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*Commencement*

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

U.S. Century Bank Arena

Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Saturday, August 13, 2011

## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Florida International University is a vibrant, student-centered public research university, ideally located in Miami, that is ***Worlds Ahead*** in its commitment to learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation and creativity so that our graduates are prepared to succeed in the global market.

Since 1965, when it was chartered as the area's first public university, FIU has built a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and community engagement. Since taking office in August 2009, President Mark Rosenberg has focused on strengthening student-centered academic excellence, enhancing research that supports community priorities and expanding community partnerships.

FIU has a diverse and nationally celebrated faculty who bring a global perspective to their research and teaching. Our vibrant student body comes from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries. FIU's worlds ahead alumni have risen to prominence in every field. The university takes full advantage of its ideal location, which serves as a "living laboratory" for many of its programs and offers unparalleled career opportunities. As a public university located in one of the nation's great cities, FIU offers a combination of vast resources, personal attention and affordability.

The university offers more than 200 baccalaureate, master's, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools: College of Architecture and The Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.

FIU has more than 42,500 students, 1,000 full-time faculty and more than 160,000 alumni. The university has three campuses – Modesto A. Maidique Campus in western Miami-Dade County; the Biscayne Bay Campus in northeast Miami-Dade County, and the FIU Broward Pines Center, an academic facility in nearby Broward County. The 40-acre Engineering Center, a major research facility, is located near Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

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*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING**..... Igor Tsukanov, *Banner Marshal*  
**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION** ..... Laura Dinehart, *Banner Marshal*  
**COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES** ..... Charles Buscemi, *Banner Marshal*  
**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS** ..... Eric Goldemberg, *Banner Marshal*  
**SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION**..... Neil Reisner, *Banner Marshal*  
**SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT** ..... Jin Lin Zhao, *Banner Marshal*  
**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL**..... Kathleen Wilson, *Banner Marshal*  
**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**..... Magnolia Hernandez, *Banner Marshal*  
**HONORS COLLEGE**..... Leonard Elbaum, *Banner Marshal*  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS** ..... Sarah Clegg, *Banner Marshal*  
**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**..... Lauren Christos, *Banner Marshal*

**PROCESSIONAL** ..... Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Liberty Fanfare*, John Williams  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER**..... Keba Williams, *Senior, Vocal Performance*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key

**CONVENER**..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

**WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS** ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

**SGA MESSAGE** ..... Denise Halpin, *SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Pines Center; Member, FIU Foundation Board of Directors*

**PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES**..... Lakshmi Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

**PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES**  
Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*  
College of Engineering and Computing ..... Amir Mirmiran, *Dean*  
College of Education..... Delia C. Garcia, *Dean*  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences..... Ora Strickland, *Dean*  
College of Architecture and The Arts..... Brian Schriener, *Dean*  
School of Journalism and Mass Communication..... Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver, *Dean*  
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management..... Mike Hampton, *Dean*  
University Graduate School ..... Lakshmi Reddi, *Dean*

**CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES**..... President Rosenberg

**RECESSIONAL**

# Commencement Program

## Saturday, August 13, 3:00 p.m.

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK.....Jennifer Abeloff, *Banner Marshal*  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION .....Deanne Butchey, *Banner Marshal*  
CHAPMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL ..... Monica Charini Tremblay, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Victoria Castellanos, *Banner Marshal*  
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION .....Janie Valdes, *Banner Marshal*  
HONORS COLLEGE..... Regina Bailey, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Beverly Trott, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Liberty Fanfare*, John Williams  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Steven Christopher Ellis, *Instructor, Decision Sciences*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key  
Louis Melbourne, *Instructor, Management and International Business*  
Donald Roomes, *Senior Instructor, Management and International Business*

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE ..... Denise Halpin, *SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Pines Center;*  
*Member, FIU Foundation Board of Directors*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES ..... Lakshmi Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES  
Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work ..... Michele Ciccazzo, *Interim Dean*  
College of Business Administration ..... Joyce Elam, *Executive Dean*  
University Graduate School..... Lakshmi Reddi, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

# Commencement Program

## Saturday, August 13, 7:30 p.m.

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the Processional and rise for the National Anthem and the FIU Alma Mater.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... Gene Rosenberg, *Banner Marshal*  
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..... Sonja Montas-Hunter, *Banner Marshal*  
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION ..... Valerie Morgan, *Banner Marshal*  
HONORS COLLEGE..... Cecile Houry, *Banner Marshal*  
STUDENT AFFAIRS ..... Beverly Trott, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL ..... Grand Marshal Thomas Breslin, *Chair, Faculty Senate*  
*Fanfare for the Common Man*, Aaron Copland  
*Liberty Fanfare*, John Williams  
*Pomp and Circumstance*, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Scott Tripp, *Graduate, Vocal Performance*  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Francis Scott Key

