DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 21, 2019
Today we salute our graduates, who stand ready to take the next steps into the future. And we honor the students, faculty, staff, parents and friends who are overcoming the challenges of this extraordinary year and enabling SMU to continue to shape world changers.
**Order of Exercise**

**Carillon Concert**

Eleven in the Morning
David Y. Son, Carillonneur
Fondren Science Tower

**Welcome**

Kevin Paul Hofeditz, Ceremony Marshal

**Preludial Music and Fanfares**

**Academic Processional**
The audience remains seated during the academic processional and recessional
Jodi Cooley-Sekula, Chief Marshal
Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal Emeritus
Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal Emeritus
Pia Vogel, Platform Marshal
Nathan S. Balke, Marshal Lector
Representatives of the Faculties
The Platform Party
Christopher Earles '21, SMU Banner Bearer, Student Representative and ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees

**Call to Order**

Elizabeth G. Loboa, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Invocation**

Elisabeth A. Garvin, Chaplain and Minister to the University

**National Anthem**

John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key
Hugh Clifton Forbis '90, Professor of Voice

**Special Recognitions**

Elizabeth G. Loboa

**Remarks**

Molly E. Patrick '21, Student Body President
Aurelic Thiele, President of the SMU Faculty Senate and ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees

**Introduction of the SMU President**

Elizabeth G. Loboa

**President’s Statement**

R. Gerald Turner, President of the University and ex officio member of the SMU Board of Trustees

**Commencement Address**

David B. Miller '72, '73, Vice Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees

**Conferring of Degrees in Course**

Please refrain from applause until all candidates have been presented.
Conferred by R. Gerald Turner
Presented by Elizabeth G. Loboa

Deans and Director of the Schools and Programs
Gary Brubaker, Director of SMU Guildhall
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Jennifer M. Collins, Dean of Dedman School of Law
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Stephanie L. Knight, Dean of Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
Matthew B. Myers, Dean of Cox School of Business
James E. Quick, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies

Assisting:
Robert L. Lothringer, University Registrar
Raina Watts, President of the SMU Staff Association

**Closing Remarks**

Elizabeth G. Loboa

**Alma Mater**

“Varsity”

Oh we see the Varsity,
Varsity, Varsity,
As she towers o’er the hill
Over there.
And our hearts are filled with joy,
SMU, SMU,
Alma Mater, we’ll be true
Forever!

**Benediction**

Craig C. Hill

**Special Music Video**

“SMU Forever”
Jimmy Dunne

**Recessional**
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

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Holly E. Jeffcoat, Dean of SMU Libraries
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Connie Blass O’Neill ’77, SMU Board of Trustees
Jeanne L. Phillips ’76, SMU Board of Trustees
Chris Regis, Vice President for Business and Finance and Treasurer
Bruce A. Robson ’76, SMU Board of Trustees
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Sushmita Parkayasta, School Marshal
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Peng Tao, School Marshal

Todd Chiscano, Director of Academic Ceremonies

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

DAVID B. MILLER

David B. Miller is a businessman, philanthropist, and a two-time graduate of SMU whose generosity and leadership over the past three decades have helped transform the University and surrounding Dallas community into an engine of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Miller’s career began with Republic National Bank of Dallas in 1973, where he worked as vice president and manager of Republic Energy Finance Corporation. He later founded and served as co-chief executive officer of the Denver-based oil and gas company, MAZE Exploration Inc.

In 1988, Miller co-founded EnCap Investments, L.P., a leading provider of private equity to the energy industry. He continues as its managing partner today, and through his leadership, has helped build EnCap into one of the 20 largest private equity firms in the world.

It is his philanthropy, however, that has made the most impact for SMU and Dallas. Last year, he and his wife, Carolyn, donated $50 million to the Edwin L. Cox School of Business, which served as a capstone to their decadeslong commitment that has fueled the University’s rise. He has served on the SMU Board of Trustees since 2008. In addition, he is on the Board of Directors for the George W. Bush Foundation, Goodwill Industries of Dallas, the DFW Salvation Army, Methodist Health System Foundation and the UT Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Miller graduated from SMU with his bachelor’s in 1972 and his master’s in 1973. Other Miller family members, including his son, stepson and two nephews are also SMU alumni.
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The students listed below have anticipated Latin honors based upon estimated academic information.

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The students listed below have anticipated honors based upon estimated academic information. These honors include Honors in Business, Honors in Liberal Arts, Departmental Distinction and Latin honors.

