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#### HISTORICAL HERITAGE

For over 100 years, the University of Memphis has been a catalyst for progress in the city, the state of Tennessee and the surrounding Mid-South region. As a doctoral degree-granting metropolitan research university, we are committed to excellence at all levels: undergraduate, graduate and professional. The University of Memphis' roots date back to 1912 when it began as West Tennessee State Normal School and its main purpose was to educate public school teachers. While our name has changed several times throughout the years, the University has continued to be guided by the principles of academic integrity, sound management and equal opportunity. In 1968, it saw its first doctoral graduate, and since its doors first opened has conferred over 160,000 degrees

The main campus lies in the heart of a widespread metropolis and combines the convenience of a large city with the atmosphere of a residential neighborhood. Additionally, the University consists of several satellite campuses, including Collierville, Dyersburg, Millington and Jackson, Tenn. In 2011, the University of Memphis obtained the Lambuth University campus and now offers four-year degrees at what is now the University of Memphis Lambuth campus.

As the flagship of the Tennessee Board of Regents system, the University of Memphis awards more than 4,000 degrees annually. Divisions of the study include the College of Arts & Sciences, Fogelman College of Business & Economics, the College of Communication and Fine Arts, the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, Herff College of Engineering, Loewenberg School of Nursing, University College, Graduate School, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the School of Public Health.

The University offers 17 bachelor's degrees in more than 50 majors and 70 concentrations, master's degrees in more than 56 subjects, doctoral degrees in 26 disciplines, a specialist's degree in education, the Juris Doctor and an ever-changing online degree program. Reflecting on its commitment to the highest levels of excellence in teaching and national prominence in research, the University of Memphis has five Centers of Excellence and 26 Chairs of Excellence. Its full-time faculty number more than 850. Our wireless campus educates more than 22,000 students each year. Our faculty have won national awards ranging from Emmys and Grammys to the prestigious Peabody Award. In later years, the campus has seen recent changes and additions including the opening of a newly designed University Center, opening of the FedEx Institute of Technology, the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, the John Wilder Student Services Tower and the Michael D. Rose Theatre Lecture Hall. The Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law is now housed in the historic U.S. Customs House and Post Office in downtown Memphis, a significant achievement for both the city and the University. While instruction, service and research are our primary emphases, the University also commits its resources to the social, cultural and economic welfare of the region through partnerships with many public and private organizations. As we move toward our next 100 years, the University of Memphis is poised to enhance its national and international reputation as one of America's great metropolitan research universities.

#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Student Government Association is the voice of students at the University of Memphis. The SGA is comprised of three branches of government: executive, judicial (Student Court) and legislative (Senate). Elections are held in April. The SGA funds travel for individual students and organizations, including trips to conferences relating to the student's field of academic interest and leadership conferences. It sponsors Frosh Camp to help incoming first-time freshmen establish friendships, learn about what is offered on campus, begin the adjustment to college life, and have a successful first year. The SGA also sponsors the Mr. and Ms. U of M contest during football Homecoming each fall. Student senators present resolutions as bills to the Student Senate for benefit of the general student body.

#### 2014-2015 Officers

Ricky Kirby, President
Protej (Tatiana) Ingram, Vice President
Charles Uffelman, Speaker
Cole Roe, Chief Justice
Caleb Lies, Speaker Pro-Temp

## Willard R. Sparks Eminent Faculty Award Dr. Kenneth Ward

Commencement Speaker

Professor, Director of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Public Health

Dr. Kenneth Ward's research applies behavioral science to prevent and manage chronic diseases, including heart disease, cancer, and osteoporosis, and he has made important advances in trans-disciplinary training for the next generation of behavioral scientists. His reputation and accomplishments place him among the top researchers in tobacco use prevention and cessation. Dr. Ward is a founder and the current intervention director of the Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies, which has made important contributions to global tobacco control. He and his collaborators



recently published the first controlled trial of a smoking intervention study conducted in a developing country. He also was an invited speaker at the First International Conference on Waterpipe Smoking in Abu Dhabi, where he delivered two keynote presentations and a workshop. Another focus of Dr. Ward's research has been the prevention of childhood obesity, particularly among underserved and low-income populations.

Dr. Ward has received consistent funding from the National Institutes of Health, since joining the University and has served as principal investigator or co-investigator, on 35 grants totaling \$16.5 million. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, offered numerous scientific presentations at U.S. and international meetings, served on NIH review committees, and is sought after as a reviewer and journal editor. He is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Health Behavior and the Society of Behavioral Medicine and was awarded the Faudree Professorship in 2010. Formerly director of the U of M's Center for Community Health, Dr. Ward has had an invaluable impact on the careers of many fellow faculty members, encouraging scores of scientists to pursue external research funding and raising the University's reputation locally and nationally. A gifted teacher and mentor, Ward has supervised dozens of doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows. He maintains an active teaching schedule, has developed key courses in public health and led the launching of the doctoral program in Social and Behavioral Sciences.

#### **ACADEMIC DRESS**

The following information is to help our visitors identify the costumes seen in the commencement procession:

Academic dress evolved from religious habit worn by faculty in the ancient universities who were members of religious orders. For centuries these gowns distinguished students from their fellow citizens; sometimes this distinction in dress symbolized unfortunate controversies between "town and gown." The European habit of using academic robes came to this country in the eighteenth century with the founding of what is now Columbia University. In 1895, American universities and colleges standardized their styles of academic costumes, and this system, with occasional modifications, is still in force. Today, the various colors, trimmings, and patterns of gown, hood, and cap are all traditional and symbolize both the degree and field of learning.

GOWNS: American academic gowns are usually of black material, and their pattern varies with the degree held. The bachelor gowns are relatively simple in design with a closed front and long, pointed, open sleeves. Master's gowns have an open front with long, closed sleeves, the arms extending through a slit at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. Doctoral gowns are the most elaborate with velvet panels down the open front and three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

HOODS: The hoods, differing in length for the three degrees (bachelor's, master's, and doctor's), are lined with the colors of the institution that granted the degree. Hoods are also trimmed with the color that heralds the major field of learning.

CAPS: A square mortarboard is the approved headgear. The tassel, fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap, is black or the color appropriate to the subject; it may be gold if the holder has a doctor's degree. The University of Memphis has adopted the practice of having candidates for the bachelor degree wear the tassels on the right front side before degrees are conferred and shift them to the left at the moment when the degrees are awarded to them.

In the last few years, many universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design. For instance, Columbia's is now slate gray, Rochester's a dandelion yellow, Northwestern's is purple. The doctoral gown, with facing of black velvet, now has sleeve bands in the color of the wearer's discipline. Some have replaced the mortarboard with a soft velvet tam with a gold tassel.

Following is a list of the hood and tassel colors that represent several categories of learning:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	Health AdministrationGreen
ArchitectureViolet	JournalismCrimson
Audiology Forest Green	LawPurple
Speech PathologyRoyal Blue	MusicPink
City & Regional PlanningScarlet Red	NursingApricot
Commerce, Accountancy, BusinessSapphire Blue	Philosophy
Communication ArtsSilver Gray	Physical EducationLight Blue
EconomicsCopper	Public Administration
EducationLight Blue	Public Health
EngineeringOrange	Science
Fine ArtsBrown	Social WorkCitron

All hoods are *edged* with the above colors. These same colors may be used for the facing and sleeve bars of doctoral gowns and tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps.

The *lining* of the hood indicates the university granting the degree—for The University of Memphis, blue and gray. Among other institutional colors represented at this commencement are those for Arkansas, red and white; Chicago, maroon; Columbia, light blue and white chevron; Duke, royal blue with white chevron; Emory, navy blue with gold chevron; Harvard, crimson; Illinois, navy blue with two orange chevrons; University of Iowa, old gold; Kansas, navy blue with cardinal chevron; Northwestern, purple with gold chevrons; Ohio State, scarlet with silver gray chevron; Rice, silver above blue; Texas, white above orange; Vanderbilt, black and gold; Virginia Tech, orange and maroon; Wisconsin, bright red; Yale, royal blue.

