

## **UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS**

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MAY 12, 2023



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## Friday, May 12, 2023

#### 4:00PM

Student and Dignitary Processional	
	with Master of Ceremony Adam Paul
Opening Remarks	Provost Christopher L. Heavey
Presentation of Colors	UNLV Air Force & Army ROTC Honor Guards
	Field Drummer Logan Barrow
National Anthem	
	The Star-Spangled Banner, accompanied by Cameron Jones, piano
UNLV Alma Mater	UNLV Chorale, UNLV Wind Orchestra
	Joseph Svendsen, Thomas G. Leslie, Musical Directors
President's Message	
Greetings	
Recognition of Outstanding Graduates	
Student Commencement Speakers	Valeria Martinez, Amandee Hua
Alumni Association President	
Class Profile	Provost Heavey
Conferring of Degrees	
Readers	UNLV Faculty
	Joe Ervin, Ann McDonough, Gail Sammons, Jacob Thompson
Concluding Remarks	President Whitfield
Recessional	UNLV Fight Song
Grand Marshal	Sara Jordan

## Academic Traditions and Special Honors

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

Since its first classes were held in the 1950s, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has undergone an amazing transformation, from a dusty outpost on the south edge of town to a thriving urban research institution. Along the way, thanks to its innovative frontier spirit, UNLV has kept pace with one of the country's fastest-growing and most enterprising cities.

The university's origins were humble. In 1951, when the post-war boom had swollen the Las Vegas valley's population to more than 50,000, the University of Nevada, Reno established an extension program here. Twenty-eight students began meeting for classes in the dressing rooms of Las Vegas High School's auditorium. In 1954, the Nevada Board of Regents founded the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada, popularly known as Nevada Southern. Twenty-nine students accepted degrees at the university's first commencement in 1964.

The UNLV Graduate School was founded in 1965, and we graduated our first 11 master's students in 1967. In 1969, with the Board of Regents' approval, the university adopted its current name, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. By the following year, as Las Vegas' metropolitan population reached 275,000, UNLV enrolled more than 5,500 students. Our first doctoral student, an Ed.D., graduated in 1977, and we granted our first Ph.D.s in 1991.

Over the next several decades, UNLV continued this heady rate of development — erecting more than 100 buildings, developing dozens of graduate programs, creating partnerships with the community, fielding nationally ranked sports teams, founding an alumni association, promoting scholarship, establishing a fundraising foundation, and recruiting diverse and talented students from across the country. UNLV has come a long way from the high school dressing rooms that once served as its classrooms. It is fair to say that the first 57 years of graduate education at UNLV have been characterized by growth and maturation. Thanks to the dedication of faculty and staff members, students, generous donors, and Las Vegas residents, the university has much to celebrate, especially at commencement.

#### ACADEMIC DRESS

The academic caps, gowns, and hoods that make the procession so colorful are part of an 800-year tradition. Academic clothing was first worn in medieval universities like Cambridge, Oxford, Paris, and Bologna.

The European custom was carried to America with the establishment of our own colleges and universities. In 1895 an academic code of dress was adopted, and the standards of a robe, hood, and cap were accepted by most of the colleges and universities in the United States.

Different types of gowns may be distinguished in the academic procession. The bachelor's gowns have long, pointed sleeves. The master's gowns have oblong sleeves with an arc cut away in the front. The doctoral gowns are faced with velvet and have bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet. The hood, draped from the shoulder, denotes by its length and colors the field of study and the institution that conferred the doctoral degree.

Doctoral regalia was standardized in the U.S. by the Intercollegiate Commission that created the Intercollegiate Code in 1985. It is periodically updated, and the last update was in 1986 when it was recognized that dark blue is the official color for Ph.D.s. UNLV is unique. Gray with scarlet doctoral robes are absolutely distinct, and there is no other university that has a robe like ours. We adopted the unique scarlet and gray in 2012 when Neal Smatresk was the president of UNLV.

The doctoral hood harkens back to ancient Greece when students would give donations to teachers by placing coins in their hood, because it was not appropriate to pay teachers outright. We can still carry on this tradition today. Graduates, please let family members and friends know that they can continue the tradition of dropping money into hoods.

UNLV commencements have historically been held with both undergraduate and graduate students combined. However, in May 2022, the university hosted its inaugural graduate commencement that gathers the graduate community together. At that time, we also began a new tradition of utilizing the doctoral hoods and a new UNLV lucky coin. Our "Vegas twist" is that after a graduate is hooded, the advisor will drop a UNLV lucky coin in the graduate's hood, symbolically saying farewell, good luck, and best wishes as they embark on their next journey. This is uniquely UNLV and Las Vegas.

#### UNIVERSITY MACE

The university mace, which has its traditions deeply rooted in history, is carried on ceremonial occasions at the head of the academic procession by the Grand Marshal, whose symbolic duty is the protection of the university, its persons, and its processes.

The mace, a long club with a ball of iron, steel, or brass at one end, was used in warfare as late as the 16th century. The use of the mace as an instrument of ceremony, however, began about the year 1250 in England and France. The mace is still used widely today in university ceremonies like commencements and inaugurations.

