wharton Staley
Mariel Grace Tishma
Lori Catherine Vasquez
Annaliese Elizabeth Voci
Rachel Lauren Wagner
Paige Justine Whitaker
Allison Lee Young

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kelly Lizeth Abarca
Alexander James Abbott*
Michel Robert Abouchalache
Medhan M. Abraha
Anabel Abraham
Jeanette Acevedo
Julia Paula Acquistapace*
Emily Paige Acuna
Anndi Adams*
Kelly A. Aden
Corey Scott Adkins*
Anna M. Agosta
Melissa Aguilar
Elias Ahumada
Brett Mathew Ainsley
Ayobami Akinlade
Kyle J. Albaugh
Ayman Awad Aldugom
Jeanne Marie Alexander
Jonas Dylan Alexander
Nicholas Michael Alfieri Sr.
Christian Henry Allan
Grace Allard
Allison Claire Allbee
Alex James Allen IV
Arinique A. Allen
Austin R. Allen
Cynthia Marie Allen
Dalton L. Allen Sr.
Imani Cherie Allen
Miles Bertram Allen*
Laurence Almalvez
Gabriel Michael Alston
Katey Grace Michelle Altenbaumer
Rafael Virgilio Alvarado Sanchez

Andrea Leilani Alvarado-Santiago
Alejandro Cesar Alvarez
Anne Elizabeth Amann II*
Nicholas Zaia Amedin
Mary Therese Andaloro
Jacklyn Mary Andersen
Jonathan Taylor Anderson
Sarah Grace Anderson
Tenyia Renee Anderson
Zachary Michael Anderson
Arlo A. Andino Jr.
Janay Elizabeth Anthony
Brooke Ashley Antuna*
Chukwuma Sean Anyaegbunam
Zakiya Anyanwu*
Molly Evelyn Anzalone
Ruel Gutierrez Apostol II
Victoria Marie Leyva Aquende*
Gianna Danielle Aquilina*
Olivia Ann Aquilina*
Marisol Aranda
Alexis Ann Arata
Lorena Andrea Arbe Eichhorn
Zachary Jack Arcivar
David James Ardis
Andrew Arizmendi-Herson*
Lauren Taylor Armantrout
Carly Pauline Armen*
Amanda Nicole Arndt*
Alexander Sylvester Arnold
Madelyn Greer Arnold
Katey Arredondo
August Elizabeth Ashby
Crystel I. Astuhuaman
Charles Brett Atchley

William Edward Austin IV
Sofia Y. Avendano
Austin Lee Avery
Karla Johan Avila
Dana Marie Aviles
Conchita Avitia
Aaron Nikko Ayala
Joanna Alexandra Babiuk
LeRoy Frederick Bach*
Nicholas James Bader*
Aunnoy Badruzzaman
Rayhaneh Bagheri
Isabella Heidi Bagshaw
Hanna Bahdanava*
Elizabeth Caroline Etchi Bailey
Michala Rose Bailey
Grace Jennifer Baird
Megan R. Baisden
Alia Rose Bajorek
Dominika Adrianna Bak*
Dustin James Baker
Emily Jane Baker
Melanie Marie Bakken
Arielle Dawn Balaskovits
Trevor Jordan Ballanger
Jina Katura Ballenger
Michelle Angelica Balsamo
Zanee S. Barnes
Gabriel Scott Barnett*
Kristin Barriffe
Erica Lyn Barringer*
Brittany Margarita Barron
Jackson Barry
Shannon Barry*

Jesse Bartuzik
Ariuntuya Batsaikhan
Madison Ann Baudoin
Zachary Patrick Bauer
Ashley Nicole Baum
Alison Marie Bauza
Martin Bayang
Stormy Beauchamp
Krystal E. Beauregard
Joshua Drew Beavin
Tyler Paul Bednar
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THE CUSTOMS AND SYMBOLISM OF COMMENCEMENT

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The customs governing the wearing of regalia at academic convocations such as this weekend's Commencement exercises have their origins in the patterns of dress of Roman Catholic clergy-scholars in the universities of 12th- and 13th-century Western Europe. As with all such "invented traditions," which appear fixed and unchanging but are anything but, they have evolved over time and within cultures, resulting in a range of national and institutional variants and adaptations. The standard protocol for academic dress at U.S. higher education institutions is set out in the American Council on Education's Academic Costume Code (1986).

