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142nd Commencement

May 19, 2016



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Lakefront Arena
6801 Franklin Avenue
New Orleans, LA

The Commencement Ceremony

The audience is requested to stand during the Academic Procession, the singing of the National Anthem, and the Benediction, and to remain in place until the Recessional has left the Arena.

The Academic Procession

Chief Marshal.....Michael Levitzky, Ph.D.
Professor of Physiology
Director of Basic Science Curriculum, School of Medicine

Music.....Bienville Brass
Under the direction of Joseph Skillen

Bearer of the Mace.....Joseph M. Moerschbaeher, III, Ph.D.
Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Procession of the Platform Party

Faculty MarshalsAndrew Pellett, Ph.D.
Department Head
Associate Professor of Cardiopulmonary Sciences and Physiology
John Zamjahn, Ph.D., R.R.T.
Associate Professor of Clinical Cardiopulmonary Sciences

Procession of the Faculty

Student MarshalsWilliam P. Newman, III, M.D.
Professor of Pathology
Betsy Giaimo
Instructor of Physiology

Procession of the Students

Procession of the Candidates in Allied Health Professions

Gonfalonier.....Amanda Leigh Musso
Doctor of Audiology Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Nursing

Gonfalonier.....Corey Michael George
Doctor of Nursing Practice Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Public Health

Gonfalonier.....Glenn Sullivan Buck
Master of Public Health Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Graduate Studies

Gonfalonier.....Kusma Pyakurel
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

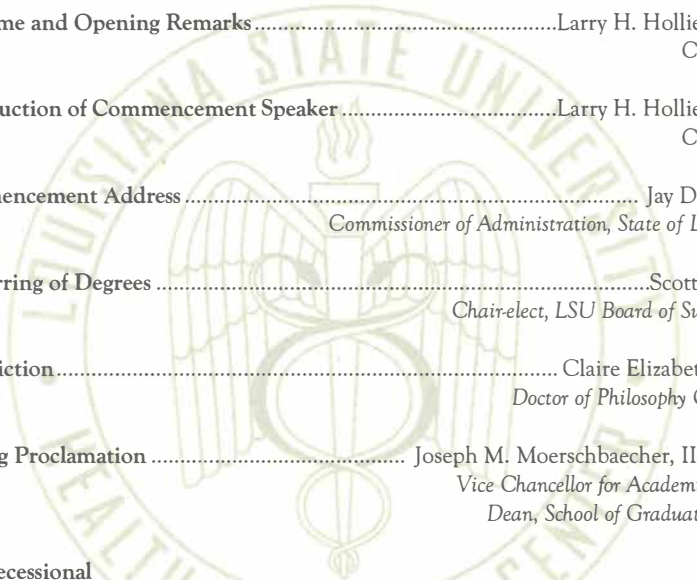
Procession of the Candidates in Dentistry

Gonfalonier.....Lindsey Reneé Richard
Doctor of Dental Surgery Candidate

Procession of the Candidates in Medicine

Gonfalonier.....Erika Kristen Bisgaard
Doctor of Medicine Candidate

The Commencement Ceremony



Opening Proclamation	Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D. Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Graduate Studies
National Anthem	Kelly Michelle Billingsley Master of Occupational Therapy Candidate
Invocation.....	Spandana Reddy Induru Doctor of Medicine Candidate
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Larry H. Hollier, M.D. Chancellor
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Larry H. Hollier, M.D. Chancellor
Commencement Address	Jay Dardenne Commissioner of Administration, State of Louisiana
Conferring of Degrees	Scott Ballard Chair-elect, LSU Board of Supervisors
Benediction.....	Claire Elizabeth Hayes Doctor of Philosophy Graduate
Closing Proclamation	Joseph M. Moerschbaecher, III, Ph.D. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dean, School of Graduate Studies
The Recessional	



National Anthem

O say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming

Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight

O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming

And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air

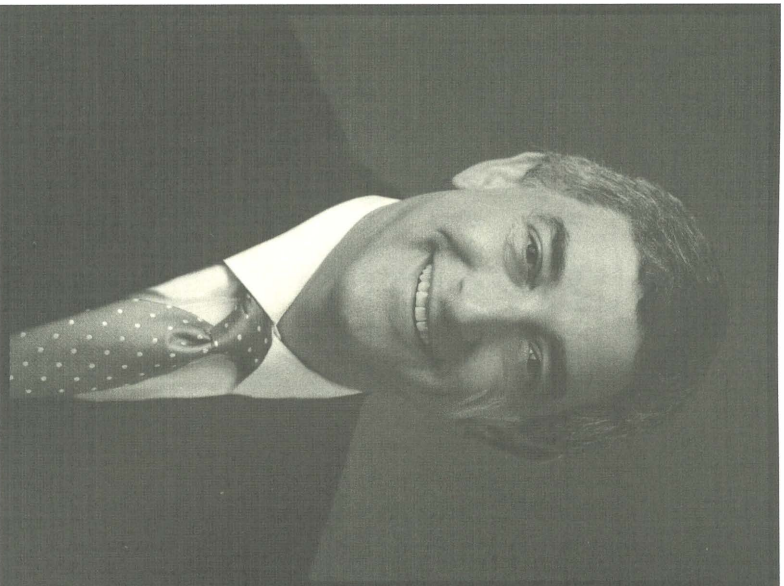
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