The UNLV mace, cast by UNLV art professor emeritus Michael McCollum in 1970, was created using the lost wax process. Erik Gronborg's design for the cubical head of the mace included facets depicting the university seal, a rendering of the Statue of Liberty, a likeness of Renaissance scholar Leonardo da Vinci, and a shelf of books flanked by artists' brushes. The mace bearer for the May 12 ceremony is Sara Jordan, professor in the Couple and Family Therapy program.

#### **OUTSTANDING GRADUATES**

UNLV has a long-standing tradition of honoring graduating students who have made a special mark during their time at the university. Undergraduate and graduate students are selected for the honor after a semester-long nomination process. Those students highlighted during commencement are chosen based on such factors as academic achievement, community outreach, research and creative work, and their ability to overcome adversity.

#### HONOR SOCIETY MEDALLIONS

Students who have been initiated into UNLV's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society may wear a bronze medallion hung on a blue ribbon to be worn at commencement. Each year Chapter 100 at UNLV invites to membership the top 10 percent of graduate students and undergraduate seniors in their college class and the top 7.5 percent of the junior class in all academic disciplines.

Many disciplines have honor societies specific to their fields. Members wear their cords, pins, or medallions at commencement.

## Graduate College

#### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Jesse Barnes. Public Affairs

Matthew R. Albert. Curriculum & Instruction Voices From the Desks: Reconceptualizing the Mentoring of Beginning Teachers

Phillipe Austria, Computer Science Dea<sup>2</sup>uth: A Decentralized Authentication and Authorization Scheme for Private Data Transfer

Victoria Bacon, Clinical Psychology Utilizing Nonparametric Statistical Methods to Inform Equitable and Inclusive MTSS Models of School Attendance/ **Problems** 

The Transaction Costs of Federal Environmental Policy Changes: The Effects of the Temporary COVID-19 CWA Rollback on Local Water Systems

Santiago G. Bataller, Biological Sciences Role of OsWRKY71 in Mediating Hormone Response During Seed Germination

Emily Lynne Boyce, Nursing Relationships between Healthcare Technology Experience, Acceptance, Attitudes, Self-Efficacy, and Readiness in Pre-Licensure Nursing Students

Sujata Chattopadhyay, English Illness Under the Microscope: Disease in Colonial Discourse, a Disruptive Study

Jason A. Ciccotelli, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Lumbopelvic Biomechanics and Muscle Performance in Individuals with Unilateral Transfemoral Amputation: Implications for Lower Back Pain

Bonni Cohen, Nursing The Lived Experience of the DNP-to-PhD Nursing Graduate: Examining the Journey

Gregory Joseph Colarch, Physics The Response of Atomic-To-Molecular Hydrogen Transition Points in Photodissociation Regions Due to a Hard X-Ray Spectrum

Andria Lynn Coleman, Higher Education Where Will I Sleep Tonight? A Qualitative Case Study of Homeless and Displaced College Students

Joseph B. Curran, Anthropology Negotiating a World in Upheaval: Resiliency of Indigenous Systems of Warfare Among Yuman Groups

Randall Dannen, Astronomy On Outflows Due to Radiation Dustin Wyatt Davis, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Outside, Looking In: A Dissertation on Mindful Walking and How Green Exercise Affects State Mindfulness and Connectedness to Nature

Michael Anthony DeFeo, Political Science MENA Terrorism and the West: Explaining Why Terrorist Groups From the Middle East and North Africa Target Western Democracies

Armin Esmaeilzadeh, Computer Science Information-theoretic Model Diagnostics (InfoMoD)

Ariel D. Friel, Biological Sciences Desert Spring Prokaryotes and Benthic Macroinvertebrates: Geological and Ecological Controls

Yiwei Gao, Mechanical Engineering High-yield Atmospheric Water Harvesting Based on Hydrogel

Lucas Jay Graff, Higher Education Inequities in the Student Conduct Process: An Analysis of a State System of Higher Education

Zachary M. Grande, Physics Exploration of H2O Ice at Extreme Conditions

Chandler Philip Hassan-Casarez, Chemistry Effects of Cations and Dipicolinic Acid on B. anthracis Spore Physiology and Cytotoxicity

Kristen Noelle Valencia Herlosky, Anthropology Maternal Health in the Context of Social, Political, and Economic Change Among Transitioning Hadzabe Foragers of Tanzania.

Andromeda Lexi Hightower, Teacher Education The Closing of One Black Box, The Opening of Another: A Self-Study of How an Instructional Coach Makes Decisions

Nanette Rasband Hilton, English Genre and Gender: A Rhetoric of Irony in Nineteenth-Century American Women's Writing

Jasmine K. Hinton, Physics Response of the Isothermal Mode Grüneisen Tensor Across Phase Boundaries

Amandee Hua, Chemistry Spectroscopic Studies on Silicon and Chalcopyrite Materials for Solar Energy Applications

Yahia S. Iskander, Civil & Environmental Engineering Three-Dimensional Finite Element Numerical Analysis of Closely Spaced Foundations Resting on Clay Soil Supported With a Geocell Mattress Embedded in a Fly Ash Layer.

