

SUMMER CONVOCATION  
OF THE  
ONE-HUNDRED and THIRD COMMENCEMENT



Saturday, August 8, 2015

10:00 a.m.

FedExForum



The University of Memphis is a community that is Driven By Doing. The Senior Class Gift Program has become yet another unique opportunity for graduating seniors to DO something meaningful to support the great work that is happening all around campus.

Our mission is to educate University of Memphis students about the importance and impact of student giving and to promote a philanthropic spirit among graduating seniors. Students have an opportunity to start their legacy of giving to the University through a collective effort to give back to their alma mater. Your support of this program has helped to fund a need-based, four-year renewable scholarship for a deserving incoming freshman student – yet another shining example of how students are making a difference at the U of M.

By contributing to the Senior Class Gift, you have left behind a bit of your own personality and have taken your first steps toward becoming a proud U of M alum. Thank you for showing your support for the university that has not only given you an education – but a Tiger family for life. The Senior Class Gift Program is the bridge that connects your philanthropic spirit as a student to your continued support as a proud Tiger alum. Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

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## **THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF REGENTS**

The Tennessee Board of Regents is among the nation's largest higher education systems, governing 46 post-secondary educational institutions. The TBR system includes six universities, 13 two-year colleges and 27 colleges of applied technology, providing programs across the state to more than 200,000 students.

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## HISTORICAL HERITAGE

For the last 103 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, Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, 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 55 subjects, doctoral degrees in 23 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.

### 2015-2016 Officers

David Knowles, *President*

Raven Douglas, *Vice President*

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Caleb Lies, *Speaker Pro Temp*

# Speaker

## Dr. Albert A. Okunade

### 2015 Willard R. Sparks Eminent Faculty Award Recipient

*Professor, Department of Economics, Fogelman College of Business & Economics*



Dr. Albert A. Okunade conducts scientific research using economic theories, mathematical statistical methods and econometrics to probe wide-ranging operational and public policy issues in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and labor. These include technology change in medicine and healthcare cost containments, adolescent obesity and human capital investments across gender and ethnicities, obesity and early retirement, operational efficiencies in dentistry, hospitals and pharmacies, physician payment reforms, quality of care, prescription drugs utilization and expenditures, and the determinants of mortality. Okunade has earned national and international reputation as a leading researcher in healthcare, labor, pharmaceutical and public policy economics. He has delivered research presentations globally at prestigious conferences and his research has garnered large numbers of high impact citations broadly in economics, finance, medicine and allied health. Since joining the University in 1987, the Nigeria-born US Citizen and economist has been honored with the Superior Performance in University Research Awards, Alumni Association Distinguished Research Award in Social Sciences & Business, Suzanne Downs-Palmer Professorship Awards, First TN Professorship Award, and Graduate Teaching & Research Mentoring Award, among others. He has also received external awards from FedEx, The University of British Columbia, and The American Society of Health Economists.

Dr. Okunade has received external funds for research, and has reviewed grant applications for The National Science Foundation (NSF) and The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), among others. He has over 100 research publications including in top-tier peer-refereed general and specialized economics and allied discipline journals. He has presented more than 50 scientific papers at academic conferences in the US, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Italy, Portugal, Senegal, Spain, and the UK. He reviews manuscripts for high quality journals and periodically serves as a Guest Editor. He served on the 2004-2008 Founding Board of Trustees of The American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) and recently won a world-wide election to a three-year (2015-2018) term on the Board of Directors of the International Health Economics Association (iHEA). ASHEcon and iHEA are the world's leading professional associations of health economists. As an innovative teacher, he taught in the University Honors Program for years, engages his MBA students in practical learning using the Memphis business community as a laboratory, and recently appointed the 'Lead Faculty' for the Executive MBA (EMBA) 'Study Abroad' to Argentina, Brazil and Chile. As Coordinator of the Ph. D. Economics Program since 2008, he is active in the research mentoring of doctoral students to prepare them for the highly competitive national job market, has in recent years chaired and served on more than a dozen Doctoral dissertations in Economics and The School of Accountancy, and recently secured private sector doctoral internship to economize on the tax-funded graduate assistantship budgets.

Education: B.S., 1980, M.S., 1982, MBA, 1982 (Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio); Ph.D., 1986 (The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR). Continuing Education: Faculty Research Sabbatical, 2000 (Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA).

## 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.

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

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Health Administration .....	Green
Architecture.....	Violet	Journalism.....	Crimson
Audiology.....	Forest Green	Law.....	Purple
Speech Pathology.....	Royal Blue	Music.....	Pink
City & Regional Planning .....	Scarlet Red	Nursing .....	Apricot
Commerce, Accountancy, Business.....	Sapphire Blue	Philosophy .....	White
Communication Arts.....	Silver Gray	Physical Education.....	Light Blue
Economics .....	Copper	Public Administration .....	Peacock Blue
Education.....	Light Blue	Public Health .....	Salmon
Engineering.....	Orange	Science .....	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts.....	Brown	Social Work.....	Citron

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.

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### COMMON CENTS CAMPAIGN

Congratulations, Graduates! Thank you to those who supported the Common Cents Student Giving Campaign! Your gifts to the McWherter Library Laptop Project will have a lasting impact at the University of Memphis. Your support influences future University of Memphis classes who will be inspired by your philanthropic leadership.





The University of Memphis community is proud and diverse. We stretch across the state and around the globe. As you leave campus to share your talents with the world, the U of M Alumni Association is right beside you, keeping you connected to your fellow Tigers.

The University of Memphis Alumni Association represents the interests of more than 128,000 alumni of the University. Our mission is to engage alumni, former students and friends in three challenges: advocating the ideals of the University, advancing its welfare and fostering life-long relationships with the institution. The Alumni Association supports academics at the University of Memphis with more than 55 student scholarships and eleven faculty and staff awards for Excellence in Teaching, Research and Advising. Outstanding alumni are recognized annually at the Distinguished Alumni Awards.

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 hope 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, supporting a scholarship or nominating a favorite professor for an award. Socialize with other Tigers at the annual Homecoming Parade 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!

Membership in the U of M Alumni Association ensures that you will stay connected and is one of the most fundamental ways you can show your pride. **Wherever you are, you're a Tiger.**

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!

**Membership Matters!**

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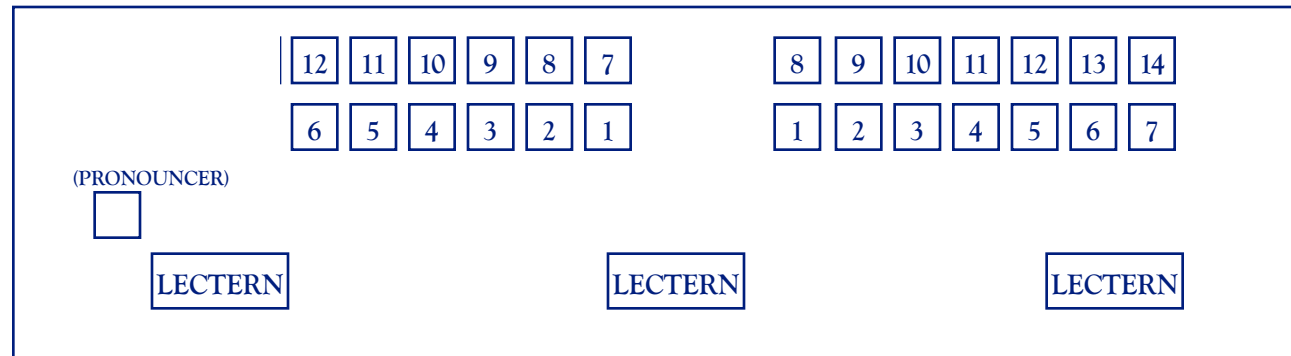
# FIRST CEREMONY

10:00 A.M.



