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# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## COMMENCEMENT

### SPRING 2014

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## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

**RENU KHATOR**

President



May 2014

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on one of the happiest, most memorable, and most important days of your life – the day of your graduation!

The University of Houston is a very special place. It is the place that welcomed you, helped you grow intellectually, and encouraged you on your journey. It is the place that has provided you with the life experiences to work, feel at home, and succeed anywhere in the world.

Several factors contributed to your success. The support of your parents and families, and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors, and staff played a significant part. But the most important factor is you, and the motivation, determination, and drive that brought you to the day of your graduation, and will continue to serve you as you make your mark on your community and the world.

As you leave here today – proud alumnus or alumna – know that you are a member of the best prepared, best educated, and best equipped class the University of Houston has ever produced.

With my best wishes for a successful career and a bright future,

Renu Khator

A handwritten signature of Renu Khator in black ink, written in a cursive style.

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# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

## BOARD OF REGENTS

Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D. '93), Chair

Tilman J. Fertitta, Vice Chair

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Durga D. Agrawal (M.S. '69, Ph.D. '74)

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Beth Madison (B.A. '72)

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Peter K. Taaffe (J.D. '97)

Roger F. Welder

Benjamin P. Wells (J.D. '14)

# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## PRESIDENT

Renu Khator

## PRESIDENT'S CABINET

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*Vice President for University Advancement*

Richard Walker

*Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services*

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# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## DEANS

Richard M. Alderman (*interim*)  
*Dwights Old Chair in Law*  
*UH Law Center*

Roger Boltz (*interim*)  
*College of Optometry*

John T. Bowen  
*Barron Hilton Distinguished Chair*  
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management*

Ira C. Colby  
*Graduate College of Social Work*

William E. Fitzgibbon III  
*College of Technology*

Robert McPherson  
*Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair*  
*College of Education*

William Monroe  
*Nancy O'Connor Abendshein Endowed Professor in Honors*  
*The Honors College*

Patricia Belton Oliver  
*Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture*

F. Lamar Pritchard  
*College of Pharmacy*

Latha Ramchand  
*C. T. Bauer College of Business*

John W. Roberts  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Dana C. Rooks  
*Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair*  
*University Libraries*

Joseph W. Tedesco  
*Elizabeth D. Rockwell Endowed Dean's Chair*  
*Cullen College of Engineering*

Dan Wells (*interim*)  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

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# THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



## THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston's proud heritage dates back to its founding in 1927. In the beginning, UH was known as Houston Junior College. Classes for the first 230 students were held at San Jacinto High School and were taught by a faculty of eight. Over the years, the junior college grew and prospered, officially becoming the University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the institution acquired land for a permanent campus and its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building, opened in 1939. The university became a state institution in 1963.

Today, the University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, serving more than 40,000 students, with more than 300 undergraduate and graduate programs. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service, with more than 40 research centers and institutes, and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. UH public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small-business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the university's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities. UH has awarded more than 268,000 degrees, and approximately 80 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, teaching centers offering University of Houston degrees and classes opened in Clear Lake, downtown Houston and Victoria. Over time, these teaching centers became free-standing universities, offering education and opportunity to their communities. The University of Houston System was legally established in 1977. Today, the UH System is the region's largest provider of comprehensive university services from the baccalaureate to the doctorate. The UH System plays a primary role in meeting the higher education needs of the Houston metropolitan area and Texas. It is comprised of four universities and six teaching centers. The accredited universities in the UH System are: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria. The teaching centers are UH Sugar Land, UHS at Cinco Ranch, UH Northwest, UHD Northwest, UHCL Pearland and UHS at Texas Medical Center.

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# COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head, and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelors (apprentices of the arts), masters (teachers) and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back. The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

### GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

**Master's Degree** Hood: Citron  
Tassel: Black

**Doctoral Degree** Hood: Citron  
Tassel: Red

### COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

**Master's Degree** Hood: Gold  
Tassel: Black

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree** Hood: Royal Blue  
Tassel: Red

**Doctor of Optometry Degree** Hood: Seafoam Green  
Tassel: Red

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

**Bachelor's Degree** Tassel: Olive

**Master's Degree** Hood: Olive  
Tassel: Black

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree** Hood: Royal Blue  
Tassel: Red

**Doctor of Pharmacy Degree** Hood: Olive  
Tassel: Red

### UH LAW CENTER

**Master's Degree** Hood: Purple  
Tassel: Black

**Doctoral Degree** Hood: Purple  
Tassel: Red

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# CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS

## THE SEAL



Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston's and UH System's seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal – consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility – and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto "In Tempore," meaning "In Time." The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.

## UNIVERSITY MACE



The Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the university's authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president's symbol of authority.

## THE ALMA MATER

All hail to thee,  
Our Houston University.  
Our hearts fill with gladness  
When we think of thee.  
We'll always adore thee  
Dear old varsity.  
And to thy memory cherished,  
True we'll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942



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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014 · 9:00 A.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

## OPENING PROCESSION

### Commencement Marshals

Elizabeth Coyle  
*Assistant Dean for Assessment*

Louis Williams  
*Associate Professor*

### Golden Cougars Class of 1964

George P. Barnes  
Prentiss G. Crowe Jr.  
David DeVido

Gus Elizondo  
Harry Bullock Mason Jr.  
Fred S. McDuffie

Donald Michael Padgett  
Samuel E. Wood Jr.

## Graduates

### Platform Party

## WELCOME

F. Lamar Pritchard  
*Dean*

## GREETINGS

The Honorable Benjamin P. Wells  
*Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents*

## ADDRESS TO STUDENTS

Rear Admiral Scott T. Giberson  
*Acting U.S. Deputy Surgeon General*  
*U.S. Assistant Surgeon General*  
*Director, Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness*  
*Chief Professional Officer, Pharmacy*

## PRESENTATION AND CONFERRING OF PH.D. GRADUATES

Dean Pritchard

## PRESENTATION AND CONFERRING OF M.S. GRADUATES

Dean Pritchard

## RECOGNITION OF HONORS

Shara Zatopek  
*Associate Dean for Operations*

## PRESENTATION AND CONFERRING OF PHARM.D. GRADUATES

Dean Pritchard

## RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1964

Dean Pritchard

## OATH OF A PHARMACIST

Andrea Smesny  
*Executive Associate Dean*

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## OATH OF A PHARMACIST

*I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy.  
In fulfilling this vow:*

*I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.*

*I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.*

*I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.*

*I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.*

*I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical, and legal conduct.*

*I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.*

*I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.*

*I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.*



*The University of Houston College of Pharmacy's faculty, staff, students, and alumni salute the Class of 1964 on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Commencement.*

# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### SPRING 2014

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Pranav A. Shah

*Role of Toll-Like Receptors, Nuclear Receptors  
and Obesity in Drug Metabolism.*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Romi Ghose

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Isha S. Dhande

*Protective Role of the Angiotensin AT<sub>2</sub> Receptor  
in Obesity-linked Inflammation and Renal Injury.*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Tahir Hussain

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Mark Alan Kramer

*Intravenous Busulfan in Hematopoietic  
Stem Cell Transplantation: Does Patient  
Specific Clearance Affect Outcomes?*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Michael Johnson

Hemalkumar Bhupendrabhai Mehta

*Comparative Effectiveness of Angiotensin  
Converting Enzyme Inhibitors (ACEI) and  
Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARB) on the  
Risk of Dementia in Patients with Type 2  
Diabetes Mellitus (T<sub>2</sub>DM) and Hypertension*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Michael Johnson

Harshali Ketankumar Patel

*Development and Testing of Patient Drug  
Information Leaflets to Improve Comprehension:  
An Information Processing Approach*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sujit Sangsiri

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Liqa Nasser Athamneh

*Predictors of Intention to Quit Waterpipe  
Smoking in Arab Americans: Application  
of the Theory of Planned Behavior*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Susan Abughosh

Patrick John Birney

*Reducing Turn-Around Time  
for First-Dose Antibiotics*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Julianna Fernandez

Avani Dhaval Desai

*Optimization of Medication Delivery Robot  
Use Using Lean Methodology in a Veterans  
Affairs Academic Medical Center*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Paige Pitman

Rusul Gazwan Karalli

*Design and Implementation of a 340B  
Program Effectiveness Dashboard*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Santhi Masilamani

Kyle Andrew Munch

*Impact of an Electronic Health Record  
(EHR) Implementation on Hospital-Acquired  
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Rates and  
Appropriateness of Prophylaxis Therapy*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kevin Garey

Achsah Samuel Phillip

*Expansion of the Anticoagulation Center Through  
Increased Utilization of Outpatient Pharmacists*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Kevin Garey

#### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Azizat Adetola Agbetoba

Hanna Bobrovnyk<sup>3</sup>

Stephanie Ann Bowman

Jerod Pierce Braschler

Quintin Marshall Broussard

Christine Minh-Thu Bui<sup>3</sup>

Kathleen Ngoc Cao

Catherine Jacqueline Carey<sup>2</sup>

Calandre Michelle Carr

Paul Teh-Sheng Chen

Tiffany Jiaie Chung

Bobby Denis Clay

Jennifer Lynn Collins<sup>3</sup>

Amber Truitt Curry<sup>3</sup>

Anthony John Jabido Dima-Ala

Austin Lawrence Dobbs

Linda Marie Ehlig<sup>3</sup>

Hannan Isam Elquza

Herbert Lawrence Fisher III

Jamie Noel Folk<sup>3</sup>

John Francis Siringan Fontanilla

McKinsey Ann Ford<sup>1</sup>

Faraz Fozi

Narmadha Manickam Ganesan

Diana M. Garcia

Sean Stephan Garcia

Joshua Michael Garrison

Melinda Hai-Chau Ha

Susan Besma Hammoude<sup>2</sup>

Danny Howard Harper

Samuel David Harpole

Van Ai Hoang

Ryan Markas Hudson<sup>3</sup>

Claire Hung<sup>3</sup>

Michael D. Jean

Harin B. Kalyanji

Zainab Batool Kazimi

Kasey Morgan Kellar<sup>3</sup>

Melanie Elizabeth Laine<sup>1</sup>

Amy L. Lehnert<sup>2</sup>

Jennifer H. Lim<sup>2</sup>

Nancy MyTram Mai<sup>2</sup>

Yvonne Maria McCleskey<sup>3</sup>

Gregory Michael McRaith

Etta Yitong Meraji

Jessica Danielle Messa

Chestley Laborn Miller

Leeda Mohebbi<sup>3</sup>

Nathan Taylor Moreno

Andrew Mark Morris

Sara Elizabeth Mueller<sup>3</sup>

Ryan Adrian Murry

Martin Richard Newton III

Alexander Trung Nguyen

Huy Hoang Nguyen

Quang Xuan Nguyen

Vivian Le Nguyen

Habeeba Nizamdin<sup>2</sup>

Jennifer Marie Parma<sup>3</sup>

Nicole A. Patel

Omik Shashikant Patel<sup>2</sup>

Payal Nalin Patel<sup>3</sup>

Brook Taylor Paterra

Shameel Vinod Pattani

Biljana Peric

Mariane ThienVu Pham<sup>1</sup>

Thai Duy Pham

Ha Bich Phan<sup>2</sup>

Francisco Ismael Ponce Jr.<sup>3</sup>

Shweta Singh Rana

Leah Marie Rickert<sup>3</sup>

Kristy Michele Robinson<sup>3</sup>

Anu Priya Sankaran<sup>3</sup>

Sarah Caitlin Sayles

Tanya TramThanh Shie<sup>3</sup>

Michael Shih

Ashley M. Smart

Lynsey Caroline Smith

Marisa Lee Smith<sup>3</sup>

Danielle Elizabeth Stifter<sup>1</sup>

Vu Duy Linh Ta<sup>2</sup>

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Michelle Kathleen Thomson <sup>3</sup>  
Shane Russell Tolleson  
Duke Michael Torres <sup>2</sup>  
Lina Dao Tran <sup>2</sup>  
Thuy-Vy Nguyen Tran <sup>3</sup>  
Trang Minh Tran <sup>3</sup>

Mariel Valdez <sup>2</sup>  
Ninu Varughese  
David Villanueva  
Timothy Wayne Virene <sup>3</sup>  
Ian Walker  
Alexandra Renee Whiddon <sup>3</sup>

Elizabeth Paige Window  
Janaye Nicole Woods <sup>2</sup>  
Patty Pei-Hsin Wu <sup>3</sup>  
James David Young  
Troy Reeves Zapata

## GRADUATES

### DECEMBER 2013

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Tanay Sudhir Samant

*Diethylstilbestrol Nanosuspensions for Prostate  
Cancer: Subcutaneous Sustained Release  
Formulations and Pre-clinical PK/PD Evaluations*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Diana Chow

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Sourashish Nag

*Role of Angiotensin II Type 2 Receptors in the  
Regulation of Lipid Metabolism and Adiposity*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Tahir Hussain

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Satabdi Chatterjee

*Safety Profile of Anticholinergic  
Medications in the Elderly*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Rajender Aparasu

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Archita Hiren Bhansali

*Effect of Congruent Information on Information  
Processing in Over-the-Counter Drug Facts Panel*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sujit Sangirya

#### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Toni Ann Goldberg

Farah Javid-Majid

## GRADUATES

### AUGUST 2013

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Nour A. Al-Sawalha

*Activation of  $\beta^2$ -adrenoceptors is  
Required for Mucin Production in  
Airway Bronchial Epithelial Cells*

**ADVISORS:** Dr. Brian Knoll and Dr. Richard Bond

An Thien Dao

*The Neuroprotective Effects of Moderate  
Treadmill Exercise in an Experimental  
Model of Alzheimer's Disease*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Karim Alkadhi

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Mo Yang

*Comparison of Effectiveness of  
Smoking Cessation Medications  
Among Obese Smokers Cohort*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Susan Abughosh

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Smruti Laxmanbhai Jadav

*Trends and Racial Disparities in  
Utilization of Breast Cancer Screening*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Sujit Sangirya

Nandita Kachru

*Inappropriate Anticholinergic  
Use in Ambulatory Elderly*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Xin Wang

*Predictors of Successful Outcome Among Adult  
Smokers Using Smoking Cessation Medication*

**ADVISOR:** Dr. Susan Abughosh

#### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Christina Julie Chou

Saroosh Lodhi <sup>1</sup>

Nivia Sabrina Radzieski

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## PHARMACY HONOR AND LEADERSHIP SOCIETIES



**The Rho Chi Society**, Pharmacy's academic honor society, was established in 1922 to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement, foster fellowship among its members, encourage high standards of conduct and character, and advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The fundamental objective of Rho Chi is to promote the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences through the encouragement and recognition of sound scholarship by bringing professional students, graduate students, and faculty members together in fraternal and helpful association. High standards of intellectual and scholarly attainment have been demanded for election to membership.

The Society's insignia, the Greek letters, Rho and Chi, were originally selected because, when placed in the relative position in which they are found on the Rho Chi Key, they are emblematic of the prescription sign. The colors attached to the seal of membership were chosen to indicate the royalty of purple and the loyalty of white. The eight sides of the key represent chemistry, biology, physiology, pharmaceutics, pharmacology, and the biomedical, social/administrative, and clinical sciences.



**Phi Lambda Sigma**, Pharmacy's leadership society, was established in 1965 to honor and promote the development of leadership qualities, especially among pharmacy students. Members are selected by peer recognition. No greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one's peers. Such recognition instills and enhances self-confidence, encourages the less active student to a more active role, and promotes greater effort toward the advancement of pharmacy.

The insignia of the Society is the key pin, which bears a mortar and pestle and the Greek letters of Phi, Lambda, and Sigma. A wreath of laurel surrounds the mortar and pestle. The colors of the Society are green and gold.

### RHO CHI GRADUATING MEMBERS

Catherine Jacqueline Carey  
McKinsey Ann Ford  
Narmadha Manickam Ganesan  
Susan Besma Hammoude  
Claire Hung  
Melanie Elizabeth Laine  
Amy L. Lehnert  
Jennifer H. Lim

Saroosh Lohdi  
Nancy MyTram Mai  
Omik Shashikant Patel  
Mariane ThienVu Pham  
Ha Bich Phan  
Kristy Michele Robinson  
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Lina Dao Tran  
Mariel Valdez  
David Villanueva  
Timothy Wayne Virene  
Xin Wang  
Alexandra Renee Whiddon  
Janaya Nicole Woods

### PHI LAMBDA GRADUATING MEMBERS

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Jerod Pierce Braschler  
Amber Truitt Curry  
Anthony John Jabido Dima-Ala  
Austin Lawrence Dobbs  
Linda Marie Ehlig

Diana M. Garcia  
Van Ai Hoang  
Claire Hung  
Danny D. Jean  
Melanie Elizabeth Laine  
Amy L. Lehnert

Nancy MyTram Mai  
Andrew Mark Morris  
Marisa Lee Smith  
Trang Minh Tran

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## DEAN'S AWARDS

### *Dean Joseph P. Buckley Pharmacy Leadership Award*

Catherine Jacqueline Carey  
Danielle Elizabeth Stifter  
Vu Duy Linh Ta  
Mariel Valdez

### *Joseph Buckley Award*

Yvonne Maria McCleskey

### *Lilly Achievement Award*

Jennifer H. Lim

### *Merck Award*

McKinsey Ann Ford  
Mariane ThienVu Pham  
Ha Bich Phan

### *Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Outstanding Student Award*

Melanie Elizabeth Laine

## CLINICAL SCIENCES AND ADMINISTRATION/ PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION AWARDS

### *M.S. Student Excellence Award*

Liq Nasser Athamneh

### *Ph.D. Student Excellence Award*

Hemalkumar Bhupendrabhai Mehta

## CLINICAL SCIENCES AND ADMINISTRATION AWARDS

### *Ambulatory Care Award*

Duke Michael Torres

### *Ambulatory Care Preceptor of the Year Award*

Caesar Muñoz, Pharm.D.

### *APhA-ASP Service Recognition Award*

Rachel Harvey

### *ASHP Health System Pharmacy Award*

Amy L. Lehnert

### *Award of Excellence in Clinical Communication*

*Sponsored by Facts @ Comparisons® and  
Lexicomp® brands of Wolters Kluwer Health*  
Lina Dao Tran

### *Clinical Preceptor of the Year Award*

David Putney, Pharm.D.