## UNDERGRADUATE CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

#### GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Based on a grading system of "A" as 4.0, three designations of graduation honors are recognized.\*

Summa cum laude	3.80 - 4.00	Gold Cord
Magna cum laude	3.50 - 3.79	Crimson Cord
Cum laude	3.25 - 3.49	White Cord

#### **GRADUATION WITH HONORS**

Students may earn Honors distinction by meeting requirements of the campus-wide University Honors Program and/or fulfilling requirements for departmental honors programs. These requirements involve a combination of special honors coursework, independent study, and usually an honors thesis or project. Students who successfully complete University Honors Program requirements are awarded their degrees with honors (e.g., *University Honors* or University Honors with Thesis). Students completing departmental honors programs are awarded their degree with honors in their area of concentration (e.g., With Honors in English).

\*Note: The commencement program is a roster of candidates, not an official list of graduates. Appropriate degrees and honors will be awarded to candidates who successfully complete all requirements by established deadlines. The posting of the earned degree on the official university transcript is the institution's affirmation of possession of the degree.

Because of time limitations imposed in preparing this program for commencement, listing for graduation with distinction was based on a minimum of forty-two (42) semester hours at the University of Memphis and the grade point average as of the term prior to the final semester.

#### **COMMON CENTS CAMPAIGN**

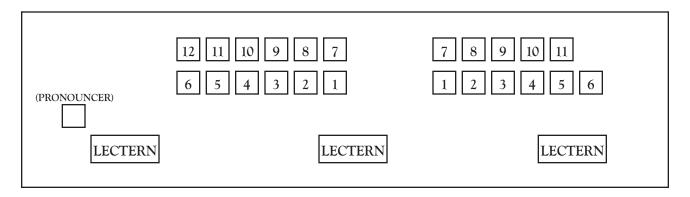
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# CEREMONY 10:00 A.M.



DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY
CECIL C. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW
SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS
HERFF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
LOEWENBERG SCHOOL OF NURSING
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND FINE ARTS
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES
FOGELMAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

#### PRESIDENT'S PLATFORM PARTY



#### **LEFT SIDE**

- 1. Dr. Karen Weddle-West, Interim Provost
- 2. Mr. Ricky Kirby, President, Student Government Association
- 3. Ms. Anita Vaughn, Vice President, National Alumni Association
- 4. Ms. Ellen Watson, Chief Information Officer and Vice Provost for Information Technology
- 5. Dr. Rosie Phillips Bingham, Vice President for Student Affairs
- 6. Dr. Reginald Leon Green, President, Faculty Senate
- 7. Ms. Bethania Baray, Soloist
- 8. Dr. Sylverna V. Ford, Dean, University Libraries
- 9. Dr. Thomas Nenon, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
- Dr. Charles A. Pierce, Professor and Chair of Management, Fogelman College of Business & Economics
- 11. Dr. Ernest Rakow, Interim Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences
- 12. Dr. Richard R. Ranta, Dean, College of Communication and Fine Arts

#### **RIGHT SIDE**

- 1. Dr. M. David Rudd, President
- 2. Dr. Kenneth Daniel Ward, Speaker, 2014 Eminent Faculty Award Winner
- 3. Ms. Jeannie Smith, Assistant Vice President Finance
- 4. Ms. Linda Bonnin, Vice President for Communications, Public Relations and Marketing
- Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal, Interim Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- 6. Dr. Gayle Shiba, Associate Dean, Loewenberg School of Nursing
- 7. Dr. Dan L. Lattimore, Dean, University College
- 8. Dr. Richard Joseph Sweigard, Dean, Herff College of Engineering
- 9. Dr. Lisa Klesges, Dean, School of Public Health
- Dr. Maurice Mendel, Dean, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders
- 11. Mr. Peter Letsou, Dean, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

Pronouncer

Mr. Curt Hart

#### **PROGRAM**

#### Pre-Commencement Concert features Prelude and Fanfare selections performed by:

### The River City Concert Band Dr. Sidney J. McKay, Conductor

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	Franz von Suppe PROCESSIONAL*
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1	PROCESSIONALSir Edward Elgar
	y, Air Force and Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps
	Ms. Bethania Baray
SALUTATIONS TO THE CLASS President, Student Government Association	Mr. Ricky Kirby
	Dr. M. David Rudd President of the University
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PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES	
	Dr. M. David Rudd 
PRONOUNCER The Doctoral Degrees The Law Degrees The Specialist and Masters Degrees The Baccalaureate Degrees	
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Acknowledgement of Family, Friends and Special Guests	Family and Friends
RECESSIONAL*	
THE ALMA MATER	J. W. Brister
5 10 11 11	Ms. Baray
	Sir Edward Elgar

#### \*Please stand as you are able

Guests are requested to remain in guest seating during the ceremony; and, after the Alma Mater, to remain in place until the Platform Party has departed.



#### THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Interim Dean and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Jasbir Dhaliwal, Ph.D

The Graduate School of The University of Memphis is the center of advanced study and research within the University. The basic objectives of The Graduate School are: (a) to preserve and disseminate knowledge now available in the humanities, the sciences, and the various professional areas represented by the departmental graduate faculties; (b) to extend knowledge through basic research; and (c) to prepare men and women to assume a more responsible and useful role in society.

#### DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Wendy A. Grew - Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BM, 1997, Stephen F. Austin State University

MM, 2006, Sam Houston State University

Dissertation: "A Guide to Electro-Acoustic Performance for the Acoustic

Oboist"

Major Professor: Dr. Michelle Vigneau

Michelle Cacho Nicolasora - Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BM, 2003, University of the Philippines

MM, 2009, University of the Philippines

Dissertation: "Kundiman: A Musical and Socio-Cultural Exploration on

the Development of the Philippine Art Song"  $\,$ 

Major Professor: Dr. Victor S. Asuncion

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T. Jon Pelon - Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BA, 2005, Grand Valley State University

MMU, 2009, Wright State University

Dissertation: "'Pranks and Puns': The Use of the Tenor Tuba in Janáček's

Capriccio"

Major Professor: Dr. John T. Mueller

#### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Abigail Leigh Braddock - Department of Leadership BA, 2002, University of Tennessee, Knoxville MSED, 2003, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Dissertation: "Organized Chaos: A Qualitative Case Study of the Initiative to Measure Teacher Effectiveness in Tennessee" Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

Dorian S. B. Brown - Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership BBA, 2001, University of Memphis

BBA, 2001, University of Memphis MAT, 2009, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Mobile Learning for Communicative Language Teaching: An Exploration of How Higher Education Language Instructors Design Communicative MALL Environments"

Major Professor: Dr. Michael M. Grant

Tiffany LaRae Freeze Denton - Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership

BA, 2004, Harding University MA, 2005, University of Memphis EDS, 2007, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Temporal Discounting: Using a Shifting Delay Procedure to Teach Delay-to-Reinforcement"

Major Professor: Dr. James N. Meindl

 $Margaret\ Ann\ Gilmore\ -\ Department\ of\ Leadership$ 

BS, 1983, Arkansas State University MS, 1985, Arkansas State University

Dissertation: "A Comparative Analysis of the Peak Experiences of Eleventh Grade Students Who Are On Track and Are Not On Track for Graduation"

Major Professor: Dr. Reginald L. Green

Jerry Anthony Hunnicutt - Department of Leadership

BBA, 1988, University of Arkansas, Little Rock

MED, 1990 University of Arkansas, Little Rock

MSE, 1993, University of Central Arkansas

Dissertation: "Online Course Attrition in Arkansas' Two-Year Colleges"

Major Professor: Dr. Barbara Mullins-Nelson

Sharlese Louise James - Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership

BSE, 1995, Delta State University

MED, 1999, Delta State University

EDS, 2000, Delta State University

Dissertation: "How a Computer-Assisted Instructional Program Affects the Reading Fluency of a Selected Group of Second Grade Students"

Major Professor: Dr. Lee E. Allen

William Melvin Johnson, Sr. - Department of Leadership

BS, 1999, Florida A&M University

MME, 2004, Northern Illinois University

Dissertation: "An Examination of Traditional and Non-Traditional
African American Male Students' Perceptions of the
Community College Environment, their Quality of Effort,
Gains, and Inclination to Persist"

Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

Rosalynn Martin - Department of Leadership

BS, 1990, Alcorn State University

MBA, 1994, Jackson State University

Dissertation: "Examining the Factors Influencing Female African American Doctoral Students to Select Higher Education Leadership as a Career"

Major Professor: Dr. Katrina A. Meyer

Emily Warren Meadows - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BA, 2004, Christian Brothers University

MA, 2006, Louisiana State University

Dissertation: "A Model for Educating and Training School Counselor Directors"

Major Professor: Dr. Richard K. James

#### DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Heather Annie Marie Sacharczyk - Department of Leadership

BS, 2003, Norfolk State University

MED, 2008, Christian Brothers University

Dissertation: "Rural School Districts' Personnel Directors' and Human

Resource Directors' Factors and Strategies of the Recruitment

and Retention of Teachers"

Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

Vonda Kim Scipio - Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership

BS, 1994, Upsala College

MA, 2006, Kean University

Dissertation: "Examining Teacher Efficacy in an Urban School District through an Induction and Mentoring Program"

Major Professor: Dr. Vivian Gunn Morris

Sarah Dawn Smilowitz - Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership

BA, 2000, University of Memphis

MAT, 2005, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "The Effect of High-Stakes Testing and Social Studies

Pedagogy: An Examination of Social Studies Teaching

Methods and Curriculum"

Major Professor: Dr. Jeffrey M. Byford

Jeffrey Brian Smith - Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership

BA, 1999, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

MS, 2002, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Dissertation: "Evaluating the Use of Video Observations with Behavioral Clinical Supervision"

Major Professor: Dr. Laura B. Casey

Carol Lee Shelly Wallace - Department of Leadership

BS, 1977, Marymount College

MS, 1987, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dissertation: "Learning to Practice: A Case Study of the Experiences of
Public Health Registered Dietitians in Professional Lifelong

Learning"

Major Professor: Dr. Mitsunori Misawa

Willie Carnell Williams -Department of Leadership

BS, 1993, Arkansas State University

MS, 2001, Arkansas State University

Dissertation: "Parent Perceptions of Parental Involvement in a Mid-South

Suburban School District"

Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Robin Johnson Brooksby - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BS, 2007, Brigham Young University

MA, 2009, Gongaza University

Dissertation: "Social Media: A Case of Publicness"

Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Aaron William Brown - Department of Chemistry

BSCH, 2009, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

MS, 2012, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Using Gas Chromatography to Investigate Volatile Organics

in Drinking Water"

Major Professor: Dr. Gary L. Emmert

Laurie A. Burke - Department of Psychology BA, 2007, Marylhurst University MS, 2009, University of Memphis Dissertation: "Spiritual Struggle Following Violent Death Loss: Complicated Grief and Complicated Spiritual Grief" Major Professor: Dr. Robert A. Neimeyer Lauren Elizabeth Burrows - School of Communication Sciences and

Disorders

BA, 2007, Temple University MA, 2009, Temple University

Dissertation: "The Learning of Phonetic Flap by English Language Learners: Data from Kindergarten and Fourth Grade"

Major Professor: Dr. D. Kimbrough Oller

Xueyuan Cao - Department of Mathematical Sciences

BAG, 1993, Shandong Agriculture University

PHD, 2005, Iowa State University

MS, 2006, Iowa State University

Dissertation: "Set Based Association Testing in High Dimensional Genomic Studies"

Major Professor: Dr. E. Olusegun George

Ronald H. Dallas, Jr. - School of Public Health

BS, 2006, Mississippi State University

MS, 2008, Mississippi State University

Dissertation: "Post-Transition Outcomes from Pediatric to Adult

Health Care among Young People Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)"

Major Professor: Dr. Satish K. Kedia

Heather Jane Dannison - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BS, 2005, Michigan State University

MA, 2010, Western Michigan University

Dissertation: "Identity Negotiation: Straight-Ally Conservative Christians

in the Mid-South"

Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Vivek Varma Datla - Department of Computer Science

BTECH, 2005, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

MS, 2008, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Data-Driven Approach for Thematic Role Extraction"

Major Professor: Dr. King-Ip Lin

Ramya Dharam - Department of Computer Science

BE, 2007, Vishveshwariah Technological University

MS, 2009, Santa Clara University

Dissertation: "Runtime Monitoring Technique to Detect and Prevent SQL Injection Attacks"

Major Professor: Dr. Sajjan G. Shiva

Jordan A. Fields - Department of Psychology

BA, 2006, Dartmouth College

MS, 2010, The University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Exercise, PTSD Symptoms, and Weight Loss in a National Weight Management Program"

Major Professor: Dr. Meghan E. McDevitt-Murphy

Bridget Sutton Fisher - Department of Biological Sciences

BS, 2003, Western Kentucky University

MS, 2008, Western Kentucky University

Dissertation: "Modeling Giardia-Host Interactions: Mechanisms of Barrier Dysfunction and Immune Suppression"

Major Professor: Dr. Carlos Lopez-Estrano

Carolyn McGregor Forsyth - Department of Psychology

BA, 2006, University of Memphis

MS, 2012, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Predicting Learning: A Fine-Grained Analysis of Learning within a Serious Game"

Major Professor: Dr. Arthur C. Graesser

Stephanie Hairston - School of Accountancy

BS, 2008, Wake Forest University

MS, 2009, Wake Forest University

Dissertation: "Speculative Derivative Use: External Financing Costs and Financial Reporting Effects"

Major Professor: Dr. J. David Spiceland

Gahangir Hossain - Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

BS, 1998, Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology

BS, 2008, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

MS, 2014, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Modeling Cognitive Ability-Demand Gaps in Collaborative Sense-making and Designing Assistive Technology Solutions"

Major Professor: Dr. Mohammed Yeasin

Seyed Mehrdad Hosseini -Department of Civil Engineering

BS, 2003, The University of Guilan

MS, 2005, Imam Khomeini International University

Dissertation: "Reducing Uncertainties in the Velocities Determined

by Inversion of Phase Velocity Dispersion Curves Using

 $Synthetic\ Seismograms"$ 

Major Professor: Dr. Shahram Pezeshk

Arthur Lau Hullender - Department of English

BA, 1998, Memphis College of Art

MA, 2005, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "A Contrastive Corpus Analysis between Modern Art

Criticism and Photography Criticism for Curriculum

Development in Art ESP"

Major Professor: Dr. Teresa S. Dalle

Ashley Michelle Hum - Department of Psychology

BA, 2007, Christian Brothers University

MS, 2009, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "The Associations between Adolescent Smoking Trajectories

and Physician Tobacco Communications, Gender, and

Ethnicity"

Major Professor: Dr. Leslie A. Robinson

Aron Matthew Katz - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BA, 2004, Cornell University

MMFT, 2009, University of Southern California

Dissertation: "Testing the Role of Body Vigilance as a Precipitating

Factor in the Cognitive Behavioral Model of Medically

Unexplained Illness"

Major Professor: Dr. Douglas C. Strohmer

Blair Allison Lehman - Department of Psychology

BA, 2008, Rhodes College

MS, 2012, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Interventions to Regulate Confusion during Learning"

Major Professor: Dr. Arthur C. Graesser

Richelle Ashley McGhee Long - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BA, 2007, University of California, San Diego

MS, 2010, Drexel University

Dissertation: "The State of Aftercare: A Critical Look at the Response to

Victims of Human Sex Trafficking in the United States"

Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne H. Lease

Lakshman Iyer Mahadevan – Department of Management Information Systems

BTECH, 1991, Government Engineering College, Thrissur

MS, 1996, University of Memphis

MBA, 2006, University of Memphis

 $Dissertation: \hbox{\it ``Examining Organization Implications of Innovations in}\\$ 

Software Development: Agile and Simulation"

Co-Major Professors: Dr. William J. Kettinger and Dr. Chen Zhang

Ryan James McCall - Department of Computer Science

BS, 2007, Lafayette College

MS, 2009, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Fundamental Motivation and Perception for a Systems-Level

Cognitive Architecture"