CONVENER..... Douglas Wartzok, *Provost and Executive Vice President*

WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS ..... Mark B. Rosenberg, *President*

SGA MESSAGE ..... Denise Halpin, *SGA President, Biscayne Bay Campus and Pines Center;*  
*Member, FIU Foundation Board of Directors*

PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES ..... Lakshmi Reddi, *Dean, University Graduate School*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES  
Narrator ..... Stephen Neal, *Instructor, School of Theatre*  
College of Arts and Sciences..... Kenneth Furton, *Dean*  
University Graduate School..... Lakshmi Reddi, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

THE COMMENCEMENT:

# An Academic Tradition

*Michael J. Wagner, Ph.D., Retired Professor of Music Education*

At every academic institution, commencement exercises are the high point of the calendar. Since the purpose of a college or university is to prepare its students to merit the conferral of an academic degree, the commencement ceremony serves as the instrument for exhibiting the success of both the university and its students in fulfilling this primary goal. The rites involved in the celebration of commencement stem from civilization's earliest times. In fact, the very word, commencement, means a beginning. If you are familiar with the trappings of this grand ceremony, you are aware that the traditions carried forth from medieval days are revealed in all of their pomp, color and symbolism. It is a celebration of new beginnings. For participants and observers alike, commencement is meant to be both self-serving and an emotional experience.

## The Chain of Office

The University President is the ceremony's convener and chief presider at the commencement ceremonies. The great chain, which is the FIU chain of office, is displayed on stage. This ancient symbol is perhaps the most beautiful and artistic of any of the accoutrements of the ceremony. During the Renaissance, holders of very high office sometimes wore a chain as a symbol of their authority. FIU's chain is made of sterling silver and its designs are cast, cut and etched. The center medallion represents the world and is surrounded by sea shells cast from an actual shell. Reflecting the university and the South Florida area are the eight ovals which make up the chain. Each link is connected by a shell motif and exemplifies a specific entity: 1) the University Park tower, 2) the Vrana sculpture over the entrance of Primera Casa, and 3) the Torch of Friendship. The others represent the five original schools in the FIU community: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Hospitality Management, and Engineering. Inscribed upon four of the medallions are the names and dates of tenure of FIU presidents — Charles Perry, Harold Crosby, Gregory Wolfe, Modesto A. Maidique. The chain was designed by Dr. Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and executed in 1977 by Leo Shirker, a Miami goldsmith, art teacher and FIU alumnus.

## The Mace

The Grand Marshal carries a ceremonial club called a mace. In antiquity, when an official of high rank went out in public, a mace-bearer was assigned to accompany him in order to literally beat away those who got close enough to try to petition the favors of the official. Today, the bearing of the university's mace is ceremonial in nature, signifying the authority and authenticity of those who are to follow.

## Music

Music plays an important role in the commencement experience. The commencement procession begins with the playing of Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man. It is followed by Liberty Fanfare, composed by John Williams and followed with the familiar Pomp and Circumstance March #1, by Sir Edward Elgar. This march, one of a set of five Pomp and Circumstance marches by Elgar, is traditionally played at commencement ceremonies throughout the United States, and many places around the world. It has come to symbolize the commencement experience. After the processional, and after the academic body is assembled, our national anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, is played.

After the National Anthem, the FIU Alma Mater is played. This piece of FIU symbolism was composed by Clair McElfresh of the FIU Music faculty, former dean of undergraduate studies, and now retired.

## Marshals

The leader of the academic procession is the Grand Marshal. At FIU, this prestigious honor goes to the chairperson of the Faculty Senate, which is the democratic collegial governance body of the faculty. You will notice that as the Grand Marshal processes, the mace (a formidable weapon) is held at port arms, the ready position for quick protection. Faculty and student marshals have been elected to lead candidates for graduation from each of the university's schools and colleges.

## The Dais Party

The Dais Party is also known as the Platform Party. This group is composed of the university's administrative leaders and very special guests. The Dais Party enters the hall before the faculty and proceeds directly to stage. At the end of the processional, the Grand Marshal declares the proceedings open, and the ceremony moves forward.

