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Commencement

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

FIU Arena

Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

Commencement 2015

Monday, August 3, 2015

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

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 B. 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 200 baccalaureate, master’s, doctoral and specialist degree programs in its colleges and schools, including: 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 more than 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: FIU@I-75, an academic facility in nearby Broward County; the Engineering Center, a 40-acre research facility located near MMC; FIU Downtown on Brickell; and the Miami Beach Urban Studios (MBUS) on South Beach. Three fully accredited museums are a part of FIU’s portfolio: the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum at MMC; the Wolfsonian FIU; and the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU- both on South Beach. FIU also has the Marriott Tianjin China Program with the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management — and the Aquarius Reef Base, the world’s only undersea research lab.

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

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING Gustavo Roig, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Leonard Scinto, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Ruog U. Fang, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION..... Janie Valdes, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Rob Frye, *Banner Marshal*
LIBRARIES Alvin Dantes, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....Dennys Massanett, *Banner Marshal*

PROCESSIONAL Grand Marshal Kathleen Wilson, *Chair, Faculty Senate*
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PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DIPLOMAS..... Sonja Montas-Hunter, *Associate Dean, University Graduate School*

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College of Engineering and Computing Ranu Jung, *Interim Dean*
College of Arts and SciencesMichael Heithaus, *Dean*
University Graduate School..... Sonja Montas-Hunter, *Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*
Honors CollegeLesley A. Northup, *Dean*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES..... President Rosenberg

RECESSIONAL

Commencement Program

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATIONEva Frank, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCESUma Swamy, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Joseph S. Raiker, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....Maria Kulick, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Jose Toscano, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES..... Edivaldo Mota, *Banner Marshal*

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ROBERT STEMPEL COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK Jessica Adler, *Banner Marshal*
NICOLE WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES.....Jennifer Doherty-Restrepo, *Banner Marshal*
CHAPLIN SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT Pablo Simon, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Gladys Ibañez, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION.....Consuelo Boronat, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Cheryl Nowell, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....Miguel Sahagun, *Banner Marshal*

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Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work..... Mark L. Williams, *Interim Dean*
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences Ora L. Strickland, *Dean*
Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism and ManagementMike Hampton, *Dean*
University Graduate School..... Sonja Montas-Hunter, *Associate Dean*
Undergraduate Education..... Douglas L. Robertson, *Dean*
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SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION Neil Reisner, *Banner Marshal*
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES Victor Uribe, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOLAlexander Barder, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION..... Valerie Morgan, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS Tony Delgado, *Banner Marshal*
LIBRARIES Lauren Christos, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....Lashay White, *Banner Marshal*

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COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE + THE ARTSJuliette Saint Louis, *Banner Marshal*
R. KIRK LONDON UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Stanislav Jansta, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL Juan Antonio Bueno, *Banner Marshal*
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION Hugo Jimenez, *Banner Marshal*
HONORS COLLEGE..... Umer Rahman, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRSBronwen Bares, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES.....Doralba Suarez, *Banner Marshal*

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ALVAH H. CHAPMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Suchismita Mishra, *Banner Marshal*
UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOLDeanne Butchey, *Banner Marshal*
STUDENT AFFAIRS.....Kristen Kawczynski, *Banner Marshal*
ENROLLMENT SERVICES..... Michelle Osborne, *Banner Marshal*

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University CollegeJoyce Elam, *Dean*

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FIU Medallion

Robert Chadwick “Chad” Moss ’95
Outstanding Alumnus Award

Robert Chadwick “Chad” Moss is the executive vice president of Moss & Associates, a family-owned-and-operated construction management company started by Moss in 2004. He handles multiple accounts, business development, client strategy, new project pursuits, public relations and community initiatives for the company, which now has 11 regional offices nationwide. Moss is an effective and passionate advocate for building sustainability, new technology and mentoring in the industry.

Moss has worked on many prominent projects, including the Miami Marlins Park and the groundbreaking 620-bed Parkview Hall at FIU. He was instrumental in the family’s donation of \$250,000 to FIU in 2013 for a construction laboratory to achieve cost-and time-saving practices that have made Moss & Associates an industry leader. He has also given generously to FIU Athletics and the First Generation Scholarship Fund.