DOCTORAL HOODING CEREMONY  
CECIL C. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW  
SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
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

## FIRST CEREMONY PRESIDENT'S PLATFORM PARTY



### LEFT SIDE

1. Dr. Karen Weddle-West, Provost
2. Mr. David Knowles, President, Student Government Association
3. Mr. Kim Barnett, President, National Alumni Association
4. Ms. Ellen Watson, Chief Information Officer Information Technology Services
5. Dr. Wade Jackson, President, Faculty Senate
6. Ms. Marlayna Maynard, Soloist
7. Dr. Sylverna V. Ford, Dean, University Libraries
8. Dr. Radesh Palakurthi, Director and Professor, Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management
9. Dr. Thomas Nenon, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
10. Dr. Rajiv Grover, Dean, 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. Albert A. Okunade, Speaker, 2015 Willard R. Sparks Eminent Faculty Award Winner
3. Mr. David Zettergren, Vice President, Business & Finance
4. Dr. Andrew Meyers, Vice President for Research and Executive Director, University of Memphis Research Foundation
5. Mr. Bobby Prince, Chief Development Officer
6. Ms. Melanie Murry, University Counsel
7. Ms. Tammy Hedges, Interim Vice President for External Relations
8. Dr. Peter Letsou, Dean, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
9. Dr. Richard L. Irwin, Vice Provost for Academic Innovation and Support Services
10. Dr. Linda D. Jarmulowicz, Interim Dean, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders
11. Dr. Lisa Klesges, Dean, School of Public Health
12. Dr. Richard Joseph Sweigard, Dean, Herff College of Engineering
13. Dr. Dan L. Lattimore, Dean, University College
14. Dr. Lin Zhan, Dean, Loewenberg School of Nursing

**Pronouncer**

Curt Hart, Extended Programs

# PROGRAM

Pre-Commencement Concert features Prelude and Fanfare selections performed by:  
*Memphis Wind Symphony*  
**Dr. Albert Nguyen**, Director & Conductor

PRESIDING .....	Dr. Karen Weddle-West, Provost
Prelude and Fanfare: Powet and Peasant.....	Franz von Suppe
American Overture .....	Joseph Willcox Jenkins
PROCESSIONAL*	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1</i> .....	Sir Edward Elgar
PRESENTATION OF COLORS* .....	The Color Guard
United States Army, Air Force and Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps	
THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER* .....	Francis Scott Key
Ms. Marlayna Maynard	
SALUTATIONS TO THE CLASS	
President, Student Government Association .....	Mr. David Knowles
THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME .....	Dr. David Rudd
President of the University	
ADDRESS .....	Dr. Albert A. Okunade
Eminent Faculty Award Recipient 2015	
PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES.....	The Academic Deans
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES IN COURSE.....	Dr. David Rudd
University of Memphis Alumni Association .....	Mr. Kim Barnett
PRONOUNCER .....	Mr. Curt Hart
The Doctoral Degrees	
The Law Degrees	
The Specialist and Masters Degrees	
The Baccalaureate Degrees	
Acknowledgement of Faculty Members .....	University of Memphis Faculty
Acknowledgement of Family, Friends and Special Guests.....	Family and Friends
RECESSIONAL *	
THE ALMA MATER* .....	J. W. Brister
Ms. Maynard	
<i>Pomp and Circumstance March #4</i> .....	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

Chief Innovation Officer of the University of Memphis and Interim Vice Provost/  
Dean of the Graduate School, 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 AUDIOLOGY

Lauren N. Dexter – School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
BS, 2010, Middle Tennessee State University

## DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Vasilica Ionut Cosarca – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music  
BM, 2007, Gheorghe Dima Music Academy, Cluj Napoca  
MMU, 2009, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: “Three Folk Music Suites from Romania and “Hora  
Furtuna” by Grigoras Dinicu, Arranged for String Quartet”  
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth R. Kreitner

Karlton Lewis Scott – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music  
BM, 1980, State University of New York, Potsdam  
MM, 1994, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Dissertation: “Musical and Technical Challenges in Selected Vibraphone  
Works of Ney Rosauro”  
Major Professor: Dr. Frank W. Shaffer

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Doris Scott Battle – Department of Leadership  
BS, 1981, University of Tennessee at Martin  
MED, 1986, Memphis State University  
Dissertation: *“An Analysis of the Leadership Behaviors of National Institute for School Leadership Executive Development Program Graduates”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

Elizabeth A. Bishop – Department of Leadership  
BSW, 1997, Memphis State University  
MSSW, 2001, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Dissertation: *“Adult Leadership Development and Spirituality in Martial Arts: A Grounded Theory Study on Servant Leadership in a Non-Commercial Taekwondo Dojang”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mitsunori Misawa

Lindsey Lawrence Brady – Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership  
BSED, 2005, University of Memphis  
MS, 2007, Christian Brothers University  
Dissertation: *“Effects of Social Stories on Attention Maintained Inappropriate Behaviors”*  
Major Professor: Dr. James N. Meindl

Michelle Welch Brasfield – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BA, 1995, Rhodes College  
MS, 2000, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Wellness as a Mitigating Factor Against Burnout for Public School Teachers”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chloe Lancaster

Terrence Deshaun Brittenum – Department of Leadership  
BSED, 1998, University of Memphis  
MED, 2006, University of Mississippi  
Dissertation: *“The Relationship Among Motivational Orientation of Teachers, the Leadership Disposition They Most Prefer, and Their Intention to Remain or Leave Their Current Teaching Assignment”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Reginald L. Green

Ricky Catlett – Department of Leadership  
BA, 1991, Lambuth University  
MED, 2001, Trevecca Nazarene University  
Dissertation: *“The Relationship Between Affective Teaching and Teacher Effectiveness in Rural Teachers in Tennessee”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

Janice Marie Epperson – Department of Leadership  
BSED, 1991, University of Tennessee at Martin  
MED, 1998, Trevecca Nazarene University  
Dissertation: *“An Analysis of Principals’ and Teachers’ Perceptions of the Academic Impact of 15 Social Perceptions Faced by Black Males”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Reginald L. Green

Lemondra V. Hamilton – Department of Leadership  
BME, 1996, Mississippi Valley State University  
MME, 1998, Florida State University  
MA, 2003, Memphis Theological Seminary  
Dissertation: *“Implementing the Ayers Case Settlement: A Multiple Case Study of Three Historically Black Institutions in Mississippi”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mitsunori Misawa

Tamika Denise Jones – Department of Leadership  
BS, 2005, Tennessee State University  
MED, 2007, Tennessee State University  
Dissertation: *“An Investigation of Tennessee Special Education Administrators’ Perceptions of Implementation of Response to Intervention”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

Meredith Krisell – Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership  
BSED, 1997, Ouachita Baptist University  
MSED, 2009, Henderson State University  
Dissertation: *“Teachers’ Perceptions of Teaching Reading and Writing Through the Use of Play-based Developmentally Appropriate Practice and Constructivist Approaches”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Satomi Izumi-Taylor

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Brooke Bennett Lubin – Department of Leadership  
BS, 2001, University of Texas at Austin  
MAT, 2007, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Principals as Leaders of Teacher-Followers: An Exploratory Analysis of High School Teachers’ Followership Style and Motivations”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Larry McNeal

Luanne Beth Sailors – Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership  
BSED, 2007, University of Memphis  
MS, 2009, Walden University  
Dissertation: *“Examining the Perceptions of Pre-Service Teachers Toward Including Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in a General Education Setting”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Robert L. Williamson

Joseph Patrick Sweeney – Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership  
BA, 2001, Michigan State University  
MA, 2006, University of Mississippi  
Dissertation: *“Supporting Simulation with Training: A Study of Faculty Perspectives”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Clif Mims

Julia Watters Wilson – Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership  
BS, 2009, University of Tennessee at Martin  
MSed, 2010, University of Tennessee at Martin  
Dissertation: *“Teachers’ Perceptions of the Use of Music and Movement to Promote Phonemic and Phonological Awareness Instruction”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Satomi Izumi-Taylor

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Brienne M. Allen – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BA, 2007, University of Memphis  
MS, 2011, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Predictors of Types and Frequencies of Sexual Fantasies: Body Image Self-Consciousness and Gender”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Megan Lee Avery – Department of Psychology  
BA, 2009, University of Memphis  
MS, 2011, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Using Latent Variable Mixture Modeling to Understand Trauma-Related Outcomes”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Meghan McDevitt-Murphy

Saheel Dilip Bhana – Department of Chemistry  
BS, 2009, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Gold and Magnetic-Optical Nanoparticles for the Capture, Detection, and Combinatorial Treatment of Cancer”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Xiaohua Huang

Blaine Bockholt – Department of Biological Sciences  
BSAM, 2010, Brigham Young University – Idaho  
Dissertation: *“A Seismogenic Study of the Central and Eastern United States”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Charles A. Langston

Whitney Layne Cade – Department of Psychology  
BA, 2009, Rhodes College  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Attentional Guidance and Media Presentation During Explicit Instruction”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Andrew M. Olney

Donnalyn C. L. Constantin – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BS, 1997, University of the West Indies  
MS, 2005, University of the West Indies  
Dissertation: *“The Moderating Impact of Giftedness on the Relationship Between Existential Anxiety, Authenticity, and Depression in College Students”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges



## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Ryan S. Cox – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology  
and Research  
BA, 2008, Saint Edwards University  
MA, 2010, Pacific University  
Dissertation: *“Hegemonic Masculinity and Health Outcomes in Men:  
A Meditational Study on the Influence of Masculinity  
on Diet”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne H. Lease

Nicholas Cross – Department of English  
BA, 1981, Union University  
JD, 1984, Memphis State University  
MS, 1989, Memphis State University  
MAT, 2005, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“The Role of Motivation in Second Language Acquisition:  
The Critical Constructs of L2 Motivation”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Teresa S. Dalle

Poonam Dharam – Department of Computer Science  
BE, 2010, Visveswaraiah Technological University  
MS, 2010, Santa Clara University  
Dissertation: *“QoS Routing for Big Data Transfer in Software-Defined  
Networks”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Qishi Wu

Joshua R. Dohmen – Department of Philosophy  
BA, 2009, Simpson College  
MA, 2012, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Moving Toward Interaction: Epistemic Injustice, Julia  
Kristeva, and Disability”*  
Co-Major Professors: Dr. Pleshette DeArmitt and  
Dr. Deborah Tollefson

Maxim A. Dulebenets – Department of Civil Engineering  
Specialist Diploma, 2010, Moscow State University of Railway  
Communication  
MS, 2012, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Models and Solutions Algorithms for Improving Operations  
in Marine Transportation”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Michail Gkolias

Ryan Lee Farmer – Department of Psychology  
BA, 2007, Appalachian State University  
MA, 2009, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Building a Better IQ: g Loadings of IQs Experimentally  
Controlled for Subtest Number, Heterogeneity, g Loading  
Saturation, and Weighting”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Randy G. Floyd

Malcolm Frierson – Department of History  
BS, 1998, Jackson State University  
MA, 2004, Texas Southern University  
Dissertation: *“Coming to the Stage: Dick Gregory, Bill Cosby, and the  
Politics of African American Comedy, 1961-1975”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Aram Goudsouzian

Sreya Ghosh – Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
BTECH, 2009, West Bengal University of Technology  
MS, 2011, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“3D Block-Based Restoration (BBR) Method Addressing  
Space-Variance in Fluorescence Microscopy due to Thick  
Samples with Non-Uniform Refractive Index”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chrysanthé Preza

Shipeng Han – School of Accountancy  
BS, 2004, Henan University  
MA, 2007, Henan University  
MS, 2012, University of Akron  
Dissertation: *“Auditor Conservatism & Auditor Changes: Evidence from  
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Short Selling”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Zabihollah Rezaee

Joel Leonard Harris – Department of Counseling, Educational  
Psychology and Research  
BA, 2003, State University of New York, Buffalo  
MED, 2004, State University of New York, Buffalo  
Dissertation: *“The Effectiveness of an Anti-Bullying Intervention for  
Elementary School Students”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Brian Clair Heslop – Department of Communication

BA, 2006, Weber State University

MA, 2009, Southern Utah University

Dissertation: *“Piercing the Religious Hinge: Understanding Religio-Civic Controversy Through Analogical Argument”*

Major Professor: Dr. Antonio de Velasco

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  
(August 2014)

Christina Locke Ingram – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BS, 2009, Pacific Lutheran University

MS, 2011, Central Washington University

Dissertation: *“Work Meaning and Its Buffering Effect on the Relationship Between Perceived Stress and Health Risk Factors”*

Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne H. Lease

Christine Marie Jehu – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BA, 2006, Hollins University

MS, 2010, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Dissertation: *“The Effect of an LGB Affirmative Sports Video on Student Athlete Knowledge and Attitudes Toward LGB Individuals”*

Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne H. Lease

Jermaine O’Bryan Johnson – Department of Chemistry

BS, 2008, Morehouse College

Dissertation: *“Directions Toward the Design and Synthesis of Photochromic Organomanganese Systems Based on Ultrafast Linkage Isomerization”*

Major Professor: Dr. Theodore J. Burkey

Judiann McNiff Jones – Department of Psychology

BA, 2007, Boston University

MS, 2012, University of Memphis

Dissertation: *“The Association Between Negative Self-Based Emotions and Social Support on Mental Health Functioning: The Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence”*

Major Professor: Dr. J. Gayle Beck

Jeffrey P. Kaleta – Department of Management Information Systems

BS, 1996, University of Maine

MS, 2010 Murray State University

Dissertation: *“How Image Relevance, Rank Ordering, Humans in Images and Preference for Social Presence Affect Information Search Behaviors in Online Environments”*

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

David M. Kovaz – Department of Psychology

BS, 2008, University of Florida

MA, 2011, The College of William & Mary

Dissertation: *“How Does Self-Presentation Concern Relate to Language Use in Online Social Networking?”*

Major Professor: Dr. Roger Kreuz

Behrouz Madahian – Department of Mathematical Sciences

BTECH, 2006, Iran University of Science and Technology

MS, 2011, University of Memphis

MS, 2014, University of Memphis

Dissertation: *“Statistical Shrinkage Methods for Classification, Prediction, and Feature Extraction Using Genomewide Gene Expression Data and Small Sample Sizes”*

Major Professor: Dr. Lih Yuan Deng

Abby Elizabeth Meyer – Department of Psychology

BS, 2009, College of Charleston

MS, 2013, University of Memphis

Dissertation: *“Demonstrating the P300 Psychophysiological Response in Rats During an Auditory Stimulus Detection Task Using Subcutaneous Electrodes”*

Major Professor: Dr. Helen J. Sable

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jeffrey Allen Murdock, Jr. – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music  
BME, 2003, University of Southern Mississippi  
MMU, 2006, University of Southern Mississippi  
Dissertation: *“Where Preference Meets Praxis: Exploring the Choral Musical Preferences of Urban High School Students and Their Teachers”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ryan A. Fisher

Adrian N. Murray – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BA, 2007, Ball State University  
MS, 2010, Ball State University  
Dissertation: *“Taking a Cue from the Heart: A Meta-Analysis of Mindfulness-Based Interventions for Healthcare Providers”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne H. Lease

Nobal B. Niraula – Department of Computer Science  
BE, 2005, Tribhuvan University  
ME, 2008, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand  
Dissertation: *“Automatic Question Generation and Student Answer Assessment in Dialogue-based Intelligent Tutoring System”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Vasile Rus

Phillip Kamau Njoroge – School of Accountancy  
BS, 2008, Middle State University  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“The Effects of Bondholder-Shareholder Conflict on the Relationship Between Earnings Quality and Optimal Capital Structure”*  
Major Professor: Dr. J. David Spiceland

Elizabeth Anne Piazza-Bonin – Department of Psychology  
BS, 2004, Mississippi State University  
MS, 2011, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Innovative Moments in Humanistic Therapy: Three Cases of Eminent Psychotherapists Working with Bereaved Clients”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Robert A. Neimeyer

James M. Plecnik – School of Accountancy  
BA, 2006, Belmont Abbey College  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Three Essays on: Ethics and Responsibility in Taxation”*  
Co-Major Professors: Dr. John M. Malloy and Dr. Zabihollah Rezaee

Evgeny Radetskiy – Department of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate  
BSIE, 2007, University of Tennessee at Martin  
MS, 2010, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Three Essays in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate”*  
Co-Major Professors: Dr. Donald W. Spahr and Dr. Mark A. Sunderman

Catherine Marie Reich – Department of Psychology  
BA, 2008, Elizabethtown College  
MS, 2011, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Are Psychotherapies with More Dropout Also Less Effective?”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Jeffrey S. Berman

Jessica Nicole Smith – Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BA, 2008, University of Washington  
MA, 2011, Gonzaga University  
Dissertation: *“The Psychological Distress Experienced in Women Seeking Educational Upward Mobility: The Role of Backlash, Self-Esteem, and Race”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Elin Ovrebo

Colby Duncan Taylor – Department of Psychology  
BA, 2010, University of Memphis  
MS, 2012, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: *“Disentangling Verbal Instructions, Experimental Design, and Sample Characteristics: Results of CBM-R Research”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Randy G. Floyd

Ling Tuo – School of Accountancy  
BMGT, 2010, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics  
LLB, 2010, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics  
MS, 2012, Marquette University  
Dissertation: *“Three Essays on the Voluntary Disclosure and Managerial Incentive”*  
Major Professor: Dr. Zabihollah Rezaee

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Sarah Katherine Vincent – Department of Philosophy

BA, 2006, Christian Brothers University

MTS, 2008, Vanderbilt University

MA, 2012, University of Memphis

Dissertation: *“Empathy’s Significance for the Moral Status of Nonhuman Animals”*

