

DECEMBER  
COMMENCEMENT  
CONVOCAATION



SOUTHERN  
METHODIST  
UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 16, 2017



*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 shaped SMU's first 100 years  
and laid the foundation for an  
extraordinary second century.*



## ORDER OF EXERCISE

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### CARILLON CONCERT

Quarter Past Nine in the Morning  
David Y. Son, Carillonneur  
Fondren Science Tower

### WELCOME

Kevin Paul Hofeditz, Ceremony Marshal

### PRELUDIAL CONCERT AND FANFARES

Imperial Brass

### ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

*The audience remains seated during the academic processional and recessional*

Thomas B. Fomby, Presiding Chief Marshal  
Joseph F. Kobylka, Platform Marshal  
Thomas W. Tunks, Marshal Lector

Candidates for Graduation  
Representatives of the Faculties  
The Platform Party

### CALL TO ORDER

Steven C. Currall, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

### INVOCATION

Stephen W. Rankin, Chaplain and Minister to the University

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

John Stafford Smith and Francis Scott Key  
Imperial Brass  
Performed by Clifton Forbis, Professor of Voice  
Meadows School of the Arts

### REMARKS

Andrew Bassegy Udofa '14, '18, Student Representative and  
*ex officio* member of the SMU Board of Trustees  
Michael M. Boone '63, '67, Chair of the SMU Board of Trustees

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Steven C. Currall

### PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

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

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Kenneth A. Hersh, President and Chief Executive Officer of the  
George W. Bush Presidential Center

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"SMU Forever"  
Jimmy Dunne  
Imperial Brass  
Performed by Clifton Forbis

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

*Please refrain from applause until all candidates have been presented.*

Marc P. Christensen, Dean of Lyle School of Engineering  
Jennifer M. Collins, Dean of Dedman School of Law  
Thomas DiPiero, Dean of Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences  
Craig C. Hill, Dean of Perkins School of Theology  
Samuel S. Holland, Dean of Meadows School of the Arts  
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 Vice President for Research and Dean of  
Graduate Studies

### ASSISTING:

John A. Hall '71, '73, '79, Executive Director of Enrollment Services and  
University Registrar  
Joe Papari '81, Director of Enrollment Services for Student Systems and  
Technology  
Marjorie E. Rush, President of the SMU Staff Association

### THE FAREWELLS

Dayna Oscherwitz, President-elect of the SMU Faculty Senate and  
Associate Professor of French  
Douglas C. Smelage '77, Chair of the SMU Alumni Board and  
*ex officio* member of the SMU Board of Trustees

### BENEDICTION

Craig C. Hill

### ALMA MATER

"Varsity"  
Imperial Brass  
*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!*

### RECESSIONAL

## OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

Gerald B. Alley '75, SMU Board of Trustees  
Gary Brubaker, Director, SMU Guildhall  
Brad E. Cheves, Vice President for Development and External Affairs  
Frederick B. Hegi, Jr. '66, SMU Board of Trustees  
David S. Huntley '80, SMU Board of Trustees  
Bobby B. Lyle '67, SMU Board of Trustees  
David B. Miller '72, '73, Secretary of the SMU Board of Trustees  
Kenechukwu (K.C.) Mmeje, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Connie Blass O'Neill '77, SMU Board of Trustees  
Caren H. Prothro, SMU Board of Trustees  
Chris Regis, Vice President for Business and Finance  
Harold W. Stanley, Vice President for Executive Affairs  
Joanne Vogel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Life  
Paul J. Ward, Vice President for Legal Affairs and Government Relations, General Counsel and Secretary

## OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GUILD OF MARSHALS

Nathan S. Balke, School Marshal	Ping Gui, School Marshal	Thomas Osang, Procession Marshal
Richard S. Barr, School Marshal	Michael Hahsler, School Marshal	Nancy Roberts, School Marshal
Charles Besio, School Marshal	Roy L. Heller, School Marshal	Stephen Robertson, Assisting Procession Marshal
Rajat Deb, School Marshal	Lynn Romejko Jacobs, School Marshal	David Rosenfield, School Marshal
Darryl Dickson-Carr, Faculty Marshal	Maribeth Kuenzi, School Marshal	David Sedman, Doctoral Marshal
Ira Greenberg, School Marshal	Brian Molanphy, School Marshal	Ben Voth, School Marshal

Todd Chiscano, Director of Academic Ceremonies

## SMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2017–18 *IN ABSENTIA*

Ruth Collins Sharp Altshuler '48 <sup>†</sup>	Antoine L.V. Dijkstra	Scott J. McLean '78
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	Bishop Michael McKee '78	

<sup>†</sup> deceased

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### KENNETH A. HERSH

Kenneth A. Hersh is President and Chief Executive Officer of the George W. Bush Presidential Center, a Dallas-based nonpartisan institution, which houses the George W. Bush Library and Museum and the George W. Bush Institute. The Bush Center's mission is to engage communities in the U.S. and around the world by developing leaders, advancing policy and taking action to solve today's most pressing challenges. Under Hersh's leadership, the Bush Center focuses its efforts on domestic excellence and global leadership initiatives.

He also serves as co-founder and advisory partner of NGP Energy Capital Management, where he assists with the strategic direction of the firm. NGP is a premier private equity investment franchise in the natural resources industry, managing over \$17 billion of cumulative committed capital since its inception in 1988. Mr. Hersh served as NGP's chief executive officer until 2015. From 1988–2015, under his leadership NGP invested over \$10 billion and achieved a 27-year gross IRR of 30% (net IRR of 19%), making it one of the nation's leading investment firms during that period.

Mr. Hersh currently serves as a senior advisor and as the deputy chief investment officer for The Carlyle Group's natural resources division and sits on the board of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club. In addition, he serves on the Board of Overseers of the Hoover Institution, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the National Council of the American Enterprise Institute, the Dallas Citizens Council and the World Economic Forum. He also sits on the Dean's Council of the Harvard Kennedy School.

Mr. Hersh served on the Advisory Council of Stanford University's Graduate School of Business from 2009–2015. In 2014, he was recognized as Master Entrepreneur of the Year for the Southwest Region by Ernst & Young during its Entrepreneur of the Year program, and in 2017 he received the Oil & Gas Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Hersh has also been very involved in the nonprofit arena both nationally and locally on a personal basis and also through the efforts of The Hersh Foundation, his family's private foundation. He serves on the boards of Communities Foundation of Texas, Baylor Health Care System Foundation and the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues. From 1998–2015, Mr. Hersh served on the board of St. Mark's School of Texas, where he held numerous positions, including president from 2010–2012. In 2015, he received the St. Mark's School of Texas Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Prior to co-founding NGP, Mr. Hersh was employed by Morgan Stanley & Co., where he was a member of the firm's energy group specializing in oil and gas financing and merger and acquisition transactions.

