



*Hooding Ceremony*  
*2018*

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES  
WAIT CHAPEL  
SATURDAY, MAY 19





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PRELUDE ..... Susan Bates  
Organist

PROCESSIONAL  
*Phoenix Processional by Dan Locklair*..... Susan Bates  
Platform Party, Faculty and Candidates

*Audience please stand for processional and invocation.  
Please silence mobile devices during the ceremony.*

INVOCATION ..... Reverend Timothy L. Auman  
University Chaplain

OPENING REMARKS ..... Dwayne Godwin  
Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST ..... Mark Welker  
Chairman, Department of Chemistry

ADDRESS ..... *Taking Time to Serve* by Torrey Adams  
Senior Manager in Business Development and Marketing, Sanofi

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS..... Dwayne Godwin

PRESENTER..... Bahjat Fadi Marayati  
Graduate Student Association

THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD..... Kristen Beavers  
Department of Health and Exercise Science

PRESENTER..... Dwayne Godwin

THE GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING  
DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD..... Brenna Claire Beckelman  
Neuroscience Program

THE GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING  
MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD..... Hongyi Jiang  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics

## THE HOODING CEREMONY

PRESENTATION OF THE DOCTORAL GRADUATES..... Dwayne Godwin

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS..... Doctoral Advisors

THE HOODING CEREMONY (continued)

PRESENTATION OF THE MASTERS' GRADUATES .....Brad Jones  
Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF ARTS .....Ron Von Burg  
Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Communication

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF SCIENCE.....Bernard Roper  
Program Director, Master's Programs in Biomedical Sciences

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES..... Sandy Dickson  
Associate Dean for Academic Initiatives

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF FINE ARTS ..... Cara Pilson  
Teaching Professor and Program Director, Documentary Film Program

CONFERRAL OF THE HOODS, MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION ..... Leah McCoy  
Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Education

CLOSING REMARKS .....Brad Jones

BENEDICTION .....Reverend Timothy Auman

RECESSIONAL  
*Toccata (from Symphony V) by Charles M. Widor* ..... Susan Bates  
*Audience please stand in place for recessional.*

RECEPTION ..... Green Room, Reynolda Hall

FACULTY MARSHALS

- J. Daniel Bourland, Professor, Radiation Oncology
- Sandy Dickson, Associate Dean, Academic Initiatives
- Jennie McGuire, Manager, Curriculum and Outcomes
- Bernard Roper, Program Director, Biomedical Sciences Program

## DISTINGUISHED GUEST



**TORREY ADAMS**

Senior Manager in Business Development and Marketing, Sanofi

*Education*

B.S. – Marquette University (Chemistry)

Ph.D. – Wake Forest University (Organic/Organometallic Chemistry)

MBA – Wake Forest University

*Biography* – After completing a two year appointment as a UNCF/Merck Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Minnesota, Torrey began working in the chemical industry in various research and development positions and then transitioned into sales and marketing roles within the fine chemical and pharmaceutical sectors. Currently, he is a Senior Manager in Business Development and Marketing for the French-based Sanofi, a global pharmaceutical company.

Throughout his career, he has spent more than fifteen years as a mentor and volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boys & Girls Club, Creative Generations, the Village Resource Group, and the Hope Educational Resource Center as well as various other STEM focused organizations.

## GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

KRISTEN BEAVERS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

*This award is presented to the faculty member whom the Graduate Student Association has selected as having done the most to promote excellence in graduate education this past year.*

Dr. Beavers exemplifies the core values of the graduate school mission of excellence in teaching, mentorship, and scholarship. Dr. Beavers teaches courses in nutrition and how it affects health and disease, and epidemiology. Her research lies at the intersection of nutrition and exercise science and aims to find novel optimal weight control therapies for overweight older adults. Her success as a mentor is evident by the graduating students sitting among us today, and her productive research program has produced over fifteen publications in the past three years alone. One of the nominating graduate students wrote, “Dr. Beavers always makes time to work with me even if that requires putting aside some of her own work. I am beyond grateful for the large amount of time she devotes to her graduate students. Her service to the graduate program and the students involved is unparalleled”.

## GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD

BRENNA CLAIRE BECKELMAN, NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM

*This student has been identified as being outstanding in research, productivity and quality. Although the award is for excellence in the student's research program in general, special emphasis in selecting the recipient is given to the dissertation in terms of originality, importance, and potential influence on the student's field. Other factors which are considered in conferring this award are academic record, activity in the discipline, as well as university and departmental citizenship. The award's monetary prize is made possible through gifts from alumni and friends to the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Doctoral Student Award Fund of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.*

Brenna Beckelman did her Ph.D. in Neuroscience with Dr. Tao Ma in the Department of Internal Medicine-Geriatrics. The research of the Ma lab has been focusing on mechanisms underlying cognitive syndromes associated with Alzheimer's disease (AD), which presents a global threat to public health. Brenna's thesis project is to determine the role of new protein synthesis or mRNA translation in Alzheimer's etiology. Using multiple experimental approaches including behavioral assay, genetic altered mice, synaptic electrophysiology, immunohistochemistry, and molecular biology, Brenna's thesis work elegantly demonstrated that multiple pathophysiology displayed in Alzheimer's mouse model can be significantly improved by restoration of protein synthesis, via manipulation of translational elongation factors. Her thesis work makes important contributions to our understanding of the molecular mechanism underlying Alzheimer's disease, thus providing insights into novel therapeutic avenues and diagnostic biomarkers for this devastating disease. Moreover, Brenna has been awarded the prestigious NRSA individual F31 fellowship from the National Institute on Aging for her Ph.D. research project. She has five scientific publications during graduate school, three of them with her as the first author.

## GORDON A. MELSON OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD

HONGYI JIANG, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

*This student has been identified as being outstanding in terms of academic record, activity in the discipline, as well as university and departmental citizenship. Furthermore, the student's research productivity and quality have been deemed exceptional. The award's monetary prize is made possible through gifts from alumni and friends to the Gordon A. Melson Outstanding Master's Student Award Fund of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.*

Hongyi Jiang completed his Master's thesis under the direction of Dr. Kenneth S. Berenhaut in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. His research considers local and global properties of complex networks, particularly related to the sampling and clustering of nodes. In his two years at Wake Forest, Hongyi coauthored three papers. One entitled "A new look at clustering coefficients with generalization to weighted and multi-faction networks" has appeared in the journal Social Networks, a second entitled "The friendship paradox for weighted and directed networks" is in press for the journal Probability in the Engineering and Informational Sciences, and a third entitled "The degree-wise effect of a second step for a random walk on a graph" is currently in revision. The work is timely and of importance to theoreticians working in complex systems as well as to applied scientists from a variety of fields, including medicine, public health and the social sciences. Hongyi achieved a 4.0 GPA in his studies, was awarded the departmental Outstanding Master's Student Award and will be beginning doctoral studies in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics at Johns Hopkins University, in Fall 2018.

## AWARDS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES

Adrienne Lloyd Adler-Neal..... Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award,  
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, 2016-2020  
Mind and Life Francisco J. Vavela Research Award, 2015-2018  
American Pain Society Young Investigator Travel Award, 2016

Gregory Erick Alberto..... Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Award,  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2015-2019  
Norman Sulkin Award in Neuroscience, 2017

Rachel Nicole Andrews .....Mike & Lucy Robbins Graduate Scholarship Award, 2016-2017  
Appointee, Laboratory Animal & Comparative Medicine T32 Training Program, 2014-2017

Hannah Marie Atkins .....Appointee, Laboratory Animal & Comparative Medicine T32 Training Program, 2014-2017  
Molecular Medicine and Translational Science Travel Award, 2017  
Student Scholarship Award in Veterinary Pathology Charles Louis Davis DVM Foundation, 2016

Brenna Claire Beckelman..... Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Institute on Aging, 2017-2018  
Outstanding Thesis Award, Neuroscience, 2018  
Early Career Policy Fellowship Society for Neuroscience, 2017

Jeffrey Patrick Chmielewski .....Appointee, Integrative Lipid Metabolism, Inflammation, and  
Chronic Diseases T32 Training Program, 2017-2018