Co-Major Professors: Dr. Stephan Blatti and Dr. Shaun A. Gallagher

Jami Voss – Department of Counseling, Educational

Psychology and Research

BA, 2005, Arizona State University

MED, 2010, University of Missouri

Dissertation: *“Alternative Sexual Lifestyles: An Exploration of Client Needs, Therapist Competencies, and Training”*

Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Chuanqi Wang – Department of Civil Engineering

BS, 2006, Hefei University

Dissertation: *“Characterizing, Testing, and Modeling the Mechanical Properties of Recycled-Content Expanded Polystyrene-Block Geofoam”*

Major Professor: Dr. David Arellano

Walter Ryan Winfree – Department of Psychology

BA, 2007, Oklahoma State University

MS, 2011, University of Memphis

Dissertation: *“Exploring Relations Between the Gamblers Beliefs Questionnaire and Disordered Gambling”*

Major Professor: Dr. Andrew W. Meyers

Parker Jon Woodroof – Department of Marketing and Supply Chain Management

BBA, 2007, Middle Tennessee State University

MBA, 2010, Belmont University

Dissertation: *“Cause-related Marketing and Shareholder Value: An Event Study Analysis”*

Major Professor: Dr. George Deitz

Ji Yu – School of Accountancy

BA, 2008, Huazhong Normal University

BA, 2008, Wuhan University

MS, 2011, University of Memphis

Dissertation: *“Three Essays in IPO: The New Regulation and Initial Public Offering Underpricing Phenomenon”*

Major Professor: Dr. Zabihollah Rezaee



## 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

Katina S. Hicks  
BPS, 2007, The University of Memphis

Jana Marie Mitchell  
BS, 2009, Hampton 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

Allison Renee Andrews  
BA, 2010, Rhodes College

Elsie Elizabeth Bolton  
BA, 2000, Hendrix College

Samantha Jane DeVilbiss  
BA, 2011, Christian Brothers University

Rachel Marie Drummond  
BS, 2013, Mississippi State University

Xiaojun Gao  
BA, 2012, Ludong University

Daniel Thomas Henderson  
BA, 2003, Harding University

Kathleen Burns Hyland  
BA, 2013, Samford University

Michelle Amanda Laszlo-Rath  
BA, 2011, University of California, Santa Cruz

Valerie McDaniel  
BA, 2004, Loyola University, Chicago  
MAT, 2007, Christian Brothers University  
MA, 2010, Drexel University

Sarah Margret McPeake  
BA, 2013, University of Tennessee at Martin

Caitlin Taylor Osborn  
BA, 2013, Oklahoma Christian University

John Bill Spaedt  
BA, 2003, University of Memphis  
MA, 2006, University of Memphis



## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*Dean, Lisa Klesges, Ph.D.*

The School of Public Health provides graduate education, community practicum experience, and research training to develop students' capabilities and address the growing need for a proficient public health workforce. The School offers two master's degrees. The Master of Public Health provides concentrations in five core disciplines: biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, health systems management, and social and behavioral sciences. The Master of Health Administration degree is one of only 70 programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). Our mission involves the translation of knowledge and research into community practice to tackle pressing societal problems of social and environmental justice, health disparities, unhealthy lifestyles, and accessible systems that support the health of individuals, families, and communities. We emphasize both discovery and application with the goal of moving "knowledge into action" locally, nationally and globally. We are proud of the following graduates:

### MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The candidates for this degree have majored in public health with emphasis in the areas of biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, health systems management or social and behavioral health.

Scott Harris Boop  
BS, 2014, Trinity University

Caroline Elizabeth Hamilton  
BA, 2008, Lambuth University

Dharma Teja Ravi  
MBBS, 2012, Rajiv Gandhi University of  
Health Sciences

Tessa Renae Lewis  
BS, 2012, University of Tennessee at Martin



## 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.

Lohith Reddy Alluri Raja  
BTECH, 2012, Jawaharlal Nehru  
Technological University

Agniva Chakraborty  
BTECH, 2013, West Bengal University of  
Technology

Tiffany Harris  
BS, 2002, Vanderbilt University

Michael Herringshaw  
BS, 1975, Bowling Green State University  
MS, 1976, Purdue University, West Lafayette

Md Shohag Hossain  
MS, 2015, University of Memphis  
(May 2015)

Jay Kshatriya  
BSCE, 2014, University of Memphis

Charvi Anand Majmudar  
BE, 2002, Maharajah Sayajirao University  
of Baroda  
ME, 2006, Maharajah Sayajirao University  
of Baroda

Michael Anthony Moore, Jr.  
BSEE, 2012, University of Memphis

Satya naga Sandeep Nerella  
BE, 2013, Visveswaraiah Technological  
University

Gabriel Onyeabor Okpah  
BSBE, 2015, University of Memphis

Afrid Alavee Sarker  
BSCE, 2012, Indiana-Purdue University,  
Fort Wayne



## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Osheana D. Jenkins, *magna cum laude*

Jackson Darnell Grant  
Tiffany Legarda  
Devlin B. Schwartz

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Matthew James McGuire, *summa cum laude*

Christopher Ros Hubbard

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Matthew James McGuire, *summa cum laude*

Dustin B. McMillian  
Kenny J. Park, Jr.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Munir Mohamad

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Cedric Burnett



## 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.

Amanda Gootzeit  
BA, 2005, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Allen Edward Hill  
BA, 2005, Alabama State University

Deveshree Nayak  
BTECH, 2010, Biju Patnaik University of  
Technology

Efrem Keith Simmons  
BBA, 1990, Memphis State University

Daneshia N. Winfrey  
AAS, 2011, Southwest Tennessee  
Community College  
BPS, 2013, University of Memphis

## 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.

Shuntae M. Brown  
BA, 2010, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Jeremy Demontre Calico  
BA, 2002, University of Memphis

Zealure Carol Hunter  
AAS, 2000, Southwest Tennessee Community  
College  
BPS, 2005, University of Memphis

Amy Carol Watts  
BSBA, 1988, University of Tennessee at Martin

Britany Marie Westmoreland  
BA, 2012, University of Mississippi

## BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Mary Anne Green, *summa cum laude*

Kimberly Lynn Shields, *magna cum laude*  
Cindy Baker, *magna cum laude*

Chelsea Lauren Gray, *cum laude*

Jonathan Baird  
Alissa Kay Betchick  
Tangenika G. Boyle  
Richard Zachary Branam  
Elizabeth Seay Buck  
Ronald M. Byrd, Jr.  
Whitney Sharde Clay  
Eric R. Dobbins, Sr.  
Desiree Patrice Dyson  
Taylor Fallin

William Stanley Forrester  
Archelaus Tiara Franklin  
Brian Lemont Franklin  
Erika Jean Goat  
Peter Albert Hager, Jr.  
Christopher Shane Hawkins  
Myliisa Horrocks  
Yolanda Denise Ingram  
Michael Anthony Isbell  
Brittney Katrese Joshua

Renita Ja'nice Lemons  
Harlee A. Lowder  
Sondra Enjoli Moore  
Anna Leah Mullins  
Joydena L. Nelson  
Jackson Minor Perkins  
Amelia Real  
Christy R. Taylor  
Charles Herman Thompson  
Sarah Elizabeth Thompson

## BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Brenda Gatlin, *summa cum laude*  
Angie Harbin, *summa cum laude*

Alexandria Hearn, *magna cum laude*  
Jared Holt Herring, *magna cum laude*

Amanda Jessica Bowlen, *cum laude*

Steven Andre' Allen  
Alexanderia Nicole Anderson  
Katori Donte Armour  
Ashton Arthur  
Jazmine Kathlynn Bell  
Frances Bishop  
Ashley N. Bolden  
Lyndsay Kathleen Boyle  
Margaret Samille Brookins  
James Hunter Brooks  
Charlene Labrador Buckley  
Tameka Danielle Coburn  
Opal Harris Crawford  
Andrew C. Dafferner

Michael Powell, *summa cum laude*  
Debbie Kaye Ratchford, *summa cum laude*

Sharif Muhammad Kayali, *magna cum laude*  
Shirley J. Oliver, *magna cum laude*

Robert Kitzman, *cum laude*  
Nicole O. Palmer, *cum laude*

Clay T. Darrow  
Tabitha Davis  
Rico L. Donald  
Chrystaline Jerrion Fenton  
Angealic Lashay Fields  
Latoya Shaniece Franklin  
Brandy Yvonne Hackett  
Eboney Mikea Hamilton  
Brooklyn Herron  
Renadia Denise Johnson  
Amanda Lawman  
Lindsey Lorraine Lockett  
Belinda Mackie  
Caitlin McCaskill