Mr. Hersh was born and raised in Dallas. After graduating from St. Mark's, he attended Princeton University, where he graduated *magna cum laude* in 1985 with a degree in political science. In 1989, Mr. Hersh earned his M.B.A. from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, where he graduated as an Arjay Miller Scholar. Mr. Hersh and his wife, Julie, reside in Dallas.

## DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018

### CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL DEGREES WITH HONORS

The students listed below have anticipated Latin honors based upon estimated academic information. A souvenir version of the confirmed honors will be posted online at [smu.edu/registrar](http://smu.edu/registrar) in January.

Braden Carlton Allman  
Micah B. Chambers  
Denise L. DuPont  
Eric G. Etheridge

Brian B. Gregg  
Joshua Michael Karam  
Patrick J. Luthen  
Sarah Ann Marsalis-Luginbill

Joshua Michael Materne  
Jarred Lee Salinas

### CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES WITH HONORS

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. A souvenir version of the confirmed honors will be posted online at [smu.edu/registrar](http://smu.edu/registrar) in January.

Jessica J. Abernathy  
Patrick Arraj  
Whitney Joanne Babin  
Riley Ann Barnes  
Cristina M. Barrera  
Ursa Bezan Petric  
Aaron Christopher Bunnell  
Michael Alexander Bush  
Grace Caputo  
James Harry Chapman  
Jessica Ferelyth Douglas

Michael Edward Fowler III  
Grace L. Guthrie  
Caleb Thomas Holton  
Jingzhen Hu  
Wengyiqiao Jin  
Robert Tyler Jones  
Alexis J. Kopp  
Neil Cameron Matson  
Chloe L. Morris  
Kelly Anne O'Halloran  
Cayenne Leah-Hope-Malachi Price

Robert Joseph Pulatie  
Zahra Syeda Rizvi  
Lisa Anne Santry  
Aabid Abdulrahman Shivji  
Rory Golden Smith  
Young Hee L. Somemoto  
Jason Waller  
John Baron Wiener  
Brenna Williams  
Abdulrahman Jamal Yassine

## DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018

### CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

#### IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

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##### DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Michael John Aiuvalasit** *Anthropology*

BA University of Texas  
MA Texas A&M University  
Dissertation: Common Goods in Uncommon Times: Water, Droughts,  
and the Sustainability of Ancestral Pueblo Communities in the Jemez  
Mountains, New Mexico  
Adviser: Christopher Allen Roos

**Anne Elizabeth Noel Allbright** *History*

BA MA University of Central Oklahoma  
Dissertation: "Oscar Brousse Jacobson: A Swedish Immigrant Gone  
Western, Modernist, Teacher, and Indian Patron"  
Adviser: Sherry L. Smith

**\*\*Jessica Jean Jutley** *Computational and Applied Mathematics*

BS MS University of Texas, Dallas  
Dissertation: "The Existence of Spontaneous Parity-Time Symmetry Breaking,  
Asymmetric Transport, and Defect Modes in Nonlinearly Coupled  
Van Der Pol Oscillators"  
Adviser: Alejandro R. Aceves

**Vytor Pinheiro Oliveira** *Theoretical and Computational Chemistry*

BS MS Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil  
Dissertation: "Quantum Chemical Studies of Noncovalent Interactions and  
Multicenter Bonds Utilizing Local Vibrational Modes"  
Adviser: Elfriede Kraka

**Jean Margaret Sexton** *Computational and Applied Mathematics*

BS Southern Methodist University  
Dissertation: "High-order Relaxed Multirate Infinitesimal Step Methods for  
Multiphysics Applications"  
Adviser: Daniel Reynolds

**Meghan Mary Wadle** *English*

BA University of Dallas  
Dissertation: "Stray Threads: Factory Women in Fiction from the Freehold  
Farm to the Rented Room, 1840-1875"  
Adviser: Steven Weisenburger

**Biao Wang** *Physics*

BS Lanzhou University, China  
MS Texas A&M University  
Dissertation: "Muon Neutrino Electron Elastic Scattering in the NOvA Near  
Detector and its Applications Beyond SM."  
Adviser: Thomas E. Coan

#### IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

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##### DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Nafiseh Aflakian** *Electrical Engineering*

BS Isfahan University of Technology (IUT)  
MS University of North Texas  
Dissertation: "Design, Fabrication, and Demonstration of Square Holey  
Dielectric THZ Waveguides"  
Adviser: Duncan Leo MacFarlane

**Li Ai** *Mechanical Engineering*

BSME Nanjing University, China  
MSME East China University of Science & Technology  
Dissertation: "Micro-Architected Metamaterials: Design and Analysis"  
Adviser: Xin-Lin Gao

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**Patrick Charles Fumo** *Electrical Engineering*

BS Arizona State University

MS Southern Methodist University

Dissertation: "Investigation of the Effects of Harmful Radiation on Type-II Strained Layer Superlattice Photodetectors Operated in the Long Wave Infrared"

Adviser: Gary Alan Evans

**David Kebo Houngrinou** *Computer Engineering*

BSCpE University of Evansville

MSCPE Washington University

Dissertation: "Implementation of Switching Circuit Models as Vector Space Transformations"

Adviser: Mitchell Aaron Thornton

**Gity Karami Mirazizi** *Computer Science*

BA Shiraz University

BSC Islamic Azad University, Iran

MS Shiraz University

MS Southern Methodist University

Dissertation: "Accurate Usage Models for Effective Web Testing and Quality Improvement"

Adviser: Jeff Tian

**Jianing Li** *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

BS Changsha University of Science & Technology

MS Purdue University

Dissertation: "Reactive Transport of Heavy Metals in Lake Sediments: Impacts of Multi-Component Diffusion, Diffuse Double Layer, Dissolution of Manganese Oxides, and Water Transport in Nanotubes"

Adviser: Sema Sevinc Sengor

**Ting Li** *Electrical Engineering*

B.ENGR, Beijing Institute of Technology

MSEE Southern Methodist University

Dissertation: "Blind Super-Resolution From Images with Non-Translational Motion"

Adviser: Panagiotis E. Papamichalis

**Matt Eric Saari** *Mechanical Engineering*

BSME MSME Southern Methodist University

Dissertation: "Design and Control of Fiber Encapsulation Additive Manufacturing"

Adviser: Edmond Richer

**Chatchai Wangwiwattana** *Computer Science*

BS University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce

MS Southern Methodist University

Dissertation: "RGB Image-Based Pupillary Diameter Tracking with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks"

Adviser: Eric Cooper Larson

**Guang Yang** *Mechanical Engineering*

BS Shenyang Jianzhu University

MS North China Electric Power University

Dissertation: "Studying the Issues in Laser Joining of Light-Weight Materials in a Coach-Peel Joint Configuration"

Adviser: Radovan Kovacevic

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**IN ANNETTE CALDWELL SIMMONS SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Miriam Bernice Ortiz** *Education*

Dissertation: "Response to First Grade Tier 3 Intervention: Does Intervention in Kindergarten Play a Role?"