What follows is a summary of the more prominent elements of the regalia that will be worn at these ceremonies by students, faculty, members of the administration, trustees, and guests. Through color schemes and other design features, the three garments that make up the regalia—the robe or gown, the hood worn around the neck, and the cap or tam—visually represent the highest degree earned by the wearer, the institution that conferred it, and the academic discipline in which it was granted.

THE HOOD

The core garment is black, but it is lined with satin in the color(s) of the institution that conferred the degree, and edged with velvet in the color designated for the academic discipline in which the degree was granted. Thus, at this weekend's Commencement, candidates for master's degrees will receive a hood with a periwinkle and grey lining—the colors registered by Columbia as its official colors—and edged with the color appropriate to the degree field:

- Master of Arts: white
- Master of Arts Management: peacock blue
- Master of Fine Arts: dark brown

Most U.S. institutions of higher learning, including Columbia, dispense with the hooding of bachelor's degree candidates at Commencement, although bachelor's degree holders will wear a bachelor's hood. (The width of the edging and the length of the hood indicate the type of degree conferred; the longer the hood and the wider the edging, the more advanced the degree.)

THE GOWN

Academic gowns customarily are black, although some U.S. institutions have created their own doctoral robes with more colorful designs. (At this weekend's

Commencement, master's degree candidates will wear silver-gray gowns.) The gowns of bachelor's and master's degree holders are untrimmed. The gowns of doctoral degree holders have velvet trimming down the front and three large velvet bars across both sleeves. The velvet features ordinarily are black but may be in the color designated for the academic discipline in which the degree was conferred.

THE CAP

The most familiar type of academic headgear is the square mortarboard or cap; some doctoral degree holders wear a soft tam instead. All headgear comes with a tassel, usually black, although Columbia's graduating students wear caps with either gold (for honors graduates) or silver tassels. The custom, which Columbia observes, of having degree recipients move their tassels from the right to the left side of their caps at the conclusion of the degree conferral sequence is of relatively recent origin.

THE COLLEGE MACE AND PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The college mace, which is carried into the Commencement ceremony by the chief faculty marshal, represents the collective authority of the college's faculty. The ceremony does not officially begin until the mace is placed in its stand on the stage. Columbia's mace is a three-dimensional representation of the college seal; the design symbolically depicts light breaking out into the world.

The medallion worn by the president, which incorporates the college seal, represents the authority vested in the president by the Board of Trustees. The medallion's custom-designed chain is imprinted with the thumbprints of individual students, faculty, and staff, thereby symbolically honoring the standing of those constituencies within the college community.

The college mace and the presidential medallion were designed and created by sculptor and part-time faculty member Miklos P. Simon. The following faculty members will serve as chief faculty marshals and mace bearers at the 2018 Commencement exercises:

- Saturday, 10 a.m.: Jackie Spinner, Associate Professor, Journalism
- Saturday, 2 p.m.: Nicole Spigner, Assistant Professor, African American Literature and Culture
- Sunday, 2 p.m.: Elizabeth Davis-Berg, Associate Professor, Biology
- Sunday, 5:30 p.m.: Kubilay Uner, Assistant Professor, Music

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"Let's Go Crazy"

By Prince

Performed by the R&B Ensemble: Showcase

"Pride"

By the Alchemists

Performed by the Alchemists – Recording and Performance Ensemble

"The Critic's Song"

By Russell Gunn

Performed by the Columbia College Chicago Jazz Ensemble

"Love Train"

By Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff

Arranged by Thomas Gunther

Performed by the Columbia College Chicago Commencement Choir and the
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"Take Me With U"

By Prince

Performed by the R&B Ensemble: Showcase

"You Haven't Done Nothin'"

By Stevie Wonder

Performed by the Fusion Ensemble

"Love's Not Enough"

By the Alchemists

Performed by the Alchemists – Recording and Performance Ensemble

"Hopeless"

By Van Hunt

Arranged by Russell Gunn

Performed by the Columbia College Chicago Jazz Ensemble

"Brighter Day"

By Kirk Franklin

Orchestrated by Scott Hall

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"Come Together"

By John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Arranged by George and Louis Johnson

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"Sybil's Blues"

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Performed by the Fusion Ensemble

"I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"

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