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CONGRATULATING SIMMONS GRADUATES

Simmons faculty and staff celebrated graduates and their families during two academic degree ceremonies May 15.

This year, three Ph.D. candidates received doctorates, 289 graduated with master's degrees, and 88 with undergraduate degrees. We wish our new alumni all the best!

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ENGAGE



FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

Simmons graduates Adam Garmick and Kristen Beckermann are two of SMU's three graduates who received the prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award. Garmick will teach in Budapest, Hungary next year, and Beckermann teaches for Popayan, Colombia at the end of the summer. [Read more.](#)



THE POWER OF MENTORING

[Eric Bing](#), professor of global health in Applied Physiology and Wellness, has lasting impact on his students. [Read more](#) about how he mentors recent graduate Dyan Denkuh, who helps Bing teach health care workers online in Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi, and the U.S.



PAVING THE WAY TO INCLUSION

[Clara Lachon-Biliga](#), groundbreaking researcher on critical race theory and equity in education, gave the keynote at Simmons' inaugural conference, [Equity for All in Education](#), held at the Bush Institute this spring. Faculty and community leaders also examined topics impacting race and equity.



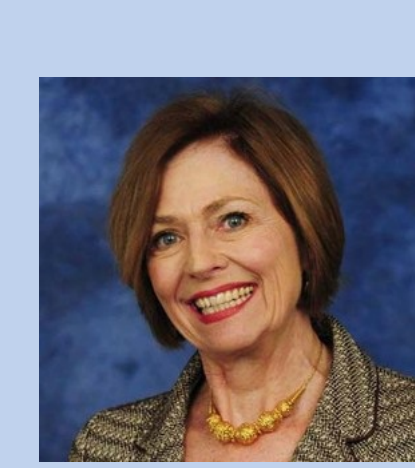
NEW PUBLICATIONS

[Dennis Gosselin](#), assistant professor in Education Policy and Leadership, co-authored the recently released [Cubaans Based Funding and Race in Higher Education](#).

[Dominique Baker](#), also assistant professor in Education Policy and Leadership, co-authored a new study in [The Journal of State Education](#) that looks at the gap of college graduation rates for African American and Hispanic students.

[Robert Taylor](#), lecturer in Dispute Resolution, has co-authored [Building Credibly: Transforming Lives Through Transformational Coaching](#). It is his eighth book on executive training and team building.

INNOVATE



WELCOMING NEW SIMMONS DEAN, STEPHANIE KNIGHT

[Stephanie L. Knight](#), associate dean and professor of education in the College of Education at Pennsylvania State University, is the new dean of the Simmons School.

A nationally recognized education leader, her scholarly interests focus on bringing the results of evidence-based research to the K-12 classroom. [Read more.](#)



AL OTABA RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP AND AWARD

[Stephanie A. Otaba](#), Caldwell Curatorial Chair in Teaching and Learning, was honored this spring with the 2017 American Educational Research Association's Distinguished Researcher Award in Special Education Research. She also is a 2017 recipient of SMU's [Gerald J. Ford Fellowship](#).



YOUNG LEADERS IN EDUCATION HONOR TAYLOR TOYNE

Taylor Toyne, community impact associate for [CommIt](#), received Simmons' [Young Leaders in Education Trailblazer Award](#) for his community outreach. [Congratulations!](#)




THANKS

The Simmons School sincerely thanks [Steph Knig](#), Dean ad interim, for her leadership this year.

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