Amanda LeighAnne Davis..... Women in Cancer Research Scholar Award American Association for Cancer Research, 2013

Meijian Guan .....Runner-up, WFUGS Research Day Three Minute Speech Competition, 2015  
Travel Award, 4th National Institute of General Medical Sciences-Funded Short Course on  
Statistical Genetics and Genomics, University of Alabama Birmingham, 2014

Christopher Karl Hauser .....National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 1st Place Poster, 2013  
Western Chapter for Society of Neuroscience, 2015

Christopher C. Hudson ..... Silver Telly Award, Telly Awards, 2006  
Emmy Nomination, The National Academy of Television  
Arts & Sciences – Nashville/Midsouth Chapter, 2007

Amritha Kidiyoor .....Appointee, Studies in Translational Regenerative Medicine T32 Training Program, 2016-2017  
Poster Award, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, 2015

Alainna Liloia..... Outstanding Achievement in the Arabic Program, Wake Forest University, 2017  
Richter Award, Richter’s Scholars Program, 2017

Yin Liu..... Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Cancer Institute, 2016-2019

## AWARDS RECEIVED BY GRADUATES (continued)

Latoya Renee Lucas ..... Purple Heart Medal, United States Army, 2003  
Meritorious Service Medal, United States Army, 2004  
Living Legacy Award, The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 2013  
Tony Snow Public Service Award, ConvaTec, Inc, 2010  
International Women of Distinction Award, Soroptimist International, 2005

Lonetta J. Mason ..... Addictions Counselors Fellow, NBCC Foundation, Minority Fellowship Program, 2017

Rhiannon E. Mayhugh ..... Appointee, Multidisciplinary Training in the Biology of  
Alcohol Addiction T32 Training Program, 2016-2018

James Whittier Melchior ..... Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award,  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2014-2017

Lauren Elizabeth Peters ..... Alumni Travel Award, Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2017  
Presenter, National Communication Association Annual Conference, 2017

Kory Alex Riemensperger ..... Presenter, Alta Argumentation Conference, 2017

Timothy Denard Smith ..... Human Services Honors Award, Wake Forest University, Counseling Department, 2017

Esther Simone Suess ..... Richter Scholarship, Richter's Scholars Program, 2017

Justin Michael Watkins ..... Elton C. Cocke Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Biology, 2017  
Predoctoral Fellowship Award, USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, 2014-2016  
Fellowship Award, Wake Forest University, Center for Molecular Communication and Signaling, 2013

Mu Yang ..... Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Wake Forest University, Department of Chemistry, 2016

Osama Kazi Zahid ..... Sigma Xi Grant in Aid of Research Award, 2013

Hao Zhang ..... Winner Pitch Perfect Competition, New Orleans Film Society, 2017



# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

(Advisor)

Adrienne Lloyd Adler-Neal.....Neuroscience (Dr. Fadel Zeidan)  
Rachel Nicole Andrews.....Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (Dr. Mark Cline)  
Hannah Marie Atkins.....Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (Dr. Susan Appt and Dr. David Caudell)  
Brenna Claire Beckelman.....Neuroscience (Dr. Tao Ma)  
Jeffrey Patrick Chmielewski §§§.....Cancer Biology (Dr. Steven Kridel)  
Jason Howard.....Physics (Dr. Natalie Holzwarth)  
Nicholas Per Huffeldt.....Biology (Dr. David Anderson)  
Hugo Jimenez \*.....Cancer Biology (Dr. Boris Pasche)  
Amritha Kidiyoor \*.....Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (Dr. Anthony Atala)  
Zachary A. Lamport.....Physics (Dr. Oana Jurchescu)  
Yin Liu.....Cancer Biology (Dr. Kounosuke Watabe)  
Rhiannon E. Mayhugh.....Neuroscience (Dr. Paul Laurienti)  
Eleanor E. McCabe.....Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (Dr. Nicole Levi-Polyachenko)  
Ryan L. Melvin.....Physics (Dr. Freddie Salsbury)  
David Scott Montgomery.....Physics (Dr. David Carroll)  
Junwei Xu.....Physics (Dr. David Carroll)