### *Communication and Counseling Award*

Melanie Elizabeth Laine

### *Community Leadership Award*

Herbert Lawrence Fisher III

### *Community Preceptor Award*

Kha Nguyen, Pharm.D.

### *Faculty Preceptor of the Year Award*

Rustin Crutchley, Pharm.D.

### *Health Systems Pharmacy Internship Award*

Omik Shashikant Patel  
Michael Shih

### *Health Systems Pharmacy of the Year Award*

Children's Memorial Hermann  
Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center

### *Health Systems Preceptor of the Year Award*

Alan Dozier, Pharm.D.

### *James McCarty Community Pharmacy Internship Award*

Ryan Markas Hudson

### *Most Spirited Volunteer and Leadership Award*

Andrew Mark Morris  
Habeeba Nizamdin

### *Mylan Pharmaceutical Excellence in Pharmacy Award*

Shane Russell Tolleson

### *Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award*

Marisa Lee Smith

### *PLS Faculty Leadership Award*

Paige Pitman, Pharm.D.

### *PLS Student Leadership Award*

Michael D. Jean

### *Research Excellence Award*

Sean Stephan Garcia  
Alexander Trung Nguyen

### *RX Cougar Leadership Award*

Bobby Denis Clay  
Van Ai Hoang

### *Special Recognition Award for Excellence in Clinical Skills*

Melanie Elizabeth Laine  
Amy L. Lehnert

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

F. Lamar Pritchard  
*Dean*

Mustafa F. Lokhandwala  
*Executive Vice Dean for Research*

Andrea Smesny  
*Executive Associate Dean*

Shara Zatopek  
*Associate Dean for Operations*

Tara Jenkins  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Elizabeth Coyle  
*Assistant Dean for Assessment*

Nancy Ordonez  
*Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs*

Paige Pitman  
*Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs*

Ruby Haroon  
*Director, Business Operations*

## DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

Kevin Garey  
*Clinical Sciences and Administration*

Rajender Aparasu  
*Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy*

Doug Eikenburg  
*Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences*

## COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Elizabeth Coyle  
Louis Williams

## COMMENCEMENT COORDINATORS

Paige Pitman  
Adrien Turner  
Barbara Burke

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## FACULTY

Susan M. Abughosh, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Karim Alkadhi, Ph.D.  
*Professor*

Rajender R. Aparasu, Ph.D.  
*Professor and Department Chair*

Mohammad Asghar, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Nicholas Beyda, Pharm.D.  
*Research Assistant Professor*

Kimberly K. Birtcher, Pharm.D.  
*Clinical Professor*

Richard Bond, Ph.D.  
*Professor*

Hua Chen, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

Diana Shu-Lian Chow, Ph.D.  
*Professor*

Nancy Chung, Pharm.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

Elizabeth Coyle, Pharm.D.  
*Clinical Professor*

Rustin Crutchley, Pharm.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

Gregory Cuny, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Joydip Das, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

Douglas C. Eikenburg, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor and Department Chair*

Jason Eriksen, Ph.D.  
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*Professor and Dean*

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*Professor*

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*Associate Professor*

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*Clinical Associate Professor*

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Assistant Department Chair*

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Executive Associate Dean*

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Matthew Wanat, Pharm.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

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*Associate Professor*

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Shara Zatopek, M.A.  
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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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Madhu Chintala, Ph.D.  
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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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Ken Breda  
Gary Cacciatore  
Lance Campbell  
Bobby Clay  
Celso Cuellar  
Prashant Desai  
David DeVido  
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Nicholas J. Martino  
Ezequiel Medina  
William Morgan  
Keith Moseley  
R. Michael Napoli  
Tam Ngo  
Osagie Ohonba  
Mike Pemberton  
Renee Prescott  
Ryan Roux

R. Louis Rumsey  
Carrie Sacky  
Faizan Satter  
Lisa M. Scholz  
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Ali-Reza Shah-Mohammadi  
Michael Smith  
Julie Spier  
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Lucinda Van Anglen  
Alex Varkey  
Amy Verret-Godfrey  
Alan Wilson  
May Woo  
Michael Wright  
Shara Zatopek

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014 · 1:00 P.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

## OPENING PROCESSION

### WELCOME

Ira C. Colby, D.S.W.  
*Dean and Professor*

### GREETINGS FROM

The Honorable Beth Madison  
*Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents*

### AWARDS

Allison Abdias  
*GCSW Student Association Awards Presenter*

### SPEAKER

The Honorable Kathy Greenlee  
*Assistant Secretary for Aging  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

### FIELDS OF PRACTICE RECOGNITION

Paul R. Raffoul, Ph.D.  
*Associate Dean for Administration and Information Technology*

### PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Dean Colby

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dean Colby

### HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES

Dissertation Advisors

### PRESENTATION OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES

Dean Colby

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Dean Colby

### HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES

Suzanne Pritzker, Ph.D.

### CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Colby

### RECESSIONAL

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Jacquelynn F. Duron

*Legal Decision-Making in Child Sexual Abuse Investigations: Factors that Influence Prosecution*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Monit Cheung

Amanda Ford

*An Exploration of Risk Among Women-Seeking-Women via Craigslist*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Luis R. Torres

Traber Davis Giardina

*Patient Access to Medical Information: A Multi-Perspective Study*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Danielle Parrish

Joy J. Malbrough

*Perceptions of the Role of Social Workers in a Hospital Emergency Setting: An Ethnographic Study*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Luis R. Torres

Elizabeth McIngvale-Cegelski

*An Innovative Intervention for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder: A Web-Based Self-Help Program for OCD*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Patrick Bordnick

Holly Kay Oxhandler

*Advancing the Integration of Religion and Spirituality in Mental Health Care: Measurement and Current Implementation*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Danielle Parrish

Yolanda R. Villarreal

*Depression in the Barrio: Risk and Protective Factors for Depression Among Mexican American Drug Users*

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Luis R. Torres

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### DECEMBER 2013

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Bridget Allen

Karla Alvarez

Christianna Burwell

Hester Dejong

Brenda Edwards

Sara Ferrell

Candice Fowler

Lakeisha Gatling

Teresa Hirani

Penny Holder

Bryan Howell

Kellee Jones

Katherine Little

Benita Lopez

Stephanie Mallett

Yvonne Okonkwo

Chioma Onyeuko

Tiffany Purnell

Quiana Richburg

Nicole Robinson

Dedra Sampson

Crystal Session

Roseanne Shaul

DaLayna Smith

Kristin Thames

Kristina Tutt

Theresa Valancia

Jolanna Watson

Yolanda Westbrooks

Tyra Williams

Maria Wilson

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### MAY AND AUGUST 2014

#### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Lauren Adams  
Andrea Ancer  
Theresa Anderson  
Catherine Arevalo  
Diana Ayala-Balderas  
Jamie Bass  
Frantina Carrier Benson  
Leslie Binyon  
Jessica Blake  
Crystal Bosco  
Rena Bullock  
Shannon Caleffe  
Antonia Caliboso  
Yasiva Canga  
LaToya Carter  
Shavette Carter  
Blessy Chacko  
Esperanza Chacon  
Viola Chavez  
Masie Cheng  
Jenna Cooper  
Damaris Cortez  
Caitriona Dolan  
Mary Donaldson  
Emily Draving  
Tina Dunn  
Chinh Duong  
Catherine Duyka  
Joseph Ar'Mand Eaglin  
Jennifer Edwards  
Johanna England  
Sara England  
Rachel Enslin  
Dasha Evans  
Laura Fayard  
Ellen Feely  
Thalia Flores  
Brittany Lynne Monet Flournoy  
Amanda Foster  
Brenda Galindo  
Jennifer Gardner  
Stefanie Gibbons  
Annie Gipson  
Erin Goddard

Jill Gracely  
Patricia Gunnells  
Dixie Hairston  
Christopher Hall  
Jenna Halseth  
Daniel Heathcock  
Stephanie Hernandez  
Sarah Hoffman  
Molly Hubbert  
Elizabeth Olson Huff  
Herman Hughes  
Patricia Andrea Royce Jaber  
Irene Jirinzu  
Ashley Johnson  
Jerome Jones  
Michelle Jones  
Erica Kang  
Jason Komar  
Kathleen Lanini  
Carol Laufer  
Priscila Leal  
Jenaia Leffel  
Linda Leon  
Amy Lindgren  
Britney Lyle  
Demitria Manley  
Vanessa Martinez  
Rebecca Mauldin  
Brianna McClure  
Jessica Medrano  
Erica Mitchell  
Keisha Moore  
Andrea Moorer  
Elaine Moreno  
Hailey Murphy  
Ndubunma Ndukwe  
Tay Thy Sarah Nguyen  
Brittainy Noel  
Mayra Olguin  
Elizabeth Ann Owsley  
Yaqueline Paredes  
Emmony Pena  
Victoria Pennington  
Angela Perez  
Natalie Powell  
Torey Powell

