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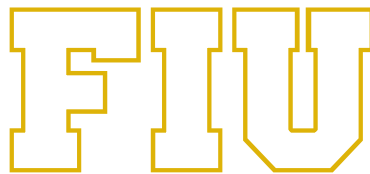
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Commencement

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

FIU Arena

Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Monday, August 4, 2014

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

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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 brings a global perspective to its research and teaching. Our vibrant student body is made up of individuals from throughout the United States and more than 130 countries, and our ***Worlds Ahead*** alumni have risen to prominence in every field.

FIU offers more than 180 baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools, including the: College of Architecture + The Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Engineering and Computing, Honors College, College of Law, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work.

FIU has 54,000 students, 1,200 full-time faculty and more than 200,000 alumni – many of whom live and work in South Florida. The university is split between two major campuses: the Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC) in western Miami-Dade County and the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC) in northeast Miami-Dade County. FIU also has several other locations across South Florida, including: FIU at I-75, an academic facility in nearby Broward County; the Engineering Center, a 40-acre research facility located near MMC; FIU Downtown on Brickell; the Miami Beach Urban Studios (MBUS), the Wolfsonian FIU, and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU, all on South Beach. FIU also has a branch in Tianjin, China, with the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Thanks to the support of the South Florida community, FIU has emerged as a ***Worlds Ahead*** leader of higher education, and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015.

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ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK Timothy Page, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES..... Rod Newman, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL.. Catherine Coccia, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Stephen Anderson, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Amy E. Kay, *Banner Marshal*
LIBRARIES..... Marissa Ball, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES..... Shaelina Holmes, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL.....Grand Marshal Joerg Reinhold, *Vice Chair, Faculty Senate*
Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland
Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER.....
The Star-Spangled Banner, Francis Scott Key
FIU Alma Mater, Belinda Gunn

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

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Narrator Stephen Neal, *Instructor, Department of Theatre*
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work Michele Ciccazzo, *Dean*
College of Arts and Sciences..... Michael Heithaus, *Interim Dean*
University Graduate School..... Sonja Montas-Hunter, *Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.....Alicia Mendoza, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.....Solange Kouemou, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL..Eric D. Musser, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION... Charles Andrews, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Elias Bardawil, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES Jennifer Halpern, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL.....Grand Marshal Joerg Reinhold, *Vice Chair, Faculty Senate*
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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FIU ALMA MATER..... Enrique Coizeau, *Graduate Student, Psychology*
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONNeil Reisner, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING.....Carmen Schenck, *Banner Marshal*
CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENTPablo Simon, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOLYan Xiao, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONJanie Valdes, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE.....Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS.....Kristen Kawczynski, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICESAlexandra Laforest, *Banner Marshal*

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College of Engineering and Computing.....Amir Mirmiran, *Dean*
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism ManagementMike Hampton, *Dean*
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NICOLE WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCESAudrey Miller, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOLDeborah Sherman, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONRebekah Schulze, *Banner Marshal*
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ALVAH H. CHAPMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Alexandra Aguirre Rodriguez, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Elizabeth Gutierrez, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Cheryl Nowell, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES Doralba Suarez, *Banner Marshal*

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE + THE ARTS Jacqueline Thompson, *Banner Marshal*
R. KIRK LANDON UNDERGRADUTE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS..... Desiree Elias, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Gray Read, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATIONConsuelo Boronat, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS..... Bronwen Bares-Pelaez *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICESDennys Massanet, *Banner Marshal*

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Commencement Speaker

Katherine Archuleta

Director, United States Office of Personnel Management

Katherine Archuleta is the director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the agency responsible for attracting and retaining an innovative, diverse and talented workforce to make the federal government a model employer for the 21st Century. A long-time public servant who has distinguished herself as a leader in human resources and management policy, Archuleta is the first Latina to lead OPM.

Archuleta began her career in public service as a teacher in the Denver public school system. She left teaching to work as an aide to Denver Mayor Federico Peña. When Mayor Peña became Secretary of Transportation during the Clinton Administration, Archuleta continued her public service as his chief of staff. Later, Peña was appointed to head the Department of Energy and she served as a senior policy advisor in the Office of the Secretary.