Adviser: Stephanie Al Otaiba

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**IN PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

**Brenda Sue Arnold-Scott**

**Rhonda Green-Harmon**

**Jeffrey Arthur Hall**

**Mark William Irons**

**Shuit Kuin Lee**

**Ching-Fung Benjamin Si**

**Mary Kathryn Spradlin**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY

**Dylan Lee**

**Cesar Mauricio Martinez**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC

**Scott David Scheetz**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

**Denise L. DuPont**

**Tania R. Marks**

**Conrad William Staton**

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

**Sarah Ann Marsalis-Luginbill**

## IN DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

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### DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF LAW

Thamer Abdulrahman I. Alsalem *Law*

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

#### COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL LAW

Raquel Aguirre

Malak Abdulwahab A. Alabdulsalam

Rawah Muteb A. Alanazi

Mohammed Ibrahim M. Aljebreen

Mohammed Ghunaim S. Almutairi

Abdulaziz Ahmed Althumayri

Anna Maria Ardelean

Abdulrahman Saleh Asiri

Grant William Creech

Preethi Kilaru

Claus Bernd Heinrich Luetke Lengerich

Augusto Cezar Macena Gomes

Hamideh Mirzahosseini

Muslim Mohammed

Tamer Morgan

Shahriyar Navaei

Chizoba Eugene Ndukwe

Winifred Etsebome Nwaokolo

Yu Pei

Ahmad Rateb Salman

### DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

Braden Carlton Allman

Meshal Ghazai M. Almutairi

Kristopher A. Bonham

Tasheena L. Byrd

Micah B. Chambers

Eric G. Etheridge

Brian B. Gregg

Katherine Marie Hart

Joshua Michael Karam

Katelyn R. Lawler

Patrick J. Luthen

Kathryn N. Magan

Joshua Michael Materne

James Collins Mitchell

Monique Ndaya Mutombo

Olutomi O. Odukoya

Van Edward Parham III

Truman Kenneth Pennell III

Jarred Lee Salinas

Mickey Allen Syrquin

## IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

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### DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Aubrey Elizabeth Graham-West *Molecular and Cell Biology*

Caitlin Elizabeth Rancher *Psychology*

Kelli Suzanne Sargent *Psychology*

Rui Tang *Psychology*

Alexandra Tolar *Molecular and Cell Biology*

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Rahmi Mert Bolat *Geophysics*

Thesis: "The Role of Tectonics & Sedimentation in Explaining Creep-like Deformation in the Marmara Sea: Results from Pore Pressure Analysis"

Jacob Daniel Cadena *Computational and Applied Mathematics*

Kathryn Nicole Flanagan *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*

Daniel Francisco Perez Garcia *Applied Statistics and Data Analytics*

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED ECONOMICS AND PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

David Kamran Akrami

Yaming Li

Jason Thomas Regan

Hui Wang

## IN MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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### DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Holly Alexandra Archer *Advertising*

Leah Nikole Johnson *Advertising*

Emily Morgan Wisner *Advertising*

Rebecca Simone Wood *Arts Management*

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF MUSIC

Jessica Lee Grant *Music Education*

Langelihle Mngxati *Voice Performance*

Matthew Jordan Nakagawa *Music Composition*

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF MANAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ARTS MANAGEMENT

Anna Aglietta *International Arts Management*

Mitsuki Amano *International Arts Management*

Charles Beavers *International Arts Management*

Michelle Dalma Nehmad *International Arts Management*

*Management*

Diandian Gu *International Arts Management*

Elahe Marjovi *International Arts Management*

Linda Elma Pitt *International Arts Management*

Martina Rimoldi *International Arts Management*

Arianna Treesa Sikorski *International Arts Management*

Jiyue Yuan *International Arts Management*

### DEGREE OF PERFORMER'S DIPLOMA

Mikhail Alexandrovich Berestnev *Piano Performance*



## IN EDWIN L. COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michael Scott Baldermann *Finance*

John M. Ban *General Business*

Jeremy James Berger *Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Christopher Miles Cate *Finance; Real Estate*

Nicholas Brendan Cate *Finance; Real Estate*

Swaroop Chakravarthi *Marketing*

Jennifer Shi-Hwa Chen *General Business*

Richard Lee Dalrymple, Jr. *General Business*

Huy Kyle Duong *Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Fatema Ebrahim *Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Pierce Arthur Edwards *Accounting; Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Kenneth Dare Frick III *Finance; Real Estate*

Eugene Benjamin Germany II *Finance*

Trent Steven Goldston *Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Robert James Hodges IV *Finance*

Karina Imelda Jaime *Business Analytics; Marketing*

Joshua Michael Karam *General Business*

Fauzia Khan *General Business*

Kevin David Knier *Finance*

Brian Spencer Ladewig *Real Estate*

Benjamin Lee *General Business*

Kathleen Elizabeth Mason *Finance; Real Estate*

Joshua Michael Materne *Finance*

Joseph J. Milazzo *General Business*

Scott Bernard Miller *Real Estate*

Brian Thomas Miller *Finance*

Nathan Patrick Miller *Finance; Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Mackenzie Blair Mulvey *Marketing*

Arsalan Syed Nadeem *Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Bradley Tarek Napper *Finance*

Clint Newman *Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

\*\*Donald Wesley Oglesby, Jr. *Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Natalie Jean Pyrz *Management*

Clark William Rosener *Finance*

Alexander Michael Schwarze *Management*

\*\*Mukesh Sehgal *Business Analytics*

Robert Leland Shaw III *Finance*

Paul Thomas Streett *Finance*

William Christopher Vertin *Finance; Real Estate*

Rachel Marie Vitemb *General Business*

Benjamin Bryan Walker *Business Analytics*

Kendyl Lee Wear *Marketing*

Taylor Nicole Wencis *Marketing*

J. Scott Wetterling *Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Rebecca Simone Wood *Management; Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