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Pamela Joelle Van den Branden
Hannah Lindsey Weatherly
Madison Elizabeth Williamson

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Maha Atyah R. Alqurafi Chemistry
BS Taibah University
MS Texas A&M University- Commerce
Adviser: John D. Buynak

James Albert Barrett Computational and Applied Mathematics
BS Brigham Young University
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Fluid Phenomena Observed in the Context of the Constrained Vapor Bubble System”
Adviser: Vladimir Ajaev

Yakun Cao Chemistry
BS Shandong University, China
Dissertation: “Hypervalent Iodine Compounds with Halogen and Phosphates Ligand”
Adviser: Nicolay Vasilev Tsarevsky

Brian Zachary City Computational and Applied Mathematics
BS University of Texas, Arlington
Dissertation: Uncertainty Quantification of Nonreflecting Boundary Schemes
Adviser: Thomas Hagstrom

Andrew Christen Klumpp Religious Studies
BA Northwestern College
MDV Duke University
Dissertation: “Religion and Global Consciousness in the Nineteenth Rural Middle West”
Adviser: Ted Allen Campbell

Courtney Elizabeth Lacy Religious Studies
BA Centenary College of Louisiana
MA University of Missouri-Columbia
Dissertation: Religion Wrecked Her Mind: Religious Insanity in the Nineteenth Century
Adviser: Katherine Savedra Carter

Zhaoce Liu Statistical Science
BS Capital Normal University
MS Sam Houston State University
Dissertation: Integrating Different Data Sources for Estimation of Total with Unknown Population Size
Adviser: Lynne Stokes

Michael Ovalle Psychology
BA Columbia University
MED Harvard University
Adviser: Chrystyna D. Kouros

Enrique Pereira Batista Computational and Applied Mathematics
BS Colegio Britanico De Cartagena
MS University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Dissertation: “Multigrid for the Nonlinear Power Flow Equations”
Adviser: Barry Lee

Lucas Scott Ryan Chemistry
BA University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation: “In Vivo Quantification of the Tumor Microenvironment Using 1,2-Dioxetane Chemiluminescence Agents”
Adviser: Alexander Ryan Lippert
Grace Vargas Religious Studies
BA Rutgers University
MDV Princeton Theological Seminary
Dissertation: “Lo Que Predicábamos No Era Americanismo:” Protestantism and Cross-Cultural Religious Encounter in the Shadow of Empire: A Twentieth Century Cuban Case”
Adviser: Katherine Carté Engel

Guanshen Wang Statistical Science
BS Shanghai University, China
MS University of Illinois - Urbana
Dissertation: “A Bayesian Semi-Supervised Approach to Keyphrase Extraction and Jackknife Empirical Likelihood Confidence Intervals for Assessing Heterogeneity”
Adviser: Sherry Wang

Peilong Wang Physics
BS University Science & Technology of China
Dissertation: “Measurement of the Standard Model Higgs Boson Produced in Association with a Vector Boson and Decaying to a Pair of Bottom Quarks with the ATLAS Detector at LHC”
Adviser: Stephen Jacob Sekula

Shen Yin Biostatistics
BS Beijing Institute of Technology, China
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Statistical Modeling of High-throughput Sequencing Data and Spatially Resolved Transcriptomic Data”
Adviser: Xinlei Wang

Shalima Zalsha Statistical Science
BB University of Nebraska - Lincoln
MS Sam Houston State University
Dissertation: “Examining Multiple Imputation for Measurement Error Correction in Count Data with Excess Zeros”
Adviser: Sara Lynne Stokes

In Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Laelsadat Badakhshanian Civil and Environmental Engineering
BSN MS Islamic Azad University, Iran
Dissertation: “Size Dependent Hematite Nanoparticles Physiochemical Behavior Changes Under Long Term Aging”
Adviser: Andrew Norman Quicksall

Osama Ahmed Barack Computer Science
BS King Abdulazizz University
MS Florida Institute of Technology
Adviser: LiGuo Huang

Xinyi Ding Computer Science
BS Zhejiang University
MS The University of Texas, Dallas
Dissertation: “Deep Neural Network Based Student Response Modeling with Uncertainty, Multimodality and Attention”
Adviser: Eric Cooper Larson

Assaad El Helou Mechanical Engineering
B.Engr. American University of Beirut
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Advanced Thermal Characterization and Temperature Control to Enable the Next Generation of Micro-electronic Technologies”
Adviser: Peter E. Raad

Amir Kiaee Mechanical Engineering
BSME MS Amirkabir University of Technology
Dissertation: “Modeling, Simulation, and Testing of Sweeping Convection”
Adviser: Jose L. Lage

Jung Soo Lee Applied Science
B.Engr. BS Yonsei University, Korea
Adviser: Minjun Kim

