





Letter from the Dean

Dear Graduate:

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Houston! Earning a college degree represents an important milestone in your life, one that required dedication, discipline and perseverance. As Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, together with the entire faculty and staff of the college, I applaud your accomplishment. We are so pleased to recognize and honor you and all our summer and fall graduates in our College Convocation.

The qualities you demonstrated in completing your degree will serve you well as you enter this new phase of your life. We hope that your education at the University of Houston and in this College forms a solid foundation for your future personal and professional life. We have aimed to challenge your thinking, enhance your understanding and deepen your appreciation of the world in all its complexity and diversity. As a new graduate, you now have the opportunity to contribute to society the knowledge and skills you have acquired here.

The College is delighted to welcome you into the ranks of our alumni. I hope that you will keep in touch with your classmates and maintain strong ties with the University of Houston. We truly need the energy and support of all our graduates as the University of Houston joins the ranks of the nation's leading urban universities.

Please accept my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and "C".

Steven Craig
Interim Dean



The College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (CLASS) is a dynamic academic environment dedicated to the study of human creativity and society, as well as our mental and physical capabilities and conditions.

The largest and most diverse of the 12 colleges at the University of Houston, CLASS is home to 17 schools and departments, encompassing the creative and performing arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Undergraduate and graduate majors cover the full-range of the human experience – from anthropology to human space exploration sciences. The College also offers social and cultural analysis in African American, Mexican American, Women's, Gender and Sexuality and other interdisciplinary studies programs.

CLASS extends its scholarship to the university, City of Houston and nation through its policy, research and cultural centers, which include the Hobby Center for Public Policy, the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts and the University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic.

The College's goal is to stimulate and expand students' cultural, mental and physical explorations through rich course offerings, study abroad programs and campus events. We encourage students to delve into the questions of life while building critical and analytical skills that animate professions and launch successful careers.

Our 345 permanent faculty members educate nearly 10,000 undergraduate majors and minors and 1,200 graduate students, preparing them for future studies and professional achievements.

By accessing and using new communication and research tools, CLASS students increase their reasoning skills, cultural awareness, aesthetic appreciation and ethical judgment. That foundation gives them the capacity to pursue their passions.

CLASS graduates are tomorrow's economists, journalists, actors, diplomats, lawyers and doctors. Whatever they choose to do in life, CLASS graduates are prepared to make meaningful contributions to multi-cultural societies and global economies.

University of Houston
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Convocation

Thursday, December 17, 2015, 9 a.m.
Hofheinz Pavilion

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL	Moores School of Music
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS	UH Air Force ROTC
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moores School of Music
WELCOME ADDRESS	Steven Craig, <i>Professor of Economics and Interim Dean of the College</i>
INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM PARTY	Interim Dean Craig
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SCHOOL OF THEATRE & DANCE	Jim Johnson
WOMEN'S, GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES	Elizabeth Gregory
CONCLUDING REMARKS	Interim Dean Craig
ALMA MATER	Moores School of Music
RECESSIONAL	Moores School of Music

Special Notes

Guests will enter Hofheinz Pavilion at Holman Street only and exit at Cullen Boulevard or Holman Street.

Graduates will not be re-entering the building after departure from the ceremony. You can meet them outside the Holman Street or Cullen Boulevard doors.

Air horns are subject to removal.

Please monitor your small children at all times.

Upon fire alarm or announcement, please exit the building using the nearest available exit.

Stroller check-in is available in Suites 6 and 7 and EMS is available in Suite 2.

Restrooms are located on the concourse level near Sections 128 and 114.

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Fall 2015

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ECONOMICS

Edson Silveira Sobrinho
Essays on Economic Development
and International Risk Sharing
ADVISOR: Dr. Dietrich Vollrath

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENGLISH

Creative Writing

Zachary D. Martin
Death and Other Vices
ADVISOR: Dr. Chitra Divakaruni

Michelle Mariano
The Girl at the Edge of the Frame
ADVISOR: Robert Boswell

Stephen Sanders
Texoma: A Novel
ADVISOR: Alexander Parsons

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HISTORY

Brittany L. Hancock
The Neighborhood Union and the
Transformation of the West End of Atlanta
ADVISOR: Dr. Nancy B. Young

Ashley Ruth McMillan Donohue
The Origins of Opposition: Antifederalism
and the Ratification of the U.S. Constitution
ADVISOR: Dr. James Kirby Martin

Guillermo Emilio Nakhle
Economics In History: The Apogetic
Science In Argentina, 1913-1953
ADVISOR: Dr. Thomas O'Brien