Tyler Loren Yell *Business Analytics; Finance*

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Stewart Alexander Smith

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Kimena Fernandez Garcia

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

Yazen Mohammed Abusad

Dhirendra Ketan Masters

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Lauren Marie Rosen

## IN BOBBY B. LYLE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

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### DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Thomas Browne *Design and Innovation*

Allison Henry *Sustainability and Development*

Courtney Jacqueline Kent *Design and Innovation*

Nathaniel Yuan Lee Kho *Sustainability and Development*

Joseph Minardi *Design and Innovation*

Jason Bradley Smith *Sustainability and Development*

Tobie Frizzell Smith *Design and Innovation*

Brigide Marion Sobieraj *Sustainability and Development*

Rebecca Lynn Tudor *Sustainability and Development*

### DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Zaid Yahya Mezher Al Obaidi

*Telecommunications and Network Engineering*

Fahd Saud S Aldosari *Datacenter Systems*

*Engineering*

Mohanad Saad M. Almodhi *Manufacturing*

*Systems Management*

Riyadh Mubarak N. Alrawkan *Operations*

*Research*

Mitha Habeeb M. Alshammary *Software*

*Engineering*

Reem Alsogaih *Systems Engineering*

Swapnil Suhas Arwankar *Telecommunications*

*and Network Engineering*

Dennis Ellezo Bagayna *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Alpna Bansal *Software Engineering*

Margaret Leanne Bargas *Manufacturing Systems*

*Management*

Eliyahu Ben-David *Datacenter Systems*

*Engineering*

Ryan Carroll *Security Engineering*

Sampath Kumar Cherukuri *Security Engineering*

Nathan Edwards Daniel *Systems Engineering*

Jay Michael Demmler *Systems Engineering*

Sanket Shailesh Dere *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Tejashree Mohan Devale *Computer Science*

Michael A. Devitt *Computer Science*

Naveed Dhanani *Software Engineering*

Leroy Vernon Fulton *Systems Engineering*

Mark Garrett Goalsbay *Systems Engineering*

Luis Alberto Grados *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Danqing Huang *Computer Science*

Xu Jiang *Datacenter Systems Engineering*

Yuantao Jin *Datacenter Systems Engineering*

Carol Jordan *Datacenter Systems Engineering*

Riddhi Hiren Kakka *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Stephen K. Karanja *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Manasa Katakam *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Jennifer Yolanda Key *Systems Engineering*

Flor Jazmin Kitchens *Operations Research*

Sam Koshy *Manufacturing Systems Management*

John Vivek Lam *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Minh Thien Le *Telecommunications and Network*

*Engineering*

Hilary Elizabeth Lester *Operations Research*

Raul Humberto Lezama *Telecommunications and*

*Network Engineering*

Gaole Li *Operations Research*

Anan Long *Computer Science*

Ariel Ilkim Lunsford *Manufacturing Systems*

*Management*

Vignesh Rajan Mahendiran *Telecommunications*

*and Network Engineering*

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<b>Omkar Anil Manjrekar</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Harish Nandhakumar</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Kok-Hoa Sou</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>
<b>Pedro Navarrete Martinez</b> <i>Manufacturing Systems Management</i>	<b>Omkar Shriniwas Nyalpelly</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Snehal Sreekumar</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>
<b>Jeries Ghanim Mashni</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>**Gaurav Patil</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Phathutshedzo Thabane</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>
<b>Naval Kamalakant Mayekar</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Qiaochu Qin</b> <i>Computer Science</i>	<b>Ravi Kiran Reddy Toorpu</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>
<b>George Evan McCaleb</b> <i>Systems Engineering</i>	<b>James Brendan Rohrer</b> <i>Systems Engineering</i>	<b>Andrey Tsediakov</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>
<b>Bhavya Anilkumar Mehta</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Austin James Rosel</b> <i>Operations Research</i>	<b>Jacob Dewayne Vavra</b> <i>Manufacturing Systems Management</i>
<b>**Neel Mehta</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Murtaza Saifee</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Gen Wan</b> <i>Datacenter Systems Engineering</i>
<b>Juan Moises Mejia Diaz</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Ankita Sakarkar</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Ziqiao Wang</b> <i>Datacenter Systems Engineering</i>
<b>Omkar Govind Mukadam</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Michael Frederick Schem</b> <i>Security Engineering</i>	<b>Sheila Hooman Williams</b> <i>Computer Science</i>
<b>Saikiran chaitanya Nallamalli</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Shraddha Suresh Shinde</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Franklin J. Wyeth</b> <i>Systems Engineering</i>
	<b>Sujay Singh</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Leigang Xie</b> <i>Computer Science</i>
	<b>Jagadeeswaran Sivakumar</b> <i>Telecommunications and Network Engineering</i>	<b>Ruixuan Zhang</b> <i>Software Engineering</i>

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

<b>Liwei Ke</b>	<b>Louisa Gertrude McCambridge</b>	<b>Audrey Leigh Moentmann</b>
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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

**Michael A. Taylor**  
 Thesis: "Ransomware Detection Using Machine Learning and Physical Sensor Data"

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

<b>Obed Aminadab Contreras</b>	<b>**Shashank Ashok Lele</b>	<b>Nisharg Pankaj Shah</b>
<b>Vishal Dhurgude</b>	<b>Zhe Lu</b>	Thesis: "Securing Database Users from the Threat of SQL Injection Attacks"
<b>Yutong Ge</b>	<b>Marcus Daniel Molner</b>	<b>Guangning Tian</b>
<b>Xing Heng</b>	<b>Ryan Nelson</b>	<b>Zhi Wang</b>
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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

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<b>Caroline Elizabeth Gurley</b>	<b>Naveed Arsalon Papari</b>	<b>Zhuoru Zhang</b>
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<b>Tara Kezic</b>	<b>Melva Segura Vela</b>	

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

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<b>Safa Mahjoub</b>		

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<b>Sujan Mulepati</b>	<b>Rashmi Suryanarayana</b>	
<b>George Olayemi Onifade</b>	<b>Lloyd Farai Tambaoga</b>	

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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<b>Meera Malwade Day</b>	<b>Zhongyu Wang</b>
Thesis: "A Novel Approach to Surge Control: High-Frequency Pressure Variance as an Indicator of Impending Surge in Centrifugal Compressors"	<b>Gwendolyn Anne Ward</b>