Major Professor: Dr. Stanley Franklin

Jacob E. McMillan - Department of Chemistry

BSCH, 2009, University of Memphis

MS, 2013, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "An Integrated Approach to Understanding the Structure and

Function of the Large-Conductance, Voltage- and Calcium-

Activated Potassium Channel"

Major Professor: Dr. Abby L. Baker

Mohamed Abdel-aziz Mekhaimer - Department of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

BCOM, 2005, Mansoura University MS, 2007, University of Plymouth

Dissertation: "Two Essays in Stock Market Liquidity"

Co-Major Professors: Dr. Christine Jiang and Dr. Sandra C. Mortal

Rachel Jana Mittelman - Department of History

BSG, 2003, Tufts University

MA, 2006, Pennsylvania State University

Dissertation: "Ceramics as an Ethnic Identifier: Libyans in the Nile Delta during the Third Intermediate Period"

Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Onstine

Brent Wesley Morgan - Department of Psychology

BA, 2003, Rhodes College

MS, 2010, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "The Impact of Mood on Multitasking Performance and Adaptation"

Major Professor: Dr. Arthur C. Graesser

Mohammad Said Najjar - Department of Management Information Systems

BS, 2002, University of Jordan

Dissertation: "Serving the IS Customer in Good Times and Bad: Pathways to Satisfaction and Value"

Major Professor: Dr. William J. Kettinger

Michael Charles Nolen - Department of Computer Science

BS, 1989, Lambuth College

MS, 2002, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "R-Forest for Approximate Nearest Neighbor Queries in High Dimensional Space"

Major Professor: Dr. King-Ip Lin

Archandria Colette Owens - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BA, 2004, Texas Tech University

MA, 2010, University of Detroit Mercy

Dissertation: "Life Role Salience in African American Men:

The Impact of Race Related Stress, Hypermasculinity,

and Sexual Self-Concept"

Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Bhavik Rajesh Parikh - Department of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate

BE, 2006, University of Mumbai

MS, 2009, Illinois Institute of Technology

Dissertation: "Three Essays in International Finance"

Major Professor: Dr. Ronald W. Spahr

Courtney Janae Peasant - Department of Psychology

BS, 2008, Florida A&M University

MS, 2011, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Configuration of Sexual Risk: A Person-Centered Approach"

Major Professor: Dr. James G. Murphy

Kevin Jason Powell - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BS, 2003, Boston University

MA, 2010, Humboldt State University

Dissertation: "Stigma Against Mental Illness: The Influence of Empathy, Perspective-taking, Exposure to and Familiarity with Mental

Illness"

Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Nicholas Daniel Rhew - Department of Management

BS, 2008, University of Evansville

MBA, 2011, University of Southern Indiana

Dissertation: "One BRIC at a Time: Deconstructing the Emerging

Markets Concept"

Major Professor: Dr. Peter Wright

Kenneth Geoffrey Richter - Department of English

BA, 1991, University of California, Santa Cruz

MA, 2011, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Second Language Teacher Education: The Development of Pre-Service Teacher Cognitions about the Characteristics

and Practices of Effective ESL Instructors"

Major Professor: Dr. Emily A. Thrush

Ji Woo Ryou - School of Accountancy

BBA, 2006, Chung-Ang University

MS, 2010, Oklahoma State University

Dissertation: "Effect of Product Market Competition on Financial Reporting Quality"

Co-Major Professors: Dr. Zabihollah Rezaee and Dr. Hyun Hong

Sanaz Saadat -Department of Civil Engineering

BS, 2006, Iran University of Science and Technology

MS, 2008, Iran University of Science and Technology

Dissertation: "Probabilistic Seismic Loss Analysis for Design of Steel

Structures - Optimizing for Multiple-Objective Functions"

Major Professor: Dr. Charles V. Camp

Adriane Maria Fertitta Sanders - Department of Psychology

BA, 2006, University of Memphis

MS, 2009, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Life Satisfaction, Social Identity, and Household Work:

An Intersectionality Perspective"

Major Professor: Dr. Lynda M. Sagrestano

Christopher B. Simmons - Department of Computer Science

BSCS, 2003, Tennessee State University

MS, 2006, Carnegie Mellon University

Dissertation: "Avoidit IRS: An Issue Resolution System to Resolve Cyber

Attacks"

Major Professor: Dr. Sajjan G. Shiva

Matthew Paul Smeltzer - School of Public Health

BS, 2001, Harding University

MS, 2004, University of Florida

Dissertation: "An Epidemiologic Evaluation of Sickle Cell Disease in the

United States: Birth Prevalence, Distance as a Barrier to

Care, and Potential Bias in a Clinical Trial of Hydroxyurea"

Major Professor: Dr. Vikki G. Nolan

Robert Steinbauer - Department of Management

MAG, 2006, Wiener Neustadt

MBA, 2007, Arkansas State University

Dissertation: "Mentor Influence on Protégé Moral Disengagement: A

Longitudinal Investigation"

Major Professor: Dr. Robert Renn

Rashunda LaRuth Stitt - Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BS, 2006, Howard University

MS, 2009, University of West Florida

Dissertation: "Sounds like Something a White Man Should be doing':

Academic Identity in African American Female Engineering

Students"

Major Professor: Dr. Christian Mueller

Amber Chauncey Strain - Department of Psychology

BS, 2008, Middle Tennessee State University

MS, 2010, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Emotion Regulation to Facilitate the Process and Products of

Learning in an Online Learning Environments"

Major Professor: Dr. Arthur C. Graesser

Allison Marie Yurasek - Department of Psychology

BA, 2007, Marietta College

MA, 2008, Marietta College

Dissertation: "A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Behavioral Economic

Intervention for Substance Abuse in a Diverse College

Samble"

Major Professor: Dr. James G. Murphy



#### CECIL C. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW

Dean, Peter V. Letsou, J.D.

The faculty of the School of Law is proud to present for conferral of the Juris Doctor degree the men and women who have successfully met all of the requirements for graduation as established by the School of Law. These graduates are not only prepared to enter into the practice of law, but they also are prepared for a lifetime of leadership in the legal profession. The School of Law endeavors to instill in each graduate a sense of responsibility to improve the access to legal services for all persons and every segment of society. Above all, the School of Law endeavors to impress upon each graduate the necessity for maintaining the high ethical standards that are expected of lawyers in today's society. The graduates are entering a profession that is vital to the preservation of a free and democratic society, and they are well prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

#### **JURIS DOCTOR**

John C. Catmur Jr. BA, 2011, Furman University John Aaron Cox BSBA, 2011, University of Tennessee Kenneth Mark Rutzky BS, 2009, Middle Tennessee State University



#### THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

Dean, Maurice I. Mendel, Ph.D.

The School of Communication Sciences and Disorders strives to instill students with the fundamentals of communication processes and disorders that provoke critical thinking and problem solving that leads to a love of learning. At the applied level, the master's degree, in speech-language pathology (M.A.) and the clinical doctorate in Audiology (Au.D.) emphasize theoretical and applied aspects of communication disorders and prepare graduates for clinical careers within the fields and for further graduate study. At the research level, the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) program emphasizes the theoretical and applied aspects of communication disorders that prepare graduates for academic research and teaching positions within the field and for postdoctoral graduate study. The program is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. We are proud of the following graduates:

#### MASTER OF ARTS

Katherine Wright Allen BSN, 2009, University of Memphis

Catherine Jane Berger BA, 2009, Trinity University

Kara G. Cawley BFSCS, 2012, University of Georgia

Amanda Brophy Christensen BA, 2011, University of Southern California

Kenneth David Edgington BA, 2010, Michigan State University Kathryn Alexis Glaser BA, 2012, University of Memphis

Erin Griffin BA, 2011, University of Texas at Austin

Lea Hay BA, 2011, University of Memphis

Sarah Roberts Laurenzi BSBA, 2007, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Cate MacAllister BS, 2007, University of Denver Lilly Maria Manzi BA, 2010, Wittenberg University

Jody Elissa Rigdon BIS, 2011, University of New Orleans

Anne M. Ronhovde BS, 2012, University of Nebraska

Kelley Elizabeth Stoker BA, 2011, University of Memphis

Jenny Elaine Williams BS, 2005, University of North Alabama



#### THE HERFF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dean, Richard Sweigard, Ph.D.

The mission of the College of Engineering is: to provide quality education, research, and service that responds to the needs and challenges of the Mid-South region; to promote the knowledge, skills, ethics, creativity, and critical thinking necessary for professional competence and lifelong learning, including an international perspective and a social awareness and to conduct quality scholarship and research across the College, including world-class research in selected areas. The following are the degrees offered with the appropriate concentrations within the respective areas:

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in biomedical engineering, civil engineering, electrical and computer engineering, engineering technology or mechanical engineering.

