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## **HISTORICAL HERITAGE**

For the last 106 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 more than 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. 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, Herff College of Engineering, Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management, Loewenberg College of Nursing, University College, Graduate School, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, School of Public Health and School of Health Studies. 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 many online degree programs. 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 940. Our wireless campus educates more than 20,000 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 housed in the historic U.S. Customs House and Post Office in downtown Memphis. 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 continue to move forward, 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. UofM contest during football Homecoming each fall. Student senators present resolutions as bills to the Student Senate for benefit of the general student body.

## **2018 - 2019 OFFICERS/COUNCIL**

President: Kevyanna Rawls

Vice-President: Antonio Scott

Speaker of Senate: Catherine Blackwood

Chief Justice: Ian McCord

## 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 Studies . . . . .	Sage
Architecture. . . . .	Violet	Journalism . . . . .	Crimson
Audiology. . . . .	Forest Green	Law . . . . .	Purple
Speech Pathology. . . . .	Royal Blue	Music. . . . .	Pink
City & Regional Planning . . . . .	Scarlet Red	Nursing . . . . .	Apricot
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
Health Administration . . . . .	Green	Sports Commerce. . . . .	Nile Green

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**, *with Highest Distinction*, **3.80 - 4.00**: *gold cord*

**Magna cum laude**, *with High Distinction*, **3.50 - 3.79**: *crimson cord*

**Cum laude**, *with Distinction*, **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.



## IN CELEBRATION OF OUR SUMMER CLASS OF 2018 STUDENT DONORS

The University of Memphis is a community that is **Driven by Doing**. The Senior Class Gift program is an innovative opportunity for graduates to **DO** something meaningful by creating impact all around campus. We would like to recognize our Summer Class of 2018 students who have contributed to the Senior Class Gift program or other important campus initiatives as **True Blue Donors**.

Brittney E. Belcher	Kara C. Glover	LaKisha S. Payne
Justus D. Bobo	Amanada L. Green	Wendy M. Price
Alexander F. Bowers	Diana E. Hernandez	Kimberly Y. Rix
Shelby C. Boyuka	Shannah K. Hodge	Crystal D. Robinson
Joshua Bursi	Brittany N. Holley	Michell Y. Rodriguez
Asia Carter	Mitchell B. Jackson	Lindsay B. Silvia
Jesse Cochran	Jayla B. Johnson	Megan Solis
Lacey K. Cunningham	Casey R. Jordan	Tamela L. Thomas
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Hassan A. Elsebae	De'Breshia D. Larry	Lucas P. Wigal
Shelby L. Emmons	Miyosha U. Love	Qua Neisha Williams
Tamara K. Foster	Amanda S. Morgan	Kaelin Yarbrough
Essence M. Gilliam	Celecia K. Osborne	Sovanchamrean Yos

The Senior Class Gift program has provided need-based, four-year renewable scholarships for deserving incoming UofM freshmen students and book scholarships for UofM Lambuth students. The impact is yet another shining example of how students are making a difference at the UofM. True Blue Donors who donated to the Senior Class Gift program in honor of their graduation year are distinguished by wearing silver and blue Senior Class Gift stoles. Thank you for showing your support for the University!





**Your connection to this campus does not end when you graduate.**

**When you join the UofM Alumni Association, you're not just giving back to a school- you're giving back to a community and a growing, vibrant network of fellow Tigers. Your dues mean more than a membership. They help support student scholarships, alumni programs and events, while also increasing national rankings of the University of Memphis.**

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 UofM Alumni Association is right beside you, keeping you connected to more than 130,000 fellow Tigers. 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 11 faculty and staff awards for Excellence in Teaching, Research and Advising. The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards are hosted by the Alumni Association to recognize and highlight a select number of notable alumni.

The University of Memphis honors those who graduated 50 years ago with the Half Century Club Induction. This induction occurs yearly at the beginning of the Summer Commencement ceremony. Each member receives a medallion symbolizing the significant milestone.

Current graduating UofM students who are members of the Alumni Association through the Future Alumni of Memphis (FAM) or Young Alumni programs are distinguished by wearing a Tiger Blue stole during Commencement.

The Alumni Association is pleased to provide a complimentary Gray Membership to our new graduates. Get involved by mentoring a current student, supporting a scholarship or joining an alumni club or chapter based on academics or a specific interest. Moving after graduation? Join a club in your area. Socialize with other Tigers at the annual Homecoming Parade or at a watch party. Network at one of the hundreds of events and meetings throughout the year. But most importantly, help make Memphis stronger and continue your membership in the Alumni Association!

***TOGETHER, WE  
MAKE MEMPHIS  
STRONGER.***



Download the UofM Alumni App in the App Store!



## CEREMONY MARSHALS

### Faculty Marshals

**Dr. Marilyn D. Wark**, *School of Communication Sciences and Disorders*

**Dr. Joyce Jiang**, *School of Public Health*

**Dr. Gladius Lewis**, *Herff College of Engineering*

**Dr. Dorothy Moss Hale**, *University College*

**Dr. Lisa Beasley**, *Loewenberg College of Nursing*

**Dr. Jin Yang**, *College of Communication and Fine Arts*

**Dr. Debra Wyatt**, *School of Health Studies*

**Dr. Steve West**, *College of Education*

**Dr. Crystal Beaman**, *Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management*

**Dr. Kathy Tuberville**, *Fogelman College of Business & Economics*

**Dr. Deborah Tollefsen**, *College of Arts & Sciences*

### Student Marshals

**Abdullah Adnan Bahour**, *cum laude, Herff College of Engineering*

**Donald M. Blair**, *summa cum laude, University College*

**Celecia K. Osborne**, *magna cum laude, Loewenberg College of Nursing*

**DeVonte Robinson**, *magna cum laude, Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management*

**Augustine Winder**, *summa cum laude, Fogelman College of Business & Economics*

**Adiba Safi**, *summa cum laude, College of Arts & Sciences*

# CEREMONY



CECIL C. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW

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AND DISORDERS

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HERFF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

LOEWENBERG COLLEGE OF NURSING

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION  
AND FINE ARTS

SCHOOL OF HEALTH STUDIES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

KEMMONS WILSON SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY  
AND RESORT MANAGEMENT

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ECONOMICS

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES



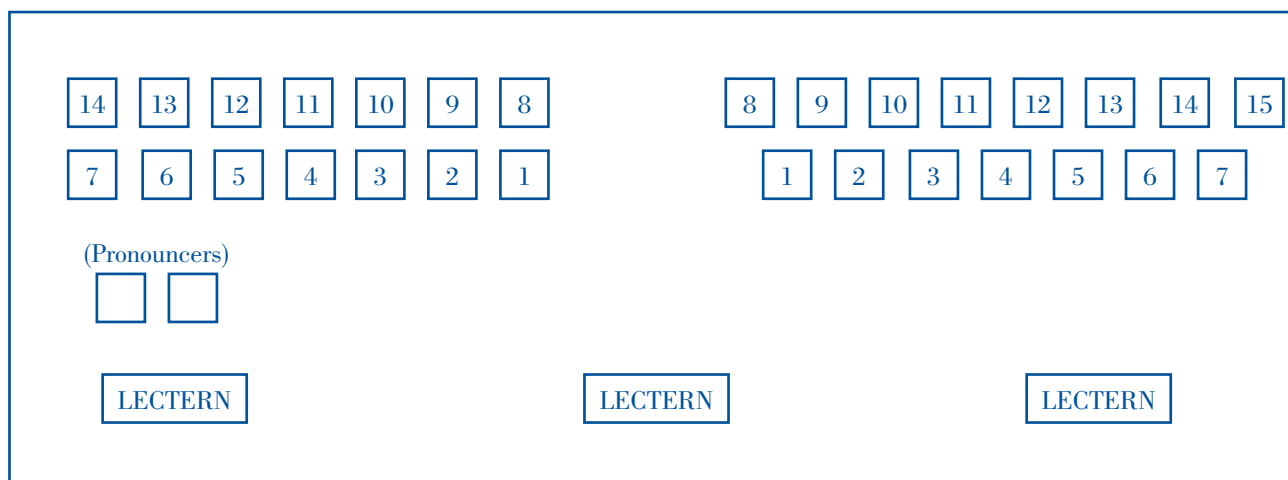
2018 Willard R. Sparks  
Eminent Faculty Award Recipient  
Commencement Speaker