After the Clinton Administration, she went back to local government and became a senior policy advisor to Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper. Prior to joining OPM, Archuleta spent the first two years of the Obama Administration serving as chief of staff to Secretary Hilda Solis at the Department of Labor, and most recently, she was the national political director for President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign.

As the director of OPM and a champion of federal employees, Archuleta says she is committed to building an innovative and inclusive workforce that reflects America.



Commencement Speaker

Anitere Flores, '97

Senator, State of Florida - District 37

Senator Anitere Flores currently represents Senate District 37 – which includes Kendall, Westchester, Fontainebleau, and portions of Southwest Miami-Dade County – in the Florida State Senate. When she was elected in 2010, she became the first Republican Hispanic woman to serve in the Florida Senate since 1989.

Prior to becoming a member of the State Senate, Flores served as Governor Jeb Bush's Education Policy Chief and as a State Representative in the Florida House of Representatives from 2004 to 2010. She has been an advocate for education throughout her political career, hired by the Florida House of Representatives right out of law school to work on the Education Council. During her career in the Florida House, she also served as the Deputy Majority Leader and as Chair of the PreK-12 Appropriations Committee and Chair of the PreK-12 Policy Committee.

Flores graduated from FIU with a bachelor's in political science and international relations in 1997. After receiving her J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2001, she served as director of state relations for FIU in Tallahassee for two years before being elected to the Florida House of Representatives. As a longtime champion, supporter and friend of FIU, she played an integral role in the approval of the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and continues working to secure funding for important FIU projects.



Commencement Speaker

Jose Felix Diaz

Florida House of Representatives – District 116

Born and raised in the Westchester neighborhood of Miami-Dade County, Jose Felix Diaz now represents the same area as State Representative for the 116th district, which stretches from Doral to Kendall, in the Florida House of Representatives. He previously represented the 115th district before district lines were redrawn in 2012.

Since graduating with a J.D. from the Columbia School of Law in 2005, Diaz has been a practicing attorney with the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt, specializing in litigation, land use and zoning. He has also served on the American Bar Association House of Delegates, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the CHARLEE Homes for Children – the largest foster care agency in Florida – and the Board of Directors of the Cuban American Bar Association.

As a representative, Diaz serves as the chairman of the Florida House Energy and Utilities Committee and he was recently elected by his peers to serve as the vice chairman of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation.

Diaz represents FIU in the Florida House of Representatives and has been an ardent supporter of many university initiatives, including the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. He has many Panthers in his family, his father-in-law was a long-time FIU faculty member and his wife, Therese, also worked and studied at the University.



Commencement Speaker

Jeannette Nuñez, '94, MPA '98

Florida House of Representatives – District 119

Representative Jeanette M. Nuñez was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2010. She has sponsored several crucial bills, including the Sexual Exploitation and the Safe Harbor Act. Florida now leads the nation in curbing sexual exploitation. In 2014, as chair of the Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee, Nuñez sponsored a bill that allows undocumented students, or Dreamers, the ability to pay in-state tuition rates at Florida's colleges and universities. This bill additionally halts colleges and universities from increasing their tuition, effectively keeping higher education affordable for high school graduates.

Currently, she is collaborating with Jackson Memorial Hospital, assisting with the development of managed care initiatives to better position the health system in today's changing marketplace. She serves on the Board of Kristi House, an organization dedicated to children who are victims of sexual abuse. She has been extensively involved with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, and she has served on the executive committee of Leadership Miami.

In 2007, Nuñez was named Hispanic Woman of Distinction of South Florida for her volunteerism. And in 2008, she was recognized as a "National Success Story" for her commitment and advocacy efforts.

A lifetime member of the Alumni Association, Nuñez holds a bachelor's in international relations and political science, as well as a master's of public administration from FIU. She has taught in FIU's Public Health Graduate Program, and served as an advisor to the College of Business.