Mohsen Jahandardoost, Mechanical Engineering Metastability and Degradation Lifetime in Cu(In,Ga)Se2 Thin-Film Solar Cells

Damarrah E. Jameson, Educational Psychology Individual Differences in Police Officers' Decision Styles in Order Maintenance Policing

Wen Jiang, Hospitality Administration #Rudecustomers: The Effects of Social Media Posts About Customer Mistreatment on Viewers' Moral Emotions and Reactions

Adam J. Johnson, Mathematical Sciences Solving Boundary Value and Initial Boundary Value Problems of Partial Differential Equations Using Meshless Methods

Elizabeth Anne Johnson, Anthropology How Animals Affect Us: Examining the Relationship Between Human-Animal Interactions and Human Well-Being

Averill Duane Kelley, Curriculum & Instruction A Qualitative Descriptive Case Study of Teaching Multicultural Education in a High School Civics and Economics Class

Jenessa Lynn Wilson Kenway, English Feminine Aesthetics of Embodied Cognition: Virginia Woolf, Djuna Barnes, and Audre Lorde

Meghan Liebzeit, Nursing Investigating Students' Lived Experience with Prebriefing Structure and Elements in Nursing Simulation Education

Bowen Liu, Mathematical Sciences A Generalized Family of Exponentiated Composite Distributions with Applications to Insurance and Survival Data

Dalton M. Mccaffrey, Geoscience Critical Metals: From Granitic Pegmatites to the Anthropogenic Cycle

Sean M. Mccray, English Evolving Expressions of Trauma in James Joyce, Jean Rhys, and Caryl Phillips

Kyle C. Mefferd, Educational Psychology Longitudinal Relations Among Expectancy-Value Beliefs, Achievement, and Intentions to Leave for Health Science Students

Angela C. Moor, History Getting Hitched and Unhitched: The History of Marriage and Divorce in Las Vegas, 1931-1965

Jian Ni, Electrical Engineering On a Fog-Cloud-Enabled Heart Monitoring System for Long Term, Real Time Detection of Cardiac Abnormalities

Christina Maria Nishiyama, Learning Sciences Using Critical Questions to Improve Perspective Taking Online

Dara Nyknahad, Computer Science Algorithmic Approaches to Battery Consolidation in a Smart Grid

Charles Joseph Panarella Jr., Educational Psychology Systemic Theoretical Instruction Using Tense and Aspect: A Sociocultural Study of American Learners of Italian

Daniel Perez, Anthropology

The Role of Style in Community Identity and Group Affiliation: An Archeological Study of Virgin and Kayenta Branch Ceramics

Jeffrey Dylan Person, Anthropology Rock or Relic? Lithic Technology and Social Life in the Mimbres Mogollon Region of Southwestern New Mexico

Jacqueline Renee Phan, Chemistry Poop! There It Is! Anti-Germinants and Biological Variables as Modulators of Clostridioides difficile Infection

Claira E. Ralston, Anthropology Gendered Bodies, Engendered Lives: Bioarchaeological Exploration of the Intersectionality of Gender, Health, and Trauma at Turkey Creek Pueblo, Arizona (AD 1225-1286)

Heather L. Rappaport, Higher Education A Qualitative Exploration of Parent Involvement Programs in **Higher Education** 

Anne-Marie Raskin, Teacher Education Co-Teaching at the Secondary Level: A Case Study of Perceptions, Implementation, & Constructivism

Jorge E. Reyes Jr., Mathematical Sciences Mathematical Modeling: Finite Element Analysis and Computations Arising in Fluid Dynamics and Biological **Applications** 

David R. Rice, Astronomy Inferring the Compositions and Interior Structures of Small **Planets** 

Deborah Rojas, Nursing Leveraging Simulation to Understand Nursing Students' Learning in Technologically Complex Environments

Corinne Sexton, Biological Sciences Applying Unsupervised Multi-Omic Learning to Identify Patterns of Human Genomic Regulatory Regions with an Emphasis in Characterizing Hervh Loci.

G. Alexander Smith, Chemistry Stoichiometric Determination of Hydride Materials at Extreme Conditions

Jennifer A. Torgerson, Higher Education No Scrubs: Nursing Applicant Trajectories after Rejection Carrie Rose Underwood, Psychological and Brain Sciences Multiple Approaches to Examining Gender Norms in Romantic Relationships

David Vallet, Mechanical Engineering Simulating Condensation in The Theory Of Classical Nucleation

Stephanie Ann Verba-Quinones, Psychological and Brain Sciences

Examining the Effects of Perspective-Taking and Empathetic Concern on Attractiveness Biases in Millennial and Generation X Adults

Alexandrea Washington, Mechanical Engineering An Investigation of Soft Electrohydraulic Actuators: Theory, Characterization, and Conceptual Applications

Carolyn S. Willis, Public Affairs

Offender Reintegration in Nevada: A longitudinal Study Focusing on Transitional Challenges, Reentry Capital, and Recidivism.