A self-described people person, Moss enjoys mentoring others, advancing education and giving back to the community. A longtime champion of FIU, he is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and a member of the FIU Foundation board of directors and the university’s OHL School of Construction Industry Advisory Council. He is also a director of HANDY, a nonprofit that provides more than 1,300 at-risk children with comprehensive programs focusing on education, youth development and economic self-sufficiency, and has been named a “HANDY Hero.”

Moss earned a bachelor’s in construction management from FIU in 1995.



FIU Medallion

Sister Jeanne O’Laughlin
Cal Kovens Distinguished Community Service Award

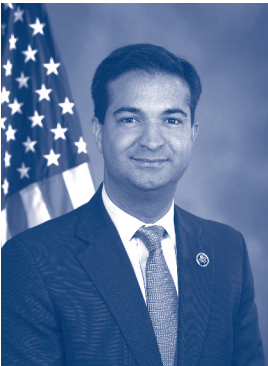
Sister Jeanne O’Laughlin was the fifth president of Barry University from 1981 to 2004. Illustrating the nonstop work ethic that earned her nicknames such as “nun on the run” and “power nun,” O’Laughlin was instrumental in transforming Barry into the fourth largest private university in Florida.

A Detroit native, O’Laughlin joined the Order of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian at 16 years of age. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Siena Heights College and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Arizona. She was the executive to the president of St. Louis University; a member of the adjunct faculty at the University of San Francisco and Siena Heights College; and superintendent at the Adrian Dominican Independent School System in Michigan, Illinois and Florida.

Equally known for her compassion and grit, O’Laughlin worked with Immigration and Naturalization Services in 1982 to track 300 Haitian immigrants released from Krome Detention Center. In 1992, she intervened on behalf of three Chinese women who spent a year at the Miami International Airport waiting to be granted political asylum. In 2000, she mediated between the Miami relatives of Elian Gonzalez, a Cuban boy at the heart of an international custody battle, and the federal government.

O’Laughlin has been an active member in many civic and professional associations, including the Orange Bowl Committee, the Chapman Partnership and the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC Award given by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities for extended contributions and service to Catholic higher education, the Sand in My Shoes Award given by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Irish Education 100 award given annually to the nation’s leading Irish-American figures in education, and the Alvah H. Chapman, Jr., Humanitarian Award.

In 2005, she became chancellor of Barry to help women in developing countries attain advanced degrees from U.S. universities.



Commencement Speaker

The Honorable Carlos Curbelo
U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Representative Carlos Curbelo was elected in November 2014 to serve Florida’s 26th Congressional District in the 114th Congress. At 35 years of age, he is one of the youngest members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In short order, Curbelo has been influential in advancing FIU’s priorities before Congress through his service on both the House Education and the Workforce and Transportation and Infrastructure committees. His leadership has been critical to proposals to increase the maximum Pell Grant award levels; to increase investments in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) education; to advance bridge and infrastructure research through university transportation centers; and to call greater attention to our environmental resilience challenges. All of these issues are critical priorities for South Florida and FIU.

Prior to his Congressional service, Curbelo served on the Miami-Dade County School Board where he was a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility, parental involvement, and transparency in the district’s operations.

Earlier in his career, Curbelo was state director for U.S. Senator George LeMieux. In this capacity, he oversaw the staff in seven offices throughout the state and advised the senator on Latin American policy and Hispanic issues. He also served on the Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a federally mandated board tasked with prioritizing local transportation and infrastructure projects.

Curbelo is the cofounder of Centre Court Charities, a non-profit organization that runs basketball leagues for high school students in the summer months, in Miami, Florida.

A University of Miami graduate and South Florida native, he lives with his wife Cecilia and two young daughters in Kendall.

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-designed by Clem Pennington, associate professor of art education, now retired, and created 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 12th 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 14th 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:

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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Erica Garvey	Ana Ortega ’08, ’10	Allen Varela ’08, ’14
Georgina Gonzalez	Karla Ortega ’01, ’06	

The Honors College

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.