Francis Scott Key

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Professional photographers will record each graduate as the diploma is presented and color portraits will be available for purchase, if desired.



Jay Dardenne

Commissioner of the Division of Administration
State of Louisiana

Commencement Speaker

John Dardenne was appointed Commissioner of the Division of Administration in January 2016 by Gov. John Bel Edwards. In this capacity, he serves as the state's chief administrative officer and principal architect of the \$25 billion executive budget.

Dardenne was elected twice as Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor, beginning November 2010. He previously served four years as Secretary of State, 15 years as a State Senator and three years as a Baton Rouge Metro Councilman.

As Lieutenant Governor, he headed the Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism, which also includes State Parks, the Louisiana State Museum System, the State Library, the Office of Cultural Development, the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and Volunteer Louisiana. Louisiana's tourism numbers skyrocketed after he took office, setting records each year, the first such increases since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck in 2005.

Dardenne conducts many special presentations about Louisiana, including Why Louisiana. An't Mississippi, a lively and colorful look at Louisiana's culture, history, music, literature and politics.

He is an attorney and graduate of Baton Rouge High School, Louisiana State University and the LSU Law Center. He is married to the former Cathy McDonald, and they have two grown sons, John and Matthew.





School of Allied Health Professions

Presented by J.M. Cairn, Ph.D., Dean

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE

Janelle Shannon Arnold
Carolina Raquel Bonilla
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Andrew Michael Bowers
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Meghan Alexis Malbrough
Courtney Renee Miller
Ashley Elizabeth Mizell

Sophia Maria Moresco
Chelsey Elizabeth Mullen
Ha Ni Nguyen
Mylinh Thanh Pham
Luna Suria Qurob
Sean Bradley Sasso
Stewart Hopkins Scoggin
Brielle Elizabeth Serpas
Nyajia Ashlie Williams

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Korin Michelle Adams
Sebastian Cody Alexander
Chelsi Chance Armstrong
Elizabeth Marie Chauvin
Victoria Lynn Crawford
Christopher Jacob Evans
Sean Nicholas Ford
Ryan Andrew Graham
Dillon Edward Green
Susy Maribel Green
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Lyndsey Nicole Nash
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Mai Thanh Nguyen
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Heather Elizabeth Von Bodungen
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Jessica Marie Beitzel*††
Leslie Dale Bullock
Ashley Elizabeth Comeaux*††
Shannen Kathleen Cooper
Liora Miriam Diamond
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Margaret Jane Dyer*††
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Stephanie Anne Giampola
Mary Virginia Griffin
Madison Louise Hill
Sewie Leigh Hoggard
Caroline Haddox Johnson*††

MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Kallia Maryam Al-Nizam
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Julius Andrew Collins, Jr.
Arielle Elizabeth Crist
Alysia Elizabeth Cummings
Brian Patrick Donnelly
Jennifer Marie Doucet
Miriam Monte Dugas
Allison Dale Gagnard
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Abby Anne Gros
Leigh Christine Guidry
Amanda Michelle Hinkamp
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Alan Jacob Jacob

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Dara Frances Kennedy
Kelly Elizabeth Kyle
Caroline Janvier Nelson
Victoria Christine Souhlas
Kimberly Nicole Spezio
Laura Elizabeth Stahl
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Lori Nicole Tyler*††
Rachel Kathryn Weldy
Hope Clare Whitsell
Caitlin Emma Wiley
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Kaci Elizabeth Wilson
Caitlyn Michelle Witherspoon
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Ashley Elizabeth Areaux