Commencement Speaker

Erik Fresen
Florida House of Representatives – District 114

State Representative Erik Fresen chairs the Education Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees the budget for all of Florida’s state universities including FIU. He also sits on the Government Operations Subcommittee, Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee and Select Committee on Gaming.

A native of Miami, Fresen founded a governmental relations firm after receiving a bachelor’s in finance and international affairs from FSU. From 2005 to 2008, he worked for the law firm of Holland & Knight as a land use and public policy advisor. He has represented property owners with a focus on land use, zoning, and real estate law. His clients have included a number of not-for-profit and private sector organizations doing business with local government entities. He currently works for the architecture and land planning firm Civica, LLC.

The representative has been honored with numerous awards and recognitions for his leadership and public service. In 2013 alone, he was the recipient of the Early Learning Champion award from the Association of Early Learning Coalitions, the Legislator of the Year award from the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges, and the Public Service Leadership Award from United Way of Miami-Dade.

As a representative, Fresen has championed funding for important FIU programs such as the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, PantherLIFE, Fostering Panther Pride, and campus expansion.

THE COMMENCEMENT:

An Academic Tradition

At every academic institution, commencement exercises are the high point of the calendar for students and their families. 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 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.

Grand Marshal
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.

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.

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.

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. 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). 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. At Florida International University, whose colors are blue and gold, the traditional colors of the disciplines are:

Master’s candidates wear black gowns and Bachelor’s candidates wear blue gowns with the following tassel and hood colors representing degrees as follows:

Architecture	Blue Violet
Arts and Sciences	White
Business	Drab
Communication Arts	Crimson
Criminal Justice	Peacock Blue
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering and Computer Science	Orange
Fine Arts	White
Health Sciences	Green
Honors	Gold
Hospitality and Tourism Management	Navy Blue
Journalism and Mass Communication	Crimson
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon
Social Work	Citron

Doctoral candidates wear black gowns with gold tassels and hood colors are assigned as follows:

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Navy Blue
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)	Light Blue
Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)	Teal
Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)	Apricot
Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)	Green

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The Honors College provides top students with an interdisciplinary education that complements their majors. The heart of the college is its creative, active, and supportive community of outstanding students, superb teachers, accomplished researchers, and dedicated staff. Honors College scholars are admitted competitively into a transformational college where they pursue both academic and personal excellence. The curriculum emphasizes critical, integrative, and creative thinking; group and independent research; oral and written communication; close contact between students and faculty; and integration of class work with the world outside the university. Students can satisfy requirements by choosing from an array of advanced seminars that complement their major studies, by participating in study abroad, and/or by undertaking extended research through the groundbreaking Advanced Research and Creativity in Honors (ARCH) program and an Honors-to-Grad (H2G) program that provides stipends to students working with faculty on funded research projects.

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Symone Taylor
Ashley Channelle Suarez



2014 Summer Semester Doctoral Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Murat Altuglu

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Dissertation: *Electoral Rules and Elite Recruitment: A Comparative Analysis of the Bundestag and the U.S. House of Representatives*

Major Professor: Dr. Tatiana Kostadinova

Trisha Lynn Ashley

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Dissertation: *The H I Chronicles of LITTLE THINGS Blue Compact Dwarf Galaxies*

Major Professor: Dr. Caroline Simpson

George Atisa

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs

Dissertation: *Analysis of Global Compliance and Implementation of the Goals of International Environmental Treaties: A Case Study of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD)*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Mahadev G. Bhat

Gerald A. Berry

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology

Dissertation: *Mosquito Larvicides from Cyanobacteria*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Fernando G. Noriega

Co-Major Professor: Dr. John Berry

Jason Stephan William Bono

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Dissertation: *First Time Measurement of Spin Observables for the Charged Cascade Hyperon in Photoproduction*

Major Professor: Dr. Lei Guo

Mance Edwin Buttram

Doctor of Philosophy in Global and Sociocultural Studies

Dissertation: *Syndemic Risk Factors and Resilience Processes Related to HIV Transmission Risk among African American/Black Men in South Florida*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dennis Wiedman