Honors students embrace their responsibility to the larger society, and engage in service-research that directly benefits external communities, such as the Worlds Ahead Honors-Sweetwater Partnership. Students also take advantage of lectures by distinguished speakers, professional training dinners and seminars, social activities, the Honors Place living-learning wings in campus housing, partnerships with other university units and colleges, the Honors Education in the Arts (HEARTS) program, and study abroad, with intensive opportunities to study and interact with other cultures.

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Marlon Bello	Gregory Jalil	Isabella Rodriguez
Aitana Cardoso	Morgan Johnson	Asiel Roque
Grecia Carrero	Arba Khan	Luisa Fernanda Sanchez Martinez
Rodney Castillo	Clara-Meretan Kiah	Javier Sande
Gabrielle Cazimir	Liana Lantigua	Christopher Santiago
Lauren Collett- Solberg	Jose Laphitzondo	Joseph Tardanico
Angelie Cortina	Ana Leon	Christian Tennant
Jena Delaney	Pamela Maldonado	Tatiana Torres
Katerine Diaz	Jose Manuel	Elizabeth Urias
Michael Duque	Hastrid Maradiaga	Daniel Vendrell
German Etcheverry	Jessenia Ojeda	Rafael Villalobos
Mesline Eugene	Jocelyn Pena	Bria Wimberly
Kishma Fahie	Rubens Pierre	
Debbie Fong	Carlos Randulfé Batista	



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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.

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Marianne Jimenez
Laura D. Knoll
Elsa M. Martinez
Daniel Rene O’Quinn
Miles E. Perez
Joseph Paul Tardenico
Thavin Tempakornkul
Ivana Lina Trinidad
Brady Vasquez
Alejandra Vivas Carbo

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Jannet Machado
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Rebecca Duardo
Yusely Hernandez
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Bernice Marion Wood
Gabriella DelCastillo
Bianca Elise Santamarina
Kyle Brennan Whaley
Tiffany Glascita Williams

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Leonela Santana
Mariana De La Fuente
Isaac Gonzalez
Samantha Caroline Montealegre
Brandie Nicole Kelly
Carol Ann Beliveau
Linda Weisberg
Glondys Rodriguez Leon

Enith Brito
Emilia Maria Villoch
Andrea Ariza
Yanet Dominguez
Lee Thompson Weirich
Vernadette Fisher
Yudenis C. Rodriguez
Yen Wei Huang
Neitza Mercedes Hooper
Maria Corina Calzadilla
Marie Rosy Borges
Kristel De Varona
Luna Wahnnon De Benayoun
Nusrat Bangash
Ricel Urias
Shyne Pillai
Luis Manuel Blanco
Carmen Guanipa
Victor Arvizu
Bryan Osborne
Tania Diaz
Nariman Muci
Maria Fernanda Serna
Marta Suarez
Eudaldo Aponte III
Hans Beliard
Albert Lazaro Garcia
Emmanuel Metzger Metayer
Alain Joubert
Christian Dieunez Oscar Jean-Baptiste
Richard Asensio
Julio A Enriquez
Arnaldo Fargas-Rodriguez
Juan C. Jayo
Jean-Claude Crevecoeur

Jorge Luis Martinez Noa
Stella Junco
David Jose Trabanco
Robert Benrus Castro
Michelle Emokpae
Elizabeth Lovette Ugokwe
Evelio Campos Ugarte
Carlos Jacinto Martinez
Dora Angelica Aquilar Romero
Domingo Ernesto Benitez
Ana Cabrera
Jean-Baptiste Ceme
Lisa Cepeda
Monica Oriol
Lisset Oropesa-Gonzalez
Billy Warrensky Pierre
Oder Rojas Suarez
Wilmer Rosell Santiesteban Garcia
Stephanie Elyse Durst-Rael
Nasser Lavaud
Monica Rolo
Ana Russo
Maria Bianca Capili Andulan
Nikkera Griffiths
Deborah Suzanne Swain
Floride Staco Francois
Juslain Jonathas
Nicole Danay Monroig
Richard John Ralls
Nayvi Serrano
Sreekala Chandrachoodan
Tanya Raquel Quiroz
Patricia Diaz
Luis Ramon Garcia Rabi
Miriam Isabel Guerra Otero
Ana Ivis Hernandez
Boris Luis Iglesias
Lidice Rankin
Edith Ruiz
Clavia Mah Tendoh
Andrea Nicole Ristaino
Michelle Anne Diana
Luzmary Ocampo
Marie Eronne Jean Charles