Adam David Tack, *summa cum laude*

Jaclyn Diane Parks, *magna cum laude*  
Sheila Street, *magna cum laude*

Courtney Cierra Powell, *cum laude*  
Kenneth Weaver, *cum laude*

Kristen Nicole McKenzie  
Reginald T. Miller  
Madison Rochelle Moore  
Patrick Evin Parson  
Brittney A. Payne  
Jazmine Elise Peete  
Lamonica Angela Price  
Angela Diachelle Sherrill  
Hannah Elizabeth Smith  
Kimera Marie Staples  
Andrea Tucker  
Jicquese Watkins  
Paula M. Young



## 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

Arika Denise Bailey  
BSN, 2010, Baptist Memorial College of  
Health Science

John Brown Beasley  
ADN, 1996, Dyersburg State Community  
College  
BSN, 2006, University of Tennessee at Martin

William Timothy Dudley  
BA, 2005, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
BSN, 2010, University of Memphis

Marilyn Hunter  
BSN, 2010, Baptist Memorial College of  
Health Science

Mika Tralayne Jackson  
BSN, 2013, Baptist Memorial College of  
Health Science

Marjorie Snider Kjellin  
BSN, 2010, Union University

Elizabeth Wilder Lemley  
BSN, 2009, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Audra Blye Lewis  
BSN, 2008, University of Memphis  
MHA, 2013, Phoenix College

Yolanda A. Mays-Richey  
BS, 1999, University of Alabama at  
Birmingham  
BSN, 2007, University of Tennessee Health  
Science Center

Lyle Pizer Reece-Gardner  
BSN, 2002, East Tennessee State University

Janet Walker  
ADN, 2007, Southwest Tennessee Community  
College  
BSN, 2010, Union University

Toyree Sharmee Wright  
BSN, 2010, University of Memphis

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Merry Tamah Mattix, *summa cum laude*  
Sarah Katherine Poteet, *summa cum laude*  
Lindsey Moriah Yoder, *summa cum laude*

Aleksander Colby Acred, *magna cum laude*  
Eduardo Argote II, *magna cum laude*  
Courtney Jo Boyd, *magna cum laude*

Meredith Abigail Broadhead, *magna cum laude*  
Anna Victoria Cook, *magna cum laude*  
Whitney Weeks Smith, *magna cum laude*

Samantha Suzanna Sutton-Wilhelm,  
*magna cum laude*  
Stephanie Marie Wadlington, *magna cum laude*

Yasamin Baghaipour, *cum laude*  
Brittany Shea Bennett, *cum laude*  
Barbara M. Bird, *cum laude*  
Christa McLendon Bracey, *cum laude*

Monique Chantele Brooks, *cum laude*  
Amanda Joyce Davenport, *cum laude*  
Elondria Sheynae Hampton, *cum laude*  
Jolene Diane Karol, *cum laude*

Shalee McCleer, *cum laude*  
Monika Mello, *cum laude*

Kera Ashlee Baker  
Judith Ann Bartholomew  
Charlotte Brandt  
Matthew Paul Brown  
Sarah Elizabeth Claunch  
Yolanda Williams Cole  
A'Vanti Metrish Cross  
Madison Davis  
Sandra Lee Etheredge  
Elizabeth Ashley Freeman  
Shannon Wyatt Gibbs

Asia M. Howard  
Leanna Rose Krc  
Auriel Nicole Lee  
Drew M. Lewis  
Kristen Loftis  
Brandon Kyle Long  
Sora Kim Lynch  
Victoria McClain  
Haylea McIntyre  
Katrina Shannon Nooner  
Tammana Patel

Kevin Albert Stahl  
Elise Babu Thomas  
Bethany Renee Tibbs  
Christina Tunney  
Elizabeth Patrice Walker  
Cayla Jo Wallace  
Destiny L. Woodard  
Desirae Kathleen Wyatt  
Mayling Yang  
Jessica Shea Zada



## 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 ARCHITECTURE

The candidates for this professional degree have majored in architecture.

Andrew Taylor Gray  
BLA, 2013, Mississippi State University

Robert L. Taylor, Jr.  
BS, 2009, Tennessee State University

### MASTER OF ARTS

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

Amelia LeAnne Ables  
BA, 2013, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Andrew Steven Doughty  
BSED, 2011, University of Kansas

Faith Janeen Hannah  
BS, 2007, Jackson State University

Jesse Ehren Hearn  
BA, 2011, University of Memphis

Russell D. Luna  
BS, 2009, Middle Tennessee State University

Bobbie Faye Maynard  
BS, 2004, Tennessee Technological University

April Rose Phillips  
BA, 2000, Northwest Christian University

Lindsey E. Randall  
BA, 2012, University of Memphis

Bret Lester Weaver  
BA, 2006, University of Memphis

Rachel Laine Wilhite  
BA, 2010, Mississippi State University

## 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.

Nicholas Seth Gaskill  
BM, 2012, Arkansas State University

## 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, communication studies or film and video production.

Kelsie A. Carter, *magna cum laude*  
(May 2015)  
James M. Smith III, *magna cum laude*

Landon Scott West, *cum laude, University Honors*  
Katelyn Elizabeth Renner, *cum laude*  
Shelby Laclair Smith, *cum laude*

Celeste Adams  
Cervantes Jeans Henry  
Joseph Carl Kachel

Savannah R. London  
James Stephen Lott  
Jatevin Mashawn Linzy Murphy

John Scheibelhut  
Zachary Ryan Tow  
Andrea Nicole Wade



## 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.

Mark Robert Lassiter, *cum laude*

Yasmin Ansaf Othman Al-Jafari  
Sarah Layne Cagle

Tannyr Davis  
Zachary T. Gaines

Grant D. Hatton  
Fady Mohsen Khair

## 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 Jermal Ford, *cum laude*

Othman Ramesh Djuliarso  
William Reigh Langley  
Elen Grace Wroten



## THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

*Interim 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 ARTS IN TEACHING

The candidates for this degree have majored in instruction and curriculum leadership with emphasis in areas of early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, or middle school/special education.

Sherronda Michelle Alexander  
BSED, 2013, University of Memphis

Donna C. Allen  
BA, 2010, University of Memphis  
ZMA, 2013, University of Memphis

Jamie Shawn Dykes  
BS, 2009, Park University  
BA, 2011, University of Maryland  
MED, 2012, Strayer University

Tia Ellis  
BS, 2006, Middle Tennessee State University

Joseph Cole Fish  
BS, 2013, University of Tennessee at Martin

Rachael Nicole Harrison  
BS, 2012, Union University

Elizabeth Lynn Naylor  
BS, 1987, Freed-Hardeman University

## 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.

Tiffany Nicole Crum  
BA, 2008, University of Memphis

Janice Lynn Daniels  
BS, 2012, High Point University

Maria Christiane Gaston  
BA, 2012, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Brooklyn Ellise Henson  
BA, 2013, University of Memphis

James Adam Hicks  
BSED, 2009, University of Tennessee,  
Knoxville

Kimi Marquel Jennings  
BSED, 2014, University of Memphis

Endia Eron Joiner  
BSED, 1999, University of Memphis

Crystal Leigh Pierce  
AS, 2010, Holmes Community College  
BS, 2012, Mississippi State University

Michael Stephen Skirius  
BA, 2012, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Lisa Michelle Smith  
BA, 2010, Middle Tennessee State University

Stephen Richard Stearnes  
BSED, 2001, University of Memphis

Tina Alison Vallen  
BSED, 2014, University of Memphis

Emily Orr Vanderpool  
BS, 2008, Mississippi State University, MS,  
2013, University of Memphis

Shakeesha Kim Washington  
BA, 2004, State University of New York, Stony  
Brook

Andrea Elizabeth Wensits  
BS, 2011, Indiana University  
BA, 2011, Indiana University

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Natalie Kate Turk, *summa cum laude*

Kimberly Afton Boone, *magna cum laude*

Cody Nathaniel Wolfe, *magna cum laude*

Michael Dean Bruno, *cum laude*

Brittney Chess, *cum laude*

Margaret Jackson Pohlman, *cum laude*

Kevin Watts, *cum laude*

Kewan Ray Alfred

Nadine Assaf

Jessica Renee Banks

Sarah Elizabeth Baskett

Chelsea E. Blakemore

Marqueshia Dwaneic Bowles

Tanisha Shanice Brown

Michael Christopher Cobins

Courtney Cooper

Jasmine Taylor Darnell

Peter F. Dimoh

Andrew Gaines

April Marie Gates

Brittney Gilbert

Kimbalay Elisa Gipson

Keisha Deneé Goodman

James Greene, Jr.