Barbara Pruitt  
Chasity Rasco  
Althea Tara Rivera Raul  
Danielle Richardson  
Kellie Rivera  
Julie Robbins  
Ana Rodriguez  
Elizabeth Roman  
Carol Ann Ross  
Mary Ruffin  
Ramon Ruiz  
Cheronda Rutherford  
Kathleen Sagmiller  
Elizabeth Santamaria  
Monique Sapp  
Kayla Schmidgall  
Nicole Sheffer  
Elizabeth Simmons  
Roberta Siddiqui  
Kristin Simmons  
Rebecca Sokol  
Cecilia Soto  
Victoria Sabrina Soto  
Ann Spataro  
Arielle Stephens  
Erin Steptoe  
Crystal Stewart  
Katrice Stewart  
Laura Sutherland  
Anna Maria Tepedino  
Geetha Thomas  
Philma Thomas Maclorrain  
Maritza Vargas  
Maria Vasquez  
Allison Vogt  
Kelly Ward  
Monica Waters  
Ann Webb  
Tamara West  
Amanda Williams  
Sandra Williams  
Candace Witt  
Karen Wong  
Jiamin Zhang  
Wenjun Zhu

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## RECIPIENTS OF GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIPS 2013 - 2014

### AGENCIES FOR GERONTOLOGY INTERCULTURAL FIELD TRAINING FELLOWSHIP (AGIFT)

Daniel Heathcock  
Laura Sutherland

Kathleen Lanini

### C.F. REIBENSTEIN ENDOWMENT FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Carol Ann Ross

### CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROJECT STIPEND

Theresa Anderson  
Ndubunma (Mary) Ndukwe  
Yolanda Westbrooks

Sara Ferrell  
Nicole Robinson

### MICHAEL DALY FELLOWSHIP

Yvonne Okonkwo

### GERSON DAVID GERONTOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Antonia Caliboso

### R.J. DEBOTTIS SCHOLARSHIP

Viola Chavez

Sara England

### DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Christianna Burwell  
Christopher Hall  
Stephanie Mallett

Shannon Caleffe  
Rachel Enslin  
Jaimin Zhang

### GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP TUITION FELLOWSHIP

Dixie Hairston  
Candace Witt

Emmony Pena  
Wenjun Zhu

### THE GEORGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica Medrano

Cecelia Soto

### GULEN STUDIES PH.D. SCHOLARSHIP

Holly Oxhandler

### BARBARA AND EARNEST HENLEY ENDOWMENT FOR FAMILY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

Johanna England

### ISLA CARROLL TURNER FELLOWSHIP IN GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK

Frantina Benson Carrier  
Candice Fowler  
Britney Lyle  
Dedra Sampson

Joseph Eaglin  
Irene Jirinzu  
Victoria Pennington

### MEHTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Jenna Cooper  
Jenna Halseth

Emily Draving  
Stephanie Hernandez

### PRESIDENTIAL MATCHING DAC

Rachel Enslin  
Erica Kang  
Rebecca Mauldin

Arielle Stephens  
Tory Powell

### SIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP

Thalia Flores

Brenda Galindo

### MARK MAGAZINER FELLOWSHIP

Rebecca Mauldin

### RUTHMARY A. GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Carol Laufer

### MOLLIE NADELMAN BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Kellee Jones

### GEORGE W. MAGNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS IN SOCIAL WORK

Natalie Powell

### GLOBE: TRAINING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BILINGUAL SOCIAL WORKERS STIPEND

Karla Alvarez  
Mayra Olguin  
Yaqueline Paredes  
Elizabeth Roman

Diana Ayala  
Vanessa Martinez  
Roberta Robinson Siddiqui  
Maria Wilson

### DR. FERNANDO ZUNIGA Y RIVERO DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK

Holly Oxhandler

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

### **BARBARA JORDAN UNITY AWARD**

This award is in the name of the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first W. S. Representative for Houston's 18th District, known for her tenacity and perseverance. The recipient of this award is a part-time or Advanced Standing student who has demonstrated discipline, determination, and a high standard of excellence.

### **THE JANE ADAMS AWARD**

This award is named for one of the Social Work profession's founders and examples of conviction put into practice. This award is given to the student who best demonstrates service to the GCSW, professionalism, scholastic achievement, leadership, and the ability to establish and maintain faculty-student support and rapport.

### **MAHATMA GANDHI PEACE AWARD**

Gandhi provides the inspiration for the GCSW's un-official motto, "We must become the change we want to see," and this award is given to the student who most exemplifies the power of this principle. This student is innovative in leadership style, thought, and character and is known as someone who embodies the change they work to achieve.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD**

This award is named for one of society's greatest contemporary examples of advocacy, empowerment, and the championing of social justice and is given to the student who embodies these same principles. As a leader, this award recipient has shown the power to cooperatively determine goals and unite others behind their causes.

### **MARY RICHMOND AWARD**

This award is given in honor of one of the Social Work profession's community practice pioneers. The student who receives this award has performed exceptional community service beyond employment or field practicum. Additionally, the recipient of this award represents the epitome of social work values and ethics and supports a traditional casework philosophy.

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CHANGE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FACULTY AWARD**

This faculty has demonstrated dedication to building a movement of vulnerable population by working with the people to effect change. Through education, this faculty has engaged students and inspired commitment and action to attain social justice.

### **OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD**

This award was initiated by the Student Association to honor and recognize a member of the GCSW faculty who demonstrates exceptional class performance, supportive student interaction, professional role modeling, and advocacy on behalf of students. The faculty member chosen for this award will have the honor of placing Master's degree hoods on candidates for graduation at today's ceremony.

### **OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD**

This award is given to honor a staff member who has provided outstanding friendship and support to students throughout the academic year. Although this person may not have instructional interaction with students, he/she is chosen based on their commitment to the GCSW and the promulgation of social work education, values, and ethics.

### **HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

This award is given to an individual from the community that exemplifies social work through their dedication and efforts to promote social justice and equality. This community leader embodies the core components of social work by promoting the well-being of individuals and communities through social change and honors people's right to self-determination.

Immediately following Commencement, the GCSW Student Association will hold a reception in honor of all 2013 December and May 2014 graduates and August 2014 graduation candidates at the

**ROCKWELL PAVILION, M.D. ANDERSON LIBRARY**

All graduates and their guests are cordially invited.

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

Melanie Barr-Fitzpatrick <i>NLA Program Director</i>	Connie Loyd <i>Development Director</i>
Patrick Bordnick <i>Associate Dean for Research</i>	Lisa Martinez <i>Research Administrator</i>
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Lovell Jones <i>Director, Center for Health Equity &amp; Evaluation Research</i>	Connease Warren <i>Communications Manager</i>
Tonasha Laws <i>Records Associate</i>	Sheara Williams Jennings <i>Ph.D. Program Director</i>
Jan Leger <i>Director of Student Affairs</i>	Yolanda Williams <i>Assistant College Business Administrator</i>
Ann Liberman <i>Director of Alumni &amp; Career Services</i>	Brunessia Wilson <i>CWEP Student Affairs Coordinator</i>
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## FACULTY

W. Andrew Achenbaum, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i>	Larry Hill, Ph.D. <i>Visiting Research Professor</i>	Suzanne Pritzker, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>
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Donna Amtsberg <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>	Dennis Kao, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Susan P. Robbins, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>
Steven R. Applewhite, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>	Jean K. Latting, Dr.PH <i>Professor Emerita</i>	Allen Rubin, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i>
Patrick Bordnick, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i>	Rev. William Lawson <i>Distinguished Community Scholar in Residence</i>	McClain Sampson, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>
C. Brene Brown, Ph.D. <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Work</i>	Patrick Leung, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i>	Paul Swank, Ph.D. <i>Visiting Research Professor</i>
Jodi Berger Cardoso, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Mary R. Lewis, Ph.D. <i>Professor Emerita</i>	Isabel Torres, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>
Monit Cheung, Ph.D. <i>Professor</i>	Sarah Narendorf, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Luis Torres, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>
Ira Colby, D.S.W. <i>Professor</i>	Yingqiu Pan <i>Visiting Research Professor</i>	Jody Williams, Ph.D. <i>Distinguished Professor of Social Work Nobel Laureate for Peace, 1997</i>
Yoonsook Ha, Ph.D. <i>Visiting Research Professor</i>	Danielle Parrish, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Sheara Williams Jennings, Ph.D. <i>Associate Professor</i>
Marissa Hansen, Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>		Shouchui Zeng, Ph.D. <i>Visiting Research Professor</i>

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Kathryn Barillas	David Flores	Yi Ren
Melanie Barr-Fitzpatrick	Roberta Leal	Beverly Rodgers
Jennifer Battle	Lynn Lenert	William B. Schnapp
Aabha Brown	Brent LoCaste-Wilkins	Helen Stagg
Bonnie Byrne	Anny Ma	Michael Taylor
Ada Cheung	Beverly McPhail	Patricia Taylor
Helen Chong	Amber Mollhagen	William (Mel) Taylor
Meryl Cohen	Lillian Ortiz	Melissa Torres
Travis Courville	Holly Oxhandler	Brunessia Wilson
Will Dickey	Monique Pappadis	
Gerald Eckert	Jamie Parker	

# UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Graduate College of Social Work  
Alumni Association

May 9, 2014

Dear GCSW Graduate,

As President of the GCSW Alumni Association (GCSW AA) and its Board of Directors, I am thrilled to congratulate you on this momentous accomplishment. Today marks an incredible milestone in your life. You set the goal to earn a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree and you have sacrificed, endured, and persevered to attain that goal. It is an honor to welcome you to the social work community as an alumnus of the Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW). You are indeed joining the ranks of a prestigious group of more than 4,000 individuals. You should be extremely proud of yourself!