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Mark Padilla

Raúl Cabrera

Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish

Dissertation: *El Posnacionalismo en la Narrativa Cubana Actual: Reivindicación de lo Privado y lo Homoerótico*

Major Professor: Dr. Santiago Juan-Navarro

Bilal Ciplak

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Dissertation: *Democracy Promotion and Turkey*

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Mohiaddin Mesbahi

Co-Major Professor: Dr. Ronald Cox

Yu Chen

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Dissertation: *Essays on Intergenerational and Regional Aspects of Water Management*

Major Professor: Dr. Mahadev G. Bhat

Yongqing Cong

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs

Dissertation: *Sustainable Public Pension System for Florida Local Governments: Financial Solvency, Paradigm Switch and Interperiod Equity*

Major Professor: Dr. Howard A. Frank

Yi Ding

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Taxation, Growth and Consumption*

Major Professor: Dr. Cem Karayalcin

Latoya Elise Eaves

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Sociology

Dissertation: *Spatial Articulations of Race, Desire, and Belonging in Western North Carolina*

Major Professor: Dr. Gail M. Hollander

Hanzhuo Fu

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

Dissertation: *Development of Advanced Capillary Electrophoresis Techniques with UV and Mass Spectrometry Detection for Forensic, Pharmaceutical and Environmental Applications*

Major Professor: Dr. Bruce R. McCord

Michael Good
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
Dissertation: *Essays on Migration: Nexus with Policy, Trade, and Development*
Major Professor: Dr. Cem Karayalcin

Ding He
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Application of Biomarkers and Compound Specific Stable Isotopes for the Assessment of Hydrology as a Driver of Organic Matter Dynamics in the Everglades Ecosystem*
Major Professor: Dr. Rudolf Jaffé

Ileana Hernandez
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Anxiety Disorders in Youth: Treatment Specificity and Mediation Effects*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Jeremy Pettit
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Wendy K. Silverman

Joshua A. Herrington
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Elevated Progesterone in Yolk as a Moderator of Prenatal and Postnatal Auditory Learning in Bobwhite Quail*
Major Professor: Dr. Robert Lickliter

Sven Paul Holbik
Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Arc Crust-Magma Interaction in the Andean Southern Volcanic Zone from Thermobarometry, Mineral Composition, Radiogenic Isotope and Rare Earth Element Systematics of the Azufre-Planchon-Peteroa Volcanic Complex, Chile*
Major Professor: Dr. Rosemary Hickey-Vargas

Asha Jaja-Chimedza
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Contribution of Lipophilic Secondary Metabolites to the Toxicity of Strains of Freshwater Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Blooms, Identified using the Zebrafish (Danio rerio) Embryo as a Model for Vertebrate Development*
Major Professor: Dr. John Berry

Hari P. Khanal
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
Dissertation: *Experimental Deuteron Momentum Distributions with Reduced Final State Interactions*
Major Professor: Dr. Werner U. Boeglin

Stephanie A. Long
Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Simulating Everglades National Park Hydrology and Phosphorus Transport Under Existing and Future Scenarios using Numerical Modeling*
Major Professor: Dr. Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm

Vanessa Lynn Madrazo
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Purpose, Identity, and Well-Being among Emerging Adult Hispanic Women*
Major Professor: Dr. Mary J. Levitt

Julia Meszaros
Doctor of Philosophy in Global and Sociocultural Studies
Dissertation: *Racialized Sexualities within the Romance Tour Industry: The Influence of Affects and Emotions upon Transnational Hierarchies of Desire*
Major Professor: Dr. Vrushali Patil

Deepthi Vinay Nori
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *A Novel Method for Rapid and Selective Extraction of Male DNA from Rape Kits using Alkaline Lysis and Pressure Cycling Technology (PCT)*
Major Professor: Dr. Bruce R. McCord

Aaron Justin Nowakowski
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Connectivity of Fragmented Amphibian Populations in a Neotropical Landscape*
Major Professor: Dr. Maureen A. Donnelly

Shannon Marion Quintana
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Parental and Cultural Influences on Hispanic College Women’s Verbal Intimate Partner Violence Victimization: An Examination of Within Group Differences*
Major Professor: Dr. Dionne Stephens