Jill Erin Harris

Megan Hart

Wheeler Laine Hill

Thomas Hubbard

China Hughes

Velma Jones

Melissa A. Laxton

Casey Paul Lewis

Mason Malone

James Manus

Christopher D. Mcswain

Jacob Pierce

Dustin Paul Roberson

Ellen Sara Roberts

Kyle Markeis Taylor

Brittany N. Thornton

Chauntell Troutman

Karyn LaShona Tunstall

Victoria L. Vick

Jordan Warr

Frederick C. Weston

Carl Bernard Williams, Jr.

Marquel Deandre Williams

Debra A. Williams Jackson

Amanda Wittenberg

Patrick Lee Woods

Brandi Workman

Raymond Lee Wren



## 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.

Eric Joseph Fortenbery  
BA, 2007, University of Georgia

## 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.

Suhanya Anbanandam  
BTECH, 2006, Jawaharlal Nehru  
Technological University

MS, 2009, University of Memphis  
MS, 2012, University of Memphis  
MBA, 2014, University of Memphis  
(Dec. 2014)

Joseph L. Davis  
BS, 2006, University of Memphis  
MS, 2009, University of Tennessee Health  
Science Center

Zachary S. Dowd  
BS, 2008, University of Memphis  
MBA, 2015, University of Memphis  
(May 2015)

Christie Ellzey  
BS, 2012, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Ryan Louis Fowler  
PHARMD, 2015, University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center

Aly Michelle Hancock  
BA, 2010, University of Memphis

Lana Jabaji  
BS, 2012, State University of New York,  
Buffalo

Mark Klinker  
BBA, 2007, James Madison University

Bradford Scott Long  
BSCHE, 2011, Clemson University

Marien Taylor  
BS, 2003, University of the Philippines,  
Los Baños

Natalie Ann Taylor  
BSED, 2001, University of Memphis

Shauna Marie Walker  
BSBA, 1998, Christian Brothers University

Ian Anthony Wells  
BS, 2013, University of Tennessee at  
Chattanooga

## 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.

Alan Dawood Alyyan  
BBA, 2012, University of Memphis

Tamika M. Benton  
BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Timothy Braun  
BA, 2014, Rhodes College

Karima Amir Ali Dhrolia  
BA, 2011, University of Mississippi  
MS, 2014, University of Memphis  
(Dec. 2014)

Christopher R. Dollahite  
BBA, 2010, University of Memphis

Alexander James Elder  
BCOM, 2014, University of Alabama

Laura Nell Gullett  
BSBA, 2013, University of Tennessee at Martin

Heather Elizabeth Murdock  
BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Srilatha Naranola  
BTECH, 2009, Jawaharlal Nehru  
Technological University  
(Dec. 2014)

Renu Pandey  
BE, 2005, University of Rajasthan

Kinal Patel  
BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Rachel Christine Prince  
BBA, 2014, University of Memphis

Dinesh Kumar Ramanadham  
BTECH, 2010, Andhra University  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
(May 2013)

Reethu-Krishna Reddy Sreekolanu  
BE, 2012, Anna University  
MS, 2014, University of Memphis  
(August 2014)

Sainey Sowe  
BBA, 2012, University of Memphis

Tyler Alexander Spurlock  
BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Ruta Vendelskyte  
BM, 2013, University of Memphis

James Brian Weber  
BBA, 2013, University of Memphis

Tracie West  
BA, 2014, Rhodes College

Sarah Wilkinson Williams  
BBA, 2014, University of Memphis

Zachary L. Willis  
BBA, 2014, University of Memphis

Charles Gillespie Zettergren  
BSED, 2012, University of Memphis

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Rachel L. Akin, *summa cum laude*  
 Travis Dylan Butler, *summa cum laude*  
 Justin Chatham, *summa cum laude*  
 Erin R. Mathis, *summa cum laude*  
 Aaron Franklin Robinson, Jr., *summa cum laude*, *University Honors*  
 Kevin Winder, *summa cum laude*

Zachary Alexander Coleman, *magna cum laude*  
 Donnie W. Hampton, *magna cum laude*  
 Ginesha O'Nella Pickersgill, *magna cum laude*

Andrew Pratt, *magna cum laude*  
 Mark Alan Riddle, Jr., *magna cum laude*  
 Dominique Sharp, *magna cum laude*

Wesley Glen Terwilleger, *magna cum laude*  
 Andrea Zikoski, *magna cum laude*  
 John Madison Byrd, *cum laude*

Russell Samoan Copeland, Jr., *cum laude*,  
*University Honors*  
 Mark John Duzane, *cum laude*  
 Redia Ladiedra Edison, *cum laude*  
 Charles Garrett Ellsworth, *cum laude*  
 William Patrick Gillespie II, *cum laude*

Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, *cum laude*  
 Jeffery Allen Kelley II, *cum laude*  
 Madison Shea Murray, *cum laude*  
 Rachel Rene'e Oaks, *cum laude*  
 Kendra A. Patterson, *cum laude*

Laurie Rice, *cum laude*  
 Christopher Anthony Riedell, *cum laude*  
 Gregory M. Snook, *cum laude*  
 Robert L. Stacks, Jr., *cum laude*  
 Randy Winbush, *cum laude*

Whitney Blake Andrews  
 Jared Jamaad Armour  
 Haley Arthur  
 James Matthew Babb  
 Spencer Barron  
 Dhara Piyush Bhakta  
 Francheska Alaena Boyd  
 Mallory Brooke Carrasquilla  
 Alexis Danielle Chunn  
 Davis Davenport  
 James Kumoh Davies  
 Rory Taylor Dedmon  
 Casey Paul Dietz  
 Steven A. Douglas  
 Gina Nichole Eaton  
 Aleece A. Garcia  
 Ashley Gay  
 Rosalind Johnson Givens

James Wesley Gosnell  
 Cassandra D. Gray  
 Zachary Eli Hanniford  
 Maleeka Joi Harris  
 Stephanie Denise Hartnett  
 Stacy Hathcock  
 Cedrick L. Houston, Jr.  
 Tevin K. Howell  
 Briona O. Jackson  
 Reese Forte Johnson  
 Kelsey Elizabeth Keough  
 Jordan Kilpatrick  
 Stefanie N. Kilpatrick  
 Casey Patrick Lenahan  
 Christopher William Mansour  
 Shaun Thomas Naylor  
 Randy L. Partee II  
 Kaylah LaShelle Payne

Jonatan Ramirez  
 Olivia Marie Runer  
 Ingrid Sanchez  
 Irfan A. Sattar  
 Eden Nicole Schweigler  
 Sam Sheddan  
 Sallie Lucina Siebers  
 Harpreet Singh  
 Adjaratou Seynabou Sow  
 Amanda Swatzyna  
 Bogale Gelaw Wale  
 Jacob Wallace  
 Edward L. Ware II  
 Jeffrey Wargo  
 Brooklyn L. Warren  
 Deetra Jammille Watford  
 Morgan Kathleen Wilcox





## THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

*Dean, Thomas Nenon, Ph.D.*

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:

### 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.

April Lashelle Acosta  
BA, 2005, University of Memphis  
MAT, 2012, University of Memphis

Jonathan Michael Bauer  
BA, 2014, University of Memphis

Richard Thomas Dalton  
BA, 2013, University of Memphis

Nicholas Drozd  
BA, 2010, Hampshire College

Derek D. Hardin  
BA, 2007, University of Texas at Austin  
MED, 2012, Flinders University of South  
Australia

Elizabeth Woods Herlong  
BA, 2012, Wesleyan College

Steven Knowlton  
BA, 1994, University of Michigan at Ann  
Arbor  
MLIS, 2003, Wayne State University

Laura Ellen Moodie  
BS, 1992, Lambuth University

Sarah Mosher  
AS, 2009, Monroe County Community  
College  
BA, 2011, Eastern Michigan University

Kevin Michael Newton  
BA, 2012, University of Memphis  
MS, 2015, University of Memphis

John Bradley Riggins  
BS, 2008, Ball State University

Omar S. Suboh  
BA, 2010, University of Memphis

Jerry Venable  
BS, 1970, Troy State University

Shinobu Watanabe  
BA, 2009, University of Memphis

Jonathan Wurtz  
BA, 2013, Florida Gulf Coast University

Megan Jane Zarshenas  
BA, 2012, University of Memphis

## **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.

Josh Conley  
BA, 2013, Middle Tennessee State University

## **MASTER OF FINE ARTS**

The candidates for this degree have majored in creative writing.