2015 Summer Semester Doctoral Candidates

College of Arts and Sciences

Ilyana Albarran
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs
Dissertation: *Decentralization and Citizen Participation in México*
Major Professor: Dr. Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor

Tara Blakey
Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Improving Satellite-Based Chlorophyll-a Estimating Algorithms in Shallow, Coastal Waters*
Major Professor: Dr. Assefa M. Melesse

Jonathan Carbone
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *It Must Have Been Him: Coherence Effects within the Legal System*
Major Professor: Dr. Stephen Charman

Diana Alexis Churchill
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Investigating Trophic Interactions of Deep-Sea Animals (Sharks, Teleosts, and Mobile Scavengers) in the Gulf of Mexico using Stable Isotope Analysis*
Major Professor: Dr. Michael Heithaus

Rachel Emas
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs
Dissertation: *Successes and Shortcomings in the Implementation of National Sustainable Development Strategies: From the Greening of Governance to the Governance of Greening*
Major Professor: Dr. Allan Rosenbaum

Nubia Vanesa Heuett
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Target and Non-Target Techniques for the Quantitation of Drugs of Abuse, Identification of Transformation Products, and Characterization of Contaminants of Emergent Concern by High Resolution Mass Spectrometry*
Major Professor: Dr. Piero R. Gardinali

Hari P. Kandel
Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences
Dissertation: *Land Use/Land Cover Driven Surface Energy Balance and Convective Rainfall Change in South Florida*
Major Professor: Dr. Assefa M. Melesse

Seyram Mawuko Kekessie
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Attentional Competition: Weapon Focus, Encoding Time, and Memory Accuracy Correlations between Crime Scene Items*
Major Professor: Dr. Stephen Charman

Julie J. Lanz
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Examining the Impact of Resilience on Work Stress and Strains in Nurses*
Major Professor: Dr. Valentina Bruk-Lee

Nathan P. Lemoine
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *The Effects of Climate Warming on Plant-Herbivore Interactions*
Major Professor: Dr. Deron Burkepile

Melissa A. Malone
Doctor of Philosophy in History
Dissertation: *Constructing Childhood: Place, Space and Nation in Argentina, 1880-1955*
Major Professor: Dr. Rebecca Friedman

Logan McDowell
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Video Modeling for Teaching Imitation to Young Children with Autism: A Treatment Comparison and Analysis of Potential Predictors of Success*
Major Professor: Dr. Anibal Gutierrez

Dumitrita Suzana Mic
Doctor of Philosophy in Global and Sociocultural Studies
Dissertation: *Producing Collaboration through Community-Level Processes of Climate Change and Water Management Planning*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Laura Ogden
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Gail Hollander

Dana Elizabeth Hirn Mueller
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *The Effects of Post-Recall Feedback: Examining Witness Recall Quantity, Accuracy, and Confidence*
Major Professor: Dr. Nadja Schreiber Compo

Anirbaan Mukherjee
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
Dissertation: *Macular Pigment and Lens Optical Density Measurements-Evaluating a Flicker Machine with Novel Features*
Major Professor: Dr. Richard A. Bone

Alina Nazareth
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Factors Affecting Adult Mental Rotation Performance*
Major Professor: Dr. Shannon M. Pruden

Laura Alexis Oramas
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *The Influence of Parental Aggression and Cultural Gender Role Beliefs on Hispanic College Women's Experiences with Psychological Aggression*
Major Professor: Dr. Dionne Stephens

Roberto Pacheco
Doctor of Philosophy in History
Dissertation: *¡Pobres Negros!: The Social Representations and Commemorations of Blacks in the River Plate from the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the First Half of the Twentieth (and Beyond)*
Major Professor: Dr. Victor Uribe

Ramona L. Valenzuela Perez
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics
Dissertation: *A Charged Fusion Product Diagnostic for a Spherical Tokamak*
Major Professor: Dr. Werner Boeglin

Zoe Pratte
Doctor of Philosophy in Biology
Dissertation: *Investigating the Driving Mechanisms behind Differences in Bleaching and Disease Susceptibility between Two Scleractinian Corals, Pseudodiploria strigosa and Diploria labyrinthiformis*
Major Professor: Dr. Laurie Richardson