Louis William Rogowski Mechanical Engineering
BS Drexel University
MS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Microparticle Propulsion for in vivo Navigation”
Adviser: Minjun Kim

Chang Yang Electrical Engineering
BSEE Liaoning University, China Shenyang
MSEE Chengdu University of Technology
Dissertation: “On-Chip Nonreciprocal Components for Full-Duplex Communications and Gaussian Regulated Gate Driver for Electromagnetic Interference Reduction”
Adviser: Ping Gui

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Ashley Moorshead Sandoval Education
BA Pitzer College
MA California State University, Dominguez Hills
Dissertation: “A Meta-Analysis of Graphic Organizer Reading Interventions for Learning Science and Social Studies Content”
Adviser: Stephanie Al Otaiba

Sumei Wu Education
BA Haiman Normal University, China
MEd Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Preparing Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teachers across Contexts: Community-Based Tutoring and Telecollaboration”
Adviser: Paige D. Ware
DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Crystal Renee Bush  Educational Leadership, PK-12
BS Texas A&M University-Commerce
MS Texas A&M University
Dissertation: “Where Do They Go? The Relationship Between School Configuration and Sixth Grade Achievement in Texas”
Adviser: Dawson Randolph Orr

Dawna Lynn Duke  Educational Leadership, PK-12
BA MA Criswell College
Dissertation: “Successfully Growing All Kids: A Qualitative Study on Fifth Grade Math Teachers Who Successfully Grew the Highest and Lowest Performing Students in the Context of Frequent Interim Assessment”
Adviser: Dawson Randolph Orr

Jennifer Ann Madding  Educational Leadership, PK-12
BS Oklahoma Baptist University
MEd Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “A Teacher Residency Partnership: A Case to Consider in Growing Preservice Teachers”
Adviser: Dawson Randolph Orr

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Patricia Jane Addington
BA University of Kansas
MPA Syracuse University
Adviser: David Maxwell Deggs

Nancy Bierman
BA Mississippi State University
MLS Southern Methodist University
Dissertation: “Place or Displacement! Local Visions and Global Identities in Selected Works by Willa Cather and Eudora Welty”
Adviser: Bruce Levy

Lauren Marie Gilmore
BA BJ University of Missouri, Columbia
MS Purdue University
Dissertation: “The At-Risk Practitioner: Vicarious Trauma in Mental Health Providers”
Adviser: Brandy Schumann Tomlinson

Lonnie Sherrell Gentry
BA Oklahoma Christian University
MTM Harding School of Theology
CAGS Southern Methodist University
Adviser: Duane S. Long

Onur Kolcak
BA Bilkent University, Turkey
MBA Strayer University
Adviser: Daniel Millimet

IN PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

David Eli Rangel

DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

Walter Justin-Summers Garrett

DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Rebecca Marie Chase  Juanita Marie Johnson

DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Julius Yibebo Collins  Iris Lucille Hollister

IN DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

Comparative & International Law

Abdulaziz Saud F. Almutairi  Olatoyosi Asekun
Abdulrahman Ibrahim Alshuraym  Yang Bao
Mohammed Yousef K. Altamimi  Hsin-Yao Chang
Abdulaziz Saud A. Althani  Juliana Dos Santos Fabrice
Abdulrahman Khalid S Alwahbi  Mosaab Abdullah S. Kadasah

Taxation

Amber Walker

Hayat Mohammadali H. Nimir
Rarrngchai Ruangeri
Razan Mohammedkhalid A. Tashkandi
Guadalupe Villarreal
DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Raheela Mussarat Ahsan
Andrei Serban Bucur
Jordan D. Burger
Abigael Campbell
Maryan Dyachuk
Loren Alexandra Ferrer
Charles Adam Floyd
Nicholas Eduardo Garza

Joseph Blake Glatstein
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Christian P. Havens
Garret W. Higgins
Stephanie Rae Hollingsworth
David Patton Hughes
Travis Jackson Kleinert
Laura Elizabeth Kohner

Victoria Lily Whitney Morris
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Marie L. Watson
Krista Michelle Williams

IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Hang Chen Economics
Matthew Edward Clemmer English
Irvin Collado Applied Economics
Bree A. Geary Psychology
Thesis: “Examining the Association Between Trait Mindfulness and How Positively an Exercise Bout is Remembered”
Patricia Kathryn Gower Psychology
Thesis: “Psychological Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Child Adjustment in a Context of Previous Physical IPV”

Elyssa Marie Hernandez-Rodriguez Molecular and Cell Biology
Jordan Elizabeth Ivie English
Lesleigh Balkum Jones English
Zheng Lin Applied Economics
Jamie Thi Nguyen Psychology
Thesis: “Sexual Victimization, Sexual Orientation, and Engagement in Hookups”