## **Frank Andrasik, Ph.D.**

Dr. Frank Andrasik has distinguished himself as a clinical scientist at the University of Memphis and in prior academic positions by coauthoring approximately 280 articles and chapters, co-editing/authoring 8 texts (some translated into German, Spanish, and Korean), presenting numerous invited addresses or peer-reviewed conference talks within the US (approximately 450) and abroad in 21 countries (over 200), and serving as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at several major military medical centers. He has served as President for 2 scientific societies, as Editor-in-Chief for 2 scientific journals and Associate Editor for a leading medical journal,

and is an elected Fellow in 6 major professional societies. Dr. Andrasik's research has long concentrated on behavioral medicine and health, with a major focus on chronic pain, headache, and stress disorders, and more recently polytrauma in military populations, health disparities, and intelligent agents to facilitate learning. His research has been supported by shared external funding totaling approximately \$9 million dollars. He presently serves as a Distinguished Professor and Chair of Psychology and a member of the Institute for Intelligent Systems and, in 2016, was appointed as a Foreign Consultant, Lab of Pain Research in Acupuncture Center, Beijing Traditional Chinese Medical Hospital, Capital Medical University, Beijing, China.

## PRESIDENT'S PLATFORM PARTY



### LEFT SIDE *(House Left)*

1. **Dr. Karen Weddle-West**, Provost
2. **Dr. Robert J. Jackson**, CIO/Chief Information Security Officer
3. **Dr. Darrell C. Ray**, Vice President for Student Affairs
4. **Ms. Kevyanna Rawls**, President, Student Government Association
5. **Ms. Bess Robinson**, Interim Dean, University Libraries
6. **Dr. Henry A. Kurtz**, President, Faculty Senate
7. **Mr. Andrew Harper**, Soloist
8. **Dr. Thomas Nenon, Dean**, College of Arts & Sciences
9. **Dr. Marla Royne Stafford**, Interim Dean, Fogelman College of Business & Economics
10. **Dr. Radesh Palakurthi**, Dean, Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management
11. **Dr. Kandi Hill-Clarke**, Dean, College of Education
12. **Dr. Richard J. Bloomer**, Dean, School of Health Studies
13. **Dr. Marian Levy**, Associate Dean, School of Public Health
14. **Dr. Richard Joseph Sweigard**, Dean, Herff College of Engineering

### RIGHT SIDE *(House Right)*

1. **Dr. M. David Rudd**, President
2. **Dr. Frank Andrasik**, Commencement Speaker
3. **Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal**, Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation
4. **Mr. Raaj Kurapati**, Chief Financial Officer
5. **Mr. Bobby Prince**, Chief Development Officer
6. **Ms. Melanie Murry**, University Counsel
7. **Ms. Tammy Hedges**, Vice President for External Relations
8. **Dr. Joanne Gikas**, Interim Dean, University College
9. **Dr. Anne Hogan**, Dean, College of Communication and Fine Arts
10. **Dr. Lin Zhan**, Dean, Loewenberg College of Nursing
11. **Dr. Linda Jarmulowicz**, Dean, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders
12. **Dr. Robin Poston**, Interim Associate Dean, Graduate School
13. **Mr. Bruce Harber**, Chief Operations Officer
14. **Mr. Tom Bowen**, Athletic Director
15. **Dr. Melinda Jones**, Director, Helen Hardin Honors College

Pronouncer

**Mr. Curt Hart**  
Instructor, University College

# PROGRAM

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

**Memphis Wind Symphony**

**Dr. Albert T. Nguyen, Associate Director, conducting**

PRESIDING .....Dr. Karen Weddle-West, Provost

PROCESSIONAL\*

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 ..... Sir Edward Elgar

Arranged by Dr. James Richens

PRESENTATION OF COLORS\* .....The Color Guard

United States Air Force Officers Training Corps

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER\* ..... Francis Scott Key

Mr. Andrew Harper, Soloist

SALUTATIONS TO THE CLASS

President, Student Government Association ..... Ms. Keyyanna Rawls

THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.....Dr. M. David Rudd

President of the University

ADDRESS ..... Dr. Frank Andrasik

2018 WILLARD R. SPARKS EMINENT FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENT

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES ..... The Academic Deans

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES IN COURSE .....Dr. M. David Rudd

PRONOUNCER ..... Mr. Curt Hart

The Doctoral Degrees

The Specialists and Masters Degrees

The Baccalaureate Degrees

THE ALMA MATER\* ..... J. W. Brister

Soloist

RECESSIONAL\*

Die Bankelsängerleider ..... Anonymous

**\*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 Associate Dean, Robin Poston, PhD*



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

Hannah Elisabeth Monk

Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music  
BMU, 2012, University of North Texas  
MMU, 2015, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Chamber Music for the Pre-Collegiate Student:  
Violin Quartets and Trios"  
Major Professor: Dr. Marcin J. Arendt

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Raquell Lanette Barton

Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership  
BA, 2000, Philander Smith College  
MS, 2003, University of Central Arkansas  
Dissertation: "The Effect of Pleasure Reading on Ninth  
and Tenth Grade Student's Reading  
Motivation in an English Language Arts  
Classroom"  
Major Professor: Dr. Clif Mims

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Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership  
BA, 1995, Harding University  
MED, 2003, Freed-Hardeman University  
Dissertation: "Training Adult Volunteers to Judge in  
Competitive, Non-Traditional Educational  
Environments using Online Learning"  
Major Professor: Dr. Clif Mims

Katherine Cameron Brown

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and  
Research  
BA, 2007, Hendrix College  
MS, 2011, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "A Performative Autoethnography on the Irruption  
of a Healing Assemblage"  
Major Professor: Dr. Susan N. Nordstrom

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Department of English  
BA, 2011, Taiz University  
MA, 2015, Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Dissertation: "Teachers' Practices and First-Year Students'  
Perspectives on Peer Review in  
Academic Writing Classes"  
Major Professor: Dr. Emily A. Thrush

Adam C. Alexander

School of Public Health  
BA, 2012, University of Memphis  
MS, 2014, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Identifying Pathways to Smoking and Alcohol  
Consumption after a Natural Disaster: Findings  
from Hurricane Katrina"  
Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth Ward

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Department of Philosophy  
BA, 2006, Middle East Technical University  
MA, 2009, Middle East Technical University  
Dissertation: "Transcendental Idealism and Material Reality:  
Metaphysics of Scientific Objectivity in Husserl,  
Deleuze, and Kant"  
Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Nenon

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School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
BED, 2005, King Abdulaziz University  
MS, 2009, University of Jordan  
Dissertation: "Spectral/Cepstral Analysis of Voice Quality in  
Patients with Parkinson's Disease"  
Major Professor: Dr. Eugene H. Buder