## Academic Regalia

The tradition of wearing distinctive academic attire at commencement ceremonies originated in Europe in the twelfth century. However, gowns and capes had been worn by clerics and ecclesiastics even before that date. A heavy black or brown gown was apparently worn at all times. Hoods and capes were also a necessity during the long, cold European winters because the buildings in which scholars lived, studied and taught were cold and drafty. When not being used to provide warmth, hoods and baggy sleeves served the same purpose as do today's pockets. Often a crust of bread or some cheese were tucked away in them for sustenance on a long journey. The academic costume at English universities (from which many of our American commencement traditions originate) can be traced as far back as the middle of the fourteenth century, to the time

when scholars were rebuked that a decent habit was to be worn (Statutes of Peterhouse, 1344). This document further prescribed the code of dress for university teachers of that era. In a 1432 statute, students and even doctors of theology were restricted to bunge and sad-colored habits. The robes of master were to be flowing and reach the ankles. In an order dated 1358, tailors were admonished not to stint the robes, which should be argae et talares, because clerks (of whom scholars were one type) should be distinguished from the laity. A few universities still require students and faculty to wear a short gown both on and off the university campus. Oxford, Cambridge and some Scottish universities maintain this custom. The faculties of American universities have worn academic garb for commencement ceremonies since the beginning of the system. For almost 250 years, each university chose its own costume until it was realized that in 1896 an event unique in history would be taking place. This was the simultaneous celebrations of the 250th anniversary of Harvard University and the 500th anniversary of Heidelberg University. Because of this unique circumstance, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was opened in 1895 to record the distinctive colors of institutions, their arrangement, the particulars of gowns, hoods and caps, as well as information pertaining to academic ceremonies. At that time, an American code of academic dress was agreed upon to which we adhere today with few modifications. Since Spring 2011, FIU has selected to use earth-friendly academic regalia for undergraduate and graduate students. The fabric is manufactured from molten plastic pellets recycled from approximately 23 water bottles and feels like traditional fabric. This initiative underlines FIU's commitment to sustainability.

## Gowns

Academic gowns of today are most easily identified by the distinctive style of their sleeves. The bachelor's gown is worn closed and its sleeves are long, open and pointed. The master's gown can be worn either open or closed, and has long distinctive sleeves which are closed, with a slit near the elbow to free the hand and forearm. These pointed sleeves hang down from the elbow to below the hand. The doctor's gown can be worn either opened or closed, and has five inches of velvet trim down both front edges, and three velvet chevrons on each sleeve. The velvet trim may be either black or the color of the discipline in which the degree is granted. The sleeves are closed and bloused.

## Hoods

Probably the greatest degree of symbolism is expressed with the academic hood. Those who hold bachelor's degrees and participate in commencement sometimes wear a hood. Candidates for the bachelor's degree do not. The bachelor's hood is black and is three-feet long, with a two-inch velvet border in the color of discipline in which the degree is awarded. The master's hood is also of black material, and is three-and-one-half feet long with a three-inch velvet border in the color of the discipline. It is lined with the colors of the institution conferring the degree. The doctor's hood is four-feet long, has a five-inch velvet border in the the color of the discipline, and is lined with the colors of the institution granting the degree.

## Caps

Traditionally, the Oxford style square cap is considered proper headdress. In recent times, however, it has become stylish to wear a soft cap of either square or octagonal shape. All graduates wear a tassel over the left side of the cap. Bachelor's and master's tassels may be black or the color of the academic discipline, while doctor's tassels are always gold.

These are by no means all of the styles or accoutrements worn as academic dress. Indeed, in South American, Spanish and Dutch universities, the academic attire can be likened to plumage. It is not uncommon to see brightly colored gowns adorned with ermine and other furs, flowing capes, and caps trimmed with beads or tassels. Some universities in South America even add Indian feathers to the headdress, in honor of the Inca Indians. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

## FIU traditional tassel colors, according to college/school are:

School of Architecture and The Arts	
— Architecture	Blue Violet
— Music	Pink
— The Arts	White
College of Arts and Sciences	White
— Public Administration	Peacock Blue
— Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
College of Business Administration	Drab
College of Education	Light Blue
College of Engineering and Computing	Orange
School of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
School of Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
College of Nursing and Health Sciences	
— Nursing	Apricot
— Health Sciences	Green
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	
— Public Health	Salmon
— Social Work	Citron
Honors College	Gold



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## The Honors College

Graduates of the Honors College have had the opportunity to work with some of the University's most outstanding faculty members in a program of excellence in academics, personal development, and service. The College boasts faculty from a wide array of academic disciplines and students from 80 different nations and states. The Honors College provides top students with an interdisciplinary education that complements their major fields and prepares them to compete in the workplace or for graduate or professional school placement after graduation.

Created as a program in 1990, the College has grown to include over a thousand students and forty-three faculty members in an exciting and challenging academic environment. The Honors College now provides a full range of opportunities and support activities for its students, including study abroad courses, individual advising, research and internship programs, and service opportunities. The heart of the college is its creative and supportive community.

