

Convocation

DEPARTMENTS OF

Mathematics and Statistics

May 15, 2021



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

TO OUR GRADUATES

Today you are graduates of the University of Illinois. It is a remarkable achievement, and we hope that you celebrate the occasion with loved ones. Commencement is a joyous and deeply symbolic event for all, including the faculty members and staff who have supported you on your journey. It is profoundly disappointing that we are unable to celebrate it together this spring. The Class of 2021 will long be remembered, however, for not only what was lost, but for your resilience and determination as you finished your degree in the face of one of the greatest challenges in our nation's history. Congratulations, and we look forward to learning of your future success.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

WELCOME

Jeremy Tyson, Department of Mathematics Chair, Professor

COLLEGE MESSAGE *(00:01:20 [video timestamp])*

Matthew Ando, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts
& Sciences, Professor

OPENING REMARKS *(00:04:25)*

Jeremy Tyson, Department of Mathematics Chair, Professor

ALUMNI REMARKS *(00:05:42)*

Chris Lalla, BS 2011, MS 2012, Senior Data Scientist Project
Lead at Zurich North America
Soyoye Olushola, MS 2020, Graduate Teaching Assistant
Daniel Zaharopol, MS 2010, Executive Director at Art of
Problem Solving Initiative, Inc.

ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS & PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics *(00:07:28)*

Randy McCarthy, Director of Undergraduate Studies
Department of Mathematics, Director of NetMath, Professor

Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science *(00:22:17)*

Runhuan Feng, Director of Actuarial Science, Professor

Bachelor of Science in Statistics *(00:31:11)*

David Unger, Undergraduate Program Director
Department of Statistics, Senior Instructor

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computer Science and Bachelor of Science in Statistics & Computer Science *(00:55:57)*

Elsa Gunter, Research Professor
Department of Computer Science

Master of Science in Mathematics *(01:11:36)*

Karen Mortensen, Associate Director of Graduate Studies
Department of Mathematics, Lecturer

Master of Science in Statistics *(01:17:57)*

Darren Glosemeyer, MS Program Director
Department of Statistics, Senior Instructor

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics & Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics *(01:27:40)*

TASSEL TURN *(01:30:02)*

Karle Flanagan, Senior Instructor, Department of Statistics
Alison Champion, Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies
Department of Mathematics

CLOSING REMARKS *(01:30:48)*

Bo Li, Department of Statistics Chair, Professor

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MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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Jennifer McNeilly, Director, Math Merit Workshop, Instructor

Anu Murphy, Associate Director of NetMath

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Ely Kerman, Associate Chair, Professor

Lee DeVille, Director of Graduate Studies, Professor

Philipp Hieronymi, Director, Illinois Geometry Lab, Associate Professor

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ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic dress, consisting of cap, gown, and hood, originated about the twelfth century and was worn primarily for warmth. Subsequently, the material of the gown and lining, and the shape of the hood, represented the economic and social, as well as academic status of the wearer.

In the United States, the great majority of the academic costumes now worn are in accordance with the general provisions of the Intercollegiate Code of 1895, which was revised in 1932 and again in 1960. Under this code, the bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, the master's gown has oblong sleeves with an arc at the bottom, and the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. All gowns are black, although the adoption of colored gowns by individual institutions in the United States is becoming more prevalent.

The bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves. The facing and bars may be black or may be the color of the subject to which the degree pertains. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gowns may be worn open or closed. Women may wear white collars with the bachelor's gown when no hood is worn.

Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length, the master's is 3 ½ feet, and the doctor's is 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At the University of Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches,

and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degree respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

The black mortarboard cap is standard in the United States. Usually, all tassels are black, but where the graduating seniors do not wear hoods, as at the University of Illinois, the color of the cap tassel indicates the department of study. At the University of Illinois, candidates for degrees wear tassels on the right front quadrant of their caps before degrees are conferred, and move them to the left front quadrant after degrees are conferred. Caps are considered a part of the costume and are customarily removed only during an invocation or benediction, and then by men only.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, tassels of caps, and linings of banners, there are different colors associated with the different disciplines. The color for Liberal Arts & Sciences is white.

Caps and gowns were worn for the first time at the University of Illinois Commencement ceremony of 1897. In the early 1900s the Commencement procession marched up Burrill Avenue to the old Armory. After diplomas were received, the procession marched back to the lawn south of Green Street. The seniors sang the State song and "Auld Lang Syne" before they said good-bye to each other and the campus.

AWARDS AND HONORS

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

H. Roy Brahana Prize

David Brewster

Most Outstanding Major Award in Actuarial Science

Yuling Wu

Most Outstanding Major Award in Mathematics

Jinghui Yang

Most Outstanding Major Award in Mathematics + Computer Science

Guangkuo Liu

Most Outstanding Major Award in Teaching of Mathematics

Benjamin Candee

Salma Wanna Memorial Award

Ariel Lerman

Elizabeth R. Bennett Scholarship in Mathematics

Yu Jun Loo

Actuarial Science Alumni Scholarship

Philip Song

Josephine Chanler Scholarship

Suchetan Dontha

Vincent O. Greene Scholarship in Mathematics

Katrina Schideman

IMC Trading Mathematics Scholarship

Claire Song

Illinois Mathematics Excellence Scholarship

Garrett Credi

Dr. Lois M. Lackner Mathematics Scholarship

Daria Chudnovsky

Milliman Actuarial Science Scholarship

Tina Guo

Susan C. Morisato Mathematics Scholarship

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Northwestern Mutual Scholarship

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Ruth V. Shaff and Genevieve I. Andrews

Mathematics Scholarship

Connie Chen

Bradley M. and Karen A. Smith Scholarship

Eric Bayer

James Hynes

Evelyn Lai

State Farm Actuarial Science Prize

Matthew Jalnos

Filip Klapacz

Evan March

Priyesh Patel

Alexander Valkanas

Andy Wang

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Henry Wu

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AWARDS AND HONORS

ILLINOIS GEOMETRY LAB AWARDS

Susan C. Morisato IGL Scholarship

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IGL Research Award

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GRADUATE AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS

David G. Bourgin Mathematics Fellowship

Vaibhav Karve

Kuo-Tsai Chen Prize

Hadrian Quan

Wolfgang Haken Prize in Geometry and Topology

Elizabeth Tatum

Dr. Lois M. Lackner Mathematics Fellowship

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Irving Reiner Memorial Award

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State Farm Actuarial Science Prize

Churui Li

Philippe Tondeur Dissertation Prize

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Waldemar J., Barbara G., and Juliette

Alexandra Trjitzinsky Fellowship

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BRONZE TABLET

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