- Jeanelle Sonya Ali  
Department of Psychology  
BS, 2008, University of the West Indies  
MS, 2014, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Executive Functioning and Transition to Adult Care among Youth with Sickle Cell Disease"  
Major Professor: Dr. Frank Andrasik
- Nada Abdulaziz AlShabibi  
Department of English  
BA, 2006, King Saud University  
MA, 2014, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Dissertation: "Female Saudi Dependent Students and Language Learning Investment and Resistance: A Case Study of Four Female Muslim Saudi Students in the US"  
Major Professor: Dr. Evelyn Wright Fogle
- Hammad Ali M Alshammari  
Department of English  
BA, 2008, Jouf University  
MA, 2013, Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Dissertation: "The Effect of Educational Background on Second Language Reading"  
Major Professor: Dr. Emily A. Thrush
- Fahad Ali Alzahrani  
Department of English  
BA, 2008, Umm Al-Qura University  
MA, 2015, University of Findlay  
MAED, 2018, University of Findlay  
Dissertation: "Pragmatic Developmental Pathways by Saudi Learners of English during Study Abroad"  
Major Professor: Dr. Teresa S. Dalle
- Gabrielle Gipson Banks  
Department of Psychology  
BA, 2010, University of Pennsylvania  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Understanding the Relation between Profiles of Adolescent Peer Conflict, Socio-demographic Factors, and Type 1 Diabetes Adaptation"  
Major Professor: Dr. Kristoffer S. Berlin
- Benjamin Louis Brett  
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BA, 2008, Curry College  
MS, 2012, SUNY New Paltz  
Dissertation: "Neurocognitive Functioning in Parkinson's Disease Patients: Assessing the Unique Contributions of Depression and Fatigue while Controlling for Disease Severity"  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Lease
- Emily Lynne Brown  
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BA, 2010, Tufts University  
MS, 2014, University of Massachusetts Boston  
Dissertation: "Predictors of Body Dissatisfaction in Trans Men and Women"  
Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges
- Kyle Christensen  
Department of Communication  
BA, 2009, Monmouth College  
MA, 2011, Northern Illinois University  
Dissertation: "Monstrous Mouths, Im/mature Lips: Orality and the Queering of Age and Gender in Contemporary Horror"  
Major Professor: Dr. Marina Levina
- Christopher Dominick Constantino  
School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
BS, 2009, SUNY Binghamton  
MS, 2012, University of Pittsburgh  
Dissertation: "The Subjective Experience of Stuttering"  
Major Professor: Dr. Walter H. Manning
- Hannah Elise Emery  
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BA, 2012, Rhodes College  
MA, 2014, University of Missouri Columbia  
Dissertation: "The Influence of Gender Role Conflict on Perpetration and Victimization of Intimate Partner Violence in Same Sex Male Relationships"  
Major Professor: Dr. Elin Ovrebo
- Amy Susan Farrell  
Department of Psychology  
BA, 2008, Long Island University Brookville  
MA, 2011, Columbia University New York  
MS, 2014, University of Memphis  
MPH, 2016, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Characteristics of Smoking Oncology Patients in a Community Cancer Center: A Study of Individual Differences"  
Major Professor: Dr. Leslie A. Robinson
- Shi Feng  
Department of Psychology  
BA, 2009, University of California Davis  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "The Role of Source Monitoring in Resolving Cognitive Disequilibrium on Text with Controversial Topics"  
Major Professor: Dr. Arthur C. Graesser
- Adam Fishel Frose  
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Research  
BA, 2008, Michigan State University  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Gratitude Interventions with Physical Therapy Patients"  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Lease
- Sagnika Ghosh  
Department of Electrical Engineering  
BS, 2010, West Bengal University of Technology  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Improvement of Power Quality of Hybrid Grid by Non-Linear Controlled Device Considering Time Delays and Cyber-Attacks"  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohd Hasan Ali
- Khademul Haque  
Department of Civil Engineering  
BS, 2011, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology  
MS, 2015, University of Connecticut  
Dissertation: "Multi-Period Transportation Network Investment Decision-Making using Link Ranking and an Econometric Framework"  
Major Professor: Dr. Sabyasachee Mishra
- Daniel Scott Harper  
Department of English  
BA, 1991, Rhodes College  
MA, 1998, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Place, Identity, and Language Learning: The Transformative Role of Place-Based English Language Instruction"  
Major Professor: Dr. Evelyn Wright Fogle



## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (*Continued*)

Sarah Kathryn Hatcher

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BS, 2003, University of Tennessee Knoxville

MA, 2014, Webster University

Dissertation: "Perceived Cultural Competence and Self-Awareness in Doctoral Psychology Students: Does International Experience Matter?"

Major Professor: Dr. Elin Ovrebo

Austin Zachary Henley

Department of Computer Science

BS, 2011, Austin Peay State University

MS, 2013, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Human-Centric Tools for Navigating Code"

Major Professor: Dr. Scott D. Fleming

Farid Hosseinpour

Department of Civil Engineering

BS, 2008, Shahid Bahonar University of Kerman

MS, 2011, Iran University of Science and Technology

Dissertation: "Nonlinear Behavior of RC Buildings under Seismic Sequences"

Major Professor: Dr. Adel E. Abdelnaby

Jennifer Maria Johnson

Department of Psychology

BA, 2012, University of North Carolina Greensboro

MS, 2014, Virginia State University

Dissertation: "Relations between Reading Motivation and Reading Skills in Students with a Reading Disability"

Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth B. Meisinger

Rebecca Catherine Kamody

Department of Psychology

BS, 2012, Adrian College

MS, 2014, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Evaluating the Pilot Implementation of a Culturally Responsive Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills Intervention for Binge Eating Behaviors among Adolescents"

Major Professor: Dr. Idia B. Thurston

Hyunmin Kim

School of Public Health

BA, 2005, Sookmyung Women's University

MA, 2012, University of Albany SUNY

Dissertation: "Personal Health Records and Their Impact on Breast Cancer Screening among Women"

Major Professor: Dr. M. Paige Powell

Megan Marie Loew

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BS, 2011, University of Minnesota Minneapolis

MS, 2013, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Dissertation: "Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence in Youth Living with HIV: Exploring the Role of Risk Behaviors, Health Promotion Behaviors and Depressive Symptoms"

Major Professor: Dr. Douglas C. Strohmer

Christopher J. Lucibella

Department of Philosophy

BA, 2011, American University

MA, 2013, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Y'all Talkin' to Me? Essays on the Epistemology of Group Testimony"

Major Professor: Dr. Deborah Tollefsen

Lidia Z. Meshesha

Department of Psychology

BA, 2009, Williams College

MS, 2014, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "A Randomized Pilot Trial Assessing a Behavioral Economic Supplement in Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment"

Major Professor: Dr. James G. Murphy

Sepehr Movaghati

Department of Civil Engineering

BS, 2008, Iran University of Science and Technology

MS, 2010, Amirkabir University of Technology

Dissertation: "Cyclic Performance Improvement of Existing Steel Semi-Rigid Connections Using Post-Tensioning"

Major Professor: Dr. Adel E. Abdelnaby

Peter Ogutu Ngutu

Department of Mathematical Sciences

BS, 2011, Rust College

MS, 2013, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Regression Models for Analyzing Clustered Multinomial and Continuous Outcomes under the Assumption of Exchangeability"

Major Professor: Dr. Dale D. Bowman

Alison Marisa Pickover

Department of Psychology

BS, 2010, University of Maryland College Park

MS, 2014, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "An Ecological Systems Approach to Understanding Intimate Partner Violence Outcomes"