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Amanda LeighAnne Davis §§§.....Cancer Biology (Dr. Steven Kridel)  
Lindsay Marie Macnamara.....Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Dr. Rebecca Alexander)  
Justin Michael Watkins.....Biology (Dr. Gloria Muday)  
Mu Yang.....Chemistry (Dr. Ulrich Bierbach)  
Osama Kazi Zahid.....Molecular Genetics and Genomics (Dr. Adam Hall)

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Shiba P. Adhikari.....Chemistry (Dr. Abdessadek Lachgar)  
Gregory Erick Alberto.....Neuroscience (Dr. Dwayne Godwin)  
Meijian Guan.....Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (Dr. Maggie Ng)  
Christopher Karl Hauser.....Neuroscience (Dr. Emilio Salinas)  
Carlos Vinicio Kengla.....Biomedical Engineering (Dr. Sang Jin Lee)  
Ayana Noel Martin.....Molecular Medicine and Translational Science (Dr. Charles McCall)  
James Ryland Melchior.....Neuroscience (Dr. Sara Jones)  
Callistus I Huy Minh Nguyen.....Biomedical Engineering (Dr. Michael Munley)  
Eta Sapoznik.....Biomedical Engineering (Dr. Shay Soker)  
Mona Zarifpour.....Integrative Physiology and Pharmacology (Dr. Frank Marini)

\*in absentia §§§ Joint Degree with Master of Business Administration

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Anna Grace Antonell.....	Counseling
Christopher Manuel Arargón .....	Communication
Crystal Hubbard Berry.....	Counseling
Elizabeth Grace Bevin.....	English
Jaime Blalock .....	Communication
Travis Corrow Bogan .....	Counseling
Jamie Elizabeth Brown.....	Counseling
Nicole Capobianco.....	Psychology
Hannah Nicole Carlson .....	Psychology
Joseph Compton.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Elizabeth Nancy Drew .....	Counseling
Charles Matthew Farmer.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Julia Alex Faunce .....	Psychology
Anna Kathleen Fleig §.....	Counseling
Catherine Ford .....	Counseling
William Doyle Fries.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Ivanti S. Galloway .....	Mathematics and Statistics
Laura Carisa Gardea * .....	Sustainability
Cody Gilbert * .....	Mathematics and Statistics
Devin Gilbert.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Ingrid Constance Gilbert.....	Counseling
Bradford Owen Goldsmith.....	English
Erika Laine Gotfredson .....	English
Michael Albert Hanamirian, Jr. ....	Bioethics
Myles Christian Harris .....	Documentary Film
Richard Trafford Harris.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Jean Margaret Hastie.....	Counseling
Sarah Ann Heuckeroth .....	Psychology
Amanda Nicole Hock.....	Counseling
Kathryn A. Huggins.....	English
Hannah Margaret James.....	Religious Studies
Brenna Katherine Jantzen.....	Counseling
Weishun Jiang.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Zhuoli Jin.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Rachel N. King.....	English
Joseph Fritz Knights, Jr. ....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Woo Hyung Lee .....	Mathematics and Statistics
Jose Daniel Leiva Perez .....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Tzu-Chun Liao .....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Alainna Liloia * .....	Religious Studies
Ranran Liu .....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Dillon Luke .....	Psychology
Eric George Marcy.....	English
Kirsten Marie Ambrose Martin * .....	Counseling