### The Curriculum

Honors seminars are unique classes that assure a challenging thread winds through the undergraduate experience of all students in the College, regardless of major. Every semester Honors College students take an interdisciplinary honors seminar. Most are team-taught by three to four members of the Honors faculty. Students and faculty members

meet each week for large group lectures, panel discussions, student presentations and films; they also meet weekly in small discussion sessions to analyze reading assignments and to elaborate on issues raised during the large group. Students thus have the opportunity to work closely with one faculty member, while learning from several in their large group, from the earliest point in their studies. Third and fourth year students take advanced trans-disciplinary seminars and/or study abroad trips or participate in research.

### The Students

Students chosen for the College are excellent students capable of performing well in the rigorous Honors curriculum as well as in their other course work. The average SAT score for Honors students is 1870. Admission, however, is not simply based on numbers. Since the “ideal” Honors student should be active in the community and seeks out challenges both academically and personally, emphasis is placed on letters of recommendation, a personal essay, and the breadth of the student's experiences.

The success of these graduates of the Honors College is yet another example of Florida International University's continuing commitment to providing an exceptional undergraduate education for its students.

## The Honors College Graduates

Jennifer Amy  
Michelle Eusebio  
Laura Fernandez  
Luis Fernandez de la Vara  
Jhon Garcia  
Byron Gaskin  
Fernando Intriago  
Julio Manache  
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Antonio Roman  
Ana Ruiz  
Steven Saenz  
Vereuch Simmons  
Lisa-Gaye Smith  
Tram Ta  
Arielle Trujillo  
Kyle Weisenberg





## Council for Student Organizations' Honor Societies

*The following students have been recognized by their respective Honor Societies and the Florida International University Council for Student Organizations for reaching a high level of academic achievement.*

### PHI BETA KAPPA

Raynier Mario Abreu  
Mansur A. Budejen  
Nancy Ann Church  
Stacey Donna Cohen  
Luis Ernesto Fernández  
de la Vara  
Stephen Raymond Gallo  
Fernando Intriago-Canizares  
Jesse Wayne Lemon  
Fernanda Rocha Lisznia  
Mellanie Ann Mayol  
Edin Alberto Mejia  
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Silvana A. Newman  
Yelen Nuñez  
Jessica Ortiz  
Natasha Perez  
Cecilia Diana Rivas  
Miguel Angel Suarez  
Jesus Orlando Valentino  
Nelson Victor Walters

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Anabel De la Rosa  
Stephanie Basanta  
Kyle Weisenberg  
Yosbel Barranco  
William Rodriguez  
Julian Gonzalez  
Delta Epsilon Iota  
Meniolle Alexis  
Fernando Barreiro  
Nicole Berry  
Crystal Bryant  
Jorge Camacho  
Marvion Campbell  
Julio Cardenas  
Vanessa Cendoya  
Doris C. Cesar  
Esther Charles  
Sara Conklin  
Vicente Cueto  
Maria Delgadillo  
Daniel Ferrer  
Evelyn Hernandez

Srikanth Korla  
Stephanie Leiva  
Antoinette G. Lindor  
Charles Mabry  
Vanessa Madrazo  
Mellanie Mayol  
Ligia Melo-McPherson  
Morella Meneses  
Annia Mesa  
Maria Morales  
Yelen Nunez  
Jessica Ortiz  
Amir Radfar  
Diana Rios  
Noelle Rivera  
Florencia Rossato  
Calogero Santangelo  
Melissa T. Sasso  
David Swait  
Stephanie Thomas  
Carla Uriarte  
Cynthia Vega  
Karina Villalba  
Kimberly Warren  
Marisil Wright  
Michael Yativ  
Ashley Young  
Taryn Zuckerman

### ALPHA PHI SIGMA

Eileen A. Espinal  
Daphney Jean  
Andrew Vaz

### BETA ALPHA PSI

Arcia Ellen  
Blano Maria-Rosa  
Chaves Rolando  
Dascalescu Liliana  
Huici Damaris  
Neris LeeAnn  
Orelus Max  
Pino Gema

### MACC PROGRAM

Bello Natalie  
Torossian Marie K.