Major Professor: Dr. J. Gayle Beck

Tegan J. Reeves

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

BLS, 2008, Iowa State University

MS, 2015, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "Yoga Instructor Belief Scale: Instrument Development and Validation"

Major Professors: Dr. Leigh Harrell-Williams and Dr. Christian E. Mueller

Andrea Lynn Ringer

Department of History

BA, 2009, Texas A&M University College Station

MA, 2012, University of Arkansas Little Rock

Dissertation: "Big Top Labor: Life and Labor in the Circus World"

Major Professor: Dr. Aram Goudsouzian

Scott Schoefernacker

Department of Earth Sciences

BS, 2001, Vanderbilt University

MS, 2006, Western Kentucky University

Dissertation: "Evaluation and Evolution of a Groundwater Contaminant Plume at the Former Shelby County Landfill, Memphis, Tennessee"

Major Professor: Dr. Daniel Larsen

Leah Jai Singh

Department of Psychology

BA, 2011, Rhodes College

MS, 2016, University of Memphis

Dissertation: "The Generalizability of Two Rating Scales of Executive Function across Parent and Self-Reports in a School-Based Adolescent Sample"

Major Professor: Dr. Randy G. Floyd

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (*Continued*)

Melissa Anne Smigelsky

Department of Psychology  
BA, 2008, Wheaton College  
MA, 2012, Wheaton College  
MS, 2015, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Exploring the Emerging Construct of Moral Injury among Veterans Seeking Trauma Recovery Services"  
Major Professor: Dr. Robert A. Neimeyer

Shaila Marie Strayhorn

School of Public Health  
BS, 2010, Spelman College  
MPH, 2013, University of Michigan Ann Arbor  
Dissertation: "Racial Differences in Social Support and the Quality of Life among Individuals with Chronic Illness"  
Major Professor: Dr. Brook E. Harmon

Whitney Jo Stubbs

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BS, 2010, Mississippi College  
MS, 2013, University of Southern Mississippi  
Dissertation: "The Frontal Assessment Battery: Relationship with Functional Status Indicators and Caregiver Burden in Veterans"  
Major Professors: Dr. Elin Ovrebo and Dr. Suzanne Lease

Kul Prasad Subedi

Department of Computer Science  
BE, 2005, Institute of Engineering  
MS, 2016, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "A Framework for Analyzing Advanced Malware and Software"  
Major Professor: Dr. Dipankar Dasgupta

Eric Scott Suedmeyer

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BM, 2009, University of Arizona  
MC, 2014, Arizona State University  
Dissertation: "Development and Validation of a Career Resilience Scale for Adults with Disabilities"  
Major Professors: Dr. Douglas C. Strohmer and Dr. Chrisann Schiro-Geist

Jessica Colleen Tripp

Department of Psychology  
BA, 2009, University of Kansas  
MS, 2014, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: "Using Latent Variable Mixture Modeling to Understand Difference between PTSD and Moral Injury"  
Major Professor: Dr. Meghan E. McDevitt-Murphy

Denita Mychele Weeks

Department of Biological Sciences  
BS, 2008, Grand Valley State University  
MS, 2013, California State University Northridge  
Dissertation: "Considering Microbial Pesticides as a Disease Mitigation Strategy for the Amphibian Fungal Disease, Chytridiomycosis"  
Major Professor: Dr. Matthew Parris

Anusha Yellamsetty

School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
BS, 2010, Sri Venkateswaran University  
MS, 2012, Bangalore University  
Dissertation: "Dissociable Mechanisms of Concurrent Speech Identification in Noise at Cortical and Subcortical Levels"  
Major Professor: Dr. Gavin M. Bidelman

Hyunjoo Yoo

School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
BA, 2005, Korea University  
MS, 2008, Yonsei University  
Dissertation: "Reactions to Adult Listeners to Infant Speech-Like Vocalizations and Cry"  
Major Professor: Dr. D. Kimbrough Oller

Hui Zhang

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research  
BS, 2009, Xianning University  
Dissertation: "Chinese Middle and High School Students' Emotion Regulation: Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Approaches"  
Major Professor: Dr. Yeh Hsueh

## CECIL C. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW

*Interim Dean, Katharine Traylor Schaffzin, J.D., LL.M.*



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

Victoria Cooper  
BS, 2014, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Laura Ann Muscari  
AA, 2003, Walters State Community College  
BA, 2006, University of Tennessee

Misty Leigh O'Neal  
BS, 2009, Middle Tennessee State University

# THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

*Dean, Linda Jarmulowicz, PhD*



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

Mary Katherine Butker  
BA, 2014, Georgia College & State University  
Sarah Elizabeth Carter  
BA, 2016, University of the South  
Hailey Kristen Kerr  
BA, 2015, Appalachian State University  
Rebecca Mullins  
BA, 2014, Appalachian State University  
Erin Nicole Radziwon  
BA, 2016, Brandeis University

Denise Michelle Schmidt  
BS, 2011, Southeast Missouri State University  
MED, 2013, Vanderbilt University  
Danielle Cross Smith  
BA, 2012, University of Texas Austin  
Kari Ashton Taylor  
BS, 2016, Mississippi State University  
Kelsey Denise Young  
BA, 2016, University of Memphis

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*Dean, James Gurney, PhD*



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.

Mary Beth Epps  
BS, 2010, University of the South

Sara Gewin  
BS, 2016, University of Memphis

Jasmine L. Hewlett  
BA, 2012, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Chantis Mantilla  
BSED, 2009, University of Miami

Esther Miah  
BA, 2016, Vanderbilt University

Pankti Bhupesh Patel  
BS, 2015, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Melody R. Princes-Kelley  
BA, 1995, Lemoyne-Owen College  
MS, 2001, Central Michigan University  
PhD, 2008, Capella University

Dongren Ren  
BSAG, 2002, Jiangxi Agricultural University

Walter Irvin Stevens  
BSCE, 1978, University of Memphis  
MBA, 1982, University of Memphis

## THE HERFF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

*Dean, Richard Sweigard, PhD*



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.

Hamed Abshari  
BSCE, 2008, Islamic Azad University  
MSCE, 2012, Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University  
Santosh Bhattarai  
BE, 2013, Tribhuvan University  
Logan Ryan Boles  
BS, 2016, Tennessee Technological University  
BSCHE, 2016, Tennessee Technological University

Jabia Mostofa Chowdhury  
BSEE, 2012, BRAC University  
Sudip Bahadur Khadka  
BSCE, 2011, Tribhuvan University  
Tasnuha Siddiqui  
BSEE, 2013, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

*Abdullah Adnan Bahour, cum laude*

Miguel Aguirre

Mary Allison McNabb

Nebojsa Peric

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

*Dominic Rashawnn Stewart*

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Jermaine D. Hardy

Sovanchamrean Yos

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Richard Kaercher

Eric D. Robinson

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Jimmy Nguyen

# THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

*Dean, Joanne Gikas, EdD*



The University College provides interdisciplinary educational opportunities in a flexible, relevant format for a diverse community of traditional and non-traditional adult learners. Established in 1975, the college is an innovator of new programs, a catalyst for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary efforts throughout the campus, and a facilitator for the community to interact with the University. Students may also take advantage of the unique opportunity to petition for college credit for the knowledge, training, and skills acquired through professional experiences. University College offers individualized programs of study, allowing students to combine several areas of emphases in order to design their own degree. Additionally, we offer interdisciplinary degrees not traditionally offered by other colleges on

campus. These include a Bachelor of Professional Studies and a Bachelor of Liberal Studies in over 20 concentrations including Child Development & Family Studies, Merchandising, Legal Studies, and Religious Studies. Our Graduate Program offers a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree, allowing students the option to design their own graduate individualized program of study. We also offer a completely online Master of Professional Studies program with concentrations in Strategic Leadership, Human Resources Leadership, and Training and Development.

## MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

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

Ryan Christopher Crews  
BSED, 2008, University of Memphis

Joshua Anthony Malone  
BA, 2015, California Lutheran University

Alanna M. Mizell  
BPS, 2012, University of Memphis

Kymberly Deonn Smith  
BA, 2014, 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.

Wesley Denard Cox  
BPS, 2014, University of Memphis

James Ambers Fyke  
BA, 2009, University of Memphis

Tiffany Shanta King  
BPS, 2015, University of Memphis

Debra M. Turner  
BPS, 2014, University of Memphis

## BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES

*James K. Arnette, summa cum laude*

*Lee Alan Gaugh, cum laude*

Nicholas Bryant  
Lakesha Monique Clayton  
Tre'Mon Cockrell  
Albert Lawrence Crozier  
Daphne Latrice Damper  
Shelby Lane Emmons  
Patrick Sean George  
Joel Wayne Glasgow  
Kara Colleen Glover

Morrell Golden  
James Arthur Guy Jr  
Fallon Holland  
Katie Brooke Kidd  
Kelly Ann Lawson  
Purecia Pebbles Matthews  
Landon Sawyer Meldrum  
Hunter Ray Miller  
Shequintalay LaFaye Noel

Chasity Loren Perry  
Jazmyne S. Pinkins  
Shakitha N. Reed  
Glasgow Martin Rex  
Nicole Ann Robbins  
Shameem Salaam  
Safiyyah Sharrieff  
Christian Lance Slaughter  
Cheryl L. Smith

Louise Langston Tayloe  
Lameathia D. Taylor  
Samuel Thomas  
Epiphany Turner  
Elizabeth Eugenie Ursin  
Kevin Williams

## BACHELOR OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Renee Lynn Bishop, *summa cum laude*

Donald M. Blair, *summa cum laude*

John Brandon Kidd, *summa cum laude*

James Michael Chaffin Forsythe, *magna cum laude*

Melissa Lynch Head, *magna cum laude*

Savannah Faith Thompson, *magna cum laude*

Raymond Alexander Hurst, *magna cum laude*

Daniel Edward Bardos, *cum laude*

Katherine Michelle Foster, *cum laude*

Trinity Armstrong

Ashley Michele Foster

Tyler Evans Marberry

Constance Devonne Taylor

Laura Elisabeth Baxter

Jeffrey Guy

Kimberley Carolyn Martin

Tamela L. Thomas

Vanessa Braggs

Shakale Harris

Kelse A. Martinez

Hannah Marie Underwood

Brittney Braxton

Shannah K. Hodge

Jayna M. Moore

Kaylon Williams

Stephen Tyler Carroll

Jayla Briana Johnson

Garrett Matthew Nelson

Makeyra Amberia Williams

Sasha Michelle Carter

Trevor Alan Large

Dedra A. Scott

Qua Neisha Williams

Kayla Elaina Crawford

Gabrielle L. Lenhardt

Jessica LaNae Stalans

Marnaye Da'Nell Woolridge

Markweisha Trinesse Davis

Joshua William Magnin

Aaron W. Taylor



# THE LOEWENBERG COLLEGE OF NURSING

*Dean, Lin Zhan, PhD*



The Loewenberg College of Nursing (LCON) 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 College 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 LCON 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

Diana L. Allen  
BSN, 2012, University of Memphis

Tara M. Etter  
BSN, 2016, Baptist College of Health Sciences

Jenifer Elizabeth Graham  
BSN, 2016, Baptist College of Health Sciences

RaeDena Lancaster Hill  
BA, 2001, University of Mississippi

Diana Renee Inglis  
BSN, 2010, Baptist College of Health Sciences

Kashana Latrice Jones  
BSN, 2010, Baptist College of Health Sciences

Hilary Kathryn Kabel  
BSN, 2011, University of Memphis

Jessica Elaine Lee  
BSN, 2010, Baptist College of Health Sciences

Laura Elizabeth Maurizi  
BSN, 2013, Baptist College of Health Sciences

Diana Michelle Tredway  
BS, 2004, Murray State University

Phillip Linwood White Jr.  
BSN, 2009, Union University

Whitney Lain Young  
BSN, 2016, University of Tennessee Martin

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Justus D. Bobo, *magna cum laude*  
Amanda Lynn Green, *magna cum laude*

Kari Bruce Harbin, *magna cum laude*  
Carlie Ashlyn King, *magna cum laude*  
Celecia K. Osborne, *magna cum laude*

Rodney Antonio Sims, *magna cum laude*  
Madison A. Towne, *magna cum laude*

Morgan Brittany Elder, *cum laude*

Alexia Kristen Kapeller, *cum laude*  
Kathleen Hester Ochoa, *cum laude*

Charlene Ann Cruz Patino, *cum laude*

Brittney Elizabeth Belcher  
Melissa Jane Boyd  
Melissa England Cissell  
Roman David Comer  
Stanley A. Casey

April Lyn Crawford  
Kristin Shea Davis  
Leah Brooke Haughwout  
Katheryn Michelle Hopkins  
Pamela I. Merritt

Philadelphia M. Moore  
Melissa Peace  
Wendy Marie Price  
Tonya Leane Rountree  
Alexis Ann Schwartz

Kahli Rebekah Shelton  
Lindsay Brooke Silvia  
Sydney Alexandra Tucker  
Lucas Patrick Wigal  
Stacie Wilkins

## COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND FINE ARTS

*Dean, Anne Hogan, PhD*



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 and strategic media.

Cheryl L. Cole  
BS, 1980, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Paul D'Ambrosio  
BA, 1981, George Washington University

Brenda Faye Green  
BA, 1978, Mississippi University for Women  
MLS, 1984, University of Southern Mississippi

Asha Alise Immanuel  
BS, 2011, Middle Tennessee State University

Angela Christine McClister  
BS, 2000, Middle Tennessee State University

Tanya Mai Olson  
BA, 2014, Brown University

MarySarah Grace Reid  
BA, 2016, California State University Long Beach

Jennifer F. Riales  
BA, 2015, 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.

Danté S. Webb  
BM, 2014, University of Memphis

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Candidates for the oldest of the traditional baccalaureate degrees are students who have majored in advertising; art history with concentrations in African diaspora arts visual culture, ancient Egyptian art and culture and European tradition in art; communication with concentrations in communication studies and film and video; journalism; and public relations.

Derrick Arrington  
Kallie Blurton  
Chabeli Del Carmen Brooks  
Russlyn M. Caudill  
Madalyn Ruth Crook

David Robert Dunavant, Jr.  
Olivia Marie Frantz  
Aspen Janeice Hayes  
Marlena Angela Hunter  
Tanesha Lashay Jennings

Joseph Collins Peeples  
Walker Pera  
Peyton Michael Pilgrim  
Lorenzo Reese  
Kimberly Yvonne Rix

Tiana Monet Scott  
Jessica Grace White  
Brandon Woody  
NaShun Shanteal Wright

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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

Christian Parks Perdue, *summa cum laude*

Andie Gaushell, *magna cum laude*

Holly Michelle Cole, *cum laude*

Rafael Jovanny Rico

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Candidates for this professional degree have majored in music with concentrations in performance; composition; music history; jazz and studio performance or jazz and studio composition/arranging, and music education choral or music education instrumental, 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.