Matthew James Peters  
BA, 2006, John Carroll University

Erin Leigh Pounders  
BA, 2002, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

## **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

The candidates for this degree have majored in public administration with emphasis in the areas of non-profit administration or public policy and management.

James Brent Duke  
BA, 2003, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
MA, 2014, University of Memphis

Sameka Chel Ballard Johnson  
BSW, 2002, Middle Tennessee State University

Camille I. Young  
BS, 1997, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Janise S. Wicks  
BA, 2012, University of Memphis

## 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.

Alexander Lance Aitken  
AS, 2009, Dyersburg State Community College

Sarah Elaine Barnes  
BA, 2013, University of Memphis

Qinyu Cheng  
BE, 2003, Wuhan University  
MS, 2007, Wuhan University

Shardae Laniece Dawkins  
BA, 2008, University of Memphis

Clayton Estey  
BS, 2012, University of Tennessee at  
Chattanooga

Samantha Beatrice Gacasan  
BSCH, 2012, Jacksonville State University

Haley Grace Gallo  
BA, 2012, State University of New York,  
Geneseo

Hemendra Mani Ghimire  
BS, 2003, Tribhuvan University  
MS, 2006, Tribhuvan University

Aisling Henschel  
BS, 2013, Oklahoma State University

Dom Lal Kunwar  
BS, 2001, Tribhuvan University  
MS, 2007, Tribhuvan University

Chase Reid Presley  
BA, 2012, Harding University

Zachary Vaughn Redding  
BA, 2012, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Sinchan Roychowdhury  
BTECH, 2009, West Bengal University of  
Technology

Tiffany Mary Janina Rybak  
BA, 2012, Ohio University

Alireza Shahjouei  
BTECH, 2006, Iran University of Science and  
Technology  
MS, 2008, Iran University of Science and  
Technology

Tong Shu  
BS, 2005, Peking University

Yury Sokolov  
MS, 2012, Saint-Petersburg State University

Trevor Allen Stine  
BSG, 2013, Centenary College of Louisiana

Xiaochuan Tian  
BS, 2013, Sun Yat-sen University

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Teresa Ann Brown  
BSW, 2009, University of Mississippi

Jessica Michelle Cox  
BA, 2012, University of Memphis

Frances Leigh Harper  
BA, 2008, University of Memphis

Monica Charisse Sawyer  
BSW, 1998, University of Mississippi

Barbara J. Tileman  
BS, 1991, Rust College

Lydia Diane Walker  
BS, 2010, Victory University

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

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

Elizabeth A. Frizzell, *summa cum laude*

Lacy Ellen Jamison, *summa cum laude, University Honors with Thesis, Honors in Psychology*

Ryan Mansour, *summa cum laude*  
Erik Warberg, *summa cum laude*

James K. Arnette, *magna cum laude*

Megan Christley, *magna cum laude*

Luke Cymbal, *magna cum laude*

Seth Andrew Harden, *magna cum laude, University Honors with Thesis, Honors in History*

Anna Knecht, *magna cum laude*

Terrian Matthews, *magna cum laude*

Lindy Elizabeth May, *magna cum laude*

Kelsie Meadors, *magna cum laude*

Hannah Lindsey Oaks, *magna cum laude, University Honors*

Mark Pinkston, *magna cum laude*

Olubunmi Edward Akinjinmi, *cum laude*

Zarenda Alysha Applewhite-Childers, *cum laude*

Amber Crockett, *cum laude*

Rosalind D. Hines, *cum laude*

Jesse Darrell Holmes, *cum laude*

Mary Brooke Winsett Lucas, *cum laude*

Jasmine P. McGhee, *cum laude, University Honors*

Angela Jean Porritt, *cum laude*

Alexandra Louise Slater, *cum laude, University Honors*

Varneisha Shicole Terry, *cum laude*

Gregory Townes, *cum laude*

Kevin A. Woodard II, *cum laude*

Robert Joseph Aureli

Jasmine Baker

Princesses M. Blake

Skipper Alexander Boatwright

Valery Kim Brown

Ashlynn Bueno

Laura Leigh Burpo

Arica Caldwell

Ivory Michelle Carmichael

Danielle Nicole Clewley

Gabrielle Jade Curl

Erica Nicole Davis

Kyle Michael Dobbins

Tina Marie Dockery

Monika Kenisha Dodd

Kamisha Elizabeth Edwards

DeAndre Allen Fears

Montisha Lynn Fentress

Bridgett L. Gaston

Katie Gilliland

Bethaney D'Evan Goodloe

John Cameron Griggs II

Brittany Johnson Hernandez

Raymond Gabriel Herrera

Synthia Rianne Hogan

Kenyata P. Hooks

Jasmine Monique Howard

Quinesia Isabel

SeTerica Ariel Jackson

Kimberly LaToya Jamison

Casey Lynn Jenkins

Hillary Renita Johnson

Jakia Arielle Johnson

Delcy West Jones

Ronald Kennedy

Adam Price Kilkenny

Jasmine Sharmaine King

Haley Marie Kirksey

Anthony B. Lane

Amber Danielle Lee

Cherelle Denise Lewis

Emily Claire Loft

Dustin Tyler Lowrance

Bianca Christy Loyd

Ebony Symone Macklin

Tequila Monique Marshall

Joshua R. Martin

Portia Cameron Mason

Sara Kennemore McCormick

Shaniqua L. McDonald

Kelsea Merriweather

Leia Elizabeth Mitchell

Ronda R. Moses

Neyely Ochoa

Paul F. Owens II

Majesty Dane Peters

Kari Lea Podowski

Markeisha Nichole Pullen

Amanda Leigh Raspa

Scarlett Reeder

Kayla Michelle Rinks

Donald Kerns Saller

Thalia Sanchez

Katherine Leigh Smith

Julissia Vashae Taylor

David Whitley Thomas

Kristin Rachelle Thompson

Kelvin DeWayne Traywick, Jr.

Jaris Santon Turner

Marcisa Walker

Jordan Baylee Walston

Alexis Helena Weber

Anthony S. White

Tasmine A. White

Jeressia Williamson

James Kaleb Wood

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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

Luke Richard Hurst, *summa cum laude*

Richard Blake Bell, *magna cum laude*

Kimberly Afton Boone, *magna cum laude*

Justin Andrew Doonan, *magna cum laude*

Kellie Nicole Brown, *cum laude*

Wilson Gene Prestage, *cum laude*

Aimen Alaina  
William Alan Cross  
Michelle Daley

Jordy Thomas Gentry  
Annella Marie Hearn  
Kwan Yee Ng  
Shannon M. Sanders

Breland Lysaundra Smith  
Tzu Yuan Su  
Melba LaCarol Wynn

## COLLEGE MARSHALS

College Marshal is an honored and traditional role performed by the faculty at Commencement. Each college in the University identifies at least two faculty members who organize and lead the candidates into the arena and to the stage during the ceremony. In recent years, the undergraduate student with the highest grade point average in the college has been invited to join the Faculty College Marshals in this distinguished leadership role.

## ACADEMIC MARSHALS

Graduate School Doctoral Hooding Marshal  
Dr. James Kierulff

Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law  
Dr. Demetria Frank

School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Dr. Eugene Buder

School of Public Health  
Dr. Marian Levy

College of Communication and Fine Arts  
Dr. Ron Spielberg

University College  
Dr. Bill Akey and Dr. Joanne Gikas

Herff College of Engineering  
Dr. Gary Qi

Loewenberg School of Nursing  
Dr. Vicki Chandler and Ms. Lindsey Moriah Yoder

College of Education, Health and Human Sciences  
Dr. Pam Cogdal, Dr. Vicki Murrell and Ms. Natalie Turk

Fogelman College of Business & Economics  
Dr. Joonhyung Lee, Dr. Ronald W. Spahr and Mr. Kevin Winder

College of Arts & Sciences  
Dr. David Madlock, Dr. Paul Simone and Mr. Luke Richard Hurst

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS COMMENCEMENT ENSEMBLE

Dr. Albert T. Nguyen, *Conductor*

## FLUTE

Wendi Allan  
Alba Anes  
Susan Berry  
Laura Crane  
Susie Dugger  
Jackie Hall  
Katie Hiler  
Eugene McKenzie  
Jana Mittelmeier

## OBOE

Ray Curle  
Neelam Jain

## BASSOON

Jamie Sinatra

## CLARINET

Virginia Baird  
Courtney Calvin  
Pamela Currier  
Kathy Joyner  
Jerry Kirkscey  
Wanda Ramirez  
Johanne Swett  
Graham Warr  
Margaret Williams  
Kelsey Young