As you begin this next chapter in your life, I encourage you to embrace the wonderful opportunities that are presented to you. Keep an open mind. There are so many ways to do work that is personally gratifying, makes a positive impact on the community, and promotes the values and ethics of the social work profession. Although there may be some uncertainty regarding what you will do next, be confident in the fact that the education and experiences you acquired during your time at the GCSW have prepared you to succeed.

In order to remain connected, I personally invite you to become an active participant in the GCSW Alumni Association. The Alumni Association enhances alumni loyalty and pride by developing life-long relationships with one another and the Graduate College of Social Work. Active participation allows you to remain connected to those graduating with you today while having the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with those who have graduated before you.

Again, it is my honor to welcome you as one of the newest GCSW alumni members. I wish you the best in all you pursue. Feel free to contact me at [tonyf@bridgesolutionshealth.com](mailto:tonyf@bridgesolutionshealth.com) for more information about the Alumni Association.

Very sincerely,



Tony Fernandez, LCSW, CCM  
President, GCSW AA

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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014 · 1:00 P.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

## PRELUDE

Classical Arrangement

## PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance

*by Sir Edward Elgar*

### **Mace Bearer – College of Optometry**

Katrina Parker, O.D.

*Clinical Associate Professor*

### **Banner Bearer – University of Houston**

Han Cheng, O.D., Ph.D.

*Clinical Associate Professor*

## INVOCATION

Kevin Gee, O.D.

*Clinical Assistant Professor*

## WELCOME

Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.

*Interim Dean and Associate Professor*

## GREETINGS

The Honorable Benjamin Wells

*Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents*

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

### **Summa Cum Laude**

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Ralph J. Herring, O.D., M.H.A.

*Assistant Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Associate Professor*

### **Beta Sigma Kappa**

### **BSK Silver Medal Award**

Lanny Shulman, O.D., Ph.D.

*Clinical Associate Professor*

### **Residencies**

Dean Boltz

### **Gold Key International Memberships**

Assistant Dean Herring

### **Clinical Excellence Awards**

Nicky R. Holdeman, O.D., M.D.

*Associate Dean for Clinical Education and Professor of Optometry*

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Dean Boltz

### **Distinguished Alumnus for 2014**

Dennis M. Levi, O.D., '71, Ph.D., '77

*Professor of Optometry and Vision Science*

*Professor of Neuroscience*

*Dean, School of Optometry, University of California at Berkeley*

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Fred Farias III, O.D.

*President, Texas Optometric Association*

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## CORA AND J. DAVIS ARMISTEAD FACULTY TEACHING AWARD

### STUDENT ADDRESS

Craig Scibal

### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dean Levi

### PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Dean Boltz

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE

Laura J. Frishman, Ph.D.

*Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research and John and Rebecca Moores Professor*

### PRESENTATION OF OPTOMETRY RESIDENTS

Karen D. Fern, O.D.

*Director, Residency Programs and Associate Professor*

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE

Judith Perrigin, O.D.

*Chair of the Faculty and Professor of Optometry*

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE

Assistant Dean Herring

### HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Gregory Stephens, O.D., Ph.D.

*Associate Professor*

James Walters, Ph.D., O.D.

*Associate Professor*

### Faculty Assisting in Hooding

Amber Gaume Gainnoni, O.D.

*Clinical Associate Professor*

William Miller, O.D., Ph.D.

*Chair, Department of Clinical Sciences and Associate Professor*

Anastas Pass, O.D., M.S., J.D.

*Associate Professor*

### PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Dean Boltz

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D.

*Interim Chief Health Officer, Greeman-Petty Professor*

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Regent Benjamin Wells

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

Associate Dean Holdeman

### CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Boltz

### BENEDICTION

Dr. Walters

### RECESSIONAL

War March of the Priests

*Felix Mendelssohn*

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## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### MAY 2014

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Kevin Mitchell Ivers

*Houston, Texas*

B.S. Biomedical Engineering, University of Houston

**Dissertation:** *In Vivo Investigation of Changes in the Lamina Cribrosa and Optic Nerve Head During Glaucomatous Progression*

Diana C. Lozano

*San Diego, California*

B.S. Electrical Engineering, San Diego State University

**Dissertation:** *Intraocular Pressure Dynamics and Structural Assessment of Disease Progression in a Rat Model of Glaucoma*

Divya Narayanan

*Chennai, India*

B.S. Optometry, Elite School of Optometry, Chennai, India

**Dissertation:** *Longitudinal Anterior Visual Pathway Evaluation of Patients with Multiple Sclerosis Using Multifocal Visual Evoked Potential and Optical Coherence Tomography*

Viswa Ramasubramanian

*Chennai, India*

B.S. Optometry

**Dissertation:** *Prediction of Accommodation Using Ultrasound Biomicroscopy and a Schematic Eye Model*

Yue Shi

*Nanchang, P.R. China*

BMed Sun yat-sen University, Guangzhou, P.R. China

**Dissertation:** *The Development of Custom Optical Design for Highly Aberrated Eyes Given Registration Uncertainty*

#### RESIDENTS

Paola Diaz, O.D.

*Ocular Disease Resident at Cedar Springs Eye Clinic*

Muriel Ferreira, O.D.

*Pediatric Optometry President*

Janet Garza, O.D.

*Family Practice Resident*

Tammi Ha Graham, O.D.

*Cornea and Contact Lens Resident*

Dejana Grk, O.D.

*Brain Injury Vision Rehabilitation Resident*

Lisa Kamino, O.D.

*Low Vision Rehabilitation Resident*

Kerolus Mikhail, O.D.

*Ocular Disease Resident*

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Community Eye Clinic, Ft. Worth, Texas

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Oklahoma

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Albuquerque, New Mexico

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La Nueva Casa de Amigos, Houston, Texas

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B.S., Concordia University-Nebraska

Vision Source-Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas

Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Karlie Nicole Bonem

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Mann Eye Institute, Houston, Texas

Jerome Etienne Bouchez

*Houston, Texas*

B.S., Texas State University - San Marcos

McCormick Vision Source, Austin, Texas

Mann Eye Institute, Houston, Texas

Mitchel Brown

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B.S., Brigham Young University

Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center,

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Indian Health Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico

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*Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

B.S., University of Alberta

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George E. Wahlen VA Medical Center,

Salt Lake City, Utah

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Berkeley Eye Center, Houston, Texas

Cizik Eye Clinic, Houston, Texas

Jason Brooks Cave

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Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Reber & Riley Vision Center, Lubbock, Texas

Jenny Chia-June Chou

*Vancouver, Canada, British Columbia*

B.S., University of Manitoba

Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas

Acadian Vision Associates, Lafayette, Louisiana

Danielle Ruth Lagman Chow

*Spring, Texas*

B.S., University of Houston

NSU College of Optometry, Tahlequah,

Oklahoma

La Nueva Casa de Amigos, Houston, Texas

Kirk Yui Kern Chow

*Syosset, New York*

B.S., State University of New York at

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Lakeline Vision Source, Austin, Texas

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Bruce Adam Colton

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*Socorro, New Mexico*  
B.S., New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology  
Eye Center of Texas, Houston, Texas  
Bellaire Family Eye Care, Bellaire, Texas
- Mavis Wintin Dao  
*Houston, Texas*  
B.S., University of Houston  
South Texas Veterans Health Care System, San Antonio, Texas  
Community Eye Clinic, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Priscilla Isabel Delgado  
*Houston, Texas*  
B.S., Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi  
La Nueva Casa de Amigos, Houston, Texas  
Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
- Julie Mai DeMaggio  
*Troy, Michigan*  
B.S., University of Michigan  
Lakeline Vision Source, Austin, Texas  
Community Eye Clinic, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Priyal Prakash-Snehal Desai  
*Amarillo, Texas*  
B.S., Southern Methodist University  
VA New Jersey Healthcare System-Lyons, Lyons, New Jersey  
Lakeline Vision Source, Austin, Texas
- Hiep Hoa Duong  
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B.S., The University of Texas–Austin  
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Community Eye Clinic, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Katherine Jean Egan  
*Frisco, Texas*  
B.B.A., Baylor University  
Vision Source Mission Bend, Houston, Texas  
Good Neighbor Eye Clinic, Houston, Texas
- Amy Elizabeth Elsila  
*Jacksonville, Florida*  
B.S., Stetson University  
Hellerstein & Brenner Vision Center, P.C.  
Greenwood Village, Colorado  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas
- Melodi Eyvanaki Esmaili  
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B.S., University of Houston  
NSU College of Optometry, Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
Community Eye Clinic, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Caroline Kaufman Freeman  
*Plano, Texas*  
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Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Mann Eye Institute, Houston, Texas
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Greenwood Village, Colorado  
Good Neighbor Eye Clinic, Houston, Texas
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Eye Center of Texas  
Vision Source-Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas
- Kelly Elizabeth Glass  
*Arlington, Texas*  
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La Nueva Casa de Amigos, Houston, Texas  
NSU College of Optometry, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- Alisha Kimberly Goshinska  
*Gilbert, Arizona*  
B.S., University of Arizona  
Cedar Springs Eye Clinic, Dallas, Texas  
Eye Doctor's Office & Eye Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- Jason Lee Green  
*Norton, Kansas*  
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Signature Eye Care, Austin, Texas
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Good Neighbor Clinic, Houston, Texas
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- Rebecca Allison Kindler  
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Mann Eye Institute, Houston, Texas
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Eye Center of Texas, Houston, Texas  
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*Lewisville, Texas*

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## HONORS

Doctoral students who complete their degree requirements will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the Doctor of Optometry program at the University of Houston.