Jason Ceavash Fathi BSCP, 2012, University of Memphis BSEE, 2012, University of Memphis

Alex Prentice Hoban BS, 2011, University of Missouri Kyle Daniel Huffman BSBE, 2012, University of Memphis

Darin Patrick Nelson BSCE, 2012, University of Memphis Jose Israel Quintal Xix BS, 2010, Institute Tecnologico de Merida

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE ENGINEERING

Siva Prasad Kinthada BE, 2008, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (Dec 2012)

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

James Trent Maglasang, cum laude, University Honors

Michael Dayne Scearce II

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Patrice Kristen Thomas

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Brittany Nicole Howell

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Brittany Nicole Howell Derrick DeAndre Parker

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Troy Barton Christopher Todd Hughes, Jr. Lucas Griggs Jenkins (May 2014) David C. Whittington

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

David Pumroy, cum laude, University Honors with Thesis

Adriaan Johan Kuyler Arjit Yogesh Purohit



#### THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Vice Provost for Extended Programs and Dean, Dan L. Lattimore, Ph.D.

As The University of Memphis' college of lifelong learning, University College works with students on the development and completion of individualized and interdisciplinary degree programs. Through its Division of Baccalaureate Programs, it offers a wide variety of interdisciplinary concentrations and individualized degree opportunities leading to the Bachelor of Professional Studies and the Bachelor of Liberal Studies. Through its Division of Paralegal Studies, it offers a baccalaureate concentration in Paralegal Services. Through its Regents Online Degree Program, it offers online majors in Organizational Leadership, Information Technology, and Interdisciplinary Studies. Through its Division of Graduate Studies, it offers the interdisciplinary Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, the Master of Professional Studies, and the Master of Science degree in Merchandising and Consumer Science.

#### MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

These candidates have completed a required core of Liberal Studies courses, an interdisciplinary Coordinated Study of Liberal Studies courses from The College of Arts and Sciences and The College of Communication and Fine Arts, and a Special Project in Liberal Studies.

Marie O. Archibald AAS, 1997, Shawnee Community College BPS, 2010, University of Memphis

Judith A. Bogan BA, 1975, Memphis State University Georgette Michelle Kearney BA, 2010, University of Memphis BSED, 2010, University of Memphis

Terrell Lacha Stanford-Bush BPS, 2012, University of Memphis Brittany LaShae Tuggle BAJ, 2011, University of Mississippi

#### MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The Master of Professional Studies is an interdisciplinary graduate degree in the social sciences and professions with concentrations in Strategic Leadership, Human Resources Leadership, and Training and Development. The degree includes coursework in leadership, communication, strategic planning and assessment, organizational structure, e-learning technologies, management and design of training materials, and research/data analysis.

Tonya Rochelle Golatt AA, 2005, Southwest Tennessee Community College BPS, 2009, University of Memphis

#### **BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES**

Mindy Schaper, magna cum laude (May 2014) Darlina Sue Olhausen, magna cum laude

Elizabeth Lorene McGaha, cum laude Joshua Dilland Wavra, cum laude

David Alford
Allison Marie Bankston
Teresa Love Bingham
Cheryl Willette Boothe
Jan M. Clevenger
Jessica P. Curry
Pamela J. Edwards-Fort
Kharalyn T. Ford
Tatianna S. Ford
Kevin W. Graves
Ginger S. Hamlet
Gabriel L. Hampton
Olivia Annette Haymore
Anna Leigh Hickam

Stephen J. Holden
Porcia Sherelle Hopkins
Kevin D. Howse
Roslyn Yvette Johnson-Craig
Ashley N. Jones
Stephanie M. Knight
Katharine Milton Mauldin
Rebecca Dawn McDowell
Hogan Elizabeth McGowan
Lili Brietta Miller
John Frank Noto
Rashun Denise Owens
Tracee Michelle Penchion
Latoya L. Phillips

Amelia Real Kenneth B. Roberson Kevin M. Roedel Corey B. Rudolph Chelsea J. Simoneaux Kevin Alonzo Sorrell Anne Laughlin Tagg Henrietta D. Terry Melissa Candice Upchurch Camilla A. Waddell Stormey Warren Artie Herod Watson Portia Sheree Williams

#### **BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

Erin Nicole Frazier, summa cum laude Alyssa B. Hibberd, summa cum laude Lisa Prestage, summa cum laude

Jordan Mitchell Alsup, magna cum laude Joseph Charles Smith, magna cum laude

Rebecca Hope Alsup, magna cum laude Erica Walden, magna cum laude

Matthew Todd Wallace, cum laude

Russell Allen McKelvey Venice Jameelah Ali Tessica Lynn Douglas John Curry Andrews Amie Marie Graham Justin Layne Meadows LaTorie Jenel Banks Bradley Armand Harris Charles Edgar Morris Alecia Renae Bates Kentra Raeann Hayworth Ava Y. Newman Ellen Elizabeth Hinkle Adam Lynn Bomar Toni Rhea Ashley Lashaun Bradley Bernard L. Hodges Keithia S. Rhodes Jennifer A. Brown Michael John Hoffmeyer LaToya E. Richards Bruce E. Burding Lauren Payton Hylander Jazmene Nichole Scott Melanise Jeane Clark Tiffany King **Jarvis Andre Scruggs** Jennifer M. Cooper Carl Knight Casey Jordan Selby Ashley Marie Cox Danielle Dione LeSueur Sandra Nadine Shannon (May 2014) Nicholas D. Lindberg Tamika R. Smith Allison Marie Crain Kennessa Faye Surratt Jason Daniel Lindsey

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Tiara Devres Katrian Maria Malone Terrica Webber
Andrew Nicholas Diamond Monique Nicole Marble Arthella J. Williams
Dana Elaine Diggs Alexandra Anna Marie Martin Melissa A. Woods



#### THE LOEWENBERG SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dean, Lin Zhan, Ph.D.

The Loewenberg School of Nursing (LSON) provides accessible and innovative higher education by preparing leaders who promote health in the global community through excellent teaching, rigorous research and collaborative practice/service. The Loewenberg School of Nursing (both undergraduate and graduate programs) is fully accredited by the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education. The high quality education is reflected in graduates' 95%-100% NCLEX pass rates and sought by world-renowned clinical settings. With advanced preparation for practice as family nurse practitioners, nurse educators, or nurse administrators, our MSN graduates are prepared to shape the future of healthcare in our nation.