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Abigail Jones Rufer  
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Elvis Wilmar Mejia  
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Rachel Leigh Reynolds

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Sara M. Zangani

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Jarrett M. Goss  
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Melissa Katrina Cole Griffing  
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Shadiah Salem  
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Timara Lavonne Tyler  
Kirsten Woods  
Jade Allison Zinser

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Matthew Thomas Ethridge

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Eric Jose Rodriguez *Liberal Studies*

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Nina Maxine Davis *Digital Game Development - Art Creation*

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Christopher John Ficklin  
Alexandra Nicole Fisher  
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Mridul Jain  
Jean Jecha  
Bill Kerneckel

Kyle Joseph Killion  
Manjula Buddhapriya Kottogoda  
Rajeev Kumar  
Randall Lee Lisbona  
Mike Aurelio Martos  
Lisa A. Mendez  
Araya Abadi Messa

Abeeda Khaja Mohammed  
Nathan Ray Mowat  
Tiffany Anise Mulkey  
Chandan Nahar  
Michael Smith  
Ravindra Srinivas  
Joseph Anthony Stoffa

Celia Jane Taylor  
Sharon Teo  
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Jessica Sabina-sibal Wheeler  
Christopher Woodard

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Nune Sylvia Alexander *Anthropology*  
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Sarah Kehaulani Almeida *Markets and Culture*  
Kurt Anderson, *Markets and Culture*  
Patrick Arraj *Chemistry*  
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Katherine Eva Braden *English*  
Grace Ilene Brandstetter *Markets and Culture*  
Emma Brown *English*  
Abigail Amanda Buck *Human Rights; International Studies*  
Mary Jessica Bullock *Philosophy*  
James Ernest Bunting *Political Science*  
Grace Caputo *Human Rights; Political Science*  
Cynthia Arden Carlton *Psychology*  
Evan Glenn Caston *Chemistry*  
Amelia Gabrielle Chacon *Psychology*  
Ashley Pendleton Clark *International Studies*  
James P. Crews *History*  
Brian Ismael Diaz *Biological Sciences*  
Tania Doblado Speck *Environmental Studies*  
Katherine Kipling Durham *Psychology*  
Zenon Drake Duzey *Economics; International Studies*  
Austin Gifford Eckhout *Markets and Culture*  
Conor S. Egan *Public Policy*  
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Marné Erasmus *History; Political Science; Religious Studies*  
Mariela Estrada *Chemistry; Spanish*  
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Michael Edward Fowler III *Spanish*  
Grace Susanne Gardiner *Religious Studies*  
Daniel Ames Getz *Markets and Culture*

Alyssa Gladys *Economics*  
Enrique Gonzalez *Public Policy*  
Grace L. Guthrie *Philosophy; Spanish*  
Anne Katherine Hart *English; Sociology*  
Deborah Grace Hayhurst *Human Rights*  
Anna Irene Horowitz *Philosophy*  
Ryland Matthew Hudack *Economics*  
Natalia Ilika *Environmental Studies*  
Petra Izoegbe Imouokhome *Health and Society; Psychology*  
Daisy Jamaica *Political Science; Sociology*  
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Din Kale *Economics*  
Kaylea Dawn Knappenberger *English*  
Alexis J. Kopp *English with a Creative Writing Specialization*  
Mary Tipper Lacey *English*  
Taylor Ann Lattimore *Psychology*  
Joe Marco Lesmana *Economics*  
Jiangcheng Li *Economics*  
Congyi Li *Economics*  
Juan Jose Luna *Economics*  
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Rachel Kathryn Mason *History*  
Christina Ann McConville *Physics*  
Matthew Signoret McGinnis *History*  
Biko Malachi McMillan *Spanish*  
Nicolas Antonio Mencia *Economics*  
Michelle Annette Metzger *History*  
John Christian Meyer *English*  
John Franklin Miller IV *English*  
Sasha Baloch Mohammad *Chemistry*  
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Shehadeh Nicolas Natour, Jr. *Markets and Culture*

Tara Lynn Nicholas *English with a Creative Writing Specialization; Psychology*  
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Joseph Mon'trail Paden *Economics*  
Alexis Nickler Pedraza *Markets and Culture*  
Killian Antwoine' Pender *Philosophy*  
Andrea Cristina Perez *Psychology*  
Hannah Laura Poindexter *Human Rights*  
Rex Emmett Paul Printz *Economics*  
Chad Michael Pursley *Markets and Culture*  
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Adrieanna Cheyenne Reyes *Psychology*  
Cynthia Deanne Rivera *Biological Sciences*  
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Donald Wilson Short, Jr. *Markets and Culture*  
Tyson Dakota Skinner *Psychology*  
Rory Golden Smith *World Languages - Spanish*  
Kayley M. Smith *French; Psychology*  
Ashanti Nyarie Smith *Chemistry*  
Young Hee L. Somemoto *English with a Creative Writing Specialization*  
Jeanine Nanette Sterling *Psychology*  
Ryan Anthony Stoker *Political Science*  
Colleen Elizabeth Tautkus *Psychology*  
Dylan R. Thompson *Philosophy*  
Katherine Anne Thompson *Public Policy*  
Thomas Phillip Tibbetts *Economics*  
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John Baron Wiener *History; Religious Studies*  
Brenna Williams *Psychology*  
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### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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Gabrielle Appeddu *Mathematics*  
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Fahrin N. Aziz *Economics*  
Whitney Joanne Babin *Mathematics*  
Alexander Murad Baughman *Mathematics*  
Skylar Thomas Bork *Mathematics*  
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Feng Cheng *Economics*

Yongjoon Cho *Statistical Science*  
Jonathan Seungkyun Choi *Economics with Finance Applications*  
Michael Codd *Economics with Finance Applications*  
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Zhuoyu Dong *Mathematics*  
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Rujie Gu *Mathematics; Statistical Science*  
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Russell Wade Hallmark *Mathematics*  
Robert A. Herold *Mathematics*  
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 Alexander James Melvin *Biological Sciences*  
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 James Scott Moody *Mathematics*  
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 Ashton Thuy Linh Muniz *Biological Sciences*  
 Daniel John O'Brien *Economics with Finance Applications*  
 Yuqi Pan *Mathematics*  
 Killian Antwoine' Pender *Economics*  
 Kyndall Devon Perry *Health and Society*  
 Nicholas Alexander Rinard *Mathematics*  
 Zahra Syeda Rizvi *Health and Society*  
 Aimee M. Rodas *Mathematics*  
 Jose Fernando Saucedo *Biological Sciences*