Jorge Victor Ramos
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
Dissertation: *The Economics of Trademarks*
Major Professor: Dr. Mira Wilkins

Ramanjaneyulu Rayala
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Design and Synthesis of Novel Nucleoside Analogues: Oxidative and Reductive Approaches toward Synthesis of 2'-Fluoro Pyrimidine Nucleosides*
Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk

Seyed Hamidreza Serri
Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations
Dissertation: *The World of the United States Foreign Policy Elite: A Case Study of the U.S. Foreign Policy Think Tanks' Debates in the General Elections of 2004, 2008, and 2012*
Major Professor: Dr. Mohiaddin Mesbahi

Keran Song
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics
Dissertation: *Business Cycle Effects on US Sectoral Stock Returns*
Major Professor: Dr. Prasad Bidarkota

Pengfei Sun
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Characterization of an Epoxide Hydrolase from the Florida Red Tide Dinoflagellate, Karenia brevis*
Major Professor: Dr. Kathleen Rein

Sasha Wagner
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Black Carbon: Sources, Mobility and Fate in Freshwater Systems*
Major Professor: Dr. Rudolf Jaffé

Jessica Weber
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
Dissertation: *Evaluating the Role of Social Approach Behaviors in Children with Autism*
Major Professor: Dr. Anibal Gutierrez

Gregory Kent Weimer
Doctor of Philosophy in History
Dissertation: *Policing Slavery: Public Order and the Development of Early Nineteenth-Century New Orleans and Salvador*
Major Professor: Dr. Kirsten Wood

Jessica Zayas
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Strain Promoted Click Chemistry of 8-Azidopurine and 5-Azidopyrimidine Nucleosides and Nucleotides with Cyclooctynes and Applications to Living Cell Imaging*
Major Professor: Dr. Stanislaw F. Wnuk

Cen Zhao
Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
Dissertation: *Advanced Oxidation Processes of Problematic Toxin and Water Contaminants: Cyindrospermopsin, Iopamidol, 4-Methylcyclohexane Methanol and Propylene Glycol Phenyl Ether*
Major Professor: Dr. Kevin E. O’Shea

College of Business

Izhar Haq
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Role of the Audit Committee Chair in the Financial Reporting Process*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Kannan Raghunandan
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Dasaratha Rama

Ying Liu
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration
Dissertation: *Essays on the Effectiveness of Multinational Enterprises in Boosting Corporate Social Performance in Host Business Environment*
Major Professor: Dr. Mary Ann Von Glinow

College of Education

Helen Felicity Angela Barnes
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Writers’ Club: The Effect of Extra Writing on Fourth-Grade, Hispanic Students’ Writing and Their Attitude towards Writing*
Major Professor: Dr. Joyce C. Fine

Renu Batra
Doctor of Education in Adult Education and Human Resource Development
Dissertation: *Exploring Perceptions of Middle Class Urban Indian Women Regarding Socio-Cultural Deterrents Influencing Participation in Adult and Continuing Educational Programs: A Mixed-Method Study*
Major Professor: Dr. Thomas G. Reio, Jr.

Brenezza DaParre Garcia
Doctor of Education in Higher Education
Dissertation: *Crisis Leadership: The Roles University Presidents and Crisis Managers Play in Higher Education – A Case Study of the State University System of Florida*
Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

Carlos Enrique Gonzalez
Doctor of Education in Higher Education
Dissertation: *What We’ve Got Here is a Failure to Communicate: A Postmodern Analysis of Representations of Higher Education in Cinema*
Major Professor: Dr. Benjamin Baez

Seth Manthey
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Assessing Current Instructional Practices in General Biology One (Bio1010) and Arguing for a Model-Centered Curriculum*
Major Professor: Dr. Eric Brewе

Claudio R. Merisio
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Higher Education in and for Rural Bolivia: Key Stakeholders’ Perceptions of the Educational Experiences of Students who have Attended the Unidad Academica Campesina Carmen Pampa*
Major Professor: Dr. Hilary Landorf