### CHI EPSILON

Cynthia Fuentes  
Sara Rasekhi  
Alberto Pisani  
Hazel Fabroa Hallett  
Maria Gabriela somana prada

### CHI SIGMA IOTA

Nicole Berry  
Ana M. Lobos  
Robyn K. Lyn

### ETA KAPPA NU

Immer Shamir Rivera  
Daniel Monsalve Cardona  
Carlos Garrido  
Mitchell Sanchez  
Jorge Montenegro

### GOLDEN KEY

Jamie Berrezueta  
Nicole Berry  
Paula Correa  
Komal Desai  
Ashley Desamours  
Erika Erched  
Katherine Escobar  
Beverly Francois  
Michelle Fuentes  
Eduardo Fuste  
Claudia Ganem  
Mini George  
Isabel Gonzalez  
Evelyn Hernandez  
Daphney Jean  
Francine Keene  
Antoinette Lindor  
Marie Maloku  
Danielle Mattis  
Mellanie Mayol  
Ligia Melo-McPherson  
Nikols Mendoza

Morella Meneses  
Verushka Naidoo  
Priya Naik  
Eliza Nunez  
Yelen Nunez  
Jessica Ortiz  
Yanelis Perez  
Jacquelin Portino  
Ana Ramos  
Diana Rios  
Ryan Rodriguez  
Rommy Romero  
Melissa Sasso  
Bikash Singh  
Anturuan Stallworth  
Joy Stephens-Mcdonnough  
John Sullivan  
Jennifer Tejera  
Stephanie Thomas  
Carla Uriarte  
Kimberly Warren  
Marisil Wright  
Mohamed Xhemajli  
Camilo Zambrano

### INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY

Gloria Leon

### KAPPA DELTA PI

Erika Erched  
Amanda Hechavarria

### NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS

Yelen Nunez  
Mariela Castillo  
Priya Naik  
Adriana Uriarte  
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*College of Arts and Sciences*

**Veysel Avsar**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics  
Dissertation: *Essays on Administrative Protection and Trade Deflection*  
Major Professor: Dr. Richard Chisik

**Julio Capó, Jr.**  
Doctor of Philosophy in History  
Dissertation: *It's Not Queer to Be Gay: Miami and the Emergence of the Gay Rights Movement, 1945 - 1995*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Alex Lichtenstein  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Darden Asbury Pyron

**Mariana E. Carlucci**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Memory Conformity: Actors and Bystanders*  
Major Professor: Dr. Daniel B. Wright

**Sen Chen**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Reduced Organic Sulfur: Analysis and Interaction with Mercury in the Aquatic Environment*  
Major Professor: Dr. Yong Cai

**Manuel De Leon**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science  
Dissertation: *The Ineffectiveness of Multilateral Sanctions Regimes under Globalization: The Case of Iraq*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ronald W. Cox

**Fatma Deli**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics  
Dissertation: *Three Essays on Self-Employment Transitions, Organizational Capital, and Firm Formation*  
Major Professor: Dr. Peter Thompson

**Erika Denise Edwards**  
Doctor of Philosophy in History  
Dissertation: *Negotiating Identities, Striving for State Recognition: Blacks in Córdoba, Argentina, 1776-1853*  
Major Professor: Dr. Mark Szuchman

**Ausenda Folch**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish  
Dissertation: *The Representation of Motherhood in Contemporary Catalan Fiction*  
Major Professor: Dr. Asunción Gómez

**Carlos Gerardo Granados**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics  
Dissertation: *Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) Structure of Nuclear Interaction*  
Major Professor: Dr. Misak Sargsian

**Liguang Liu**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
Dissertation: *Understanding China's Climate Change Mitigation Policy: Structures, Processes, and Outcomes*  
Major Professor: Dr. Allan Rosenbaum

**Liza Merly**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Immunomodulation by Shark Cartilage Extracts*  
Major Professor: Dr. Charles H. Bigger

**Nora Oleas**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Landscape Genetics of Phaedranassa Herb. (Amaryllidaceae) in Ecuador*  
Major Professor: Dr. Javier Francisco-Ortega

**Oliva Pisani**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Local Biomass Control on the Composition and Reactivity of Particulate Organic Matter in Aquatic Environments*  
Professor: Dr. Rudolf Jaffé

**Maria Ladonna Reid**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *The Effects of Parental Nurturance and Involvement on Peer Relationships and Psychosocial Functioning of Young Adults*  
Professor: Dr. Robert Lickliter

2011 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

**Rachel Ann Ritchie**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology  
Dissertation: *Investigating Positive Identity Development in a School-Based Positive Youth Development Project*  
Major Professor: Dr. William M. Kurtines

**Amy Ritterbusch**  
Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations  
Dissertation: *A Youth Vision of the City: The Socio-Spatial Lives and Exclusion of Street Girls in Bogota, Colombia*  
Major Professor: Dr. Patricia Price

**Janna Leann Rose**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Anti-Diarrheal Plants of Central Anatolia: Do They Inhibit Diarrhea-causing Bacteria?*  
Major Professor: Dr. Bradley C. Bennett

**Francisco Sastre**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology  
Dissertation: *Living Positive: Life in Community Among Puerto Rican Men Living with HIV in Boston*  
Major Professor: Dr. Sarah J. Mahler