Mark James Slack *Mathematics*  
 Arkadijs Slobodkins *Mathematics*  
 Colleen Elizabeth Tautkus *Health and Society*  
 Roscoe Charles Thompson *Mathematics*  
 Katherine Anne Thompson *Economics*  
 Adriana Alina Tumac *Biological Sciences*  
 Raymond Valencia *Sociology*  
 Brandon Yang *Biological Sciences*  
 Zhouli Yao *Mathematics*  
 Abdulrahman Jamal Yassine *Biological Sciences*  
 Yiqi Yuan *Statistical Science*  
 Yifan Zhang *Economics with Finance Applications; Statistical Science*  
 Keqiong Zhou *Economics with Finance Applications*  
 Hangyu Zhou *Economics*

## IN MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Eskinder Girma Abebe *Creative Computing*  
 Andrew Campbell Appleby *Journalism*  
 Courtney M. Baptiste *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs; Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
 Isaac Aaron Beu *Music*  
 Rebekah Mae Blomeley *Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
 Ali Roe Bloom *Fashion Media*  
 Ana Karla Boteo *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs*  
 Emma Brown *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs*  
 Paige Nicole Brown *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs*  
 Mary Jessica Bullock *Fashion Media*  
 John Steven Camp *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs; Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
 Chelsea Nicole Cox *Advertising*  
 Mariah Alyssa Cuellar *Journalism*

Isabella Diaz *Journalism*  
 Sadie Olivia Donnelly *Art; Creative Computing*  
 Diana Carolina Emden Hands *Advertising*  
 Elizabeth Ann Farrar *Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
 Kara Danis Fellows *Journalism*  
 Nicole Yvonne Fletcher *Advertising*  
 Sara John Habbas *Journalism*  
 Shannon Alexandra Hale *Fashion Media; Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
 Iqra Hameed *Advertising*  
 Kristina Anastasia Harris *Film and Media Arts*  
 Sebastian Alexander Harris *Journalism*  
 Natalie Nicole Khraish *Film and Media Arts*  
 Gyeryeong Kim *Advertising*  
 Neil Cameron Matson *Music*  
 McKenzie DeeAnn May *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs; Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
 Olivia A. McGeehan *Public Relations and Strategic Communication*

Annalee Isabelle Noel *Advertising*  
 Kristyn Pepper Norwood *Advertising*  
 Nicholas Joseph Petrucci *Journalism*  
 Kennet Phaxay *Creative Computing*  
 Elise Claire Redetzke *Art History*  
 Andrea Lee Rosas *Advertising*  
 Lisa Marie Salinas *Fashion Media*  
 Maria Guadalupe Santiago *Fashion Media; Journalism*  
 Robert Joseph Santoski, Jr. *Creative Computing*  
 Alyssa Caroline Stills *Creative Computing*  
 Kimberly Michelle Strelke *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs; Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
 Brionna Savon Taylor *Journalism*  
 Joshua Aaron Trees *Film and Media Arts*  
 Feliza Nicole Vidaurri *Art*  
 DeNae Michelle West *Art History*  
 Margot Elizabeth Wynant *Advertising*  
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### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Kathryn Elaine Barragan *Dance Performance*

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### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Aaron Christopher Bunnell *Voice Performance*  
 Whitney Elizabeth Hewlett *Music Therapy*  
 Autumn Vernise Langston *Music Therapy*

Jennifer Rose LeVasseur *Music Therapy*  
 Clara Ann McLain *Guitar Performance*  
 Nilsa Marie Pozo Ortiz *Music Therapy*

Haley Elizabeth Stead *Music Therapy*  
 Collin Craig Turner *Music Therapy*

## IN EDWIN L. COX SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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 Hamiz Mushtaq Awan *Finance*  
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 Lauren Elizabeth Brandt *Accounting*  
 Michael Alexander Carlisi *Accounting*

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 Casey Alan Combs *Finance*  
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 Brian Scott Dean *Finance*  
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 Anh Minh Dieu *Accounting*  
 Zhuoyu Dong *Finance*  
 Jessica Ferelyth Douglas *Finance*  
 Bryan Rex Forsberg *Accounting*

Keaton Tyler Frazier *Accounting*  
 Ludivina Marlene Garcia *Accounting*  
 Andres Timoteo Gonzalez *Management*  
 Enrique Gonzalez *Finance*  
 Lauren Michelle Grayson *General Business*  
 Byron K. Griffith *Real Estate Finance*  
 Shu Jan Guo *Accounting*  
 Coleman Tennyson Hands *Finance*  
 Saad Hassan *Management*  
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 Kyle Austin Hinshager *Marketing*

Caleb Thomas Holton *Finance*  
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Wengyiqiao Jin *Finance*  
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Seohyeon Kim *Accounting*  
Jonghwa Lee *Accounting*  
Juan Jose Luna *Finance*  
Damini Suresh Masand *Finance*  
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Kaitlin Margaret O'Brien *Accounting*

Devin Reece O'Connor *Finance*  
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Barbara Elisabeth Samuel *General Business*  
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Nickolaus A. Schultz *Finance*  
Piaopiao Shen *Accounting*  
Perry Sharma *General Business*  
Aabid Abdulrahman Shivji *Management*

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Kevin Paul Smith *General Business*  
Jacqueline Torres *Accounting*  
Nguyen Thi Tran *Accounting*  
Cody Justin Tyler *Finance*  
Monica Daniela Ventura *Finance*  
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Adrian Christopher Zermeno *Accounting*  
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Chang Zou *Finance*  
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John David Francis *Computer Science*  
Russell Wade Hallmark *Computer Science*

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Ashley Ann Pancho *Computer Science*  
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Cameron Boyd Doane

Ashley Fay Flores  
Ryan Carroll Gupta  
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Brooke Elizabeth Bauman  
Ursa Bezan Petric  
Sammuel Benjamin Butler  
Mauro Ruben Cichero  
Darius Michael Coleman

Isabella Diaz  
Madison Sheley Ferraro  
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Jessica Jane Haines  
Alexis J. Kopp *Educational Studies*  
Mary Frances Lena  
Savannah Summer Moody

Lavelt Demond Page  
Brianna A. Peters  
Cayenne Leah-Hope-Malachi Price  
Courtland Jaleel Sutton  
Jordan Patrick Wyatt

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## AUGUST 2017

### RECIPIENTS OF DEGREES

#### IN DEDMAN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

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##### DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Zahra Sadat Bassampour** *Chemistry*