Jennifer Morales
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Measuring Teacher Dispositions towards Teaching Sustainable Systems: A Mixed Methods Approach for Instrument Development and Psychometric Testing*
Major Professor: Dr. George O’Brien

Leslie Nisbet
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *Mathematics Teaching Experiences of Elementary Preservice Teachers with High and Low Mathematics Anxiety during Student Teaching: A Multiple Case Study*
Major Professor: Dr. Maria L. Fernandez

Elizabeth Anne Willis
Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *An Extended Validation and Analysis of the Early Childhood Educators’ Knowledge of Self-Regulation Skills Questionnaire: A Two Phase Study*
Major Professor: Dr. Laura Dinehart

College of Engineering and Computing

Fatemeh Abyarjoo
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *Sensor Fusion for Effective Hand Motion Detection*
Major Professor: Dr. Armando Barreto

Hamidreza Asgari
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
Dissertation: *On the Impacts of Telecommuting over Daily Activity/Travel Behavior: A Comprehensive Investigation through Different Telecommuting Patterns*
Major Professor: Dr. Xia Jin

Qiushi Han
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *Energy-Aware Fault-Tolerant Scheduling for Hard Real-Time Systems*
Major Professor: Dr. Gang Quan

Arman Sargolzaei
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *Time-Delay Switch Attack on Networked Control Systems, Effects and Countermeasures*
Major Professor: Dr. Kang K. Yen

Yin Song
Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering
Dissertation: *Carbon-Microelectromechanical System (C-MEMS) Based Enzymatic Biofuel Cells*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Chunlei Wang
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Jiuhua Chen

Yinchen Song
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Intraoperative Guidance for Pediatric Brain Surgery Based on Optical Techniques*
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Lin
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Jorge J. Riera

Supriya Srinivasan
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Multifunctional Nanoparticles for Theranostics Applications*
Major Professor: Dr. Anthony J. McGoron

Li Tang
Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
Dissertation: *Automatic Extraction of Number of Lanes from Aerial Images for Transportation Applications*
Major Professor: Dr. Albert Gan

Tianyi Wang
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *On the Design of Real-Time Systems on Multi-Core Platforms under Uncertainty*
Major Professor: Dr. Gang Quan

Yongzhi Wang
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Dissertation: *Constructing Secure MapReduce Framework in Cloud-based Environment*
Major Professor: Dr. Jinpeng Wei

Zhenzhong Wang
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *System Design and Implementation of a Fast and Accurate Bio-Inspired Spiking Neural Network*
Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

Qi Zhou
Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: *An Integrated Neuroimaging Approach for the Predication and Analysis of Alzheimer’s Disease and its Prodromal Stages*
Major Professor: Dr. Malek Adjouadi

Xuena Zhu
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: *Development of Point-of-Care Testing Sensors for Biomarker Detection*
Major Professor: Dr. Chenzhong Li

Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Cora Yoose
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
Dissertation: *African American and Afro-Caribbean American Men’s Prostate Health Knowledge and Beliefs*
Major Professor: Dr. Ellen Brown

Doctor of Physical Therapy

David Warren Adelman
Brooke Beckett
Noah Beckman
Ross Benedict
Laura Borrás
Bianca Priscilla Bosque
Lindsey Bragg
Javier Busutil
Tiffany Nicole Chang-Alloy
Nicholas Chavis
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Conner Colosi
Osvaldo De La Cruz
Alison Marie Diaz
Sarah Elizabeth Doyle
Nicholas Andrew Empson
Alfredo Kim Francisco
Victor Omar Garbalosa
Megan Anne Hibbard
Richard Andrew Huber
Corey Benjamin Hulse
Nicholas B. Israel-Stahre

Winston Kennedy
Jeffrey Kim
Stephen Robert Kornbluth
Candice Rose Langdon
Selyna Ines Leal
Mira Bhagwan Ledwani
Alejandra Michelle Luna
Briana Carisa McCord
Angela Marie Mendoza
Callie Mary Messonnier
Suma Manika Metla
Kristin Meyer
Justin Tyler Milner
Emily Noe
Christopher Reginald Pahalad
Kellie Ann Palermo
Michelle Jessica Plevka
Alexander Prado Diaz
Stephanie Nawal Ragheb
Daniel Ramirez
Nina Marie Resta
Jack Reyes
Danielle Nicole Ross
Cristina Ruiz
James Robert Rylak
Mohamed Yazeed Saleh
Renee Salmon
Leslie Kay Shillington
Sara Stocks
Julia Vlassov
Arienne Marie Wrigley
Travis Wylie