William Morrow Willis, Anthropology The Role of Small Puebloan Architectural Sites on the Southern Shivwits Plateau

Ryan A. Wirt, Neuroscience

Systems Dynamics of the Anterior Cingulate Cortex and Hippocampus in Behavioral Switching, Spatial Working Memory, and Disease

Sarah Margaret Wolff, Educational Psychology Development and Initial Validation of the Mindful Self-Regulated Learning Scale (m-SRLS)

Joshua Daniel Wooldridge, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Musculoskeletal Injury Concealment in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps

Li Zhu, Mathematical Sciences

Analysis and Application of Finite Element and High-Order Finite Difference Methods for Maxwell's Equations in Complex Media

Sarah Elaine Zvonar, Nursing

Fear of Recurrence as a Mediator of Illness Perceptions and Perceived Stress in Acute Myocardial Infarction Survivors

#### **Doctor of Musical Arts**

Tung Kei Lam, Performance

An Exploration of Popular Tenor Audition Arias and a Guide to Selecting Opera Audition Repertoire

Allison Elizabeth McSwain, Performance

Robert Starer and His Music, with a Focus on Solo Works for Trumpet

Dawid Mzyk, Performance

Kazimierz Serocki's Trombone Concerto: Prominent Work in Post-War Poland

Jie Pan, Performance

A Comparison of the Traditional Chinese Vocal Style and Western Bel Canto Singing

Marta Plominska, Performance

Polish Nationalism and The Flute Sonatina: The Influence of Folklore on Inter-War Composers Tadeusz Kassern, Wojciech Kilar and Aleksander Tansman

Michael Root, Performance

An Analysis of the Use of Effects to Convey Narrative in Nikita Koshkin's The Prince's Toys Suite and Francis Kleynjans' A L'aube Du Dernier Jour

Lucas Henrique Teixeira Martins, Performance The Issue of Communicability in Guerra-Peixe's 1947 Solo Violin Works

Guqi Zhang, Performance

Asian Culture in Western Music: Piano Music by Tan Dun and Bright Sheng

#### **Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Jenifer Alicia Carvell, Doctor of Nursing Practice Health Literacy and the Feasibility of Using Video-Based Education in the Emergency Department

Janice Lee Enriquez, Doctor of Nursing Practice Evaluating Risk-appropriate Perinatal Care in Nevada

Chris Elaine Lacza Mariano, Doctor of Nursing Practice The COVID-19 Pandemic and the On-Time Vaccination Completion in the Childhood Population

Saghi Nassrouie, Doctor of Nursing Practice Telehealth in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

#### **Doctor of Occupational Therapy**

Brigitte Gayle Baker, Occupational Therapy The Feasibility of a Large-Amplitude Aquatic-Based Exercise Occupational Therapy Program for Individuals with Early Parkinson's Disease

Gerard Sean Blanco, Occupational Therapy Driving and Community Mobility: An Online Educational Program for Generalist Occupational Therapy Practitioners

Ennah Lynne Cabading, Occupational Therapy Promoting Early Detection in Primary Care: Program Evaluation of the Dementia Care Aware Program in Orange County

Paolo Castro, Occupational Therapy An Immersive-Virtual Reality Treatment Learning Module for UNLV Occupational Therapy Students

- Sebastian Cheung, Occupational Therapy Acquired Brain Injury: A Vision Screening Protocol for Occupational Therapists
- Noah Peter Claypool, Occupational Therapy Occupational Therapy Fieldwork in an Emerging Justice-Based Setting: Hope for Prisoners
- Dyrin Justin Guihama Cordero, Occupational Therapy Addressing Vision Impairments Following Neurological Injuries: A Vision Protocol for Occupational Therapists
- Kelly Anne Cullerton, Occupational Therapy The Efficacy of an Educational Toolkit to Enhance Knowledge of Pediatric Reflux Management Among Occupational **Therapists**
- Mitzi De La Cruz-Garcia, Occupational Therapy Ergonomics Education and Training for Office Workers
- Amber Lee Eddy, Occupational Therapy Feasibility of the Every Moment Counts Initiative at a Southern Nevada Elementary School
- Therese Margaret Fernandez, Occupational Therapy An Educational Sleep Hygiene Module for UNLV Students to Promote Occupational Performance
- Natasha Nadia Findley, Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Promoting the Benefits of an Occupational Therapy Community-based Health and Wellness Coaching Program for Adults Living with Chronic Illnesses and their Self-Management
- Mary Ashley Galan-Gornal, Occupational Therapy Utilizing an Interdisciplinary Approach: Education of Early Progressive Mobility Protocol in the ICU/Acute Setting
- Stacie Marie Gomez, Occupational Therapy Increasing Self-Perceived Competence in Performing Independent Living Skills Among Unhoused Youth and Young Adults
- Taylor Rae Harrison-Merrill, Occupational Therapy Nonpharmacological Pain Management of Adult Patients in the Burn Unit: An Interdisciplinary Toolkit Through the Occupational Therapy Lens
- Taylar Faye Marie Hirte, Occupational Therapy Increasing Foster Parent Awareness of an Occupation-Based Approach to Child Well-Being
- Kaitlyn A. Hoffman, Occupational Therapy NEW-R Intervention for Clients with Severe Mental Illness and Obesity: Grant Writing for Implementation Funds Supporting Occupational Therapy Interventions