Faculty of the LSON are proud to present the following graduates who have met all of the requirements for either the bachelor of science (BSN) or the master of science in nursing (MSN) degree:

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Joan E. Appleton BSN, 1992, University of Memphis (May, 2014)

Anna Elaine Bishop BSN, 1997, Union University

Ashley Marissa Craddock BSN, 2010, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Lindsey M. Davis BSN, 2006, University of Memphis

Zachary F. Edmiston BSN, 2012, University of Memphis

Kalie Ann Foust BSN, 2011, University of Memphis

Linda Eells Gilbert BSN, 1985, St. Joseph College

Charlee L. Harvey BSN, 2010, University of Tennessee, Martin Lillian Hibbler
BBA, 1987, University of Tennessee
BSN, 2005, Baptist Memorial College of
Health Sciences

Judy L. Hooper AAS, 1992, Northwest Mississippi Community College BSN, 2008, Baptist Memorial College of

Amy Katherine Luckey BSN, 1998, Union University

Health Sciences

Brooke Nicole May BSN, 2009, Union University

Wendy Reader BS, 1993, Tennessee State University BSN, 1995, University of Tennessee Health Science Center Amber Renee Rivera BSN, 2007, Baptist Memorial College Health Sciences

Kimberly Nicole Stephens BSN, 2010, Union University

Ginger Lee Stewart BSN, 2008, Delta State University

Elizabeth Marie Tompkins BSN, 2003, Medical University of South Carolina

Mary Dean Turner BSN, 1992, Memphis State University

Kathy Elaine Williams BSN, 2003, Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sharon K. Hopper, summa cum laude Megan Marie Murphy, summa cum laude

Nicole Marsh Capps, magna cum laude Amanda Claire Doyle, magna cum laude Camille Lachelle Jenkins, magna cum laude Melanie Ann LaForce, magna cum laude Joseph E. Martin, magna cum laude Molly Jean Napier, magna cum laude Niki M. Savage, magna cum laude Courtney White, magna cum laude

Peggy Lynn Dyson, cum laude Jane Wamwari Githinji, cum laude Ariel Dominique Jones, cum laude Jessica Bumpus Kirk, cum laude Chelsia Marie Love, cum laude Bailie Lane Martin, cum laude Lauren Marie Matousek, cum laude Sadie Nicole Norden, cum laude Caitlin Hope Parker, cum laude Crystal A. Reymer, cum laude Candice Lynann Sheppard, cum laude Taryn Marie Shrock, cum laude Carla Sue Simoneaux, cum laude

Njeri Afi Cooper Kathleen M. Derveloy Jessica Dawn Dvorak Elizabeth Jordan Fasteen Kristen Heath Anna K. Helton Marisa Leigh Lancaster Nathan Louis Miller La'Ticca Wynette Peeples Brandon W. Smith Jennifer Nichole Stovall Autumn Kristian Strange Tida Tongumpun Jacqueline Kay Wilson



#### COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND FINE ARTS

Dean, Richard R. Ranta, Ph.D.

The College of Communication and Fine Arts is ultimately centered on visual and audible symbols whose rational and emotional values it is the mission of the College to create and explore. In the belief that perception is largely shaped by experience, the College of Communication and Fine Arts offers a range of symbolically rendered experiences, both individual and collective, in the hope of broadening and sensitizing the perceptions of its students.

Through its various professional courses of study, it prepares students to work toward careers in architecture and design, the fine or applied arts, communication, or the performing arts, whether as practitioners, teachers, artists, or consultants. The College offers four degrees by which to accomplish its purposes:

#### **MASTER OF ARTS**

The candidates for this degree have majored in art history, communication or journalism.

Aidan Galasso BA, 2012, University of Delaware Rachel Laine Wilhite BA, 2010, Mississippi State University Catherine Todd Zoblotsky BBA, 1993, Memphis State University

Brandi Hill BA, 2012, University of South Carolina

#### **MASTER OF MUSIC**

The candidates for this degree have concentrated in conducting, performance, composition, musicology, Orff Schulwerk, pedagogy, music education, or jazz and studio music.

Eric Stephen Blair BM, 2012, Bowling Green State University Sharon Lynn Rouse BMU, 1980, University of Mississippi

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Candidates for the oldest of the traditional baccalaureate degrees are students who have majored in art history; journalism with concentrations in either advertising, broadcast news, public relations, internet journalism or newspaper/magazine; or communication with concentrations in broadcast and electronic media, communication, or film and video production.

Jason Kyle Milligan, cum laude Jared Short, cum laude

Khalidah Halimah Baruti Susan Marie Dalton Ryan Massey Densford Benjamin Noel Evans III Erica Rochelle Horton Lovie Amelia Hudson James Huggins Ian Robert Jackson Mary Elizabeth Keith Molly Morgan MacDiarmid Brandon Allen McCord Montsho N. Miller Brady Etling Ondra Richard Jason Rawlings Amber Leigh Scallions Adelyn Shankle

#### **BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS**

Candidates for this degree have majored in architecture; interior design; or art with concentrations in either art education; graphic design; ceramics, painting, sculpture, and printmaking; or photography; or theatre and dance with concentrations in either performance, design and technical production or dance. These graduates have been provided with greater opportunities for specialized study in their chosen field than could be possible under other baccalaureate programs.

Christina Marie Ridley, magna cum laude

Alexandra Elizabeth Webb

Elliot Lynn Fuess

Allyson Zorine Truly

#### **BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

Candidates for this professional degree have majored in music with concentrations in performance; sacred music; composition; music history; or school music; jazz and studio performance or jazz and studio composition/arranging or in music industry with concentrations in music business, and recording technology. These graduates have been provided with a greater opportunity for specialized study in a field of music than would be possible under other baccalaureate programs.

Adrian Ray Bailey

Hunter Jamison Lang



#### THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Associate Dean, Ernest Rakow, Ph.D.

The most historic college at the University of Memphis, the College of Education is nationally accredited and seeks to prepare teachers, education related professionals, and other licensed human service professionals to become effective leaders within their chosen career. The College holds the distinction of being one of the few in the nation to meet, without a weakness, National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards.

In addition to high-quality classroom instruction, most programs are field based. Practical experiences and opportunities for participation in exciting hands-on training and research exist at our award winning Campus School, the Barbara K. Lipman Early Childhood School and Research Institute, our local Professional Development Schools, the nationally known Center for Research in Educational Policy, and internship programs in various community businesses and agencies, all where experts in the student's field of study and University faculty work together to provide valuable on-the-job experience. The College offers off-campus courses at our Collierville, Jackson, and Dyersburg campuses and is a state leader in alternative online degree and licensure programs.

Undergraduate programs administered by the College lead to the Bachelor of Science in Education and consist of three basic areas of work: General Education, Professional study, and study within one of 12 areas of Specialty. It is the work within a specialty that determines a student's major. Graduate level studies at the College include 29 Master's and 17 Doctoral degree programs. And, in administering 33 teacher licensure programs, The College of Education is the largest producer of teachers in Tennessee.

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in the areas of clinical nutrition, counseling, educational psychology and research, instruction and curriculum leadership, health and sport sciences, or leadership and policy studies.

Alexander Hudson Barton BS, 2010, Lambuth University

Rebecca Ann Bouvin BA, 2010, Western Kentucky University

Mallorie Hutton Caradine BSED, 2008, University of Memphis

Sharon Denise Clark AS, 2009, Jackson State Community College BSED, 2011, University of Memphis

Ebonie Joy Cobb BSED, 2010, DePaul University

Janice Lynn Daniels BS, 2012, High Point University Arthur Gerald Davis III BA, 2009, University of Memphis

Bailey Jane King BSED, 2006, Blue Mountain College

Latrice Danielle Leggs BSED, 2012, University of Memphis

Lisa A. Maners BFA, 2008, University of Memphis

Kathleen Marie Nichols BBA, 2012, University of Memphis

Omotola C. Petgrave BA, 2009, University of Mississippi MBA, 2012, University of Mississippi Amy Kathryn Pulliam BS, 2011, Lambuth University MSW, 2013, University of Memphis

Sharon D. Richardson BBA, 2007, University of Memphis

Lloyd D. Robertson BSED, 2012, University of Memphis

Christina Diane Sales BSW, 2005, University of Mississippi

William J. Talbert BS, 2008, Victory University

Heather Carrie Thomasson BA, 2011, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Kimi Marquel Jennings, summa cum laude, University Honors

Emily Elizabeth Galbraith, magna cum laude	Hannah Elizabeth Hill, magna cum laude	John E. Hoag, magna cum laude

Alicia Bigham, cum laude Vonda Harris, cum laude Christabel Oduro, cum laude Benjamin Cibulka, cum laude Jimmy T. Nguyen, cum laude

Ashley Llewellyn Manuel Sharkeithra Lashee Adams Kirsten Nicole Sousan Angel Marie Allen Lekendria Mays Stacey L. Taper Alexandria K. Byars Emily McElravey Chase Ashford Templeton Amelia Elizabeth Miller Maurice Turner, Jr. Alton Cryer Sherry Tinisha Rena Curry Brusha Latrice Moore Andre J. West Lauren Hatfield Zachary A. Moore Frederick C. Weston Dan E. Jones, Jr. Bryan Edward Rose Jennifer Maria Whiteside