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PSYCHOLOGY

Developmental Psychology

Maya Ravid Greene
The Bilingual Advantage in Switching:
Are Two Better than One?
ADVISOR: Dr. Arturo Hernandez

Aurora Isabel Ramos Nuñez
The Relationship Among Gray Matter
Cortical Thickness, Activity, and
Bilingual Background Variables
ADVISOR: Dr. Arturo E. Hernandez

Social Psychology

Chun Yiu Yeung
Adjustment to Caregiving among Chinese
Husbands of Women with Breast Cancer:
Application of the Stress and Coping Model
ADVISOR: Dr. Qian Lu

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SPANISH

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Decolonizing Aztlán: la (re)construcción
del Individuo, la Familia y la Historia en la
Narrativa de Autoras Chicanas Lesbianas
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Trevor James Boffone
Performing Eastside Latinidad: Josefina López
and Theater for Social Change in Boyle Heights
ADVISOR: Dr. Nicolás Kanellos

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Dissertation xx yyy xxx yyy xxx yyy
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Kenny Montgomery
Dissertation xx yyy xxx yyy xxx yyy
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Edgar Mauricio Vargas Blanco
Las actitudes de familias hispanas
hacia la lengua de herencia en
Houston y sus alrededores
ADVISOR: Dr. Manuel Gutiérrez

Luisa Fernanda Quiroga Arroyave
Representaciones de la violencia rural
colombiana en el siglo XXI en Erika Diettes,
Evelio Rosero y Alberto Salceda Ramos
ADVISOR: Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Gwendolyn Deniece Alfred
A Dark Past and a Promising Future:
The Historical Reception of William
Grant Still's Troubled Island
ADVISOR: Dr. Howard Pollack

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Post-War Ethos in Darius Milhaud's
Violin Concerto No. 2
ADVISOR: Dr. Barbara Rose Lange

Henry A. Darragh
Bill Evans: Harmonic Innovator in Jazz Piano
ADVISOR: Dr. Timothy Koozin

Kevin M. Klotz
The Influence of Early Music on the
Compositional Style and Performance of
Selected Works of Randall Thompson
ADVISOR: Dr. Charles Hausmann

Brett Duane Linski
Politics and Poetry: The English Horn
as the Voice of the Irish Bard in Arnold
Bax's Sextet In Memoriam (1916)
ADVISOR: Dr. Jeffrey Sposato

Georgianne Lundy
An Ethnographic Case Study of
Orchestra Directors at Historically
Black Colleges and Universities
ADVISOR: Dr. Julie Kastner

Andreea Mariana Mut
Sigismund Toduta and Sacred
Music in Communist Romania
ADVISOR: Dr. Barbara Rose Lange

Daniel Saenz
Chopin's Last Message: A Study of the
First Movement of Frédéric Chopin's
Sonata for Cello and Piano, Op. 65
ADVISOR: Dr. Timothy Koozin

Kevin Michael Shannon
Sonatina for B-flat Trumpet and Piano by
Harald Genzmer: A Stylistic Analysis
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ACADEMIC HERALDRY

THE ATTIRE of the participants dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities began to be established in Europe. In 1321, at the University of Coimbra in Portugal, gowns were required attire not just for faculty members, but also for students of all classifications. Other European universities started requiring gowns, but there was not a standard design. In 1887, Gardner Cotrell Leonard volunteered to design the graduation gowns for his class at Williams College. His design, as well as the standardization of colors to denote areas of study, were later adopted by an intercollegiate commission, and are the ones used today by most United States colleges and universities.

Gowns: The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves; the master's gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrists (some older gowns may be open near the upper part of the arm); the doctoral gown is fuller than the others with full-length velvet panels on the front and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve in black or in the color distinctive to the academic discipline of the wearer's degree.

Hoods: The hood, worn by masters and doctoral degree recipients, drapes over the shoulders and down the back and indicates the academic discipline to which the degree pertains; the field of the hood denotes the university that conferred the degree. The size of the hood indicates the level of the degree.

Caps: The black mortarboard is the most common cap used. The tassel fastened to the center of the cap is black, although it may be the color appropriate to the subject of the degree. The tassel for the doctor's cap may be of gold thread. Candidates for bachelor's degrees wear the tassels on the right side, shifting it to the left side after being awarded their degrees. Candidates for master's and doctoral degrees wear their tassels on the left side from the outset and do not shift them after receiving their degree.

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DOCTORAL DEGREE	Gown: Black Hood: Dark Blue Hood (Music only): Pink Tassel: Old Gold
MASTER'S DEGREE	Gown: Black Hood: Citron Hood (Music only): Pink Tassel: Black
BACHELOR'S DEGREE	Gown: Black Tassel: Citron

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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