Savannah Pham Psychology
Thesis: “Disaggregating Within- and Between-Person Variations in the Prospective Relations between Acculturation Gap-Distress and Psychological Adjustment”
James David Ray English

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Travis Eckert Geophysics
Thesis: “Seismic Evidence of Magmatism Offshore Cape Hatteras, Eastern North American Margin (ENAM), United States”
Aktan Eminovski Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Yunpeng Gao Statistical Science
Jesse Bryan Kent Physics

Jingchen Liang Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Shilun Liu Physics
Timothy Ian Morales Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Yiyao Qian Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Brian Robert Salerno Applied Statistics and Data Analytics

Nihar Nishtala Varanasi Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Jinghong Wang Applied Statistics and Data Analytics
Jordan A. Wegner Applied Statistics and Data Analytics

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED ECONOMICS AND PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

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Mohammed M A F H Alshehri
Kolin Glidden

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Lauren Michelle Richardson
Lucas Lee Stamatis

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

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Caroline Grace Meekins Advertising

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Joel Duarte Music Education

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Riccardo Brighenti International Arts Management
Agnese Cazzavillan International Arts Management
Jessica Sarah Drymer International Arts Management
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Elena Grace Kittrell Smith International Arts Management
Chloe Vanasse International Arts Management
Wei Kang Xu International Arts Management
Jiahui Zhao International Arts Management

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Angelica Mata Esparza Voice Performance

Holly Ann Rosenberg Flute Performance

Emily Katherine Townsend Viola Performance

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John Mark Barnes General Business
Eva M. Bernal Accounting
Yassine Bouzid Finance
Andrei Serban Bucur Finance
Samantha Lynn Calatozzo Marketing
Daniel Castro Finance
Eric Clark Diamonstein Finance
Jay Brian Dreiling Finance; Real Estate
Lauren Elizabeth Hart General Business
Garrett W. Higgins Finance
Domenic Simone Holt Accounting; Finance
Whitney Chanel Houston General Business
John Michael Hubbard Strategy & Entrepreneurship
William B. Hudson Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Warren Peter Jacobson Business Analytics; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Macellan Edward Johnson Finance
Joy Marie Jones Business Analytics
Jordan Cassidy Kile Finance; Real Estate
Mitchell Morton Kjeldgaard Business Analytics; Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Jeffery J. Larsen II Finance
Christina Danielle Lehman General Business
Meredith Leigh McAlister Management
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LaDonna R. Moore Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Victoria Lily Whitney Morris Real Estate
Chandler Dalton Mullen Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Somelela Kate Jackson Neville Strategy & Entrepreneurship
Stewart Allan Nixon Finance
George Stephen Opudo General Business
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Jonathan David Chang Security Engineering
Siyuan Chen Computer Science
Jeffrey Steven Clauser Systems Engineering
Larry Edward Coleman Manufacturing Systems Management
Daniella Cornwall Manufacturing Systems Management
Liliana Diaz Manufacturing Systems Management
Daniel Canon Ellis Software Engineering Thesis: "Analysis of Github Pull Requests"
Rajalakshmi Elumalai Computer Science
Xiao Feng Computer Science
Rachel LaVaughn Garcia Systems Engineering
Sanjana Giridhar Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Samantha Denice Glasford Cybersecurity
Natasha Maria Hagen Systems Engineering
John Paul Hahn Manufacturing Systems Management
Beichen Hu Computer Science
+ Yan Huang Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Bret Bouldin Little Manufacturing Systems Management
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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE in MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

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Kulandan Singh Datacenter Systems Engineering
Aviraj Sinha Computer Science
Avani Thigel Telecommunications and Network Engineering
Gautham Ragav Thirugnanam Datacenter Systems Engineering
Damarcus T. Thomas Cybersecurity
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Brian Mark Van Booven Systems Engineering
Fernando Vazquez Delgado Computer Science
Kathryn Mary Eva Winstead Manufacturing Systems Management
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Durgesh Srinivas Yathirajam Telecommunications and Network Engineering
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Chen Zhao Computer Science

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
Danyal A. Ahsanullah
Thesis: “Adaptation of Digital Micromirror Devices for Use as High Speed Infrared Spatial Light Modulators”
Nishant Arunan
Bruce Shen Griffith
Ethan Paul Hettwer
Shuchen Liu
Wangxiao Tian
Christie Carter Wiley

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT
Christopher William Cottingham
Sergio Everardo Elizondo Muniz
Bernardo Gil Abadie
Tyler Maness
Carlos Eugenio Moreleon Gochicoa
David Ortiz Llovera
Mahidhar Reddy Puttha
Andoni Rementeria Bravo