- Makenzie Hogbin, Occupational Therapy Perceived Usefulness, Ease of Use, and Satisfaction of a Swaddle Bathing Educational Guide Among Parents/ Guardians of NICU Premature Infants
- Hannah Kalegzabher, Occupational Therapy The Effectiveness of a Workshop for Improving Awareness and Identification of Racial Microaggressions Among Occupational Therapy Students and Faculty
- Kayla Kinney, Occupational Therapy Assistance Dog Considerations for Occupational Therapy Students
- Philip Lamoreaux, Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Does High-Intensity Belong in Occupational Therapy? A Pilot Program for Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Owen Uyiosa Lawani, Occupational Therapy Creating a Web Resource on Sense Belonging for Underrepresented Occupational Therapy Students in Graduate Programs
- Marieliz Llanos, Post-Professional Occupational Therapy Development of a Post-Op Transgender Care Program for Acute Occupational Therapy Practice
- Silvia Teresita Lobaina, Post-Professional Occupational Therapy The Importance of Educating Patients and Staff About Implementing the Neurogenic Bowel Training Program (NBTP) for Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) in the Acute Care Phase.
- Nhu Mac, Occupational Therapy A Pilot Program to Inform High School Students about Allied Healthcare Professions
- Nicholas Nalic Pierides Jr., Occupational Therapy An Ergonomic Approach for Esport Athletes
- Sarah Lynn Pond, Occupational Therapy Increasing Knowledge and Self-Perceived Confidence of Occupational Therapy Practitioners and Students in Pelvic Floor Disorders and Treatment, Specifically in Stress Urinary Incontinence
- Bianca Cecilia Rideout, Occupational Therapy Independent Living Skills Training for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness through Program Development and Grant Writing
- Charles Nicholas Salvatera, Occupational Therapy Mental Health Education Protocol for Staff Members in an Inpatient Rehabilitation Center
- Amanda Rae Shizue Shimabukuro, Occupational Therapy The Impact of an Ostomy Training Workshop on Occupational Therapy Practitioners' and Students' Confidence in Client Education on Ostomy Management

Larissa Rose Garcia Silcox, Occupational Therapy Exploration of Occupational Therapy Program Development Through NIH Grant Writing

Sydney Julia Sladek, Occupational Therapy Yoga as an Occupational Therapy Intervention for Inpatient Rehabilitation

Ronell Matthew Sueno, Occupational Therapy A Lesson Plan Module for Dignity Health Hand Therapy's Mentorship Program

Mary Angela Mendoza Terencio, Occupational Therapy Development and Usefulness of an Advocacy Toolkit to Promote Systems-Level Advocacy among Occupational Therapy Students in Nevada

Ashley Cassandra Manabat Tolentino, Occupational Therapy Exploring the Usefulness of the Alert Program on Children with Developmental Delays or Disabilities at Positively Kids

Ariana Naomi Valdez, Occupational Therapy A Kinesio Tape ® Protocol to Improve Postural Stability and Mouth Closure for Feeding and Eating in Children with Cerebral Palsy

Coby Rei Kealohi Yoshimura, Occupational Therapy An Adolescent Concussion Management Toolkit for Occupational Therapists

Jennifer Marie Zielinski, Occupational Therapy The Importance of an Educational Occupation-Based Work Program for Young Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)s

#### **Doctor of Physical Therapy**

Arturo Aldaco, Physical Therapy

The Psychometric Properties of the Modified Fear of Falling Avoidance Behavior Questionnaire in Parkinson's Disease and Older Adults

Rebecca S. Altman, Physical Therapy Analyzing Equity Within the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Physical Therapy Program Admissions Process

Anna Lois Basco Aquino, Physical Therapy The Effects of Exercise Training on Gait in Adults with Down Syndrome

Sherwin De Guzman Cadiao, Physical Therapy Effects of a 12-Week Remote Exercise Program on Balance in Adults with Down Syndrome

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Tyler Greener, Physical Therapy Stepping On: Virtual Fall Prevention for Older Adults

Eduardo Gutierrez, Physical Therapy Development of a Multifactorial Virtual Fall Prevention Tool for Community Dwelling Older Women

Ashley Michelle Haller, Physical Therapy The Psychometric Properties of the Modified Fear of Falling Avoidance Behavior Questionnaire in Parkinson's Disease and Older Adults

Rosedaveia Roselee-Bevon Howell, Physical Therapy Anatomy Academy Service-Learning Project: Attacking the Epidemic of Childhood Obesity

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Nicole Kaes, Physical Therapy Effects of a 12-Week Remote Exercise Program on Balance in Adults with Down Syndrome

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Carissa Renee Gogo Limtiaco, Physical Therapy UNLV Department of Physical Therapy and the College of Fine Arts Clinic for Health and Injury Prevention Service-Learning Project

John T. MacDonald, Physical Therapy Acute Effects of Post-Activation Potentiation on Increasing Bat Velocity in Competitive Baseball Players: A Case Series