Lauren Hatfield Zachary A. Moore Frederick C. Weston
Dan E. Jones, Jr. Bryan Edward Rose Jennifer Maria Whitesi
Matthew J. Kelly Kimbrail L. Salter Jessica Ann Woodman
Deante A. Lamar Danean L. Smith Kara Elizabeth Young

Jasmine Nicole Little Mallory Ann Smith
Andrew Jones-Hatcher Long III Melba Smith



#### THE FOGELMAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Dean, Rajiv Grover, Ph.D.

The Fogelman College of Business and Economics (FCBE), an AACSB accredited institution, comprises seven departments (School of Accountancy; Economics; Finance, Insurance and Real Estate; Management Information Systems; Management; and, Marketing and Supply Chain Management) and academic programs at all levels – undergraduate, masters and Ph.D. Fogelman College's undergraduate, masters and doctoral enrollments are 2,620, 742 and 78, respectively, and it has 109 full-time and part-time faculty members. Approximately 90% of full-time faculty members hold doctoral degrees. The Fogelman College differentiates itself by providing a unique Complete Professional Program that holistically prepares students with the tools to achieve both personal and professional excellence. Through the Avron B. Fogelman Professional Development Center, FCBE provides training on ethics, healthy living habits, business etiquette, resume building, professionalism, philanthropic activities and more.

In addition to the professional development differentiator, Fogelman College is also proud to distinguish itself based on the customized development of MBAs. Fogelman College offers a comprehensive portfolio of graduate programs including five different tracks to earn a MBA. These programs include the Customer-Driven MBA, International MBA, Executive MBA, Online MBA and Professional MBA. Furthermore, Fogelman College works very closely with Memphis-area companies, many of them Fortune 500, to offer students invaluable hands-on learning experiences from professionals in these industries.

#### INTERNATIONAL MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The candidates for this degree have majored in international business administration.

Yanan Zheng BBA, 2009, Beijing International Studies University

#### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The candidates for this degree have majored in business administration with emphasis in the areas of accounting; biomedical management; economics; finance, insurance and real estate; management, management information systems; marketing; law; the executive program or the professional program.

Alexander Harold Butterworth

BRA 2010 University of Tennessee Knowville

BBA, 2010, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Henry Yi Chu BE, 1992, Cooper Union MA, 2001, University of Memphis

John Aaron Cox BSBA, 2011, University of Tennessee, Knoxville Samer Husni Dweik

BS, 2013, University of Memphis

Mark Robert Pierce

BBA, 2011, Austin Peay State University

Tyler Brown Ricossa

BBA, 2011, University of Memphis

BBA, 2011, University of Memphis

BST, 2005, University of Phoenix

Casey White

Rashad Ryans

PharmD, 2001, University of Tennessee Health

Science Center

Mary Ellen Thomas-Vickery

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in accounting or business administration with areas of concentration in finance, management information systems, or real estate.

Harish Reddy Anakala

BTECH, 2012, Bharat Institute of Engineering and Technology

Aarthika Anne

BSBA, 2007, Loyola Academy MS, 2013, University of Memphis

(December 2013)

Jeffrey Scott Bennard

AS, 2009, Dyersburg State Community College

BBA, 2012, University of Memphis

Sandeep Borra

BTECH, 2010, Andhra University

Matthew Alan Dixon

BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Christina Demetra Ganavazos BBA, 2013, University of Memphis Muhammed Ahmad Gulzar

BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Katherine Elizabeth Kortier

BSBA, 2013, University of South Carolina

Aaron Bruce Lamey

BA, 2009, Christian Brothers University

Ningning Liang

BPH, 2003, China Pharmaceutical University

MS, 2006, University of Kansas

Amber Nicole Munchow

BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Mobolaji Oladinni

BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Mary Margaret Owen

BBA, 2012, University of Memphis

Harish Raju

BTECH, 2011, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological

University

Ayanna Feagins Shelton

BBA, 1998, University of Memphis

Reethu-Krishna Reddy Sreekolanu BE, 2012, Anna University

Nathaniel Blake Stamper

BBA, 2012, University of Memphis

Alexandra Rae Toth

BBA, 2013, Millsaps College

Nicholas Alan Widmer

BSBA, 2012, University of Tennessee,

Knoxville

Bao R. Zeng

BS, 2013, Christian Brothers University

#### BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Katherine Pugh, summa cum laude, University Honors Sharon Spence, summa cum laude

Alicia Juanese Burrell, magna cum laude Anna Elsia Chu, magna cum laude Christen Culverhouse, magna cum laude Katherine Culverhouse, magna cum laude Viktoria Fifer, magna cum laude Derek Mitchell King, magna cum laude Ruby Nell Thompson McNealy, magna cum laude Alicia Renee Nielsen, magna cum laude Charles Brett Wright, magna cum laude

Melissa Ann Bird, cum laude Robert James Graham, cum laude David Matthew Kresslein, cum laude Sarah Moore, cum laude Jeannette Rose Sutton, cum laude Stephanie Kristen Van Eaton, cum laude Stephanie L. Wessels, cum laude

James Robert Adkins Fatima Fathi Allam Jumanah Alsaffar Austin Anderson Gary Leroy Bell

tin Anderson Kristy Lashay Guins
y Leroy Bell India Hill

Hannah Hammer Billingsley Jessic

Brandi D. Bishop Janie Blackford Marita Rosario Brooks

Winston Jesse Cannon Joey D'angelo Coleman Michael Joseph Collie Benjamin Cosby Duffel Alisha Marie Dumas Yasmin Ali Elmi Jordan Michael Fisackerly Samantha Guevara Kristy Lashay Guins India Hill

Jessica Nicole Hines Houssianatu Jalloh Kenneth Russell Johnson Zachary Byron Johnson Shantera DeShone Jones Ishmael Jedidiah Joyce Jun Ho Lee

William Colt Lester Ethan Walton Livingston Tatara Eunica Lowe Jennifer E. McCarthy Sonia J. Meadow Brianna Milner Conner Moyer Daniel C. Murchison Cirilo Alejandro Murguia Jing Hing Ni

Joon Oh Park Randall Weston Pierce Reginald Lavell Rogers Christopher Michael Watts Amelia Denise Wells Chun Hung Yuen



Neal M. Baker

#### THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Dean, Dr. Thomas Nenon

The aims and purposes of The College of Arts and Sciences are, summarized in these words that serve as part of our official statement in the catalog issue of the University Bulletin: "The program of liberal studies aims (1) to provide students with a store of factual knowledge; (2) to introduce them to varying sets of principles; (3) to stimulate them to think about and to evaluate these facts and principles; and (4) to encourage them to order their own affairs and those of society with the talent, insight, and discrimination which they develop." We have been privileged to pursue these aims with the following students who are candidates for the seven degrees which we offer:

Yan Shen

#### MASTER OF ARTS

The candidates for this degree have majored in anthropology, criminal justice, earth sciences, English, history, philosophy, political science, romance languages, school psychology, or sociology.

BA, 2009, University of Memphis	BA, 2012, University of Memphis	BA, 2012, Nanjing Audit University
Alberto Bejarano Romo	Sarah M. Rich	Brittany Michelle Shirley
BA, 2012, Simpson College	BA, 2009, University of Tennessee, Knoxville	BSED, 2010, University of Memphis
Darlene S. Holt	Carol Ray Richardson	Darla Clare Smith
BA, 2008, Lycoming College	BSED, 1994, University of Memphis	BA, 2011, University of Memphis
Brian Alan King	Kristen L. Schebler	David Dalton Walker
BA, 2010, University of Memphis	BA, 2010, Purdue University, West Lafayette	BA, 2012, University of Memphis
Bradley James Madsen BA, 2011, Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Samantha I. Scherer BA, 2009, St. Louis University	Julia Michelle Warren BA, 2011, Illinois Wesleyan University

Severine Christine McClellan

#### MASTER OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

The candidates for this degree have placed emphasis on areas of study such as land use and transportation planning, land use regulations or urban design.