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
Linda Hong Chau
Hannah Aston Rutty

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT
Qinan Wang

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Nicholas Edward Davis
Thesis: “The Effect of Surface Air Entrapment on Oscillating Fin Flow at Intermediate Reynolds Number”
Lane Linwood Musgrave

IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Suzanne Blaylock
Jazmine James
Tamera E. Ranney
Ronni Marie Domenick
Dwight David Plybon

DEGREE OF MASTER OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION
Dietrich Denali Cerna
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Matthew Abernathy
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Juliana Claiborne Washington
Shalaka Moreswar Damle
Danielle A. McDonald
Jada Mychelle Weathers
Emily Garrett Davis
Kelsey Rhianne Moore
Samantha Nycole Wiseman

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Amanda Blanco Flores
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Audryanna Gabrielle Reed
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Stefan Arnaz McClure
Timothy Brandon Stephens
Theresa Marie Cain
Richard Mcbryde
Sabrina Primitiva Taylor
Christopher Sean Cornell
Ashlea Butler Palladino
Nicholas Tyler Wellbacher
Ashley Nicole Griffin-Ruiz
Clayton Thomas Patterson
Yang Xu
Kevin O’Neal Johnson
Nicole C. Peña

Michael James King
Kimberly Margaret Rafalski

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Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Salem Alducin Political Science
Nune Sylvia Alexander Anthropology
Tae In An Economics
Michelle Aslam Human Rights
Hillary Alexis Barron Anthropology; Religious Studies
Joy Izel Bates French Studies
William Keniston Bird Studies
Lindsey Kaye Blanchard Psychology
Sabrina Anne Brakkke Psychology; Sociology
Alison Elaine Brogan Biological Sciences; Psychology
Ryan Anthony Callie Public Policy
Caroline Tucker Camp Philosophy
Linzi Cao Economics
Miranda A. Cassidy Economics; Psychology
Luke R. Chavez Economics
William Hunter Clark Economics
Bradley Kent Clendening Political Science
Abigail Rhiannie Colegrove English
Christian De'Mire Davis Markets and Culture
Polina Mia DeClue Political Science; World Languages - Spanish
Courtney Noelle De Wilde Human Rights

Yuriel Delgado International Studies
Javier Andre Destarac Markets and Culture
Tyler Arlis Dixon Markets and Culture
Jenna N. Eden Public Policy
Sidney Luke Eichelberger Philosophy
William A. Fuscus Political Science
Andrea Garza Markets and Culture
Maria Samantha-Jewel Garza Human Rights; International Studies
John William Georgas Markets and Culture
Olivia Grace Godwin Psychology
Gabrielle Jara Gonzales Biological Sciences
Grant Robert Gorman Public Policy
Kylene C. Granson Economics
James Glassell Gubelmann History
Kristen Mackenzie Haggerty Philosophy
Heather Ann Hall Political Science
Alyce Ann Hammer French; International Studies
Haleigh Ann Hashem Markets and Culture; Psychology
Helen Hinh Biological Sciences
Elise Olivia Huff History; International Studies
Peyton Kenneth Hunt Markets and Culture

Mallory Suzanne Jennings International Studies
Ar’mani Laighton Nathaniel Johnson English
Logan Emory Jones Political Science
Beomjoon Kim Philosophy
Trevor A. Kirby Public Policy
Harrison Powell La Branche History
Sydney Scott Lavigne Biological Sciences
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Elias Hendricks III  Voice Performance
Lea Faye Hobbie  Music Therapy
Morgan Brooke McGlothlin  Music Education;
Seth Joseph O’Neil  Music Education
Elias Hendricks III  Voice Performance

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Katherine Grace Connors  Marketing
Brandon Thomas Counts  Management
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Matthew Reagan Dorritty  Financial Consulting
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Kelsey Virginia Dunmire  Accounting
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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Priyanka Chakraborty, Economics
BS University of Calcutta
MS Jawaharlal Nehru Technology University, India
Dissertation: “Essays on Issues in Management and Gender”
Adviser: Timothy Craig Salmon

Xiaofei Chen, Biostatistics
BS Shandong University
MS Georgetown University
Dissertation: “Causal Inference and Prediction on Observational Data with Survival Outcome”
Adviser: Daniel Francis Heitjan

JULIET LINDSEY KROLL, Psychology
BA University of Colorado, Boulder
Dissertation: “Neural Activity During Facial Memory Retrieval in Patients with Asthma: Associations with Peripheral Airway Inflammation and HPA-Axis Activity”
Adviser: Thomas E. Ritz