**Richard M. Smith**  
Doctor of Philosophy in History  
Dissertation: *The Moderate Voice of John Sherman and the Republican Agenda, 1855-1898*  
Major Professor: Dr. Darden Asbury Pyron

**John P. Topinka**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs  
Dissertation: *Does Management Capacity Increase Organizational Performance? An Empirical Analysis of Public Housing Agencies*  
Major Professor: Dr. Howard Frank

**Zheng Wang**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry  
Dissertation: *Characterization of Recombinant Chloroperoxidase, and F103A and C29H/C79H/C87H Mutants*  
Major Professor: Xiaotang Wang

**Steven M. Whitfield**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology  
Dissertation: *Enigmatic Faunal Declines at La Selva, Costa Rica: Patterns and Processes in a Collapsing Neotropical Herpetofauna*  
Major Professor: Dr. Maureen Donnelly

*College of Business Administration*

**Barri Alexandra Litt**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *An Examination of Accounting and Auditing Issues Related To Strategic Environmental Initiatives*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kannan Raghunandan  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dasaratha Rama

**Vishal Munsif**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *Internal Control Reporting by Non-Accelerated Filers*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kannan Raghunandan  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dasaratha Rama

**Gizelle Fernandez Perretti**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *Contemporary Aspects of Dividends: Before and During the Financial Crisis*  
Major Professor: Dr. Ali M. Parhizgari

**Maria Filofteia Rickling**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *Three Essays on Corporate Governance and Meeting-Beating or Missing Analyst Forecasts*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kannan Raghunandan  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dasaratha Rama

**Jose Rocha**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *A Study on Uncertain Dynamic Disaster Management Tasks, Knowledge Sharing, and Task Performance*  
Major Professor: Dr. Irma Becerra-Fernandez

**Gladys Esther Simpson**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *A Multi-method Approach for the Assessment of Composite Indices and Rankings*  
Major Professor: Dr. Steve Zanakis

**Meghna Singhvi**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration  
Dissertation: *Audit Committee Director Turnover*  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kannan Raghunandan  
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dasaratha Rama

## 2011 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

### Mohammad Abraham Soleimani

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

Dissertation: *Essays on Corporate Reputation: Antecedents and Consequences*

Major Professor: Dr. William Newburry

### Paul Ntaka Tanyi

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

Dissertation: *Essays on Audit Report Lag*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kannan Raghunandan

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dasaratha Rama

### Yu-Kai Wang

Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration

Dissertation: *The Impact of Institutional Complexity and Top Management Characteristics on Executive Compensation and Firm Performace*

Major Professor: Dr. Aya Chacar

## College of Education

### Colleen Marie Quinn

Doctor of Education in Higher Education

Dissertation: *Collective Bargaining and Faculty Unionization: An Administrative Perspective*

Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

### Patricia Zahirah Salahuddin

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *Character Education in a Muslim School: A Case Study of a Comprehensive Muslim School's Curricula*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Muhammad Farouk

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Linda Spears-Bunton

### Yang Yang

Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: *A Q Factor Analysis of College Undergraduate Students' Study Behaviors*

Major Professor: Leonard B. Bliss

## College of Engineering and Computing

### Richard Burton

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *A Methodology to Select an Enterprise Resource Planning System for a Small or Medium Sized Enterprise*

Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen

### Charles Christopher Castello

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *System-on-a-Chip (SoC) Based Environmental Monitoring Platform for the Detection of Hazardous Materials*

Major Professor: Dr. Jeffrey Fan

### Steven Christopher Ellis

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *A Theory of Constraints Service Systems Improvement Method: Case of the Airline Turnaround Problem*

Major Professor: Dr. Ronald Giachetti

### Lixin Huang

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Predicting Hurricane Evacuation Decisions: When, How Many, And How Far?*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Albert Gan

Co-Major Professor: Dr. L. David Shen

### Charles Alexandre Kenmogne Kamhoua

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

Dissertation: *Modeling Security and Cooperation in Wireless Networks using Game Theory*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Niki Pissinou

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kia Makki

### Srikanth Korla

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: *Inspection of Parts with Complex Geometry and Welds with Structural Health Monitoring Techniques*

Major Professor: Dr. Ibrahim Tansel

### Debrupa Lahiri

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science Engineering

Dissertation: *Hydroxyapatite-Nanotube Composites and Coatings for Orthopedic Application*

Major Professor: Dr. Arvind Agarwal

### Mengshan Lee

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *Integrated Assessment of Water Conservation Practices for Sustainable Management Strategies*

Major Professor: Dr. Berrin Tansel

### Gulbin Ozcan-Deniz

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

Dissertation: *An Integrated Multi-Agent Framework for Optimizing Time, Cost and Environmental Impact of Construction Processes*