BS Azad University, Iran  
MS Sharif University, Iran  
Dissertation: "I. Degradable Networks Containing Silyl Ether Bonds and II. Selective Reactivity of Silicon Towards Different Functional Groups"  
Adviser: David Son

**Lindy Marie Fields** *Psychology*

BA BS University of Nebraska Lincoln  
Dissertation: "Neurocognitive Mechanisms Underlying Word Retrieval Ability"  
Adviser: Alan Brown

**Karl James Juhnke** *Computational and Applied Mathematics*

BA Reed College  
MS Stony Brook University  
Dissertation: "High-order Implementations of the Double Absorbing Boundary."  
Adviser: Thomas Hagstrom

**Mariam Kharraishvili** *Economics*

BS MA Tbilisi State University, Georgia  
Dissertation: "Essays on Monetary and Macroeconomic Policies."  
Adviser: Nathan Balke

**Yu Lan** *Statistical Science*

BS University of Science and Technology, China  
Dissertation: "Real-time Prediction Method in Clinical Trials."  
Adviser: Daniel Heitjan

**Xue Li** *Statistical Science*

BS Capital Normal University, China  
Dissertation: "Rank Aggregation Methods in Genomic Applications."  
Adviser: Xinlei Wang

**Yingyuan Lin** *Economics*

BA Zhejiang University, China  
Dissertation: "Essays of the Economics of Education."  
Adviser: Daniel Millimet

**David Charles McLeod** *Chemistry*

BS Texas A&M University- Commerce  
Dissertation: "Synthesis and Post-Polymerization Modification of Epoxide, Aziridine, and Thiirane Functionalized Polymers"  
Adviser: Nicolay Tsarevsky

**Olena Odnokoz** *Molecular and Cell Biology*

BA MA Zaporozhye National University, Ukraine  
Dissertation: "The Role of Mitochondrial Peroxiredoxins in Drosophila Physiology."  
Adviser: Svetlana Radyuk

**Claire Ellen Simpson** *Psychology*

BBA Pace University  
MS University of Texas, Dallas  
Dissertation: "Multisensory Integration in Schizophrenia: Processing of Audio and Visual Emotional Cues"  
Adviser: Amy Elizabeth Pinkham

**Ren Zhang** *Economics*

BS MA Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, China  
Dissertation: "Three Essays in Empirical Monetary and International Economics."  
Adviser: Nathan Balke

**Xiandong Zhao** *Physics*

BS University of Science and Technology, China  
Dissertation: "Measurement of the Properties of the Higgs Boson and Search for New Physics at 13 TeV Center of Mass Energy in the H to ZZ to 4 Leptons Decay Channel at ATLAS."  
Adviser: Jingbo Ye

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##### DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Soha Abdullah Alhelaly** *Computer Science*

BS Umm Al Qura University  
MS Saint Mary's University  
Dissertation: "Detecting a Trojan Die in Three Dimensional Stacked Integrated Circuits"  
Adviser: Jennifer Lynn Dworak

**Jafar Ghorbanian** *Mechanical Engineering*

BS Amirkabir University of Technology  
MS Khajeh Nasir Toosi University of Technology  
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BS China University of Petroleum  
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**Joshua Elijah Manning**

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF LAW

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Thesis: "Improved Thermal Conductivity and Heat Flow for the Northern Denver Basin"

Zheng Dong *Chemistry*

Thesis: "Combing Protein Sequence, Structure and Dynamics: A Novel Approach for Functional Evolution Analysis of Pas Domains."

Tyler Olsen Fritz *Geology*

Thesis: "Carbon Isotope Geochemistry of Goethite ( $\alpha$ -FeOOH) in the Robe River Channel-Iron Deposits of the Pilbara Region, Western Australia"

Thomas Henry Green *Geology*

Thesis: "North Central Texas Ecological Response to Mid-Holocene Climatic Variation."

Siying Lyu *Chemistry*

Thesis: "Conformational study of Deoxyribonucleoside and Ribonucleoside: Investigation on Sugar Ring Pucker and Internal H-bonds."

Sankarambadi Navneet *Geophysics*

Thesis: "A New Persistent Scatterer Selection Technique Based on Top Eigenvalue of Coherence Matrix."

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Thi Kim Phuong Nguyen *Advertising*

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Jake Russell Friemel *Finance*

Thomas Nicholson Frierson *Finance*

Milkyas G. Gebreselassie *General Business*

Andrew Scott Gilles *Finance*

Cameron D. Glass *Strategy & Entrepreneurship*

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Marisa Christine Terpkosh *Management;*

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Zhiheng Li *Software Engineering*

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

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Thesis: "Randomness Properties of Cryptographic  
Hash Functions"

DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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Thesis: "Spatial Division Multiplexing Using Ince-  
Gaussian Beams"

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DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Thesis: "Elastic Wave Propagation in a Membrane  
Coupled with a Uniform, Inviscid and  
Incompressible Flow"

Shahriar Shams

Thesis: "Impedance Spectroscopy by Mutual  
Capacitance Sensor"

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Javier Garcia-Ramos

Katelyn Aubrey Hall

Alejandra Lopez y Lopez

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Thomas Arthur Elkins  
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#### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mashaal Salim Ali *Markets and Culture*  
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Camille Biard *Chemistry*  
Laurencia Caballero *Political Science*  
Mariana Carballo *Markets and Culture*  
Reginald J. Carrington *Psychology*  
Megan Nichole Cheneweth *Political Science*  
Connor Christopher Dean *Economics*

Ryan Patton Dumais *Political Science*  
Nicholas Victor Eber *History*  
Heather Marie Flynn *Psychology*  
Julia Carrington Fowler *Economics*  
Nicholas James Fuchs *Economics*  
Jamie Blair Givens *Environmental Studies*  
Nowland Bennett Gwynn III *Markets and Culture*  
Laura Marie Harvey *Psychology*  
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Brianna Taisha Hogg *History*  
Evan Oscar-Jett Jandegian *Economics*  
Riti Siri Kotamarti *Biological Sciences*  
Samuel Quinton Linn *History*  
Imelda Lopez *Political Science*  
Claiborne Manchester Lord *History*  
Matthew Rossen McCormack *Philosophy*  
Kamray Tesean Mickens *Markets and Culture*  
Jesse Romello Montgomery *Sociology*  
Edward Bland Newberry *Public Policy*