Madalyn McKay, Physics
BS Carnegie Mellon University
Dissertation: “Measurement of Inclusive Fiducial and Differential Cross Sections in the H → ZZ* → 4ℓ Decay Channel in p-p Collisions at 13 TeV with the Full ATLAS Run 2 Dataset”
Adviser: Ryszard Strynowski

Sooen Park, Economics
BA MA Sungyunkwan University
Dissertation: “Empirical Essays on Automation and Its Implications”
Adviser: Daniel Millimet

KEVIN BRYCE PICKARD, English
BA University of Oklahoma, Norman
Adviser: Lisa M. Siraganian

Margarita Sala, Psychology
BS University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Dissertation: “Mindful Exercise: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial”
Adviser: Austin Baldwin

Ryan Thomas Staten, Physics
BS Southwestern University
Dissertation: “Cosmological Analysis with ROTSE Supernovae and DESI Galaxies and Quasars”
Adviser: Fredrick Iver Olness

Phan Minh Duc Truong, Computational and Applied Mathematics
BA California State University, Fullerton
MA Cornell University
Dissertation: “Cell Assembly Detection in Low Firing-Rate Spike Train Data”
Adviser: Andrea Katherine Barreiro

Margaret Smith Vadiee, Psychology
BA University of Texas, Austin
Dissertation: “Parent-Directed Gratitude: An Investigation of a Novel Intervention and Possible Mechanisms Between Gratitude and Well-Being”
Adviser: George W. Holden

Chelsey Werchan, Psychology
BA Trinity University
MA Texas State University
Dissertation: “Role of Oxidative Stress during Environmental Stressors in Asthmatic and Healthy Participants”
Adviser: Thomas E. Ritz

Ting Yan, Computational and Applied Mathematics
BS University Science & Technology of China
Adviser: Daniel R. Reynolds

Yiyu Zhang, Molecular and Cell Biology
BS China Agriculture University
Dissertation: “RelA/p65 Blocks Histone Deacetylase Neurotoxicity and Protects Neurons Against Neuronal Death Induced by PolyQ-Expanded Huntington and Ataxin-1 in a p65 Phospho S276 Dependent Manner”
Adviser: Jonathan Ploski

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**Degree of Doctor of Philosophy**

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BSME MSME Zagazig University  
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**Civil and Environmental Engineering**  
BS Umm Al-Qura University, Saudi Arabia  
MSCE Vanderbilt University  
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Mahdi Khodayar  
**Electrical Engineering**  
BA MS Khajeh Nasir Toosi University of Technology, Iran  
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**Electrical Engineering**  
B.ENGR. South China University of Technology  
MS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “A 2.56 Gbps Serial Wireline Transceiver that Supports an Auxiliary Channel and A Hybrid Line-Driver to Compensate Large Channel Loss”  
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**Electrical Engineering**  
B.ENGR. Northwest Polytechnic University Xian, China  
ME Arizona State University  
Dissertation: “Machine Learning Applications in Power Systems”  
Adviser: Jianhui Wang

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**Computer Science**  
BS Baylor University  
MS Southern Methodist University  
Adviser: Sukumaran Nair

Ying Zhang  
**Electrical Engineering**  
BSEE MSEE Shandong University, China  
Dissertation: “Model-Based and Data-Driven Situational Awareness for Distribution System Monitoring and Control”  
Adviser: Jianhui Wang

**Degree of Doctor of Engineering**

Mohammed Abdul Qaudeer  
**Engineering Management**  
BS Osmania University, India  
MBA University of Phoenix  
MS Wayne State University  
Dissertation: “Blockchain and its Transformational Impact to Global Business”  
Adviser: Halit Uster

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**Education**  
BS University of Texas  
BS University of Houston  
MBA Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: “Exploring Response to Intervention: How Are We Narrowing The Gap for Tier 3 Minority Learners?”  
Adviser: Stephanie Al Otaiba

Carlin Lee Conner  
**Education**  
BS University of Georgia  
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Dissertation: “Making the Case for the Systematic Observation of Language and Reading: A Reading Comprehension Measure Inclusive of Students with Disabilities”  
Adviser: Jill H. Allor

Jennifer Elizabeth Stewart  
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BA Saint Louis University  
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Danielle Lea Tyree  
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BA Southern University of Georgia  
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MAT Texas Women’s University  
JD Texas Wesleyan University  
Adviser: Frank Hernandez

In Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development
Degree of Doctor of Education

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*Educational Leadership, PK-12*