Major Professor: Dr. Yimin Zhu

## 2011 Doctoral Candidates *(continued)*

### Shradha Prabhulkar

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

Dissertation: *Development of Micro Immunosensor to Study Genomic and Proteomic Biomarkers Related to Cancer and Alzheimer's Disease*

Major Professor: Dr. Chenzhong Li

### Rambod Rayegan

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering

Dissertation: *Exergoeconomic Analysis of Solar Organic Rankine Cycle for Geothermal Air Conditioned Net Zero Energy Buildings*

Major Professor: Dr. Yong X. Tao

### Mauricio Torres

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Dissertation: *Methodology to Create Cost Estimation Models for Engineer-to-Order (ETO) Operations*

Major Professor: Dr. Chin-Sheng Chen

### Yali Wu

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *A Domain- Specific Approach for Coordinating User-Centric Communication Services*

Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Clarke

### Yi Zhang

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Dissertation: *Exploring the Integration of Data Mining and Data Visualization*

Major Professor: Dr. Tao Li

## College of Nursing and Health Sciences

### Doctoral of Physical Therapy

Tiffany Barber  
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Vincenzo Bombara  
Melissa M. Burgos  
Lai Fong Chau  
Keregay Meeks Coleman  
Maritza Cornejo  
Martin Daszykowski  
Gabriela Duarte  
Tatiana Fuentes  
Maria Gaitan  
Angelica Garcia  
Brittany Goldson  
Judlande Guervil  
Shari Gunning-Gordon  
Kristeen Heghinian  
Diana Jovanov  
Michelle Llambes  
Omar Marmol  
Keila Matos  
Thomas McCaffrey  
Juan Moran  
Julie Mushill

Thatiany Oliveira  
Bryan Pasetti  
Erik Perez  
Stephanie Pi  
Jenna Platt  
Angela Ramirez  
Jennifer Roseo  
Amanda Roura  
Edward Salgado  
Angela Sanchez  
Laura Sanchez  
Jesse Solotoff  
Helen Tuero  
Amber Vasquez  
Leah Vega  
Valeria Velez  
Aaron Villegas  
Egon Vollmer  
Alysia Williams  
Simone Wong  
Lucia Zepeda  
Erika Zwagil

## Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work

### Brenda Luna

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

Dissertation: *Prenatal Environmental Exposure and Neurodevelopmentally Important Gene Expression in Malformed Brain Tissue from Pediatric Intractable Epilepsy Patients*

Major Professor: Dr. Deodutta Roy





## 2011 Summer Semester Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates

To graduate **Summa Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Magna Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

To graduate **Cum Laude**, a student must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better and completed 40 semester hours of coursework for GPA at FIU

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### College of Architecture and The Arts

#### *Master of Music*

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Kala I. Jordan  
Federico Alejandro Musgrove Stetson  
Gerardo A. Suarez

#### *Master of Architecture*

Thomas Richard Bryan  
Alvaro Gazo  
Alex Lozano  
Amir Y. Melloul  
Katuska Merino  
Michael Douglas Ordonez  
Alfonso Rodriguez  
Luis David Sanchez

#### *Master of Interior Design*

Maritza Capiro  
Andrea Isabel Tagliaferro

#### *Master of Landscape Architecture*

Luis A. Jimenez  
Alejandro J. Perez

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Architecture*

Daniel Alonso  
Sybille Calixte  
David F. Delgado  
Carlos Antonio Fernandez  
Carly B. Gallo  
Laidy Kagerl

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Frank J. Mata  
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Ulises Reyes  
Juan Pablo Rodriguez  
Alejandro Suarez  
Alvaro Velosa  
Christopher Peter Zuozo

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Art*

Susan Allan, **Cum Laude**  
Erica Robin Liemer  
Waldyr S. Louis  
Humberto Mena  
Eloisa Milian  
Natalia Pop, **Cum Laude**  
Eleonora Stein, **Cum Laude**

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Art History*

Susana Egurrola  
Bianca Marie Gonzalez  
Michelle C. Lopez, **Cum Laude**  
Natasha Perez, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Shantelle Rodriguez  
Ana M. Ruiz, **Cum Laude**  
Cristina Maria Russell  
Nicole Odette Santos  
Maria Valdes, **Cum Laude**  
Samantha Zabalo, **Cum Laude**

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Dance*

Iris Lemus

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Music*

Michael Henry Bordelon

#### *Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art*

Denise Ann Acebal-Roca  
Natalia Arbelaez, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Raymond Fuentes  
Alina Rubi Gil, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Carolina Menendez  
Maria Eduvigis Silva

