



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Commencement

2 May 2021

VANDERBILT  UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

GROUP I BANNER BEARER, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Harris Walpole Manning

BANNER BEARER, MASTERS OF ARTS, SCIENCE, FINE ARTS,
AND LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE

Kenya Collins

BANNER BEARER, MASTER OF ENGINEERING

Matthew James Klooster

GROUP II GRADUATE SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE DEAN

C. André Christie-Mizell, *Vice Provost for Graduate Education;
Dean of the Graduate School; Director, Office of Postdoctoral
Affairs; Centennial Professor of Sociology*

Don Brunson, *Assistant Dean of the Graduate School; Director,
Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Program*

Terrah Foster Akard, *Chancellor Faculty Fellow; Associate
Professor of Nursing and Medicine; Director of Graduate
Studies, Ph.D. in Nursing Science Program*

E. Duco Jansen, *Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education
and Faculty Affairs; Professor of Biomedical Engineering and
Neurological Surgery*

Tracey E. George, *Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs; Charles B.
Cox III and Lucy D. Cox Family Chair in Law and Liberty;
Professor of Political Science*

William H. Robinson, *Vice Provost for Academic Advancement;
Executive Director of the Provost's Office for Inclusive
Excellence; Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer
Engineering*

Walt Bieschke, *Assistant Director, Graduate Admissions*

GROUP III GRADUATE FACULTY MARSHALS

Stephen M. Camarata, *Professor of Hearing and Speech Sciences*

Steven D. Townsend, *Assistant Professor of Chemistry*

James P. Byrd Jr., *Professor of American Religious History;*
Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research Chair,
Graduate Department of Religion

Dana D. Nelson, *Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of English;*
Chair, Department of English

Patrick Greiner, *Assistant Professor of Sociology*

Larry Isaac, *Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of Sociology;*
Chair, Department of Sociology

Amy Needham, *Professor of Psychology and Human Development*

Melissa Duff, *Associate Professor of Hearing and Speech Sciences;*
Associate Director, Ph.D. in Hearing and Speech Sciences Program

PROGRAM

WELCOME	Vice Provost/Dean C. André Christie-Mizell
REMARKS TO GRADUATES	Vice Provost/Dean C. André Christie-Mizell
FOUNDER'S MEDALIST RECOGNITION	Vice Provost/Dean C. André Christie-Mizell
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES	Provost Susan R. Wentz
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	Charles Heimermann
CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREES	Vice Provost/Dean C. André Christie-Mizell
HOODING OF PH.D. GRADUATES	Vice Provost/Dean C. André Christie-Mizell
CONFERRAL OF PH.D. DEGREES	Vice Provost/Dean C. André Christie-Mizell



The Graduate School extends its gratitude to Charles Heimermann for his assistance announcing our graduates during the ceremony.

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES

2020

Expected to Participate in the Ceremony

MASTER OF ARTS

Hana Baca—*Economics*

Aanchal Bagga—*Economics*

Amber Musette Drew—*Sociology*

Sagen Taylor Eatwell—*Latin American Studies*

Caleb Enrique Espinoza—*Economics*

Larry Aaron Lee Ferguson—*Economics*

Kylie Madison Hardin—*Medicine, Health, and Society*

Munib Inam—*Economics*

Maya Bryn Krause—*Anthropology*

Jiadai Li—*Economics*

Wilfred Paul Morse—*Medicine, Health, and Society*

Khodadad Shoayb—*Economics*

Christian Anthony Suarez—*Economics*

Nisreen Marwan Zaqout—*Economics*

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Pietra Taylor Bruni—*Psychology*

Matthew Prasad Burruss—*Computer Science*

Kenya Collins—*Biomedical Sciences*

Davut Disci—*Computer Science*

Alexander Christopher Dougherty—*Computer Science*

Maria Gorchichko—*Electrical Engineering*

Quinton Douglas Hoffman—*Computer Science*

Diego Manzananas Lopez—*Electrical Engineering*

Emily Markert—*Computer Science*

Cody Robert Marshall—*Biomedical Sciences*

Melinda Rogers Morris—*Leadership and Policy Studies*

Patrick Musau—*Electrical Engineering*

Neelanjana Pal—*Electrical Engineering*

Ayush Sangari—*Computer Science*
Shrey Shah—*Electrical Engineering*

MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Joshua Karunwi Moore—*Creative Writing*

MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE

Roy Edwin Barker Jr.—*Master of Liberal Arts and Science*

Kortney Nicole Dunbar—*Master of Liberal Arts and Science*

MASTER OF ENGINEERING

Kendale Jamal Johnson—*Civil Engineering*

Matthew James Klooster—*Civil Engineering*

Allison Witte—*Civil Engineering*

*A complete list of the candidates for master's degrees for 2020
can be found in the Vanderbilt Commencement Program.*

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

2020

Expected to Participate in the Ceremony

Baig Abdullah Al Muhit—*Civil Engineering*
Jordan Michael Anderson-Daniels—*Microbe-Host Interactions*
Rebekah Ann Austin—*Electrical Engineering*
William Walker Barbour—*Civil Engineering*
Elizabeth Kathryn Barna—*Sociology*
Nathaniel Johnathan Barnes—*Environmental Engineering*
Yogesh Damodar Barve—*Computer Science*
Magaela Christina Bethune—*Community Research and Action*
Dayi Bian—*Electrical Engineering*
Stephanie Sue Ling Birnbaum—*Biological Sciences*
Karin Janae Bosma—*Molecular Physiology and Biophysics*
Jessica Lynne Bratt—*Religion*
Casey Brock—*Interdisciplinary Materials Science*
Andrew Wallace Brooks—*Human Genetics*
Mackenzie Catron—*Neuroscience*
Hung-Hsin Chen—*Epidemiology*
Ling Chen—*Biological Sciences*
Kofi Shomari Shakir Christie—*Environmental Engineering*
Frank Andrew Ciarliero—*Economics*
Douglas Huntington Brown Clark—*Religion*
Iyaxel Cojti-Ren—*Anthropology*
Thushara Krishanthi De Silva Manikkuwahandi—*Environmental Engineering*
Kristen Leigh D'Onofrio—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*
George Duffy—*Earth and Environmental Sciences*
Glenna Caitlin Dunn—*Astrophysics*
Andrew Michael Engelhardt—*Political Science*
Rachel Anne Fischer—*Pharmacology*
Melanie Jeanne Forehand—*Spanish*
Nathaniel Johnson Freymeyer—*Chemistry*
Keyada Briana Frye—*Cell and Developmental Biology*

Mohit Ganguly—*Biomedical Engineering*
Benjamin William Gasser—*Mechanical Engineering*
Brandt Michael Gibson—*Earth and Environmental Sciences*
Hernan Francisco Gonzalez—*Biomedical Engineering*
Sarah M. Gorman—*Philosophy*
Yuanjun Guo—*Pharmacology*
Richard Edwin Hagner—*Political Science*
Rachel Christine Harrington—*Electrical Engineering*
Caoimhe Marie Harrington Stack—*Psychology*
Jamison Ramon Heard—*Electrical Engineering*
Alison Hessling—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*
Mason Alan Hickman—*Civil Engineering*
Savannah Renee Jacklin—*Astrophysics*
Christopher Brett Jaeger—*Psychology*
Lara Louise Jasien—*Learning, Teaching and Diversity*
Shweta Prabhat Khare—*Computer Science*
Emily Elizabeth Kimball—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*
Reece Jeffrey Knippel—*Microbe-Host Interactions*
Jenna Weber Kramer—*Leadership and Policy Studies*
James Michael Kretzer—*Special Education*
Jessica Ruta Lawson-Adams—*Learning, Teaching and Diversity*
Harris Walpole Manning—*Chemical Engineering*
Hasina Akhtar Mohyuddin—*Community Research and Action*
Saramati Narasimhan—*Biomedical Engineering*
Paromita Nath—*Civil Engineering*
Kelsay Elizabeth Neely—*Mechanical Engineering*
Casey Paulasue Nielsen—*Cell and Developmental Biology*
Patrick Gerald O’Keefe—*Psychology*
Salma Abuobieda Omer—*Neuroscience*
Richard Allan Paris Jr.—*Computer Science*
Susan Kemper Patrick—*Leadership and Policy Studies*
Tyler Landon Perfitt—*Molecular Physiology and Biophysics*
Andrea Anne Perreault—*Chemical and Physical Biology*