Jillian R. Rivard
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Confirmation Bias in Witness Interviewing: Can Interviewers Ignore Their Preconceptions?*
Major Professor: Dr. Nadja Schreiber Compo

Amy Saldana Tavares
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *The Role of the Transcription Factor Ets1 in Melanocyte Development*
Major Professor: Dr. Lidia Kos

Yosmel Sanchez-Hernandez
Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Paleoenvironmental Conditions and Geochemical Signals from the Late Barremian to the Middle Aptian in a Tethyan Marginal Basin, N-E Spain: Implications for Understanding Carbon Sequestration in Restricted Basins*
Major Professor: Dr. Florentin Maurrasse

Tara Sheehan
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *The Effects of Paternal and Maternal Nurturance and Involvement on Young Adult Academic Outcomes*
Major Professor: Dr. Mary J. Levitt

Elizabeth Whidden Stoner
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Human-driven Benthic Jellyfish Blooms: Causes and Consequences for Coastal Marine Ecosystems*
Major Professor: Dr. Craig Layman

Nicole Warmington-Granston
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
Dissertation: *The Caribbean Court of Justice: An Investigation of the Impact of Elites on its Creation and Present Structure as it relates to Original Jurisdiction*
Major Professor: Dr. Barry Levitt

Maria Carolina Zumaglini
Doctor of Philosophy in History
Dissertation: *Cosmopolitan Imperialism: Mann, Sarmiento, and the Origins of Universal Education in Nineteenth-Century Boston and Buenos Aires*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Mark Szuchman
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Bianca Premo

College of Business

Whitney G. Douglas Fernandez
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *What Does Board Capital Really Bring to the Table? Exploring the Effect of Directors’ Human and Social Capital on Effective Governance during International Expansion*
Major Professor: Dr. Sumit K. Kundu

Santhosh Narayanan
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Environmental Performance of Multinationals: A Comparative Study Based on Climate Change Strategy*
Major Professor: Dr. Sumit K. Kundu

Ahmet Senol Oztekin
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Microstructure Characteristics of U.S. Futures Markets*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Suchismita Mishra
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Robert T. Daigler

Fernando Miguel Patterson
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *The Relation of Steroid Hormones and Personality Factors to Financial Performance and Risk-Taking Behavior*
Major Professor: Dr. Robert T. Daigler

William Riccardi III
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *An Emperical Analysis of the Global Audit Market: International Financial Reporting Standards-Related Changes and Differences within the Big 4 Global Networks*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kannan Raghunandan
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dasaratha Rama

Fang Zhao
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Implications of FIN 46 for Accruals Quality and Investment Efficiency*
Major Professor: Dr. Abhijit Barua

College of Education

Joshua Caleb Collins
Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development
Dissertation: *A Critical Examination of the Experience of Being a Gay Officer in the Masculinized Industry of Law Enforcement*
Major Professor: Dr. Tonette S. Rocco

Amanda Gail de Varona
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *The Response to an ESL Population Boom in the Beaufort County, South Carolina School System: A Case Study*
Major Professor: Dr. Eric Dwyer

Iryna Dzhuryak
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Establishing a Baseline Measurement of Intercultural Competence of Ukrainian Faculty: Setting the Stage for Domestic and Global Intercultural Understanding*
Major Professor: Dr. Hilary Landorf

Rolando Garcia
Doctor of Education in Higher Education
Dissertation: *The Relationship between Socioeconomic Status, Course Delivery Method, and Student Success at a State College: A Single Institution Analysis*
Major Professor: Dr. Joy Blanchard

Xuan Jiang
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Vocabulary Learning Through use of the Picture-Word Inductive Model for Young English Learners in China: A Mixed Methods Examination using Cognitive Load Theory*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Eric Dwyer
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kyle Perkins

Jon Rehm
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Advanced Placement and American Education: A Foucauldian Analysis of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board*
Major Professor: Dr. Hilary Landorf

Mirta R. Segredo
Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision
Dissertation: *The Relationships between Elementary School Principals’ Emotional Intelligence, Leadership Style and School Culture*
Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Cistone

Charlotte Ann Zeitsiff
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *The Effects on Students’ Self-Efficacy Beliefs Regarding Their Comprehension of American Literature When Aesthetic Reading and Reader Response Strategy are Implemented*
Major Professor: Dr. Thomas G. Reio, Jr.