BA The Ohio State University  
MED Southern Methodist University

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Valerie Ludley Nelson  
*Educational Leadership, PK-12*

BS MS Grambling State University

Dissertation: “What Does Color Have to Do with It? A Quantitative Study of How Implicit Bias, Principal Feelings, Beliefs and Perspectives about Discipline Influence and Sustain the Disproportionate Outcomes for African American and Hispanic Males Discretionary Placements”  
Adviser: Dawson Randolph Orr

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MS Texas A&M-Commerce

Dissertation: “Supporting Principals: A Look into a District’s Practices to Improve Principal Retention”  
Adviser: Dawson Randolph Orr

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BA Tulane University  
MBA University of Dallas

Dissertation: “Understanding the Relationship of Institutional Grant Aid and Student Academic Quality at Private Universities”  
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Degree of Doctor of Liberal Studies

Lori Elise Brakhage  
BA University of North Dallas  
MLS Southern Methodist University

Dissertation: “Generational Linguistic Attitudes: A Sociolinguistic Investigation”  
Advisers: Robert Hunt, Jennifer Parvin

Degree of Doctor of Music

Hannah Corrine Rachal  
*Summa Cum Laude*

Degree of Master of Arts in Ministry

Kelli Kennington

Degree of Master of Theology

André Ricardo Soares Goncalves  
*Summa Cum Laude*

In Dedman School of Law

Degree of Master of Laws  
Comparative and International Law

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Mohammad Faiz A. Alqaydi  
Shujie Shao

Abdullah Abdulrahman M. Alasmi  
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IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

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Thesis: Social Anxiety, Depression, and Emotional Congruence
Anni M. Hasratian Psychology
Divya Kumar Psychology
Thesis: “Walking on the Bright Side: Relations between Depression, Affect, and Gait”
Viviana Monserrat Macías Applied Economics
Hannah O’Reilly Nordberg Psychology
Thesis: “Affective Reactivity to Real-Life Acute Stress: The Role of Chronic Stress, Physical Activity, and Sleep”
Sharyl Esther Wee Psychology
Rachel Elaine Wolfe Molecular and Cell Biology

IN MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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Students listed are candidates for undergraduate degrees in December 2020. For more information, visit smu.edu/provost/engagedlearning.


José Velazquez, Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality for STEM Collaborative Learning.

Southern Methodist University

In 1911, a Methodist education commission made a commitment to establish a major Methodist university in Texas. More than 600 acres of open prairie and $300,000 pledged by a group of Dallas citizens secured the university for Dallas, and it was chartered as Southern Methodist University. In appreciation of the city’s support, the first building to be constructed on the campus was named Dallas Hall. It remains the centerpiece and symbol of SMU. When the University opened in 1915, it consisted of two buildings, 706 students, a 35-member faculty and total assets of $636,540. The original schools of SMU were the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Theology and the School of Music.

Academic Procession, Regalia Tradition and SMU Regalia

The academic procession and the regalia worn by the faculty and officers of the University symbolically represent the continuing link between the modern American university and the founding of the great medieval universities in Europe—chief among them Bologna, Paris and Oxford. As those institutions were derived from the Catholic Church, the universities adopted many of the ceremonial trappings of the church in their official public functions.

The caps and gowns worn in the procession vary from place to place. There are variations in design to indicate the degrees held by the wearers, and many universities in America have introduced colorful gowns and other distinguishing details (in place of the customary clerical black from which all originated). The caps, too, vary according to the customs of the university from which the wearer received a degree. While most American universities adopted the “mortarboard” style of Oxford, others have chosen styles based on other European institutions. The color of the tassel worn with the cap may be black for any degree, or the color may be that of the faculty of the major field of learning (e.g., Arts, Engineering, Law). Persons holding doctoral degrees and governing officials of institutions are entitled to wear tassels of gold metallic thread.

Within the great varieties of styles and colors in gowns and caps, there has been one universally accepted code for the hood worn trailing down the wearer’s back. Originally, it was like the hood on the habit worn by monks and very useful for protection against the weather and even for begging for alms. Nowadays, the hood, through length and color, shows the degree and the specialization of the wearer, and the university that granted the degree.

Candidates for degrees at SMU are robed in custom regalia, designed to incorporate SMU’s colors and symbols.

Today SMU offers more than 118 undergraduate majors, master’s degrees in more than 135 areas, Ph.D. degrees in 35 fields and more than 45 certificate programs. Enrollment for the fall 2020 term was 12,318, including 6,787 undergraduate students and 5,531 graduate students. SMU students come from 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 83 countries. About 78 percent of first-year students received some form of financial assistance for fall 2020.