Moriah F. Maluotoga, Physical Therapy Utilization and Perception of Peer-Support After Lower Limb Loss in the United States: Potential Benefits on Mobility Outcomes

Linh Thi My Nguyen, Physical Therapy Effects of Postural Load Perturbations on the Stroke-Impaired Spinal Circuitry

Jacob James Fuentes Nogra, Physical Therapy Development of a Multifactorial Virtual Fall Prevention Tool for Community Dwelling Older Women

Alexander Michael Palko, Physical Therapy The Effects of Exercise Training on Gait in Adults with Down Syndrome

Caitlin E. Parker, Physical Therapy Association Between Rural Background and Physical Therapist Practice Location

Jayston Caleb Manuel Prudencio, Physical Therapy Effects of a 12-Week Remote Exercise Program on Balance in Adults with Down Syndrome

Justin Rasavage, Physical Therapy Implementation of 2D Running Gait Analysis in Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinics

Isabella Jiao Russell, Physical Therapy Developing a Physical Therapy Initial Evaluation Screening Tool for a Multidisciplinary Clinic for Adults with Down Syndrome

Michael Alan Savanapridi, Physical Therapy Creating a University-based Performing Arts Physical Therapy Clinic: Challenges and Lessons

Francesca Sophia Schutte, Physical Therapy Anatomy Academy Service-Learning Project: Attacking the Epidemic of Childhood Obesity

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Phillipp Edward J. Yu, Physical Therapy Acute Effects of Post-Activation Potentiation on Increasing Bat Velocity in Competitive Baseball Players: A Case Series

#### **Doctor of Public Policy**

Toni Arcadipane, Doctor of Public Policy The Impact of Long-Term Care Costs on Middle-Class Seniors and Families

Vincent Ernest Autiero, Doctor of Public Policy Unlocking Affordable Housing in Los Angeles County

Michael A. Bernardo Jr., Doctor of Public Policy Addressing Water Scarcity in the Colorado River Basin

Robin Amber Brown, Doctor of Public Policy State of Nevada Regional Centers Service Delivery Deficiency Solutions

Joseph David Bundens, Doctor of Public Policy Feasibility Study for Expanding the Vegas Loop as a Public Transportation Service as a Strategy for Improving Accessibility and Reducing GHG Emissions

Andreana Marie Franco, Doctor of Public Policy Loan Forgiveness and Financial Literacy Training for Students with Disabilities

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Doctor of Public Policy Prison to Homelessness

Patrice A. Hester-Harper, Doctor of Public Policy Health Care Education for Low-Income Families via Grade School Enrollment

Gregory Eugene Holloway, Doctor of Public Policy Improving School Transportation Options for CCSD Foster Youth

Marinela Maskuti, Doctor of Public Policy

Implementing a Transportation Assessment Policy in Medical Clinics to Reduce Missed Appointments and Assess Patients' Transportation Barriers to Medical Care During a Clinic's Intake Process

Lisa Marie Pacheco, Doctor of Public Policy Nevada's Nursing Shortage Status: Critical

Nicholas D'Andre Rhodes, Doctor of Public Policy Adopting a Policy to Address Obesity Among Las Vegas Firefighters.

Kristopher J. Sanchez, Doctor of Public Policy Infrastructure Planning, Economic Development Planning, and Climate Resiliency Planning: The Case for Policy Planning Integration in Nevada State Government

Dorian Elizabeth Stonebarger, Doctor of Public Policy Incentives for Affordable Housing in Las Vegas

Ryan Napoleon Yeargin, Doctor of Public Policy Reducing Waste in the Air Force MILCON Program

#### Artist Diploma

Taylor Dawn Crawford, Artist Diploma Resilda Lala, Artist Diploma

#### Specialist in Education

Elizabeth Christina Anderson, School Psychology

Tatum Lourdes Corbin, School Psychology

Yacine Diene, School Psychology

Jamie S. Elliott, School Psychology

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Maijah M. Williams, Kinesiology