College of Engineering and Computing

Mark Allison
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *A Generic Model of Execution for Synthesizing Interpreted Domain-Specific Models*
Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Clarke

Nida Azhar
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
Dissertation: *Integrated Construction Project Delivery Systems in the U.S. Public Sector: An Information Modeling Framework*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Irtishad Ahmad
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Arindam Gan Chowdhury

Jonathan Cofino
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *Using Sonic Enhancement to Augment Non-Visual Tabular Navigation*
Major Professor: Dr. Armando Barreto

Rupak Dua
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Enhanced Anchorage of Tissue-Engineered Cartilage using an Osteoinductive Approach*
Major Professor: Dr. Sharan Ramaswamy

Fausto Carlos Fleites
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Scalable Multimedia Content Processing for TV Shopping*
Major Professor: Dr. Shu-Ching Chen

Lei Li
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Next Generation of Recommender Systems: Algorithms and Applications*
Major Professor: Dr. Tao Li

Su Liu
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Formal Modeling and Analysis Techniques for High Level Petri Nets*
Major Professor: Dr. Xudong He

Brandon Mintz
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
Dissertation: *Development of a Precast Concrete Supertile Roofing System for the Mitigation of Extreme Wind Events*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Arindam Gan Chowdhury
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Nakin Suksawang

Karl Alexander Morris
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *A Middleware to Support Services Delivery in a Domain-Specific Virtual Machine*
Major Professor: Dr. Peter J. Clarke

Chandan Pulletikurthi
Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: *Biocompatibility Assessment of Biosorbable Polymer Coated Nitinol Alloys*
Major Professor: Dr. Norman Munroe

Liang Tang
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Event Mining for System and Service Management*
Major Professor: Dr. Tao Li

Li Zheng
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Towards Next Generation Vertical Search Engines*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Tao Li
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Shu-Ching Chen

Ugan Yasavur
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Statistical Dialog Management for Health Interventions*
Major Professor: Dr. Christine Lisetti

Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Francisco Guido-Sanz
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
Dissertation: *The Effects of Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) as Intensivists in a Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU) on Patient Outcomes, Healthcare Charges, and APN Intensivist Services in the SICU*
Major Professor: Dr. Dorothy Brooten

Rosa Maria Roche
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
Dissertation: *Death of a Brother or Sister: Siblings Perception of Their Health, Treatments and Associated Health Care Costs*
Major Professor: Dr. Dorothy Brooten

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Donald Amos
Ashley Nicole Baker
Danielle Blake
Rose Marie Cardentey
Evan Michael Cooke
Elizabeth Anne Evans Crewdson
Vedrana Cvjetkovic
Matthew Dudek
Lisa Danielle Errington
Luis Guillermo Fernandez
Marina Elise Fernandez
Carlos Eduardo Florian
Casey Nicholas Guidera
Angela Christine Halley
Jessica Hale
Brett Hammers
Jenna Lee Heathfield
Thomas Paul Herwig
Paula Maureen Hurley
Richard Phelan Jackson
Laura Michele Kinsey
Clarence Blyler Kugler V
Supriya Shruthi Kumar
Quang Le
Hyun-Hwa Lim
Daniel S. Long
Michelle Amanda McNulty

Madison Mellin
Brittany North
Mario G. Novo
Kristin O’Brien
Margaret Peller
Brenden Pelletier
Mark Perkins
Lanie Michele Prieto
Evangeline Q. Puzon
Matthew J. Rad
Shannon Casey Raymond
Carlos Revilla
Shaina Rieumont
Ryan Rietz
Jessica L. Salum
Paul Michael Schneider
Jonathan Dave Scott
Winston Alejandro Soto
Robin-Lindsay Stephenson
Marie Stewart
Shane Brady Stitik
Arielle Christine Trujillo
Laura Cristina Villavicencio
Lindsey Michelle West
Paul Allen Williams
Casey Wilson
Kyu Lana Yo

Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work

Karen Fortuna
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare
Dissertation: *Influence of Gender and Life Stressors on Longitudinal Depression Treatment Outcomes among Older Primary Care Patients*
Major Professor: Dr. Barbara Thomlison

Karma McKelvey
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health
Dissertation: *Time Trends and Predictors of Initiation for Cigarette and Waterpipe Smoking among Jordanian School Children: Irbid, 2008-2011*
Major Professor: Dr. Wasim Maziak



2014 Summer Semester Graduate and Undergraduate Candidates

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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

(Honors designations are based on cumulative GPA through the Spring Semester)

College of Architecture + The Arts

Master of Architecture

Matt Steven Barnard
Irvin Javier Cuellar
Hansel De Haro
Johnathan Perrine Gioello
Ioannis Varnava

Master of Arts in Architecture

Yasaman Sadigh

Master of Landscape Architecture

Sue-ling Rosario
Camille Nicole Smith

Master of Music

Tyler Todd Kimmel

Master of Science in Music Education

Ari Nemser
Jacobo Nitsch Velasquez

Bachelor of Arts in Art

Amaribis Carolina Arnesen
Stephanie Barro
Sarah Catherine Callis, **Cum Laude**
Mickael Charles
Oleg Davidoff
Laura Angela Ferrer
Pamela Nicole Gonzalez
Sarah Leeba Greenberg, **Cum Laude**
Alessandra Hally, **Cum Laude**

Xierra Maria Itayem, **Magna Cum Laude**

Emmanuel Jerome
Krista Lewis
Sierra Grace Manno
Holly A. McCoach
Zatara Alicia McIntyre
Lauren Maia Oswald, **Magna Cum Laude**
Greisy Padron
Gabriela Carolina Paramo Ordonez
Justine E. Patnode
Albert Rivas
Paola Katherine Rodriguez
Kassandra Ruiz
Kailynn Sanchez, **Cum Laude**
Katrina Tejeda, **Cum Laude**
Sara Ypsilanti, **Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in Art History

Elisse Marie Acevedo, **Magna Cum Laude**
Donna Betancourt Valdez, **Magna Cum Laude**
Caroline Keely Marshall
Giselle E. Pique
Kelley Annette Taksier, **Summa Cum Laude**
Stephanie Allyssa Valere
Ashlye Noelle Valines, **Summa Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts

Matthew Abad
Britain Alisa Adelman
Arsalan Ahmed
Karina Aleman

Clayton Altman, **Cum Laude**

Matthew David Ashley
Jennifer Augustin
Roberto Behar
Cory Jay Butler
Joshua Carisma
Vanessa Chavez
Melissa Janine Cubas
Jade Alexis Dandridge
Jazmin Alexandra Dejesus
Ana M. Diaz
Erika Fabelo, **Cum Laude**
Jessica Sue Fernandez, **Cum Laude**
Sage C. Gee
Tiffany Ann Gonzalez
Alexander Giovanni Hernandez
Shara Johnson
Harry A. Joseph, **Cum Laude**
Gabriel Lopez
Jose Manuel Lopez, **Cum Laude**
Stephanie Elaine Maceda
Stephen J. McDuffie
Deanna Marie McGhie, **Cum Laude**
Angelica Maria Mendez
Clarijenny Merida
Stephen Anthony Mitchell, **Cum Laude**
Pierre Motta
Thanh Nguyen
Cherry-Ann Marlene Parris
Michael Raigoso
Alexander Aeneas Robinson
Michael Orlando Ruiz
Maryna Samoday

Stephanie Sarkis Sawma
Elsa Serrano
Brittany Ce’Celia Spencer
Teresa Jeannette Talamo
Lynette Vargas
Janet Vanessa Varona, **Cum Laude**
Monica Raj Vaswani
Robert Vega
Jorge Luis Velasquez
Brendan Paul Wright