In addition to preparing students for graduate and professional schools, or more directly for their life’s work, the University strives to enhance their social, moral, intellectual and religious development so that they may lead worthy lives as individuals and citizens of the nation and of the world.

The Howard Lantern

The Howard Lantern is dedicated to Professor Lorn Lambier Howard, chief marshal emeritus of SMU from 1978–1987. Crafted out of steel, aluminum and water glass, the lantern depicts the Rotunda of Dallas Hall. Engraved around the base is the University’s motto, Veritas Liberabit Vos, which means “The truth will make you free.”

Around the top band are the words to “Varsity,” SMU’s alma mater. The lantern serves as a reminder of the important traditions that make up our University life and the light of learning and intellectual curiosity that shines within the students, faculty and staff at SMU.
The Presidential Collar and Medallion

Chains of office, also known as collars, were used as badges of office in the Middle Ages. Today they are custom-designed metal necklaces worn by the president during academic ceremonies as part of his or her regalia.

The chain of office designed for the 10th president of SMU, R. Gerald Turner, is made of bronze, a strong and durable metal. The medallion of the necklace is dominated by the University seal design, just as the seal is the centerpiece in the floor of the Rotunda in Dallas Hall, SMU’s historic first building.

The bail, joining the medallion and the chain, represents the institution’s bond between the faculty and the student body. Equally, the 32-inch chain, a work of art whose two ends are clasped together, represents the joining of the desire to teach and the eagerness to learn demonstrated by SMU’s faculty and students.

The University Mace

Staffs that call groups to order are as old as civilization itself. Today’s ceremonial maces descend particularly from medieval armor-piercing clubs topped by bludgeoning balls. These fierce weapons swiftly acquired symbolic meaning. By the 14th century, a mace, carried at the front of formal processions, required bystanders to note the authority and integrity of the event. In the 16th century, this formidable weapon lost its battle utility but took a symbolic turn: the spiked head evolved into a decorative orb. The European tradition by which universities presented maces on solemn occasions to signify their independence and protective power was adopted by their successors worldwide. The mace-bearer, who is the president of the Faculty Senate, leads formal ceremonies carrying this visible reminder of the University’s history and status.

The 22-pound mace currently in use at SMU is linked to the inauguration of President Willis M. Tate (1954–1972 and 1974–75) and is known as the Tate Mace. The 57-inch staff is topped by a 10½-inch orb that represents not only the University’s worldly authority but also echoes its distinctive neoclassical style. The orb is impressed with the seal of the University and is encircled with SMU’s motto, Veritas Liberabit Vos (“The truth will make you free”). Surmounting the orb is a cross painted vividly in SMU red, a reminder of SMU’s religious heritage.

The Bradley Kent Carter Baton

The Bradley Kent Carter Baton is carried by the Chief Marshal during academic ceremonies and represents the authority of the collective faculty in the academic life of the institution and of the role of Chief Marshal as master of ceremonies at formal university convocations.

A tradition dating back 500 years to the University of Oxford, the Chief Marshal oversees the faculty members of the Guild of Marshals. Faculty marshals are responsible for the execution of the ceremony, the upholding of decorum and traditions, and the processions of candidates, faculty and the platform party. SMU’s marshals are identified by their bright red gowns with black chevrons.

The Carter Baton is dedicated to Associate Professor emeritus of Political Science and Chief Marshal emeritus Bradley Kent Carter, who served for many years in the Guild of Marshals before serving as Chief Marshal from 1991–2008. Professor Carter is a staunch supporter of the traditions and customs of academic ceremonies, but also added his own mark in fostering a number of the traditions now celebrated.

Made from rosewood, the Carter Baton initially served as the University’s first official academic ceremonial mace until it was replaced in 1954 by the Tate Mace, currently still in use. The orb of the Carter Baton bears the seal of SMU. In the fall of 2017, it was refurbished with bronze bands honoring all known chief marshals in SMU’s history. During the ceremony it is placed on a custom stand. The original designer and manufacturer of the baton are unknown. Refurbishment was completed by Medallic Art Company.

World Changers Shaped Here

For more than 100 years, SMU has shaped minds, explored the frontiers of knowledge and fostered an entrepreneurial spirit in its eight degree-granting schools. Taking advantage of unbridled experiences on the University’s beautiful campuses and SMU’s relationship with Dallas – the dynamic center of one of the nation’s fastest-growing regions – alumni, faculty and more than 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students become ethical leaders in their professions and communities who change the world.
Scan the QR code above with your smartphone’s camera or QR reader app to experience the Dallas Hall Rotunda Recessional tradition in augmented reality.

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We wish everyone a happy, safe and healthy holiday.