Kalen John Petersen—*Chemical and Physical Biology*
Bradley David Potteiger—*Electrical Engineering*
Laura A. Powell—*Microbe-Host Interactions*
Michael David Pridmore—*Chemical and Physical Biology*
Eric Joseph Ritter—*Philosophy*
Daniel Joseph Ryan—*Chemistry*
Norman Rudolph Saliba III—*German*
Abigail Morgan Searfoss—*Chemical and Physical Biology*
Saptarshi Sengupta—*Electrical Engineering*
Cara Michelle Singer—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*
Piotr R. Slawinski—*Mechanical Engineering*
Ryan William Solava—*Mathematics*
Lei Su—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*
Joshua James Thompson—*Cancer Biology*
Jaime E. Tierney—*Biomedical Engineering*
Mark Joseph Vander Roest—*Biomedical Engineering*
Peter Schuyler Vielehr—*Sociology*
Laine Christine Walters Young—*Religion*
Li Wang—*Environmental Engineering*
Matthew Yandell—*Mechanical Engineering*
You Zhou—*Interdisciplinary Materials Science*
Yuantee Zhu—*Pharmacology*

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HONOR FELLOWS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

Founder's Medal for First Honors is awarded for outstanding achievement in the graduating class. Cornelius Vanderbilt's gifts to the university included endowment of this award, first given in 1877.

Thea J. Autry—*English*

Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Graduate Scholars are chosen at the time of admission from applicants showing exceptionally high promise in intellectual endeavor and commitment to excellence.

Julianne Adams—*English*

Juliet C. Larkin-Gilmore—*History*

Lillian Tatiana Paz Lemus—*Anthropology*

University Graduate Fellowships are awarded on the basis of merit to entering students who display outstanding promise in research and academic excellence.

Jacob Abell—*French*

Julianne Adams—*English*

Laura Louise Adery—*Psychology*

Gwendolyn Frances Sarah Arvidson—*French*

Anirban Bhattacharjee—*Computer Science*

Pietra Taylor Bruni—*Psychology*

Audra Foshage Bryan—*Cell and Developmental Biology*

Tristan Philip Call—*Anthropology*

Sari Lynn Carter—*English*

Selena Chacon Simon—*Chemical and Physical Biology*

Ye Chen—*Mechanical Engineering*

Brandon Michael Chisholm—*Environmental Engineering*

Anthony Gerardo Contreras—*French*

Carla Isabella Diaz—*Creative Writing*

Samuel Theodore Eppink—*Economics*

Nathan Frisch—*Anthropology*

Alina Frances Grabowski—*Creative Writing*

Yuanjun Guo—*Pharmacology*

Azadeh Hadadianpour—*Molecular Pathology and Immunology*
Alese Erin Halvorson—*Biostatistics*
Caoimhe Marie Harrington Stack—*Psychology*
Mason Alan Hickman—*Civil Engineering*
Sarah Elizabeth Holliday—*History*
Lara Louise Jasien—*Learning, Teaching and Diversity*
Zlatko Joveski—*Computer Science*
James Michael Kretzer—*Special Education*
Susannah Marie Larry—*Religion*
Wyatt James McDonnell—*Microbe-Host Interactions*
Meghan Kristi McGinley—*French*
Salma Abuobieda Omer—*Neuroscience*
Laura A. Powell—*Microbe-Host Interactions*
Jessica Lynn Raff—*Earth and Environmental Sciences*
Abigail Morgan Searfoss—*Chemical and Physical Biology*
Katelyn Elizabeth Sheehan—*English*
Sophia Stid—*Creative Writing*
Monte Dawn Talley—*Anthropology*
Laine Christine Walters Young—*Religion*
Pan Wang—*Electrical Engineering*

A small group of select students has been supported through a university-wide competitive fellowship program known as the Provost's Graduate Fellowships.

Thea J. Autry—*English*
Gillian Dora Beltz-Mohrmann—*Physics*
Harris Walpole Manning—*Chemical Engineering*
Meghan Kristi McGinley—*French*
Savanna Rae Starko—*Physics*
Glenn Mac Trujillo Jr.—*Philosophy*

The Center for Teaching Fellows mentors and trains graduate students for future teaching careers.

Terrance Dean—*Religion*

Justin Wade Hubbard—*History*

Kylie Jo Korsnack—*English*

Alexandra Louise Oxner—*English*

Gregory James Smith—*Earth and Environmental Sciences*

The Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities awards a select group of Graduate School Ph.D. students in the humanities and qualitative sciences to support innovation and excellence in graduate student research.