3.75 to 4.0      Summa Cum Laude                      3.50 to 3.75      Magna Cum Laude

### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Brady William Betten  
JayAnna Dee Byrd  
Laura Lynn County

Megan Marie Hangartner  
Joshua David Lange  
Marika Nicole Patterson

Brittney Leigh Probst  
Jamie Sligar Strong

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Jason Brooks Cave  
Kirk Yui Kern Chow  
Amy Elizabeth Elsila  
Angela Marie Garza  
Alisha Kimberly Goshinska  
Jason Lee Green

Lauren Grace Hill  
Andrew Philip Kemp  
Rebecca Allison Kindler  
Nancy Kai Yun Lo  
Michael John Moulder  
Huy Cat Pham

Justine Estelle Philbin  
Craig Philip Scibal  
Nancy Ester Stephens  
Tiffany Cee Turner  
Tammy Minh Vo  
Tyler Wayne Wyatt

### 2014 GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL

Brady William Betten  
Julie Mai DeMaggio  
Brenda Garcia

Sharzad Halvaeian  
Megan Marie Hangartner  
Paul Thomas Harris

Joshua David Lange  
Marika Nicole Patterson  
Cindy Easheen Pouw

### 2014 BETA SIGMA KAPPA HONOR GRADUATES

Catherine Albrecht  
Brady William Betten \*  
Karlle Nicole Bonem  
Jerome Etienne Bouchez  
JayAnna Dee Byrd \*  
Jason Brooks Cave\*  
Kirk Yui Kern Chow\*  
Angela Shin-Lang Chu \*  
Bruce Adam Colton  
Laura Lynn County\*  
Julie Mai DeMaggio  
Priyal Prakash-Snehal Desai  
Hiep Hoa Duong  
Amy Elizabeth Elsila \*  
Caroline Kaufman Freeman  
Angela Marie Garza \*  
Alisha Kimberly Goshinska \*  
Jason Lee Green \*

Nancy Lynette Gutierrez  
Sharzad Halvaeian  
Megan Marie Hangartner \*  
Lauren Grace Hill \*  
Leah Ann Johnson  
Andrew Philip Kemp \*  
Rebecca Allison Kindler \*  
Joshua David Lange \*  
Nancy Kai Yun Lo \*  
Elizabeth Ashley May  
Michael John Moulder \*  
Deborah Kieu Nguyen  
Kim Mai Nguyen \*  
Quoc Anh Nguyen \*  
Rebecca Arlene Passa  
Marika Nicole Patterson \*  
Jared Henry Pels  
Huy Cat Pham \*

Justine Estelle Philbin \*  
Cindy Easheen Pouw  
Brittney Leigh Probst \*  
Craig Philip Scibal \*  
Irena Sigel  
Nancy Ester Stephens \*  
Jamie Sligar Strong \*  
Richelle Renee Strong  
Denise Tran \*  
Peter Tran \*  
Tiffany Cee Turner \*  
Tammy Minh Vo \*  
Vicky Chi Vu  
Tyler Wayne Wyatt \*

\* denotes a member of BSK since 2010

## RESIDENCIES

The following graduates have been selected to pursue advanced clinical training in residency programs.

Pathik P. Amin  
Brady William Betten  
Angela Shin-Lang Chu  
Mavis Wintin Dao  
Melodi Eyvanaki Esmaili  
Angela Marie Garza

Andrew Philip Kemp  
Elizabeth Ashley May  
Cindy Easheen Pouw  
Tyler Wayne Wyatt  
Nikolaos Christos Zagorianos  
Sarah Zaver

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## FOURTH YEAR PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

*Alcon Laboratories Excellence Award*  
Kristen Erica Ziegler

*Canela Software 20/20 Vision Digital Acuity Software Award*  
Cristina Frances Polizzi

*College of Optometrists in Vision Development*  
Brenda Garcia

*Dr. Richard Ebling Excellence Award in Medically Necessary Contact  
Lens Fitting*  
Kristen Erica Ziegler

*Eschenbach Low Vision Award*  
Lauren Anne Salazar

*Excellence in Community Service Award*  
Marika Nicole Patterson

*William Feinbloom Low Vision Award*  
Donté Rayshard Hicks

*GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award*  
Tiffany Cee Turner

*Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award*  
Joshua David Lange

*Metro Optics Excellence Award*  
Laura Lynn County

*Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence*  
Joshua David Lange

*Varilux Student Grant Award*  
Nikolaos Christos Zagorianos

*Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care*  
JayAnna Dee Byrd

## CLINICAL EXCELLENCE SPECIALTY AWARDS

*Cornea and Contact Lens*  
Craig Philip Scibal

*Dry Eye Center*  
Megan Marie Hangartner

*Low Vision*  
Craig Philip Scibal

*Medical Eye Service*  
Nancy Ester Stephens

*Optics*  
Brady William Betten

*Good-Lite Pediatric Optometry Award*  
Justine Estelle Philbin

*Primary Care*  
Tyler Wayne Wyatt

*Zelda Schiffman Neuro-Ophthalmology Award*  
Jason Brooks Cave

## ADMINISTRATION

Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Interim Dean*

Laura J. Frishman, Ph.D.  
*Associate Dean for Graduate Studies & Research*

Nicky R. Holdeman, O.D., M.D.  
*Associate Dean for Clinical Education  
Executive Director, University Eye Institute*

Marcus G. Piccolo, O.D.  
*Associate Dean for Professional Advancement*

Ralph Herring, O.D., M.H.A.  
*Assistant Dean for Professional Studies*

Ronald Harwerth, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Chair, Department of Vision Sciences*

William Miller, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Chair, Department of Clinical Sciences*

## COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Ashley Askew  
Hayley Brown  
Jennifer Ebert  
David Gee  
Delores Gibson

Amanda Johnson  
Charlet King  
Melissa Mares  
Elizabeth Mauzy  
Tiffany Robinson

Emily Smith  
Michele Stafford  
Lyle Tate  
Susan Williams

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## FACULTY

- Heather Anderson, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*
- Raymond A. Applegate, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Irvin M. Borish Chair in Optometry*
- Harold E. Bedell, Ph.D.  
*John and Rebecca Moores Professor of Vision Sciences*
- Jan P.G. Bergmanson, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Professor of Optometry*
- David A. Berntsen, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*
- Rudolph Black, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Roger Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Alan R. Burns, Ph.D.  
*Professor of Optometry*
- Carolyn Carman, O.D.  
*Clinical Professor*
- Han Cheng, Ph.D., O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Yuzo M. Chino, Ph.D.  
*Benedict-McFadden Professor*
- Debra Currie, O.D., M.S.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Vallabh Das, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Jennifer Deakins, O.D.  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*
- Joe DeLoach, O.D.  
*Clinical Professor*
- Karen D. Fern, O.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Donald A. Fox, Ph.D.  
*Professor of Optometry*
- Laura J. Frishman, Ph.D.  
*John and Rebecca Moores Professor*
- Kevin Gee, O.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Nancy George, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Gavin Gerondale, O.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Amber Gaume Giannoni, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Adrian Glasser, Ph.D.  
*Benedict Pitts Professor*
- Marcus Gonzales, O.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Samuel Hanlon, O.D., M.S., Ph.D.  
*Research Associate Professor*
- Ronald S. Harwerth, O.D., Ph.D.  
*John and Rebecca Moores Professor*
- Ralph J. Herring, O.D., M.H.A.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Nick Holdeman, O.D., M.D.  
*Professor of Optometry*
- Nicole Hooper, O.D.  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*
- Li-Fung Hung, BMed, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Research Scientist*
- Kassandra Johnston, O.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Tonya Ketcham, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Julianne Knowles, O.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Kimberly Lambreghts, R.N., O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Norman E. Leach, O.D., M.S.  
*Clinical Professor*
- Ruth E. Manny, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Charles R. Stewart Professor*
- Danica Marrelli, O.D.  
*Clinical Professor*
- Jason Marsack, Ph.D.  
*Research Assistant Professor*
- Jessica Mathew, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Research Assistant Professor*
- Alison M. McDermott, Ph.D.  
*Golden-Golden Professor of Optometry and Vision Sciences*
- William L. Miller, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Swati Modi, O.D.  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*
- Jason Nichols, O.D., MPH, Ph.D.  
*Kevin McDaid - Vision Source Professor*
- Kelly Nichols, O.D., MPH, Ph.D.  
*FERV Professor*
- Bruce E. Onofrey, O.D., RPh  
*Professor of Optometry*
- Lisa Ostrin, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Research Assistant Professor*
- Deborah Otteson, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Katrina Parker, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Anastas Pass, O.D., M.S., J.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Lloyd Pate, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Nimesh Patel, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*
- Judith Perrigin, O.D.  
*Professor of Optometry*
- Marcus G. Piccolo, O.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Jason Porter, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Daniel Powell, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Guoting Qin, Ph.D.  
*Research Assistant Professor*
- Sam Quintero, O.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Rachel Redfern, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*
- Dashaini Retnasothie, O.D.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Tawna Roberts, O.D., M.S.  
*Research Assistant Professor*
- John G. Robson, Ph.D., Sc.D.  
*Senior Research Professor*
- Pat Segu, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Lanny Shulman, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Earl L. Smith, III, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Greeman-Petty Professor*
- Gregory L. Stephens, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Scott B. Stevenson, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Professor of Optometry*
- Anita Ticak, O.D., M.S.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*
- Michael Twa, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- James Walters, Ph.D., O.D.  
*Associate Professor*
- Janice Wensveen, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Suzanne Wickum, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*
- Mona Younes, O.D., M.S.  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

## THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

### With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- *I will* practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.
- *I will* uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.
- *I will* provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- *I will* place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.
- *I will* hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.
- *I will* advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.
- *I will* strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.
- *I will* share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.
- *I will* do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.
- *I hereby* commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

## DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY ARE:

*Primary health care professionals who diagnose and treat eye health and vision problems.*

## OPTOMETRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

*The four-year Post-Baccalaureate Professional Program includes:*

- 3216 hours of lectures and laboratories in optics, advanced human physiology, gross human and ocular anatomy, neuroanatomy, systemic and ocular pathology, general and ocular pharmacology and vision and clinical sciences.
- 500 eye health and vision care experiences in the University Eye Institute's family practice, cornea and contact lens, pediatric, low vision and medical services.
- 1200 eye health and vision care experiences during two externships (32 weeks) at vision and health care centers. These centers include military hospitals, Indian Health Hospitals, community health centers, surgical centers, Veterans Administration Hospitals and multidisciplinary vision care centers and institutes.

## LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING INCLUDES:

- National Board Examinations
  - Basic Science
  - Clinical Science
  - Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease
  - Comprehensive Patient Care and Clinical Examinations
- State Licensure Examination
  - Optometric Jurisprudence Examination

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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

## MILESTONES

### 1950s

In 1952, UHCO officially opens. Charles R. Stewart, O.D., Ph.D. is named first dean of the college.

The Foundation for Education and Research in Vision is established to increase and promote awareness of vision and its care.

UHCO graduates the first class with 11 O.D.'s entering the optometric profession in 1955.

Mildred Carlile, O.D. is UHCO's first female graduate.

### 1960s

Faculty member Chester H. Pfeiffer, O.D., Ph.D. assumes duties as dean of the college.

The Texas Commission on Higher Education confirms the offering of optometry at UH, making the college eligible for state support.

Charles M. Stephens, O.D. becomes UHCO's 100th graduate.

### 1970s

The graduate program is established in physiological optics (vision science) with the M.S. degree in 1970 and the Ph.D. in 1972. The first M.S. graduate is Norman E. Leach, O.D., a current UHCO faculty member. The first Ph.D. is awarded to Pierrette Dahaw-Barker, a current faculty member at Salus University.

James K. Donovan, O.D. becomes the 500th graduate.

The J. Davis Armistead Building is completed with both state and federal assistance. The state-of-the-art \$9.6 million building remains UHCO's home.

UHCO establishes a formal partnership with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center, and on-site optometric services begin.

William R. Baldwin, O.D., Ph.D. becomes UHCO's dean.

The UHCO Reading Room becomes an official UH recognized library.

The Nelson Reber, O.D., Eye Open Golf Tournament is established to raise funds for student scholarships and emergency loans. Dr. Reber died this past October, but the tournament tradition continues every fall and is now known as the FERV Fall Classic.

### 1980s

Dan Patterson, O.D. becomes UHCO's 1,000 graduate.

The Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program (TEXOCOP) is created with grant funds contributed from the US Department of Health and Human Service Administration.

### 1990s

Karen M. Conway, O.D. becomes the 2,000 graduate.

The Weston A. Pettey Library is dedicated to honor Dr. Pettey's tireless efforts on behalf of UHCO and the profession. The Reading Room is named to honor Dr. Irvin M. Borish for his achievements in the profession.

The college building is formally named the J. Davis Armistead Building in recognition of Dr. Armistead's enduring efforts benefitting the college, university and the profession. Dr. Armistead is known for being the optometrist to singer Buddy Holly and had a hand in selecting the famous black frames.

Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., Ph.D. is named UHCO's dean.

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## 2000s

Seren D. Ngin, O.D. becomes UHCO's 3,000 graduate.

UHCO caps off the 50th Anniversary celebration with a gala celebrating Visions of the Past, Present and Future.

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D. becomes dean of the college.

UHCO and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society form an official affiliation to establish the M.S. Eye Care Center. The clinic is dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of M.S., to the delivery of comprehensive eye care to patients with MS and to groundbreaking research.

UHCO debuts it's Mobile Eye Institute designed specifically to provide eye care to the greater-Houston area. MEI is equipped with the latest in ophthalmic technology and brings comprehensive on-site vision services to patients in need of optometric care.

UHCO hosts a groundbreaking Celebration on the site that will become the UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center featuring the UHCO Vision Institute in November 2010.

The Topping Out Ceremony and pillar signing event for the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute within the new Health and Biomedical Sciences Building marks the occasion when construction on the new building reached its highest point in September 2011.

Bridget Ducote, O.D. becomes the 4,000 UHCO graduate during the May 2012 ceremony.

The UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center featuring the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute officially opens in November 2012, and the formal dedication ceremony celebrates this milestone in February 2013.

Pierrette Dayhaw-Barker, Ph.D., '76, a current faculty member at Salus University and UHCO's first Ph.D. recipient, receives the Distinguished Alumna Award at the May 2013 commencement ceremony.

Vissett Sun, O.D., '95, is recognized as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year.

In August, 2013, Brady Betten from the Class of 2014 receives the Norman E. Wallis Award honoring the student who earns the highest score among students from all 23 schools of optometry on Part I of the National Board Examinations.

In November, Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D. is appointed to serve as the Interim Chief Health Officer for the university, and Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D. is appointed to serve as UHCO's Interim Dean.

In May 2014, Dennis M. Levi, O.D., Ph.D., '77 receives UHCO's 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY'S FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI SALUTE THE CLASS OF 1964 ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR COMMENCEMENT.

Raymond M. Barton †

Otis J. Bourg Jr.

Michael Lynn Chowins

Paul A. Darrow II

Arlyn R. Fansler

Burton David Fisher †

Lothar W. Gentsch

Ronald S. Harwerth

Clyde C. Houston Jr.

Jerry Jacobs

Alan C. Jones

Lester R. Kitchen

Antonio Kosturakis

Charles E. MacLaughlin †

Charles P. McGonagill

J. Paul Park †

James A. Pyeatt

Melville H. Rockoff

Mark J. Roy Jr. †

James Benjamin Russell

William A. Sansing

John Robert Scott

J. Martin Shaw †

Lawrence A. W. Stranch

Michael D. Torrence

Jon F. Tucker †

Dean Harlan Wallace

John William Young †

† deceased

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## ACADEMIC HERALDRY

The academic costume in America consists of three components: a cap, gown and hood. The cap is the beret or mortarboard type with a colored tassel (black or gold) that represents the graduate level of education-the professional doctorate.

The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as three bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The hood design is unique to the profession of Optometry. The velvet trim of the hood is seafoam green, the color that represents the academic discipline of Optometry. The length of the hood depicts the doctoral level of education while the field of the hood is specific for the University of Houston, red with a reverse white chevron.

The hooding ceremony and the formal conferring of the degrees by the Dean or the President represent the final acts of academic endorsement by the faculty of the College and the University.

## INVITATION

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT, THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY  
WILL HOLD A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF ITS 2014 GRADUATES.**

**HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING  
DOCTORS OF TEXAS STATE OPTICAL ALUMNI EDUCATION CENTER**

**ALL GRADUATES AND THEIR GUESTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.**

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# UH LAW CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014 • 7:00 P.M. • HOFHEINZ PAVILION

## PRELUDE

Selection performed by the Houston Lyric Brass

## PROCESSIONAL

Triumphal March from Aida  
*by Giuseppe Verdi*

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by Shari Wilkins ('93)

## WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Interim Dean Richard M. Alderman

## GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

The Honorable Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D. '93)  
*Chair*

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Jeff Brown  
*Justice, Supreme Court of Texas*

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Paula Myrick Short  
*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

## HOODING

Meredith Duncan  
*George Butler Research Professor of Law*

Douglas Moll  
*Beirne, Maynard @ Parsons, L.L.P.  
Law Center Professor of Law*

## WELCOME FROM ALUMNI

Tom Hetherington ('98)  
*President, Law Alumni Association*

## CLASS SPEAKER

Sanjay Bapat  
*Class of 2014*

## CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Alderman

## RECESSIONAL

Rondeau  
*by Jean-Joseph Mouret*

A reception in honor of the graduates will be held at the Yeoman Fieldhouse immediately following Commencement. All graduates, their guests, faculty, and other distinguished guests are cordially invited to attend.