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

Elizabeth Kate Matys.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Robert McConkey.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Kelsey McHugh.....	Counseling
Daphne Caroline McWhite.....	Counseling
Ryan L. Melvin.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Richard Min.....	Communication
Steven Michael Modugno *.....	English
Maisie Jann Newman.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Dustin Tyler Nichols.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Sara Lauren Nussman *.....	Counseling
Clifford A. Ong.....	Liberal Studies
Alex Ian Osier.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Angela Grace Pegarella.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Fengdi Pei.....	Counseling
Carolina Perez-Tobon.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Lauren Elizabeth Peters.....	Communication
Taylor Brooke Pisel §.....	Counseling
Rachel Necie Powell.....	Counseling
Kaitlyn Rader *.....	Counseling
Julia Ramsey.....	Counseling
Yasir Razak.....	English
Olivia Corcoran Reynolds.....	Psychology
Kory Alex Riemensperger.....	Communication
Christopher Michael Roberts.....	Counseling
Milik Robinson.....	Documentary Film
Lucas Rossetti.....	Communication
Carolyn Neal Sartain.....	Communication
Robert William Scheffel.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Lewis Neasham Sears IV.....	Mathematics and Statistics
Samantha Elizabeth Sells §§.....	Bioethics
Mary Anne Elizabeth Short.....	Counseling
Yu Song.....	Psychology
Mikaela Kiara Spruill.....	Psychology
Esther Simone Suess.....	Counseling
Colin Sylvester.....	Documentary Film
Taylor Griffith Tarvin.....	Counseling
Tyiste Braché Taylor.....	Communication
Peter Richard Till.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Lauren Miller Tison *.....	Counseling
Ceci Hudson Torn.....	Counseling
Brittany Lou Travis.....	Counseling
Margaret Maria vanSchaayk.....	Bioethics
Krysten Voelkner.....	English
Sarah Christine Volz.....	Psychology

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

Han Wang .....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Yiqing Wang .....	Mathematics and Statistics
Kevin Whitley, Jr. ....	Communication
Janay Marie Whittaker.....	Counseling
Andrew Wirth * .....	Communication
Logan Matthew Wyont §§ .....	Bioethics
Tongtong Xue .....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Dongdong Yang.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Meiling Yu.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Corinne Zachry.....	Psychology
Jessica Zanetell .....	Mathematics and Statistics
Luxiaohe Zhang .....	Communication
Zhirou Zhang .....	Interpreting and Translation Studies
Zihan Zhang.....	Interpreting and Translation Studies

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Amro Ali .....	Sustainability
Melissa A. Bartlett .....	Counseling
Susan D. Bowers .....	Counseling
Leah Brown .....	Psychology
Nila Byrd .....	Counseling
Deborah Leigh Cairnes .....	Sustainability
Alan Kent Cassell.....	Counseling
Kristie Marie Colpo.....	Counseling
Amanda S. Duffy.....	Counseling
Dana Paulson Eisenman.....	Counseling
Rosanne Theresa Eldreth .....	Counseling
Laura Ingalls .....	Counseling
Kristina Kokkonos.....	Communication
Latoya Renee Lucas.....	Liberal Studies
Lindsay Adams Lundeen .....	Counseling
Marci Anita Manning .....	Counseling
Emily Michelle Martin.....	Counseling
Lonetta J. Mason .....	Counseling
TeLashia DeNea Means.....	Counseling
Katherine Eileen Monroe .....	Counseling
Cherie Plew Moore .....	Counseling
Jon N. Olson.....	Bioethics
Brent Wade Powell.....	Counseling
Paula Mukherjee Rao .....	Counseling
Julie Ann Reed.....	Counseling
Justin Bradley Richman .....	Bioethics
Lisa S. Rose.....	Counseling
Shelley Pittman Ross .....	Counseling

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS (continued)

Angelica Salazar ..... Counseling  
Elizabeth Sparger Townsend ..... Counseling  
Andrea M. Ward ..... Counseling

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Elizabeth L. Bailey ..... Counseling  
Jennifer Mary Barrett ..... English  
Paige Mattina Burnette ..... Counseling  
Jorge Armando Caballero Espejo ..... Sustainability  
Patricia Cuddeback ..... Counseling  
Melonie D. Davis ..... Counseling  
Elizabeth Carolyn Elwing ..... Counseling  
Matthew G. Fuller ..... Counseling  
Jeremy Michael George ..... Counseling  
Stéphanie Gimenez ..... Counseling  
Brittany Rae Harrell ..... Counseling  
Mary Martha Hatch ..... Counseling  
Ann B. Iñiguez ..... Counseling  
Hongyi Jiang ..... Mathematics and Statistics  
Leann Kahrer ..... Counseling  
Elisha R. Knotts ..... Counseling  
Aileen I. Lassiter ..... Counseling  
Douglas E. Lemley ..... Bioethics  
Daniel Paul Lipford ..... Bioethics  
Denise Nicole McGuigan ..... Sustainability  
Alexandria Meyers ..... Counseling  
Alexandra Saxman Reeves ..... Counseling  
Grace Whitney Saunders ..... Sustainability  
Michael Robert Skaggs ..... Counseling  
Kyle Jamison St. Hilaire ..... Psychology  
Sandra Walker Swindle ..... Counseling  
Spencer D. Warmuth ..... Sustainability  
Amy Boyd Willard ..... Counseling