#### Master of Social Work

Rachelle Mason Abbott, Social Work

Breanna Alyssa Aguilar, Social Work

Adeline Allen, Social Work

Meghan C. Alvillar, Social Work

Dilcia Maria Andrade, Social Work

Shiloh Badaway, Social Work

Ainsley Jeanine Catbagan Banaga, Social Work

Cecilia Bautista, Social Work

Madison G. Beasley, Social Work

Daniela Borda. Social Work

Joseph Bork, Social Work

Azriel Nikole Brown, Social Work

Alec Hilario Bustos, Social Work

Diamond Jenai Carroll, Social Work

Steven Tyler Clifford II, Social Work

Andrea Corral Rodríguez, Social Work

Nicole Davis, Social Work

Olimpia Dominguez, Social Work

Michael Daniel Fowler, Social Work

Liridian Karina Gamboa Sanchez, Social Work

Savi Marie Garcelon, Social Work

Vanessa Garcia, Social Work Keith C. Guinn. Social Work Taylor Marie Houston, Social Work Rebecca Jacobson, Social Work Alyson Marie Jeeves, Social Work Jennifer Jeong, Social Work Carmelina Jimerson, Social Work Valencia Michele Kline. Social Work Alexandra Moore Lalli, Social Work Amy Lesher, Social Work Brittanee Nicole Loomis, Social Work Dominic Maglalang, Social Work Molly Marie McCord, Social Work Tiffany Mims, Social Work Elizabeth Karrie Morris, Social Work Samantha Nicole Muro, Social Work Binti Osman Musa. Social Work LaTricha Y. Nathan, Social Work Clarissa Nguyen, Social Work Ashley Anne Orshoski, Social Work Tiffany De'Anna Payne, Social Work Ron Peretz, Social Work Jeannell Perez Duran, Social Work Chloe Ann Pierce, Social Work Andre Proctor, Social Work Jacob D. Purcell. Social Work Ariana Louise Reyes, Social Work Anthony S. Rivera, Social Work Rachel Anahi Rubio, Social Work Alexandra Elizabeth Rusake, Social Work Gladys Iveth Santisteban, Social Work Dariya Eyring Smith, Social Work Kamille Smith, Social Work Blake A. Spataro, Social Work Alexandrene Nicole Farro Sulio, Social Work Emily Marie Thomas, Social Work Summer Rene Thomas-Harris, Social Work Joanne Jessica Tran. Social Work Teresa J. Ulring, Social Work Nisha Marie Uy, Social Work Gretchen Valdez. Social Work Samantha Varn, Social Work

Cassidy Harris Vendramin, Social Work

Priscila Sanchez Venzor. Social Work

Joseph Edward Walker, Social Work Keyana Joi Webb, Social Work Darius Williams, Social Work

#### **Graduate Certificate**

Victor H. Aldana, Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity Jesse Barnes, Graduate Certificate in Social Science Methods Essence M. Booker, Graduate Certificate in Special Education Julia Breckner, Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention Cobe Termaine Bryant, Graduate Certificate in College Sport Leadership

Patrick Carter, Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity Nicole Cessna, Conditional Licensure Certificate for Secondary Teaching

Caitlin Marie Chadwick, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Claudia Chiang Lopez, Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Education

Bridget Kathryn Daleiden, Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching and Training

Aaron DelCotto, Graduate Certificate in Public Health Jason DeMaria, Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Cynthia Enriquez, Certificate in Spanish Translation Katelyn Jenann Frazier, Graduate Certificate in Program **Evaluation and Assessment** 

Alice Nell Gray, Graduate Certificate in Public Health Shogo Jeffrey Kawada, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Courtney Rose Kirwan, Graduate Conditional Licensure Certificate for Elementary Teaching

Albert Loera, Graduate Certificate in College Sport Leadership Loryane Linette Lopez, Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Ronald S. Maurizi, Conditional Licensure Certificate for Secondary Teaching

Dante Allen Miller, Graduate Certificate in Social Science Methods

Mycole Whitney Muns, Advanced Graduate Certificate in **Addiction Studies** 

Miklo Azrael Abueg Natividad, Graduate Certificate in Infection Prevention

Mauricio Ortiz Zaragoza, Graduate Certificate in Social Justice Studies

Stephanie Ann Pitts, Graduate Certificate in Public Management Emily Reeves, Graduate Certificate in Business Administration Whitney Blaine Richardson, Graduate Certificate in Public Management

#### **Graduate Certificate (Continued)**

Kelly E. Schmidt, Post-Secondary Mathematics Education Nicole C. Tanguay, Advanced Graduate Certificate in Addiction Studies

#### **UNLV JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Directed by Nathan Tanouye, Professor of Jazz Studies, UNLV School of Music

Gary Fowler, Shaddai Johnson - Vocals Kurt Tumbagahan - Trumpet Gio Lacala - Trombone Edward Sarabia - Tenor Saxophone Cameron Jones - Piano Keegan Carter - Bass Zach Guzman-Mejia - Drums

#### **ALMA MATER**

(Composed by Eric Whitacre, Lyrics by Thomas Leslie and Robyn Lemon Chapman) Alma Mater, we praise you For Spirit, the eternal flame. Strength which never falters, A tribute to your name. Alma Mater, we thank you, Exalted Scarlet and Gray. Truth and wisdom from your Standard in our minds and hearts will stay. Alma Mater, we cherish you. And in days that are yet to be, Our voices let us ever raise In honor, U-N-L-V.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is proud to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces. Below is a list of veterans who are graduate degree candidates this May.