## BASS CLARINET

Amy Chambers  
David Kirkscey

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Chris Hall  
Tom Hickey  
Mike Mimms

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Daryl Jones  
Matt Topinka  
BARITONE SAX  
Neal Beckford

## FRENCH HORN

Bethany Beck  
Bess Contreras  
Lisa Hughes  
Tammy Lee  
Lynda Pulley

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Joan Allison  
Ryan Ashley  
Kirby Caldwell  
Erica Collier  
Philip King  
Milton Okeon  
James Parker  
Ronald Staples  
Rick Talley  
Pete Wofford

## TROMBONE

Geoff Durbin  
Jim Morgan  
Chuck Newman  
Daniel Ost  
Shelley Ost  
Tiffany Spight  
Sandy Thompson  
Bill Thorne

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Russell Chatham  
Paul Harris  
Kaitlin Roll  
Doug Young

## TUBA

Roger Allan  
Russ Clements  
Paul Gahn  
William Wofford

## PERCUSSION

O.J. Casoli  
Rodney Harris  
Ken Ilari  
Jody Carroll McClendon  
Sam Miller

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## COMMENCEMENT TEAM

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Commencement Team:	Mr. Steve Shaver, Crew Chief Mrs. Emily Marquart, Assistant to Commencement Director Dr. William Thompson, Lead Marshal Mr. Carlito Bernil, College of Communication and Fine Arts, Emeritus Faculty Mr. Bruce C. Harber, Assistant Vice President for Administration and Chief of Police/Police Services Ms. Gabrielle Maxey, External Relations Ms. Rhonda Cosentino, University Photographer Mr. Marty Deull, University Videographer Mr. Danny Armitage, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students Dr. Stephanie Blaisdell, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Student Development Mrs. Julie Rhodes, Student Life Mr. Willie McGhee and Central Receiving Assistants: Sam Blackwell, Michael Carter, Shawn Carter, Marian Chando, Brent Doyle, Amanda Gonzales, Jerry Gonzales, Mary Lanier, LaRuth Lofties, John Marquart, Brandi N. Martin, Marti Ponton, Jason Rasmussen, Jennifer Smith and Alex Stricker and Kathy Walker
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Interpreter:	Deaf Connect, Inc., Randall A. Chappell

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On behalf of the University, appreciation is extended to the following for their assistance and support of  
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## NATIONAL ANTHEM

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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?

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## ALMA MATER

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Stand Firm, O Alma Mater,  
Through all the years to come;  
In days of youth and beauty  
Thy halls have been our home.  
In time of preparation  
Great lessons didst thou teach  
Till now, O Alma Mater,  
The stars we'll strive to reach.

Lead on O Alma Mater,  
O Guide them on their ways,  
Give light and truth unto them  
For all their coming Days,  
To thee we'll give all honor,  
Our hopes A-bide In Thee,  
For Thou O Alma Mater  
Hast made us ever Free.



# 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.

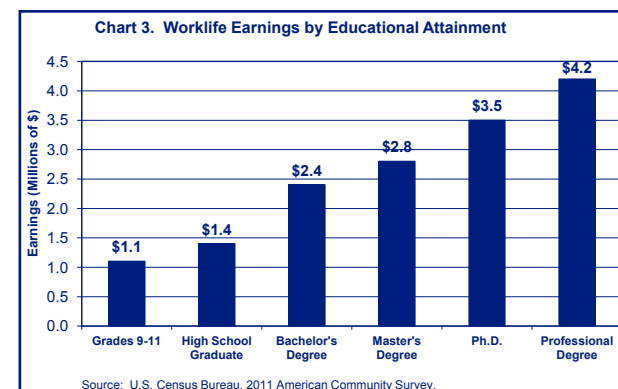
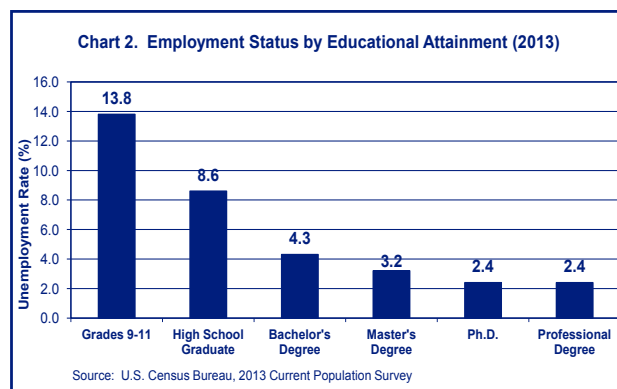
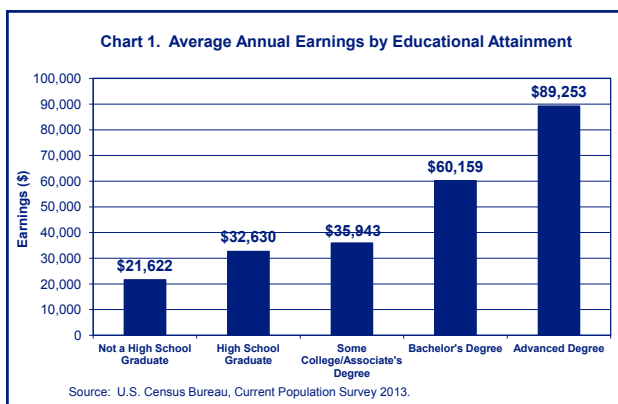
Graduates and their parents can rest assured that obtaining a college degree continues to be an investment that pays off even in difficult economic times. The following charts contain employment and earnings information for different levels of academic achievement

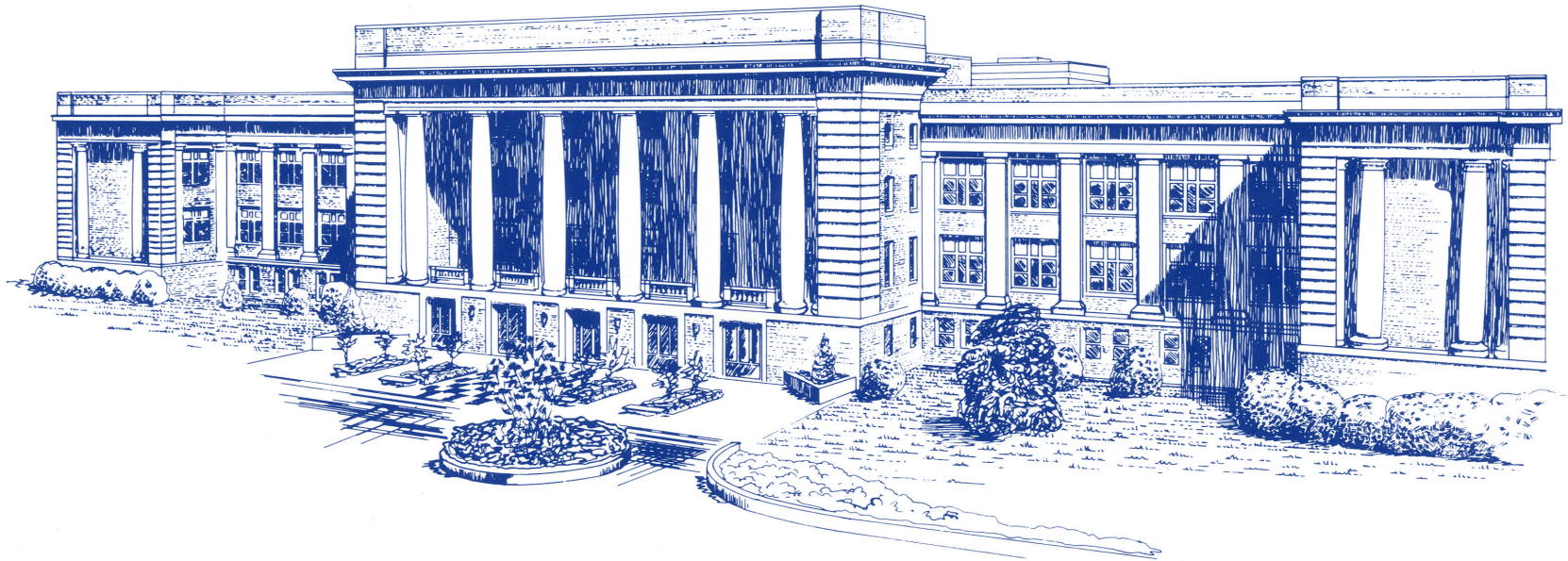
and clearly demonstrate that it pays to invest in higher education. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average annual earnings for people with a Bachelor's degree were estimated to be \$60,159 in 2012, nearly twice as high as the average of \$32,630 for a high school graduate (Chart 1). College 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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