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Adrian Aurelio Gonzalez
Nigel Calvin Hubert Pierre

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Luis Daniel Ettorre
Geordan Miles Gottlieb
Patricia Maria Morales
Paula Wilhelm

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art

Barbara Lamothe, **Magna Cum Laude**
Katherine Michelle Martinez, **Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Music

Federico R. Baez
Marianela Gonzalez Junco, **Magna Cum Laude**
Javier Sardinias, Sr.
Luis Manuel Urbina

College of Arts and Sciences

Master of Arts in African and African Diaspora Studies

Binta L. Dixon
Martina Carla Louis
Dennika Elizabeth Mays

Master of Arts in Asian Studies

Alexandra Dvorianchikova

Master of Arts in English

Sophia Gloria Funk
Diana Lombardic
Eunice Louis
Milton Salvador Zuniga

Master of Arts in Global and Sociocultural Studies

Andres A. Arrazola
Baishakhy Hazra
Jose Francisco Longoria
Elisa M. Melendez

Master of Arts in History

Jason Chohonis
John T. Ermer
Harold Eric Hafter
Paula L. Kalakowski
Brenda Patricia Lewis
Jennifer Murray
Michael Pena
Martin Michel Perez
Rolando Rodriguez

Lolita Nalini Samuel
Barbara Elizabeth Smith

Master of Arts in International Studies

Karen E. Clay
Tristan X. di Montenegro
Allison C. Noffsinger
Charles N. Perretti
Enrique Portaluppi
Dylan Wallace Roberts
Erik Matthew Tisthammer
Michael Stephen Wartenbe
Laura Helen Wicks

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

Yalmiris Cabezas
Madonna Junco

Master of Arts in Religious Studies

Alfonso Matas
Michelle Mitchell
Mark Patrick Sweeney

Master of Arts in Spanish

Rina Yamileth Tseng

Master of Public Administration

Jhanelle Melisse Campbell
Jeremy Chassner
Adriana De Lap
Babatunde O. Epoyun

Cristina Maria Martinez
Lutfiye Deniz Ozel
Darioenzo Pena
Joannndra Farriel Ramdass
Angel C. Sanchez
Nancy Sophia Vazquez
Rickelle Williams

Master of Science in Statistics

Sergio Perez Melo

Master of Science in Biology

Maria Pulido
Rosa Aurora Rodriguez Peña

Master of Science in Chemistry

Bingxue Zheng
Melissa L. Zwilling

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Rebeca De Las Mercedes Arocha
Rosalia Nelida Carrasco
George Michael Connolly
Yordalis Estevez
Danielle Alexis Garcia
Janet Karro
Gifford Louden
Zuly Martinez
Santiago D. Mosquera
Jennycya C. Plantin
Tremaine Taffe

Master of Science in Environmental Studies

Audrey Rukhmin Becnel
Joshua Matthew Diamond
Alejandro Jose Garcia Lozano
Kelly Cortney Gustafson
James Wilkinson Harper
Sandra Maina
Ramon L. Salazar II
Nathan Christopher Shemella
Subrina Tahsin

Master of Science in Forensic Science

Fanchen Bao

Master of Science in Geosciences

Cristobal Nicolas Ceron
Sandy Delgado
Javiera I. Hernandez
Yujie Hua
Peter Marshall Washam

Master of Science in Mathematical Science

Santosh Pathak

Master of Science in Physics

Sarah-E Fatema Mohammed Dhalla
Gary H. Kaganas

Master of Science in Psychology

Luis Guillermo Abreu
Christina Teresa Andrial
Carmen Gabriela Barresi
Camila Betancourt
Linda Kathalina Bustos
Enrique Coizeau
Agostina Lucia Giobio
Brittney Farley Gursky
Amanda Gutierrez
Luminita Daniela Heretoiu
Precious Lester
Jennise Ashley Marimon
Kristina Marie Miller
Betsy Nagy
Alexandra Victoria Orbe
Juliana Ospina
Angelica Martinez Perez
Susan Ann Raddatz
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