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sherifat Ademola *	Biomedical Science
Aludamilola Tolulope Ademoyero	Biomedical Science
Gisele Marie Bailey	Biomedical Science
Erin W. Barnes *	Clinical and Population Translational Science
Sean Caddigan *	Health and Exercise Science
Rachel Anne Carrasquillo	Biomedical Science
William Bryson Decker	Biomedical Engineering
Lorna Devkota	Biomedical Science
Asantē Farquharson	Biomedical Science
Cheyenne Felkel	Health and Exercise Science
Steven Donald Forsythe	Biomedical Science
Kanika Gandhi	Computer Science
Emillee Izabel Garlin	Biomedical Science
Lais Ghiraldeli	Biomedical Science
Meijian Guan	Computer Science
Rebecca Marie Hack	Computer Science
Lindsey Hanson	Health and Exercise Science
Claudia Joanna Hartman	Biomedical Science
Koby Bruce Hayashi	Computer Science
Timothy Michael Heinrich	Health and Exercise Science
Michael R. Hoffman	Biomedical Science
Alexander Andreevich Ilyasov	Biomedical Science
Margie Jefferson	Health Disparities in Neuroscience-related Disorders
Taylor K. Jones *	Biology
Donnie Rhett Koonce	Biomedical Science
Steven Tsz King Leung	Molecular Medicine and Translational Science
Candace Brooke Locklear	Biomedical Science
Angelica Faith Mack	Biomedical Science
Chelsea Lynne Marlin	Health Disparities in Neuroscience-related Disorders
Neal James McMillan	Health and Exercise Science
Nathan Paul McMullen	Biomedical Science
James Whittier Morgan	Biomedical Science
Ryan Joseph Morgan	Health Disparities in Neuroscience-related Disorders
Kathryn Elizabeth Moschouris	Biomedical Science
Dalton E. Nichols	Health and Exercise Science
Obiageli Nwamu	Biomedical Science
Madison Olivia Odom	Biomedical Science
Daniel J. O'Donnell *	Biology
De'Jana Parker	Biology
Jordan Wyche Peace	Biomedical Science
Keyan Alexander Peterson *	Biomedical Science
Hope Alexis Peterson	Biomedical Science
James Michael Poteracki	Biomedical Science
Stephen Powers	Health and Exercise Science

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE (continued)

Saman Qadri.....	Health Disparities in Neuroscience-related Disorders
Thomas Ellis Reeve IV * .....	Clinical and Population Translational Science
Leea Pecola Richardson * .....	Biomedical Science
Nicole Fernanda Rojas.....	Biomedical Science
Kathryn Margaret Zuhr Rouse.....	Computer Science
Lauren Nicole Shaver.....	Health and Exercise Science
Damian Allyn Tavares .....	Biomedical Science
Lauren Danyelle Thornton .....	Biomedical Science
Ayse Uneri.....	Biomedical Science
Nadirah P. Waites .....	Biomedical Science
Xin Wang .....	Biomedical Science
Robert Atwood Wieland * .....	Molecular Medicine and Translational Science
Khadijah Rashee Winkey .....	Biomedical Science
Jiajie Xiao.....	Computer Science
Yifang Yuan .....	Clinical and Population Translational Science

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Rosine Dushime .....	Biomedical Science
Kody William Heubach .....	Biomedical Science
Bree Ann LaPointe.....	Computer Science
Daniel Anthony Lough .....	Biology
John Peter Patalak.....	Biomedical Engineering
Benjamin R. Steinberg.....	Biomedical Science
Stacy Onders Tollie .....	Health and Exercise Science
Elena Vidrascu .....	Biomedical Science