Cortney J. Boyland  
Joshua Bursi

Henry L. Dorn III

Paul Elom Kwami

Reno Allen Warmath

## THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH STUDIES

*Dean, Richard Bloomer, PhD*



The School of Health Studies (SHS) provides students with a top-tier education focused on the fundamental principles of health, exercise, nutrition, and physical activity, while equipping students with the cutting-edge knowledge and skills needed to fulfill leadership roles in their chosen area of specialty. This often includes pursuing graduate study in the allied health-related sciences (e.g., physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, nutrition, and physical education) or PhD study in related areas. The Dietetics and Clinical Nutrition programs are fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Faculty members within SHS are leaders in their respective disciplines and oversee state-of-the-art research programs in the health sciences. Five undergraduate and six graduate degree programs are offered within SHS. Two graduate certificates are offered in SHS: one in Sport Nutrition and Dietary Supplementation and another in Faith and Health, in partnership with Church Health. Faculty members of the SHS are proud to present the following graduates who have met all of the requirements for the bachelor of science (BS), the bachelor of science in education (BSEd), or the master of science (MS) degree:

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in the areas of clinical nutrition, environmental nutrition, exercise, sport and movement sciences, health promotion, nutrition science, or physical education teacher education.

Erica Angaline Burrow  
BS, 2013, University of Tennessee Martin

Emma Chase  
BS, 2016, University of Mississippi

Collin Dowling  
BS, 2016, University of Memphis

Mary Kristen McCarthy  
BS, 2012, University of Memphis

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in the areas of dietetics, exercise, sport and movement sciences, healthcare leadership, or health sciences.

*Biliana Graves Bartlett, cum laude*

Adham Ahmed  
Lynn Fayda Al Jafari  
Sarah Marie Bellou  
Marquia Denise Berry  
Dallas Nicole Bolton  
Kyle Cobb  
Dion Simone Fugh  
Daisha Harris  
Greg Hill, Jr.

Brittany Nicole Holley  
Taneceia S. Holliday  
Jessica Taylor Ingvarlsen  
Shaquita Lawrence  
Miyosha U. Love  
Milete Nefia Mardeda  
Oluwafisayo Temiloluwa  
Omotunde  
LaKisha S. Payne

Madison Lee Percy  
Roderick L. Petty, Jr.  
Christopher Adam Perry  
Porsha Shamone Phillips  
Phoebe Kenyetta Qualls  
Caitlin Rhodes  
Kayla Elizabeth Richardson  
Michell Yajaira Rodriguez  
Stephany Aracely Rodriguez

Leah Danielle Staten  
Quiana Strickland  
Nicholas Madison Thornton  
Kandilyn Turner  
Andrés Eduardo Velásquez  
Rodríguez  
Asia Monique Wade  
Shekela Walker

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

The candidates for this degree have majored in the areas of dietetics, exercise & sport science, healthcare leadership, health promotion and lifestyle management or physical education teacher education.

*Ella Mae Mullins, cum laude*

Angelica Lashawn Bell  
Matthew Bratton

Zachary Alexander Calderon

Tiara Chante' Cross

Sahara Renaisha Lewis

## THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

*Dean, Kandi Hill-Clarke, PhD*



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.

### EDUCATION SPECIALIST

The candidates for this degree have placed emphasis on such areas of study as instruction and curriculum leadership, leadership and policy studies, higher and adult education, counseling, school psychology and educational psychology and research.

Alexander Lance Aitken  
BS, 2011, University of Memphis  
MS, 2015, University of Memphis

Jacquelyn Smith  
BS, 1999, Alabama State University  
MS, 2006, Strayer University

Morgan Alise Smith  
BA, 2011, University of Memphis  
MA, 2014, University of Memphis

Jennifer Nicole Taylor  
BSED, 2004, University of Memphis  
MS, 2010, Nova Southeastern University

Monica Evette Thomas  
BS, 2005, Union University  
MBA, 2008, Strayer University  
MAT, 2013, University of Memphis

Yolanda Toney  
BS, 1997, Chicago State University,  
MAED, 2002, Cumberland University

### MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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

Daniel C. Gonzales  
BSBA, 2001, Auburn University  
BS, 2010, University of South Alabama  
MS, 2013, University of South Alabama

Jeremy Schaar  
BA, 2014, University of Memphis

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in the areas of counseling, educational psychology and research, instruction and curriculum leadership, and leadership and policy studies.

Dvanishia S. Alford  
BLS, 2011, University of Memphis

Anquanita LaPeria Barry  
BA, 2009, University of Memphis

Anna Lyn Byrum  
BS, 2016, University of Tennessee Martin

Beverly Lynne Cannon  
BSED, 2014, University of Memphis

Shanice P. Claybrooks  
BA, 2013, University of Memphis

Micheal J. Clinton, Jr. .  
BA, 2016, Centenary College

## MASTER OF SCIENCE *(Continued)*

Charles Robert Cooper  
BA, 2012, University of Memphis  
MA, 2015, University of Memphis

Rachel Dyan Dreyer  
BSED, 2011, University of Memphis

Jojuan Fullwiley  
BA, 2015, University of Memphis

Amber Marie Cooley Goforth  
BSED, 2011, University of Memphis

Mahbubul Hasan  
BED, 2010, University of Dhaka  
MED, 2012, University of Dhaka

Terea House  
BA, 2014, Arkansas State University

Angela Jarvis  
BSED, 2016, University of Memphis

Rachel Carolyn Joyner  
BA, 2010, University of Memphis

Antonio Terrell Lambert  
BS, 2003, Freed Hardeman University

Tracy D. Lindsey  
BSED, 2005, University of Memphis

Lerkenda Letrell Little  
BSED, 2002, University of Memphis  
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MS, 2011, Arkansas State University

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BA, 2015, University of Memphis

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BPS, 2015, University of Memphis

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BS, 2015, University of Tennessee Chattanooga

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BA, 2015, University of Memphis

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BS, 2016, Blue Mountain College

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BA, 2005, University of Memphis

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BS, 2007, Arkansas State University

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BS, 2015, Harding University

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BA, 2014, University of Memphis

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BBA, 2004, Middle Tennessee State University

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Sarah Anne Huff, *magna cum laude*

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Katelyn Elizabeth McDonald, *cum laude*  
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Yadira Montoya, *cum laude*  
Alexis Turner, *cum laude*

Callie Annalee Adams  
Jamaica Hazella Bond  
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# KEMMONS WILSON SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND RESORT MANAGEMENT

*Dean, Radesh Palakurthi, PhD, MBA*



The Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management's enduring ambition is to develop global hospitality and sport management leaders that excel in operations and senior corporate positions. The mission is to produce excellent leaders that will be thoroughly prepared to thrive in the challenging global environment of the 21st century hospitality industry. The mission is accomplished through pursuing four major priorities: *Student Learning* achieved through a contemporary curriculum that is enhanced with experiential learning, study abroad programs, leadership and team-building opportunities; *Industry Engagement* built through strategic partnerships for extending student placement, faculty development and curriculum improvements; *Discovery* through student and faculty

scholarship aimed at disseminating and sharing knowledge and information for the benefit of the global hospitality community; and, *Resource Development* for continuously improving learning, scholarship, and service opportunities for students and faculty. The School's values emanate from the Kemmons Wilson Philosophy which, foster a positive attitude and confidence developed through an array of competencies and hard work; instills entrepreneurial spirit achieved through seizing opportunities, intelligent risk-taking and dedication to work and capital ideas; maintains a life-long relationships through trust, honesty, and integrity; and by living a wholesome lifestyle that is achieved through a balanced approach to professional and personal commitments.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

Margaret Elizabeth Callahan  
BA, 1981, California State University Chico

Steven David Carlisle  
BBA, 2013, University of Mississippi

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

*Marlee Raye Myers, cum laude*

Sarah Michelle Applebaum  
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De'ja Deneice Sims

Jessica Michelle Wimmer  
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## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

*DeVonte Robinson, magna cum laude*

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Domonique Rachelle Brown

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# THE FOGELMAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

*Interim Dean, Marla Royne Stafford, PhD*



The Fogelman College of Business and Economics (FCBE), an AACSB accredited institution, comprises six 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 doctoral. 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.