Brandon Le Nguyen *Psychology*  
Palmer Hutcheson Oelman *Economics; Political Science*  
Samuel Ortiz Cangas *Markets and Culture*  
Daniella Elizabeth Pacitti *Psychology*  
Hannah Jill Parry *Markets and Culture*  
Chase Kenyon Patterson *History*  
Anthony Morris Rhone *Economics*  
Julia River Ribas *English with a Creative Writing Specialization*

Jackson Roland Richter *Psychology*  
Nicholas A. Riley *Chemistry*  
Cirsten Christina Roberson *Biological Sciences*  
Dimitry Andreyev Rogov *Environmental Studies; Geology*  
Maury Jean Saitow *History*  
Shelby Y. Shao *Biological Sciences*  
Alison Leigh Shokouhi *History*  
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Tia Marie Shay Szczesniak *Psychology*  
Clifford Raisch Tomlanovich *Human Rights; Political Science*  
James Kirby Trase *English*  
John Ross Urbahns *Economics*  
Kelly Roth Vivian *Political Science*  
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#### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Peyton Scott Bailey *Biological Sciences; Health and Society*  
Zhihao Cai *Economics with Finance Applications*  
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Nicholas Hsiao-yi Chao *Mathematics*  
Blake A. Edwards *Biological Sciences*  
Amanda Esposito *Mathematics*  
Xuefang Fang *Economics with Finance Applications*  
Heather Marie Flynn *Sociology*  
Adam Christopher Goff *Statistical Science*  
James Christian Grant II *Mathematics*  
Noah Hamilton Harris *Mathematics*  
Dylan Matthew Kelley *Economics with Finance Applications*

Duyen Thi Thu Le *Mathematics Departmental Distinction*  
Stefanie Yueyuan Lohse *Biochemistry*  
Diana Kay Manley *Economics*  
Mary Catherine McCreary *Biological Sciences*  
Connor William Pearl *Economics with Finance Applications*  
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Alec Tyler Petit *Economics with Finance Applications*  
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Amen Amarachi Rochas *Mathematics*  
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Hyun Jin Song *Mathematics*  
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#### IN MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

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##### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Madison Childs Boniface *Fashion Media*  
Laurencia Caballero *Art History*  
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Amanda Esposito *Creative Computing*  
Milan Khatami *Communication Studies; Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
Cynthia Dawn McLaughlin *Fashion Media; Journalism*  
Lauren Michelle Morgan *Art*  
Daniella Elizabeth Pacitti *Corporate Communication and Public Affairs*

Krystal Sarna *Fashion Media*  
Katherine Elizabeth Scarpulla *Public Relations and Strategic Communication*  
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##### DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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Justin Thomas Bertelsman *Marketing*  
Michael Christopher Biane *Finance*  
Evan Mitchell Brown *Finance*

Paul C. Brown *Accounting Honors in Liberal Arts*  
John Hayden Corley *Accounting*  
Steven John Chase Crate *Financial Consulting*  
Zachary Mark Crosby *Marketing*  
Lauren Elizabeth Hadfield *Marketing*  
Sinan Barbaros Hurmuzlu *Marketing*  
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Carmen K. Leung *Marketing*  
Madison Marie McKay *Marketing*  
Astra Rakhmatilla Kyzy *Accounting*  
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Trevor Neil Thomas *Finance*  
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Spencer Scot Brewster  
Sterling Damarco Brown  
Christian Andrew Burks  
Rashaad I. Burton  
Darrel R. Colbert, Jr.  
Taylor James Curtis-Wheeler  
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Isabel Fairhurst Eastment  
Benjamin Anyahukeya Emelogu  
Johansen Feliciano  
Keenan La'Keem Holman  
Blair B. Jackson  
Jordan Mackenzie Martin  
Katherine Swanson McGowan *Educational  
Studies*

Isaiah Wallace Henry Peel  
William Stuart Perkins  
Zach Russell Peters  
Jarvis Lee Pruitt  
Alyssa Kristin Rubio  
Ronald Slobodchikov  
Jaclyn Marie White

## SMU ENGAGED LEARNING PROJECTS: NOVEMBER 15, 2017

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Students listed are candidates for undergraduate degrees in December 2017 or completed degrees in May 2017 and Summer 2017. For more information, visit [smu.edu/EngagedLearning](http://smu.edu/EngagedLearning).

**Tarah Baumgartner**, *In-situ Iron Remediation System in Rwanda: Water Resources*

**Evan Caston**, *Detailed Analysis of Polycarb Response Elements*

**Brianna Hogg**, *Women of the Arts in the Struggle for Human Rights in South Africa*

**Natalie Khraish**, *Elsewhere, TX: Producing a Feature Film*

**Rachel Masters**, *In-situ Remediation in Rwanda: Iron Oxidation*

**Holly McCuistion**, *In-situ Iron Remediation in Rwanda: Chlorine Speciation*

**Biko McMillan**, *Characterization of the *pstBI* Phenotype in *E. Faecalis**

## SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

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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.

Today SMU offers more than 118 undergraduate majors, master's degrees



in more than 130 areas, Ph.D. degrees in 34 fields and more than 48 certificate programs. Enrollment for the fall 2017 term was 11,757, including 6,410 undergraduate students and 5,347 graduate students. SMU students come from 50 states, American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and 90 countries. About 76 percent of first-year students received some form of financial assistance for fall 2017.

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.

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION, REGALIA TRADITION AND SMU REGALIA

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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.

The doctoral gown in dark blue includes velvet chevrons on each of the bell sleeves. The front velvet panels are embroidered in gold thread with the SMU seal, and gold braid outlines the chevrons and panels. An eight-sided, crimson red velvet tam with a gold silk tassel completes the regalia.

The master's gown, also in dark blue, has a front yolk outlined in red braid, and the SMU seal is embroidered in red on the left side. Gowns have a long sleeve through a slit at the wrist. A mortarboard with a colored tassel representing the discipline in which the degree is earned also is worn.

Doctoral and master's candidates wear hoods that are 3½ feet long and 4 feet long, respectively. SMU's hood lining is blue with red chevron.

The bachelor's gowns' distinguishing characteristics are the long pointed sleeves and full front pleats. A red silk Stole of Gratitude embroidered in blue with the SMU seal is worn across the shoulders. It is tradition for graduates to present their stoles to individuals who have made a positive impact in their lives. Bachelor's gowns are worn with a tassel and mortarboard.

Through these colorful ceremonies, SMU symbolically displays the continuity of its educational purposes with the origins of organized learning in the Western world.

## THE HOWARD LANTERN

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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

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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

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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

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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 ago 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 Medallie Art Company.



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