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Anthony Joseph Dominijanni.....	Biomedical Science
Kelsey Rae Edens.....	Health Disparities in Neuroscience-related Disorders
Rachel Elizabeth Gillespie .....	Biomedical Science
Danielle Anne Gries .....	Biomedical Science
Martika S. Harper.....	Biomedical Science
Perrin Quarles Henderson III.....	Biomedical Science
John Adam Leigh .....	Clinical and Population Translational Science
Miles Spencer Lyon.....	Biomedical Science
Kyle C. Nelson .....	Biomedical Science
Erica Ortiz.....	Biomedical Science
Kristen Nicole Penland .....	Health Disparities in Neuroscience-related Disorders
James Privitt.....	Biology
Felipe Rivas Duarte .....	Biomedical Engineering

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

John G. Ford, Jr. .... Liberal Studies  
Mekaela Brittney Nance..... Liberal Studies  
Bari I. Pasternack..... Liberal Studies

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Jessica Francis..... Liberal Studies  
Joel Gregory Jones..... Liberal Studies  
Charlie Gregory Moore, Jr. .... Liberal Studies  
Seth C. Payne..... Liberal Studies  
Elizabeth Bailey Shurbet..... Liberal Studies

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Jared DelRay Crump ..... Liberal Studies

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Christopher C. Hudson..... Documentary Film  
Yicheng Li..... Documentary Film  
Dominic T. Silva..... Documentary Film  
Stanley Wright..... Documentary Film  
Xiao Xiao..... Documentary Film  
Hao Zhang ..... Documentary Film

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN HUMAN SERVICES

Timothy Denard Smith \* ..... Counseling

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

Michelle Anderson..... Education  
Walter Ethan Cagle §..... Education  
Elizabeth Rose Davis..... Education  
Rebecca DePalma \* ..... Education  
Parker Hunt..... Education  
Amanda Kim..... Education  
Katherine Abigail Llewellyn..... Education  
Chase Eugene Martin..... Education  
Julio Esteban Ramirez..... Education  
Katherine Reeder..... Education  
Sarah E. Roberts ..... Education  
Kaitlin Ann Yaeger ..... Education

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## PREVIOUS DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

FACULTY	AFFILIATION
2016-2017 Adam Winseck, Ph.D., MBA, '04 Ph.D., <i>Neurobiology/MBA</i> .....	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
2015-2016 Belinda A. Tate, '10 MALS, <i>Liberal Studies</i> .....	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
2014-2015 Edward R. Ergenzinger, Jr., '99 Ph.D., <i>Neurobiology</i> .....	Olive Law Group, PLLC
2013-2014 Alan Coverstone, Ed.D. ....	Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
2012-2013 Felicia Goodrum, '98 Ph.D., <i>Molecular Genetics</i> .....	University of Arizona
2011-2012 Willie E. May, Ph.D. ....	National Institute of Standards and Technology
2010-2011 Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D. ....	Center for Health Transformation
2009-2010 Timothy M. Persons, '00 M.S., <i>Computer Science and Accountability Office</i> , '01 Ph.D., <i>Biomedical Engineering</i> .....	United States Government
2008-2009 Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker .....	42nd Army Surgeon General
2007-2008 Carol Marzetta, Ph.D., '86 Ph.D., <i>Experimental and Comparative Pathology</i> .....	Applied Strategies
2006-2007 Hanli Liu, Ph.D., '94 Ph.D., <i>Physics</i> .....	University of Texas, Arlington
2005-2006 Debra W. Stewart, Ph.D. ....	Council of Graduate Schools
2004-2005 Mitchell E. Robinson, Ph.D., '83 Ph.D., <i>Biochemistry</i> .....	East Tennessee State University
2003-2004 Reed Humphrey, Ph.D., PT, '76 MA, <i>Health and Exercise Science</i> .....	Idaho State University
2002-2003 Max Gomez, Ph.D., '78 <i>Anatomy</i> .....	WNBC NewsChannel4
2001-2002 Nancy J. Cotton, Ph.D.....	Wake Forest University
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