## 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.

Alan-Michael Barnett  
BSE, 2014, University of Kentucky Lexington

Justin Troy Bolton  
BBA, 2014, University of Memphis

Stephen Michael Cannon  
BS, 2010, Brigham Young University

Jordan Patrick Cavanaugh  
BA, 2013, University of Mississippi

Richard Y. Cheng  
B.S.O.T. / M.O.T., 1999, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
JD, 2006, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center

Ismail Demirtas  
BS, 2003, Marmara University

William Douglas Denney  
BA, 2006, University of Memphis

Eric Clayton Dominek  
BS, 1995, University of Pittsburgh

Sareea Monaye Freeman  
BS, 2012, Florida State University

Karen Teresa Gibson  
BSBA, 2007, Colorado Technical University

Alexis Rae Glemser  
BA, 2012, University of South Carolina  
(May 2018)

Jalen Griggs  
BBA, 2016, University of Memphis

Chelsea Ann Harral  
BSED, 2014, Arkansas State University

Charles Dorrell Harris  
BSED, 2014, University of Memphis

Michael Alan Hicks  
BA, 2012, Pennsylvania State University Park

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BSN, 2016, University of Tennessee Martin

Christopher Bernard Janse  
BS, 2017, Murray State University

Matthew McLawhorn Kennedy  
BSCE, 2012, Oklahoma State University Stillwater

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BSPH, 2010, University of Mississippi  
PharmD, 2013, University of Mississippi

Mohammad Omar Nahhas  
BBA, 2008, University of Memphis

James Edward Painter  
BS, 2009, Florida State University

Tessa Paige Patel  
BA, 2016, University of the South

Matthew Bryant Peterson  
BA, 2008, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Sudarshan Balanarsimha Ravva  
BE, 1992, University of Mumbai  
(December 2017)

Andrew Wayne Ritchie  
BS, 2000, Ball State University

Lyndsey DeNise Rush  
BS, 2011, Arkansas State University

Donald R. Schenzel III  
BA, 2012, University of Mississippi  
MS, 2013, University of Memphis

Brendon Reid Summers  
BBA, 2015, University of Memphis

Ernest Warren Suttles  
BBA, 2017, University of Memphis



## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION *(Continued)*

Kantrilla L. Torrance  
BBA, 2013, University of Memphis  
MS, 2016, Walden University

Sasidhar Vadapalli  
BE, 2002, Osmania University  
MS, 2004, University of Toledo  
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Derek Wigginton  
BS, 2007, Tennessee State University

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in accounting, information systems, or business administration with a concentration in finance.

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BBA, 2016, University of Memphis

Sidney Alyce Ellenberger  
BS, 2017, University of Mississippi

Chase Hunter Elliott  
BBA, 2017, University of Memphis

Carter Hayden Fleming  
BBA, 2016, University of Memphis

Anna Claire Goforth  
BS, 2017, University of Mississippi

Emily Hayes  
BBA, 2017, University of Memphis

Josiah Hurst  
BBA, 2017, University of Memphis

Mary Ellen Learned  
BBA, 2017, University of Memphis

Nolan Peters  
BBA, 2016, University of Memphis

Gurmeet Singh Sachdeva  
BTECH, 2011, Guru Tegh Bahadur Institute of Technology  
MS, 2017, University of Memphis  
(Dec 2017)

Chandler Birch Seaton  
BBA, 2017, University of Memphis

Adam H. Sikandar  
BBA, 2017, University of Memphis

Ramya Theegela  
BE, 2003, Andhra University  
(August 2017)

## BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Anzio T. Mason, *summa cum laude*

Molly Rose Paul, *summa cum laude*

Augustine Winder, *summa cum laude*

Abby Lynn Blevins, *magna cum laude*  
Katherine Alexandria Brannon, *magna cum laude*, *University Honors*

Ema Hajdini, *magna cum laude*, *University Honors*  
Meaghan Leigh Morgan, *magna cum laude*

Stacia Ashley Straughter, *magna cum laude*  
Joshua G. Wall, *magna cum laude*

Jarvis Levi Huntsman, *cum laude*  
Anthony Terrell Jenkins, *cum laude*  
Jeanetta Latrice Johnson, *cum laude*

John Kyle O'Keefe, *cum laude*  
Carley Michelle Oakley, *cum laude*  
Marc Robert Pagliarulo, *cum laude*

Ryan Harold Peniston, *cum laude*  
Kristina C. Pruitt, *cum laude*  
Mary Elizabeth Tisdal, *cum laude*

Danish Ali  
Nathan James Armstrong  
Jack Corbin Berhorst  
Jazmin Mejia Bernal  
Lewis Hampton Benjamin Bobo  
O'Lesha Bryant  
Darrell Theopolis Burks, Jr.  
Asia Carter  
Victoria Crawford  
Bryan James Cruse

Jack Dylan Dwyer  
Tristan Robert Ethridge  
Jessica Nicole Grant  
Akem C. Harrison  
Tierra TyShannon Holloway  
Jaren Holt  
Bradley I. Jolly  
Casey Rachaelle Jordan  
Clayton Grant Kemker  
Chandler McCay

Shane Vincent McFarland  
Kayla Renee' McKinney  
Joshua Tyler Melton  
Musa Njie  
James William O'Bryan  
Derick Dashaun Poindexter  
Clifton Purnell II  
William Blake Qualls  
Tyler Radford  
Anna Rosa Romero

John Michael L. Schmidt  
Jeremie Keith Skinner  
Philip St Clair  
Michael Allen Stegall  
Lamarien Watkins  
John Austin White  
Vernell Williams II  
Amber Michelle Wylie

## THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

*Dean, Thomas Nenon, PhD*



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.

Zack Lawrence McKee  
BA, 2015, University of Memphis

Rachel Mari Smith  
BA, 2015, 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.

Shiva Keyvanfar  
BSAG, 2014, University of Semnan

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

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

Makunda Aryal  
BS, 2010, Tribhuban University

Aryan Kamron Behzadi  
BS, 2013, University of Arizona

Ashley L. Coates  
BA, 2012, Harding University

Madelyn Gero  
BA, 2016, University of Memphis

Elizabeth Ann Gilmour  
BA, 2013, Oberlin College

Saghar Gomrok  
BS, 2010, Shiraz University

Ansley Evelyn Kenney  
BS, 2016, University of Georgia Athens

Jennifer Jehan Marshall  
BS, 2014, Rhodes College

Nichole Noel Mazzulo  
BA, 2014, Villanova University

Patrick J. McNicholas  
BA, 2014, University of Memphis

Alexander J. Mueller  
BA, 2016, Illinois Wesleyan University

Ayodeji Olusanya  
BS, 2016, University of Memphis

Thanuja Ramanna  
BS, 2002, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Karnataka

William A. Simco  
BA, 2015, University of Memphis

Benjamin Michael Sobral  
BS, 2016, University of Georgia

Lasang Jimba Tamang  
BS, 2011, Tribhuban University

Sharif Mehedi Tanmay  
BS, 2011, Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology  
MS, 2015, University of Rostock  
(May 2018)

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Abigail Ida Durham  
BS, 2012, University of Kansas

Latonia Asha Edwards  
BSED, 2003, University of Maryland University College

Jamil E. Matthews  
BSED, 2005, University of Memphis

## 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, History, International Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology or World Languages.