Robert Stempel College of Public
Health and Social Work

Christina Dianne Jacobs
Doctor of Philosophy in Dietetics and Nutrition
Dissertation: *Barriers to Nutrition Counseling with a Registered Dietitian (RD) and its Association with Dietary Intake, Nutrition Status, Disease Outcomes and Substance Abuse in People Living with HIV (PLWH)*
Major Professor: Dr. Adriana Campa

Anthoni Francis Llau, Jr.
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health
Dissertation: *The Impact of Red Light Cameras on Injury Crashes within Miami-Dade County, Florida*
Major Professor: Dr. Nasar U. Ahmed

Hideaki Tanaka
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health
Dissertation: *Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Japanese Chronic Disease Patients' Quality of Life and Perceived Stress*
Major Professor: Dr. Virginia McCoy



2015 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.

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

College of Architecture + The Arts

Master of Architecture
Ksenia Kosykh
Anabel Carolina Mendt Ehrmann
Reynaldo Garcia
Kevin B. Hutchinson
George Arturo O’Brien
Carolina Maria Papale
Elisa Pustai Leal
Hassan Sarfraz
Apoorva Varun Kulkarni
Eduardo Miguel Vera

Master of Arts in Architecture
Marco Antonio Camarena Campa
Selene Varela Serra

Master of Interior Architecture
Michelle Jardine
Silvian Maltoni

Master of Landscape Architecture
Alfredo Moran

Master of Music
Harley Robertson

Bachelor of Arts in Art
Anbe Nguyen Baccam, **Magna Cum Laude**
Marissa Marie Cabrera, **Cum Laude**
Kelly Diaz
Daniel Gutierrez
Janeth Gutierrez Cueto

Alejandro Hernandez
Danielle K. Jarrett, **Cum Laude**
Ava Gail Kirlew
Gustavo Adrian Lezcano
Lucia Magdalena Marin
Vanessa Martinez
Jordi Alejandro Pla
Maryse Rameau, **Cum Laude**
Carolina Sobrado

Bachelor of Arts in Art History
Carolina Anne Alvarez
Crystal Caicedo
Vivian Danielle Orellana
Jacquelyne Bridgette Velken

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts
Ciara Adames
Anaely Torres Advincula
Tomas Enrique Alcala, **Magna Cum Laude**
Alannah Marie Alfonso
Massiel Ivelka Amaro
Reneshae Antoine
Amy Bargallo
Erika Michelle Bateman
Zakiya Nailah Becca
Mohamed Ben El Basry
Tedd Bernard
Anthony Bernardino
Kerri Melina Bethune
Sophia Lauren Borges

Jose Alejandro Campos
Cynthia Stephanie Carbuccia
Nicola Carter
Chole Danielle Castro
Margot Heather Chomat, **Cum Laude**
Jazmin Colon
Dayana De La Torre
Jeannette Diaz
Sherly Gomez Dorvil
Alejandra Esteban
Tracy Fatow
Lourdes Fernandez
Sara Ferrer
Christina Marie Garcia-serra
Cyndi Glasgow
Angela Lina Grisi
Alex Shameer Haniff
Tennison George Harmitt
Julia Margarita Herdocia, **Magna Cum Laude**
Nicole Christine Herren
Cameron Renee Hopper
Amberley Rose Houck
Pierre Antonio Jebian
Janice M. John
Tracy Leon
Jonathan Lubic
Robert Lucky
Amanda Mameghani
Greyceli Ivanna Marin
Gloria Mercedes Martinez
Sharelle Nicole Mccoy
Veronika F. Merlano
Nicole Montgomery

Gabriel Alfonso Moyers
Victoria Nazir-Sampaio, **Summa Cum Laude**
Adrianna Marie Nicolas
Alvina Nosikovsky
Claudia Orozco
Adriana Perez
Brittany Ann Perez
Nicole Andrea Pineda
Marlisa Selene Ponce
Edward Portela
Brandon Pottinger
Emilio Quintanal
Petar Radulovic
Lauren Ashley Realin
Aray Rivera
Crystal Rivera
Kristine Lea Rivera
Victor Manuel Rivero, **Summa Cum Laude**
Bertha Rojas