#### *Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre*

Andrea C. Bovino

#### *Bachelor of Interior Design*

Vivian Carolina Almeida  
Jissette Jimenez, **Magna Cum Laude**  
Laura V. Jimenez

#### *Bachelor of Landscape*

#### *Architecture*

Tania Gutierrez  
AnaClaudia Magalhaes  
Daniella Motro  
Tatiana Torres

#### *Bachelor of Music*

Pedro H. De Faria, **Summa Cum Laude**  
Alexander Piccio Sancho  
Edrick D. Subervi Vazquez,  
**Magna Cum Laude**  
Keba J. Williams, **Cum Laude**

### College of Arts and Sciences

#### *Master of Arts in African and African Diaspora Studies*

Christina N. Bazzaroni  
Sabrina Collins  
Sarah H. Labbe

#### *Master of Arts in Asian Studies*

Yuanyuan Fang  
Elana Pisani  
Ian J. Verhine

#### *Master of Arts in English*

Christina Machado  
Robert B. Markum  
Lauren N. Rey

#### *Master of Arts in History*

Ricardo J. Correa  
Robert Acelio Gueits  
Jorge Luis Malagon  
Armando Morales  
Karsten Erik Pedersen-Majors  
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#### *Master of Arts in International Studies*

Yoshiko Yamada

#### *Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies*

Stephen N. Coakley Wells  
Laura K. Greene

Ruben A. Sanchez  
Ann M. Warmenhoven

#### *Master of Arts in Liberal Studies*

Margarita Mesa

#### *Master of Arts in Linguistics*

Celia Chomon Zamora

#### *Master of Arts in Political Science*

Judith Alegre  
Daniella Bacigalupo Arce  
Christopher Perez

#### *Master of Arts in Religious Studies*

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Jeremy S. Paulovkin  
Angela-Clare Pollard  
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#### *Master of Public Administration*

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Jose Capote  
Sarah C. Castillo  
Chekevia Rene Cox  
Daniel Cruz  
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#### *Master of Science in Statistics*

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#### *Master of Science in Biology*

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### ***Master of Science in Chemistry***

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### ***Master of Science in Criminal Justice***

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### ***Master of Science in Geosciences***

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### ***Master of Science in Mathematical Science***

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### ***Master of Science in Psychology***

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### ***Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry***

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### ***Bachelor of Arts in English***

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Frank William Brennan  
Emily Byers, **Magna Cum Laude**  
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Joseph Carmen Canicatti  
Jalyn Sunrise Deleon  
Martha I. Espinoza  
Enrique M. Fernandez  
Maria Isabel Gil  
Julieta Gomez-De-Mello  
Robert A. Gonzalez  
Sarah Gonzalez  
Manon Grana  
Chelsea Granell  
Danielle Nicole Grimley  
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Beco Lichtman  
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Nicholas Menendez  
Amy Monasterios  
Judiny V. Moran  
Luis M. Nin  
Brittney Oliver  
Jamie M. Ott  
Kristina Pazos  
Francisco Duarte Pedro, **Cum Laude**  
David Ariel Peralta  
Aileen Perez  
Marie-Junie Missoline Pierre  
Jocelyn Marie Polo  
Jonathan Alexander Quinones  
Amy Cristina Ramirez, **Cum Laude**  
Nicholas Ravinet  
Danielle J. Rodd  
Elizabeth Rosales  
Janett Serrano, **Cum Laude**  
Darlene Anne Shea  
Sharon Louise Smith  
Kristin Spire

Erik John Steinhardt  
Brittany L. Stowe-Castellano  
Amber Taylor  
Sherrie Varpula  
Richard James Vazquez  
Vanessa Vega  
Carl Vitente, **Cum Laude**  
Kimberly Walsh  
Safia Zainulabuddin

### ***Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies***

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Alexandria Zangari

### ***Bachelor of Arts in French***

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Manon Grana

### ***Bachelor of Arts in Geography***

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Lauren Kelly Le Roy, **Cum Laude**

### ***Bachelor of Arts in History***

Christopher James Eden  
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George Leyva  
David Lopez  
Quincy Manzano  
Fabian Humberto Martinez  
Loris Ott  
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Eduardo R. Suarez  
Yasdanee Valdes  
Oscar D. Vega

### ***Bachelor of Arts in International Relations***

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Sofia Duran  
Viktor J. El-Saieh  
Pax M. Escobar  
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Laura A. Fernandez, **Cum Laude**  
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Hayro Lazaro Garciga  
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Jeffery Hall  
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Alicia Jaggernauth  
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Lila Jezreel Lacayo  
Kenny John Leyva  
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Nicole M. Nesta  
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Jermaine Robinson  
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Steven Saenz, **Magna Cum Laude**

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Giselle Del Valle  
Janet Diaz  
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