Aaron Thomas Ball, *summa cum laude*,  
*University Honors*

Kimberly N. Cooley, *summa cum laude*

Erin Elizabeth Qiuhan Eberle, *summa cum laude*, *University Honors with Thesis*

Arniecia Brianna Hinds, *summa cum laude*,  
*University Honors*

Mary Kate Wells, *summa cum laude*

Anastasia Catherine Bodan, *magna cum laude*

Jessie Lucille Caperton, *magna cum laude*

Candice Blair Crossnine, *magna cum laude*

Justin Garrett Cummings, *magna cum laude*

William Michael Drake, *magna cum laude*

Austin Taylor Hall, *magna cum laude*

Abigail Phillips, *magna cum laude*

Manda A. Townsend, *magna cum laude*

Callie Austin Ballinger, *cum laude*

Allison Bridges, *cum laude*

Madison Renee Cook, *cum laude*

Brittany A. Edwards, *cum laude*

Brianna Sharnae Finch, *cum laude*

Joshua Garcia, *cum laude*

Michele Elizabeth Harrington, *cum laude*

Jasmine Deshara Harris, *cum laude*

Bria Johnson, *cum laude*

Kacie Samantha Long, *cum laude*

Shalondra LaChae' Love, *cum laude*

Olivia Max, *cum laude*

Michael Francis Mitchell, Jr., *cum laude*

Amanda Sue Morgan, *cum laude*

Tinisha N. Reese, *cum laude*

Zohre Sarlak-Ghassemi, *cum laude*

Justin B. Scoggins, *cum laude*

Esuria D. White, *cum laude*

Erick Worthington, *cum laude*

Katie Lauren Alexander

Brooks Gordon Antwine

Molly Artz

Shurook Awad

Tiara Bell

Howard Glen Blankenship

Ariel Boddie

Elizabeth Hannah Brady

Tishan Mika Bunn

Teresa Gwen Montgomery

Cawthon

Breona Kyme' Cole

Bailea Coleman

Tia S. Coleman

Erin Jerrell Coston

Hillary E. Daniel

Erica Shantell Dent

Amon Danielle Dillon

Natalie Eddings

Quincy Gale

Alexis Louise Gilbert

Essence Marie Gilliam

Lloyd Michale Goodman

Chelsea Taylor Griffin

Makia Michelle Hampton

Kenya Hibbler

Destiny Hope Higgins

Robert Michael Hoberg II

Quinesia Isabel

Mitchell Blake Jackson

Zarah ElMarie Jefferson

Martha Louise Johnson

Umeki Jones

Sydney Renee Kesler

Tom Kim Lac, (*May 2018*)

Spenser Anthony Layrock

Angelica Lewis

Landon Little

Lacretia A. Macklin

Ricky Lawrence Maxwell, Jr.

Shayanna K. McNeil

Jazmyne Monique Mendez

Xavier V. Mitchell

Joseph Morris

John Robert Mosby

A V Palazola

Felillian Patterson

Jonathan Louis Pesce

Marlowe Rae Pugh

Michell Yajaira Rodriguez

Trevor Reed Rowland

Sonia Denise Rush

Shane Shackelford

Shanna Richelle Singh

Megan Solis

Margaret Rose Taylor

Travis Raymond-Cole Todd

L. Micah Turner

Heather Vandergrift

Roy Cullen West, Jr.

Charles A. Whitaker

Kanesha Shartee' Whiting

Christina Leigh Yobak

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The candidates for this degree have majored in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematical Sciences and Physics.

Damian Matthew Coomes, *summa cum laude*

Casey Jean Greer, *summa cum laude*,  
*University Honors*

Adiba Safi, *summa cum laude*

Alexander Freeman Bowers, *magna cum laude*

Shawn David Price, *magna cum laude*

Ryder Alan Burkett, *magna cum laude*

Tyler Lee Lewis, *magna cum laude*

Kelly Marie Major, *magna cum laude*,  
*University Honors*

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** *(Continued)*

Amal Raji Alfugaha, *cum laude*  
Jonathan David Ball, *cum laude*

Albert Curtis Baxter, *cum laude*  
Brianna Rene Frye, *cum laude, University  
Honors*

Shea Christian Parker, *cum laude*  
Jeff Richardson, *cum laude*

Lacey KeAnne Cunningham  
Hassan Ahamd Elsebae  
JaQuel Markissa Gray

Andrew Duncan Hayes  
Diana Edith Hernandez  
Rachelle Artishia Hess

Tyree Javon Morris  
Musa Mubarez  
Maxwell Thomas Skenandore

Chanice Renee Wilkes  
Shanicka Shanta' Young

## COMMENCEMENT ENSEMBLE

Memphis Wind Symphony  
Dr. Albert T. Nguyen, Associate Director, conducting

## 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,  
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.

## SPECIAL APPRECIATION

On behalf of the University, appreciation is extended to the following for their assistance and support of the University of Memphis and for making this a special day for all of our graduates, families and friends:

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## COMMENCEMENT CREW

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**Mr. Steve Shaver**, Crew Chief

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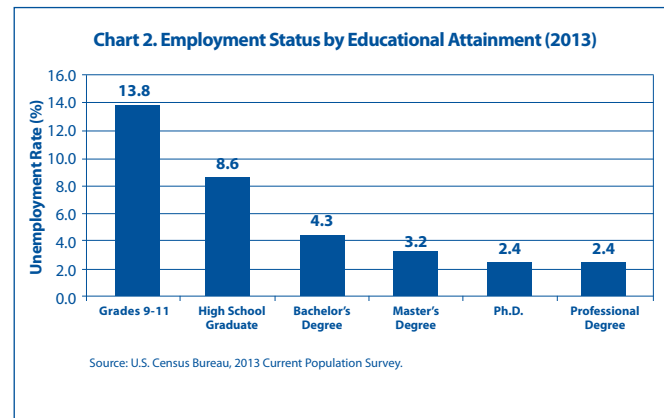
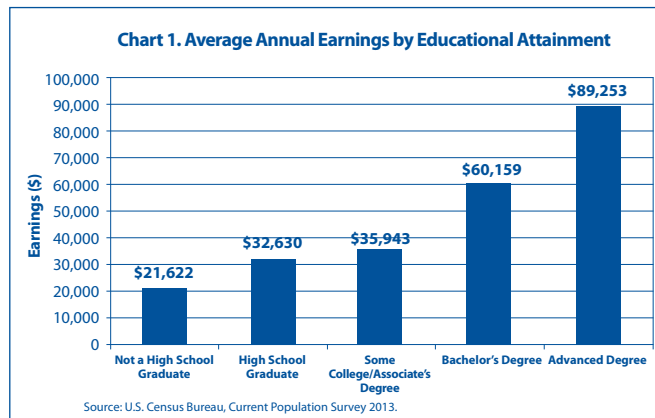
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# The University of Memphis Vastly Enriches the Mid-South Economy

## *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.