Emma Lillian Banks—*Anthropology*

Iyaxel Ixkan Cojti Ren—*Anthropology*

Cydnee Devereaux—*Creative Writing*

Sarah M. Gorman—*Philosophy*

Bonnie Marie Griffin—*French*

Katherine Rose McKenna—*History*

Lauren Mitchell—*English*

Scotti Michelle Norman—*Anthropology*

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees.

Sean K. Bedingfield—*Biomedical Engineering*

Kofi Shomari Shakir Christie—*Environmental Engineering*

Israel Flores—*Psychology*

Meredith Allyn Jackson—*Biomedical Engineering*

Kameron V. Kilchrist—*Biomedical Engineering*

Kathleen Elizabeth Moyer—*Interdisciplinary Materials Science*

Emma Hollmann Neal—*Chemical Engineering*

Abigail Morgan Searfoss—*Chemical and Physical Biology*

Piotr R. Slawinski—*Mechanical Engineering*

Mackenzie Ann Sunday—*Psychology*

Monte Dawn Talley—*Anthropology*

Melodie Yen—*Hearing and Speech Sciences*

National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards are given to a diverse pool of highly trained scientists in appropriate scientific disciplines to address the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs.

Maria Lucia-Karwoski Agostini—*Microbe-Host Interactions*

Audra Foshage Bryan—*Cell and Developmental Biology*

Miles Richard Bryan—*Neuroscience*

Gabriella Elizabeth DiCarlo—*Neuroscience*

Andrew Tully Hale—*Biochemistry*

David J. Marcus—*Neuroscience*

Sean Patrick Moran—*Neuroscience*

Aimee Danielle Potter—*Microbe-Host Interactions*

Nicole Elizabeth Putnam—*Microbe-Host Interactions*

Rachel Lauren Zerkowitz—*Psychology*

American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowships are awarded to highly trained scientists, with women and underrepresented minorities highly encouraged, in a wide array of academic disciplines (including biology, chemistry, mathematics, technology, and physics), to enhance and improve global cardiovascular health.

Roshani Naresh Bulkunde—*Economics*

Hung-Hsin Chen—*Epidemiology*

Tyler Landon Perfitt—*Molecular Physiology and Biophysics*

The IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who have an interest in solving problems that are important to IBM and fundamental to innovation in many academic disciplines and areas of study.

Chad Duane Carpenter—*Mechanical Engineering*

Kofi Shomari Shakir Christie—*Environmental Engineering*

Andres Martinez Guerra—*Mechanical Engineering*

Mason Alan Hickman—*Civil Engineering*

Piotr R. Slawinski—*Mechanical Engineering*

As a means of increasing the number of U.S. citizens and nationals trained in science and engineering disciplines of military importance, the Department of Defense funds the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, a highly competitive program supporting students who pursue a doctoral degree in one of fifteen supported disciplines at the institution of their choosing.

Nathaniel Paul Hamilton—*Electrical Engineering*

The Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program (DDETFP) awards fellowships to students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines.

William Walker Barbour—*Civil Engineering*

Autism Speaks established the Dennis Weatherstone Predoctoral Fellowship Program in 2008 with a generous grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation. The program honors the late financier Sir Dennis Weatherstone and his commitment to the education of early career scientists pursuing autism research.

Rachael Anne Muscatello—*Neuroscience*

The Free University of Berlin maintains a partnership with Vanderbilt University for a direct exchange for selected students to study abroad.

Eric Joseph Ritter—*Philosophy*

The Andrew W. Mellon Digital Humanities Fellowship trains graduate students in the humanities to integrate digital technologies into innovative research programs.

Melanie Jeanne Forehand—*Spanish*

Juliet C. Larkin-Gilmore—*History*

Laura Anna Strombergsson—*German*

The NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Project, also known as Space Grant, is a national network of colleges and universities working to expand opportunities for Americans to understand and participate in NASA's aeronautics and space projects by supporting and enhancing science and engineering education, research, and public outreach efforts.

George Duffy—*Earth and Environmental Sciences*

Kelsay Elizabeth Neely—*Mechanical Engineering*

The PhRMA Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships help promising students advance their careers by providing up to two years of stipend funding to support full-time Ph.D. candidates.

Loran Elizabeth Kelly—*Psychology*

The National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship program has supported doctoral students whose research is relevant to criminal justice.

Christopher Scott Sundby—*Neuroscience*

Student marshals for Commencement are selected based on their contributions to graduate life at Vanderbilt through leadership and service.

Emma Lillian Banks—*Anthropology*

Abigail Morgan Searfoss—*Chemical and Physical Biology*