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#### MASTER OF FINE ARTS

The candidates for this degree have majored in creative writing.

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AAS, 1982, Adirondack Community College
BA, 1986, State University of New York,
Albany
JD, 1988, Southwestern Law School

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in applied computer science, bioinformatics, biology, chemistry, computer science, earth sciences, mathematical sciences, physics, or psychology.

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Akhilesh Kaushal BE, 2006, Madhav Institute of Technology MS, 2010, University of Memphis

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Philippe Pierre Lubet BS, 2006, University of Maryland

Brinkley Ruth Mathews BA, 2011, University of Memphis BS, 2011, University of Memphis

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Deepthi Raghu BTECH, 2010, Satyabama University Md Mahbubur Rahman

BS, 2006, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Sanjib Kumar Saha BS, 2007, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

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Lauren Andrea Spencer BA, 2003, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Jun Xie BS, 2006, Huazhong Normal University

Man Yang BS, 2011, Wuhan Institute of Technology Jee Zhou BA, 2009, DePaul University

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

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#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

The candidates for this degree have majored in African and African American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Foreign Languages, Geography, History, International Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, or Sociology.

Caitlin Elizabeth Braswell, summa cum laude

Rachel Lauren Bolding, magna cum laude Sarah Chambers, magna cum laude Nikita Chelon Davenport, magna cum laude Caitlin C. Denny, magna cum laude Carlos I. Grau, magna cum laude Jessica M. Hensley, magna cum laude, University Honors

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Shelby Hobbs, magna cum laude Kymberly Je'Lise Houston, magna cum laude Jason Gabriel Jacquin, magna cum laude Morgan Elizabeth Latham, magna cum laude Christina Lauren Massey, magna cum laude Ariel P. Mathis, magna cum laude, University Honors

Jacob R. Rickert, cum laude
Shayla Miquet Sullivan, cum laude,
University Honors with Thesis,
Honors in English
Therese Faith Teer, cum laude
Zachary Turner, cum laude

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Saba Koja Taylor Allen Landor Averie Renae Kunz Cassandra D. Lankford Corinne Suzanne Walker, summa cum laude

Robert Moore IV, magna cum laude Mindy Schaper, magna cum laude, University Honors with Thesis, Honors in English, Honors in Psychology (May 2014)

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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

The candidates for this degree have majored in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, Geological Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Microbiology and Molecular Cell Sciences, or Physics.

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# **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars; through the perilous fight

O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,

Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

# **ALMA MATER**

Stand Firm, O Alma Mater, Lead on O Alma Mater,

Through all the years to come; O Guide them on their ways,

In days of youth and beauty Give light and truth unto them

Thy halls have been our home. For all their coming Days,

In time of preparation To thee we'll give all honor,

Great lessons didst thou teach

Our hopes A-bide In Thee,

Till now, O Alma Mater, For Thou O Alma Mater

The stars we'll strive to reach.

Hast made us ever Free.





The University of Memphis Alumni Association is more than 80 years old and represents the interests of more than 128,000 alumni of the University. The mission of the Alumni Association is to engage alumni, former students and friends in three challenges: advocating the ideals of the University, advancing its welfare and fostering life-long relationship with the institution. It seeks to achieve this mission through communication, activities and events that involve and inform alumni.

The Alumni Association supports academics at the University of Memphis with more than 45 student scholarships and eleven faculty and staff awards for Excellence in Teaching, Research and Advising. Outstanding alumni are recognized each year at the Distinguished Alumni Awards – a gala event held in the spring. The Alumni Association also assists with student recruitment and retention.

As a new graduate, the Alumni Association is pleased to provide an Associate Membership to our new graduates. This complimentary first year entrance to the Association, mailed with your diploma, is given with hopes that you will take advantage of the more than 70 clubs, chapters and programs based on academics, geography or a specific interest. Get involved by mentoring a current student, sponsoring a scholarship or nominating a favorite professor for an award. Socialize with other Tigers at the Distinguished Alumni Awards or a True Blue Watch Party. Network at one of the hundreds of events and meetings that we sponsor throughout the year. But most importantly – Stay True Blue and continue your membership in the Alumni Association!

Your membership information will be included with your diploma. For more information about the University of Memphis Alumni Association, visit us online at www.memphis.edu/alumni or call 800/678-TRAX.

Current graduating University of Memphis students who are members of the Alumni Association through the Future Alumni of Memphis, or FAM, are distinguished by wearing a Tiger Blue stole during Commencement. Congratulations FAM seniors!



# The University of Memphis Vastly Enriches the Mid-South Economy Every Great City Needs a Great University.

The NATION IS STRUGGLING TO CLIMB OUT OF THE depths of one of the worst recessions on record and, understandably, the minds of families throughout the nation are fixed on economic issues. Should they invest in an education for their children? Will it pay to spend the family's hard-earned money on tuition and the other costs associated with obtaining a college degree? The data on the economic importance of obtaining a college education are being put to the test.

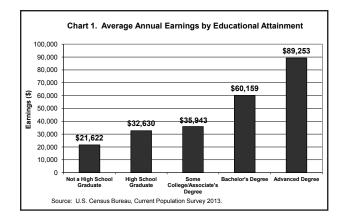
Graduates and their parents can rest assured that obtaining a college degree continues to be an investment that pays off even in difficult economic times. The following charts contain employment and earnings information for different levels of academic achievement

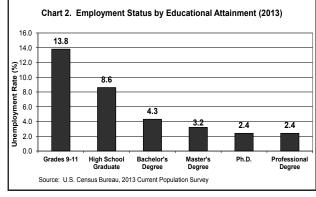
and clearly demonstrate that it pays to invest in higher education. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average annual earnings for people with a Bachelor's degree were estimated to be \$60,159 in 2012, nearly twice as high as the average of \$32,630 for a high school graduate (Chart 1). College graduates can look forward to making more money than non-graduates in both strong and weak periods of economic growth.

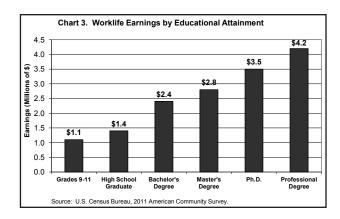
Nearly all people with a college degree are employed, with only a small percentage unemployed in any economic period. Unemployment rates rise for everyone in a deep recession, but college graduates always have an advantage even in weak labor markets. The unemployment rate for people with a Bachelor's

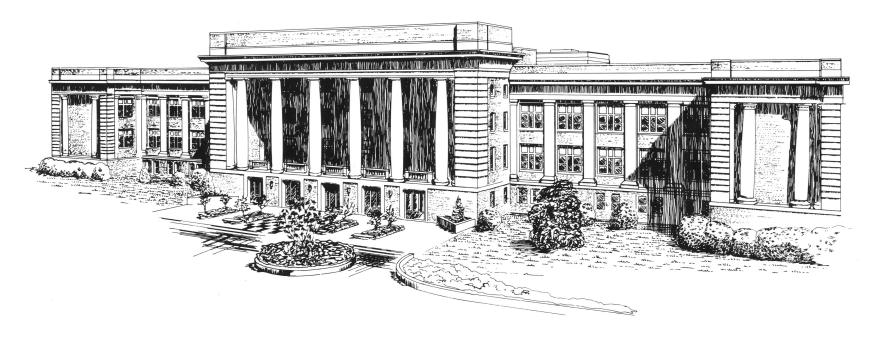
degree was 4.3 percent versus 8.6 percent for a high school graduate (Chart 2). The combination of higher earnings and employment stability creates dramatically higher life-time earnings for college graduates (Chart 3).

Worklife earnings increase dramatically with educational attainment. Over a worklife, a college graduate who has earned a Bachelor's degree will earn \$2.4 million, 170 percent more than a high school graduate. An advanced degree generates life-time earnings estimates of \$2.8-\$4.2 million for graduates with Master's, Ph.D., and Professional degrees. Clearly, the most foolproof way to make a dramatic increase in life-time earnings and tax revenues is the old fashioned way—invest in higher education.









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