Joseph Bork Katherine Ann Cassell Noah Peter Claypool Sherwin Shahram Moshiri Albert Tew Joshua Daniel Wooldridge



Michael Daniel Fowler Valerie Tai Jing Kim Robert John Lemus Courtney May Gino Raphael San Miguel



Antonio G. Gering



Lorna Booze Aubrey Simon Buhr Jenifer Alicia Carvell Keith C. Guinn Mitchell P. Lallier Damani Kwesi Mitchell Nicholas Nalic Pierides Jr. Kelsey Elizabeth Terry Teresa J. Ulring Gretchen Valdez Ryan Napoleon Yeargin

### Graduate College Awards

#### **Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award** 2014-2015

1st Place Jennifer Whitmer 2nd Place Moinak Bhaduri 3rd Place Ashok EM Sudhakar

2015-2016

1st Place Andrew Scott Murtishaw

2nd Place Meysam Najimi 3rd Place Caitlin Saladino

2016-2017

1st Place Sarah Murphy 2nd Place Nicholas Baxter 3rd Place Kazem Jadidirendi

2017-2018

1st Place Matthew Le Claire 2nd Place Erdogan Kaya 3rd Place Michael Isaacs

2018-2019

1st Place Joy Immak 2nd Place Malayka Cornejo 3rd Place Mirae Fornander

2019-2020

1st Place Weerakonda De Silva 2nd Place Mark Toussaint 3rd Place Elena Bejinariu

2020-2021

1st Place **Dustin Davis** 

2nd Place Christopher Wakefield

3rd Place Nina Paul

2021-2022

1st Place Torisha Khonach 2nd Place Joshua Donnelly 3rd Place Ghazaleh Laleh

2022-2023

1st Place Nanette Rasband Hilton

2nd Place Md N. Hasan

**Outstanding Dissertation Award** 2014

Jonathan William Plaue

2015

Jordan Watkins

2016

Seth Gainey

2017

Janelle Droessler Margaret Huettl

2018

Cheryl Anderson Tyler Stalbaum

2019

Leland Barker Scot Ewen

2020

Sarah McCarthy Joshua Sackett

2021

Ali Saber Sichani Shae Cox

2022

Jeremy Smallwood Yen-Ling Chen

2023

Suzanne Renae Mulligan Edward A. Smith

**Outstanding Thesis Award** 

2014

Riley Berry

2015

Miliaikeala SJ Heen

2016

Catherine Wisnosky

2017

Jesse Cook Michael Steiner

2018

Sara Black

Jeremy Smallwood

2019

Olufunke Ogundimu Jacqueline Phan

2020

Frank Johnson Rachel Rahib

2021

Lara Turello

Christopher Forepaugh

2022

Cale Seymour

Maribel Calderon

2023

Evan William O'Neal Madison Wiese

## Outstanding Graduate Faculty Leadership Award 2017

Dr. Janet Dufek

2018

Dr. Hokwon Cho

2019

Dr. Jennifer Rennels

2020

Dr. Pramen P. Shrestha

2021

Dr. Peter Gray

2022

Dr. Kaitlin Clinnin

2023

Dr. Natalie Pennington

## Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentorship Award 2017

Dr. Daniel N. Allen

2018

Dr. Janet Dufek

2019

Dr. Lori Candela

2020

Dr. Jacimaria Batista

2021

Dr. Jennifer Pharr

2022

Dr. Pramen P. Shrestha

2023

Dr. MaryKay Orgill

#### **Graduate College Medallion Recipients**

Santiago G. Bataller Ryan Anita Conner

Andrea Corral Rodríguez

Dustin Wyatt Davis

Alan Garcia

Nanette Rasband Hilton

William Brian Leslie Ingelson

Mohsen Jahandardoost

Elizabeth Anne Johnson

Jennifer Olivia Laurence

Daniel Perez

Jacqueline Renee Phan

Jorge E. Reyes Jr.

David R. Rice

Alina Paige Swafford

Nicole C. Tanguay

Ryan A. Wirt

Sarah Margaret Wolff

Janelle Hwang Chang Yasukochi

#### Land Acknowledgement Statement

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas wishes to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities of this region, and recognize that the university is situated on the traditional homelands of the Nuwuvi, Southern Paiute People. We offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to study, learn, work, and be in community with this land. We encourage everyone in this space to engage in continued learning about the Indigenous peoples who work and live on this land since time immemorial, including the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe and the Moapa Band of Paiutes, and about the historical and present realities of colonialism. As one of the most diverse universities in the United States, UNLV believes it is important to recognize and appreciate the use of Southern Paiute land as part of its mission to be a welcoming and inclusive place for working and learning.

#### What is the purpose of a Land Acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement recognizes and respects the relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their ancestral and contemporary territories.

Additionally, land acknowledgements provide us with the opportunity to explore the impacts of colonization and systems of oppression on Indigenous Peoples.

Land acknowledgements do not exist in a historical context or past tense. It is vital to understand the long-standing history that brought us to reside on the land, and to seek to understand our place within that history. Colonialism is a current, ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness and understanding of our present participation.

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On behalf of the UNLV Alumni Association congratulations and best wishes! We celebrate your successes with you and are incredibly proud of the accomplishments you have already achieved as students. We know you will continue on that path of greatness, and as you embark upon and progress through your careers, always remember why you chose your respective field and the sacrifices you endured to make it happen.

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On behalf of the over 140,000-plus UNLV alumni, welcome to the Rebels Forever Family! We are committed to supporting you as Rebel Alumni and fostering a vibrant, lifelong relationship between you and UNLV.

With Rebel Pride,

Gabrielle Angle '10

Halvelle Hangle

President, UNLV Alumni Association

Blake Douglas

Executive Director, UNLV Alumni Association Associate Vice President, Alumni Engagement

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