Nathalie Marie Rojas
Harold Rosales
Estefania Andrea Ruiz
Diego Antonio Saldaña-Rojas
Anthony Gil Santovenia
Lance William Saturday
Kattie Mary Schofield, **Summa Cum Laude**
Imani Keturah Simmons
Corrine Yvette Smiley, **Cum Laude**
Charlotte Antonia Spence
Amani Kadeem Stoddard
Domonique Alexis Thomas
Ana Laura Torres
Guillermo Arturo Valdes-Fauli
Natasha Chantel Valerio
Mabel Vargas
Anastasia S. Vaughan
Jose Antonio Velez
Keiran Ward

Bachelor of Arts in Music
Gerardo Manuel Brenes
Mabel Giraldo Exposito, **Summa Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre
Ashley Taylor Joseph, **Magna Cum Laude**

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art
Aura Melissa Lacruz
Sean Michael Parkinson
Aldo Pereyra

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre
Zachary James Myers

Bachelor of Music
Jorge Daniel Guillen

Master of Science in Criminal Justice
Sylvester J. Edwards
Octavia Javina Green

Master of Science in Environmental Studies
Eric Taylor Betancourt
Christopher Lucas Estevez
Caitlin Marie Farnung
Mario Londono
Elena Espi Neibaur
Herma Pierre

Master of Science in Forensic Science
Lauren Anne Evenstone
Yailyn Palma
Tyler Scott Torbet

Master of Science in Geosciences
Kimberly Beck
Edward Irwin Linden

Master of Science in Mathematical Science
Gonzalo Cazes-Nasitiqui
Camilo Montoya
Roberto Nunez Chavez

Master of Science in Psychology
Rachel Amezcua
Renzo Javier Barrantes
Shannon Nicole Bressler
Sofia Pires De Jesus
Alejandro Rene Diaz
Simone Nicole Evans
Amy Mariko Exum
Lilliane Carvalho Farinazo
Kersten Patrell Fullwood
Yahosca Juniette Hurtado
Linda M. Jimenez
Nusrat Karim
Katherine Elizabeth Kendrick
Ashley Elizabeth May
Claudia Gripp Mellado
Kyersten Alexis Mesa
Michelle Alexandra Munoz
Kathleen Danielle Ortuno
Darelys Perez
Kristy Rodriguez

Adolfo Martin Rosales
Alexis Marie Steele
Roxana Tefel
Niady Torres
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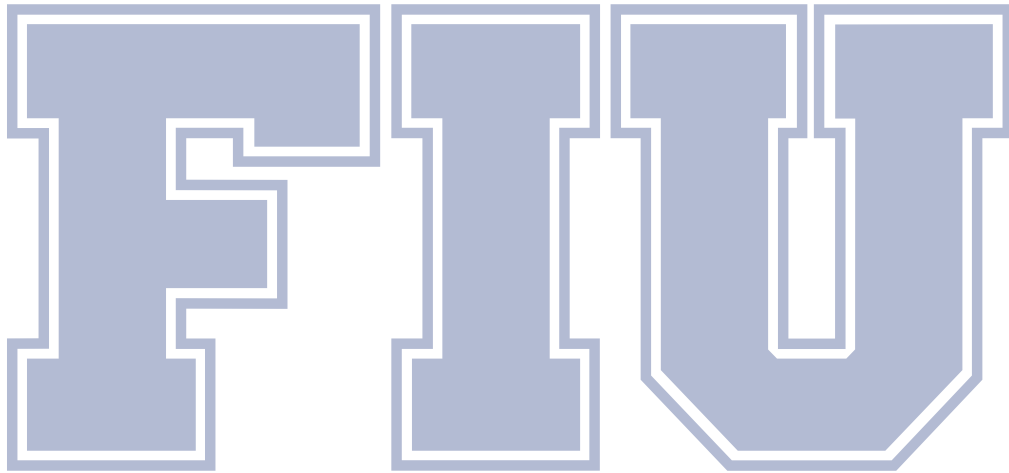
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