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## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

MAY 2014

### DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

Folasade Akinrinmade  
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Jessica Leigh Alexander  
Wade Owen Allison  
Casey William Amsler  
James Arthur Amyx  
Eman Patricia Arabi-Katbi  
Scott Armstrong <sup>2</sup>  
Dino Arslanagic  
Allison Michelle Arterberry  
Chelsea Averill <sup>3</sup>  
Lucas Edwin Babin  
Phillip Baggett  
Janine Ann Balzofiore  
Sanjay Bapat <sup>2</sup>  
Bryce Thomas Barcelo  
Richard L. Barker  
Nicholas James Baumann  
Jason Earl Beesinger <sup>2</sup>  
Monica Beggs  
Kathleen Marie Bell  
Morgan Russell Bellmor  
Jovan Beltran  
Yanet Marisol Benitez <sup>3</sup>  
Veronica Esmeralda Bernal  
Jasmine Bhatt  
Aaron Jay Blair  
Evan Blankenau <sup>3</sup>  
Brittany Page Bloom <sup>3</sup>  
Brandon Scott Bludau  
Chulley Christopher Bogle  
Ashli<sup>1</sup> Meredith Bragg  
Megan Rose Brannigan  
Alexis Braun  
Nick Brown <sup>1, 4</sup>  
Andrew C.J. Bueso <sup>3</sup>  
Megan Amanda Ceder <sup>2</sup>  
Britney Nicole Cherry  
Yongseock Choi  
David Chou  
Ahmad Baeg Chughtai  
Sarah Elizabeth Coleman  
Brendan Christopher Conley <sup>3</sup>  
Dallas Victoria Cook  
Alexa Kae Coralli  
Jennine M. Crane  
Sonya Mary Csaszar  
Matthew Sprinz Cummins  
Jacob Reynolds Darby  
Kevin James Davis <sup>3</sup>

Megan Leigh-Wilson Davis <sup>3</sup>  
Teal Alexandra de la Garza  
Justin D. Dean  
Thomas Ashton Leon DeBauche <sup>3</sup>  
Kelsey Elyse Del Rio  
Amy Demmler  
Cameron Marshall Dernick  
Katharine Elizabeth Dodd  
Lauren Raychel Doxley  
Travis Hampton Dubose  
Laura Williamson Duncan <sup>1</sup>  
Rissel Christy Durand  
Timothy B. Dyer  
Marcus V. Eason  
Mathew Ryan Encino  
Don Miguel Escamilla  
Jared M. Ewing  
Rebecca Eve Farrell  
Razwana Fazil <sup>2</sup>  
Kate Colleen Ferrell <sup>2</sup>  
Kelly Rae Ferrell <sup>3</sup>  
Bryan George Findling  
Barbara JoAnne Fox  
Carolyn Louise Ganstine  
Manuel Gardberg  
Bryan Ross Gillespie  
Kelsey Renee Giltner  
Amy Michele Glasscock  
Julie Kay Goodrich <sup>2</sup>  
Edward Burton Goolsby <sup>1</sup>  
Mili Gosar  
Edward John Gray  
Donald Clinton Green II  
John Michael Groves  
James Bryan Guest  
Germain Hagopian  
Ayman Mohamed Haq <sup>2</sup>  
LaKisha Ariell Hardy  
Stephen C. Harrington <sup>3</sup>  
Robert Hartshorn  
Salma Fatima Hasan  
David Patrick Helme  
Steven Henderson  
Deena Kay Herndon-Remy  
Joshua Ryan Hilbe  
Brenna Lermon Hill <sup>2</sup>  
Brian Thomas Hobson <sup>3</sup>  
Padon David Holt  
Kevin Michael Hooker  
Audrey Madeline Huffman <sup>3</sup>  
Jonathan Stuart Hutchison  
Cecilia Goforth Isenberg

Iliana Zvezdelinova Ivanova <sup>2</sup>  
Amir Jamshidi <sup>2</sup>  
Fei Ji  
Jessica Janet Garvin Johnson <sup>3</sup>  
Casey Lorine Jordan  
Raul A. Jordan  
Jagorca Ana Juric  
Nicolas T. Kalla  
Nandini Kavuri  
Scott William Kendall <sup>2</sup>  
Ajay Ketkar  
Allen Kline  
Forrest Timothy Kroschel  
Stephanie Kristin Kunz <sup>3</sup>  
Jeffrey Kuo  
Alyssa Jane Ladd <sup>2</sup>  
Jason Wayne Lamb  
Valerie Nicole Laskowski  
Ping Lei <sup>3</sup>  
Graham Leva  
Landon Joseph Lill <sup>2</sup>  
Justine C. Lin  
Mia Breaux Lorick  
Jeremy Wade Martin <sup>2</sup>  
Sean Barros Mascarenhas  
Olivia Rachel Mathias  
Matthew Moore McClellan <sup>2</sup>  
Patrick Nolan McMillin <sup>2</sup>  
Oscar Jesus Mendoza  
Anna Katherine Miller <sup>2</sup>  
Sushant Mohan <sup>3</sup>  
Jason Mok  
Nancy Maria Molina  
Brittany Grace Mortimer <sup>3</sup>  
Sarah E. Muckleroy  
Karolina Murguia  
Luisa Elena Muskus  
Johali Mulibinge Muzaliwa  
Ronaldo Ramos Natividad  
Wayne Reid Nelson  
Shanice Lanette Newton  
Kevin O'Brien  
Katherine Spring Odom  
Casey Mackenzie O'Maley  
Suchismita Pahi  
Steven Andrew Paletz  
James M. Pappenfus  
Margaret Louise Passini  
Justin Daniel Patton  
Olivia M. Peña  
Krisztina Petz  
Alexander Van Pham

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Allison Christine Phillips  
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Heather Michelle Rice  
Albrecht Christian Riepen  
John Oliveira Riggs  
Leah Robbins  
Adam Lloyd Robertson  
Mycah Erika Lee Robinson  
Aimee Leanne Rodriguez  
Amir Roohi  
Luis Angel Ruiz  
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Kevin Willis Schott  
Amanda Marie Schramm  
Jason Schultz <sup>3</sup>  
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Nupur Shah  
Mohammed Obaid'Ur Rehman Shariff  
Amir Shiva  
David Wesley Sikes  
James Kenny Sinton  
Anthony Ray Smith  
Josephine Ifyizibe Sorgwe  
William David Spratt <sup>3</sup>  
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Lisa Marie Steffek

Srimath Saliya Subasinghe <sup>3</sup>  
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Gavriel E. Toso  
Vi Tran <sup>3</sup>  
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Emily Ruixue Wang  
Ellis James Ware  
Ryota Watanabe  
Adam Joseph Weaver <sup>3</sup>  
Zachary Paul Wehner  
Benjamin Phillip Wells  
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Zachary James White  
Drew Willey  
Craig Stevens Williams Jr.  
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Casey Marie Wright  
Lisa Meredith Wright

## MASTER OF LAWS

Zara Ali  
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Christin Danielle Brunson  
Marina Chacon-Maldonado  
Raissa Cueva Sevieri  
Florence Thimonier de Roussel de Préville  
Todd Allan Edwards  
James K. Elston  
Julio Cesar Espinoza Marin  
Aura Rosa Figuera  
Cauley O'Brien Gieb  
Xochytl Diane Greer

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Gabriel Guzman  
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Ryan Robert Ingraham  
Artemesia Josephine Jones  
Yusra Khalid  
Esra Kurt  
Omotayo Jamin Lawal  
L. Renee Lowe  
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Sulesco Huom Mbuan  
Tania Méndez  
Anna Christilles Moak  
Sean Aaron Nelson  
Agape Ogbonda  
Ugochukwu Izuchukwu Olike  
David Ortez  
Stephen Owusu  
Anne-Laure Fabienne Pastre-Boyer  
Gloria C. Penafiel  
Huiyi Qiu  
Michael Karl Reer  
Miguel Angel Reyes-Moncayo  
Walter Junior Rugbere  
Elisa Contreras Salazar  
Bruna Santini Borges Maia  
Tanja Milana Saravolac  
Prachi Sharma  
Avinoam Shefa  
Andrew Smith  
Maria Eugenia Stanley-Romero  
Gustavo Adolfo Suárez  
Emmanuel Armah Tulay  
Chinonye Anicetus Ugwoegbu  
Oda Verde  
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### AUGUST 2014

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Ghazal Asrar Vahora

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Fatme Bachir  
Yelena Budnichenko

Christopher Onuabuchi Ezeafulukwe  
Pankaj Goyal  
Zainab Naseem  
Julio Enrique Zaldivar Molina

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### DECEMBER 2013

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Charles Richard Crews III  
Leslie Elizabeth Crow  
Megan Ashley Daic  
James Brandon English  
Douglas Saul Friedman  
Steven DeHaan Guterman  
Guylaine Valerie Kepeden <sup>2</sup>  
David T. Key  
Modinat Abiodun Kotun <sup>2</sup>  
Beth W. Kropf  
Carl Mann

Noah Earnest Wotring Meek  
Mark Vukashin Mitchell  
Brandon Thomas Pittard  
Nicole Elise Roberts  
Saman Y. Saghian  
Bradley M. Shaughnessy  
Varsha Vinod Shirhatti  
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With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Starlet H. Agrella". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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