Lauren Louise Barousse

Lauren Elizabeth Boley

Elizabeth Anne Clement

Amanda Marie Daigle

Joelle Marie Fabian

Ashton Rhodes Greenblatt

Hannah Elizabeth Gurievsky

Daniel David Hoffmann

Matthew Phillip James

Andrea Kate Juneau

Alexandra Elizabeth Knowles

Catherine Hang Le

Daniel William Long

Stephen George Melancon

Kyle Louis Morse

Mary Christina Munoz

Tu-Anh Vy Nguyen

Stephanie Theresa O'Gwynn

Nicholas Theodore John Pandis

Justin David Sanborn

Garrett Michael Simoneaux

Layla Louise Taghehchian

Gavin Douglas Triche

Nicholas Joseph Usner

Amber Rose Verdun

Victoria Myrtle Ward

Aaron Matthew Webb

Katie Louise Wendt

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Shelby Catherine Laiche

Fredericka Marie Lewis

Megan Nicole Long

Brooke Ashley McCray

Kathrina Janee McGary

Tommy Funez Mead

Adeola Ivana Oshinubi

Nicole Deneen Robinson

Beth Anne Smith

Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling

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Candidates for Degrees

DOCTOR OF AUDIOLOGY

Anita Emily Altschul
Katie Do Cordell
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Christian Gabriel Gentile
Alyson Renee Holmes
Kallie Raine LeBourgeois

Marion Louise Loyd
Kevin Robert McConnell
Amanda Leigh Musso
Andrea Wesner Pearce
Kristyn Wypych Tramel

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Erin Rachel Anderson
Kevin Gilbert Baer
Christine Honora Baudouin
Michael Seth Broussard
Elaina Rech Davenport
Kristin Marie Dobies
Daniel Gene Edwards
Sydney Michelle Evans
Stephanie Day Guasco
Monica Dawn Gvoich
Julia Suzanne Heflin
Patrick James Hennessey
Janie Maria Irvin
Stefanie Elizabeth Jemison
Alayna Kristin Kirk
Mindy Huynh Le
Mia Mary Mascari
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Sarah Emily Pederson
Aaron Michael Rhodes
Brittany Anne Ruiz
Melissa Diane Scroggin
Lauren Jean Shepley
Aaron Joseph Souvinette
Taylor Renee Sparks
Kayla Armstrong Varnado
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Matthew Joseph Warren
Savannah Renee Watts
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Christopher Joseph Wilcox
Vanessa Danielle Pines Wilson
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School of Nursing

Presented by Demetrius Porche, D.N.S., Dean

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Nicole Michelle Adams*††
Katherine Rebecca Adams
Frances Elena Alfano
Paige Marie Anderson
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Tyler Austin Chetta*††

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Neil Jacob Colliver
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Emily Anne Dauchy
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Danielle Marie Deroche*††
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Danielle Christine Rafferty*††	Gabriel Michael Sullivan
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 Erin Breaux Williams*†
 Haley Marie Williams

Monica Lynn Wink*††
 Kacey Christopher Wuertz
 Tyler Elizabeth Wyche
 Lisa Young*†
 Alexandra Faith Zayas
 Raymond Anthony Zibilich*††
 Molly Elizabeth Zick*††
 Cory Chandler Zimmerman*††

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Heather Rose Grush Abadie*†

Nurse Educator

MASTER OF NURSING

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 Cherie Montero Albro
 Rebekka Dean Amick*††
 Valerie Marie Anderson
 Laura Margaret Andrews
 Jessica Stevenson Barlow
 Shannon Leigh Baudouin
 Michael Shane Bauers*†
 Amy Katharine Blouin
 Brandee Marie Bocage
 Calli Marie Bodin
 Bridgitte Marie Boehm
 Kimberly Paternostro Bordelon
 Stephanie Brooke Bowden
 Jordan Usey Brignac
 Brittany Ann Carrere
 Elisha Rashi Collins
 Annette Badalamenti Cotton
 Wandria Coleman Dallas*††
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 Yvette Marie Falgoust
 Mary Ann Perez Figueroa
 Adam Patrick Fleming
 Jennifer Farnsworth Francis

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
 Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
 Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
 Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
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 Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
 Nurse Anesthesia
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 Holly Kristina Harris
 Natalie Terrell Hill
 Christine McCann Kerne*††
 Jennifer Michelle Lewis
 Hillary Helm Luminais*††
 Jaime Richard Macaluso
 Michelle Prentice Mayeur
 Amy Elizabeth McDonald
 Laura Michelle Misiak
 Amy Marie Orgeron
 Rosaline Shanea Osu
 Allison Michelle Perre
 Kimberly Le Pham
 Nga Thuy-Thi Pham
 Keithen Dewayne Potts*†
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 Lee Talmage Procter
 Emily Kay Prudhomme
 Jessica Renee Reed
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 Ashley Lauren Tessitore
 Jennifer Jo McDaniel Theriot
 Sarah Kilpatrick Wylie

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 Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
 Nursing Administration
 Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
 Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
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 Nursing Administration
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 Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Courtney Benee Archie
 Audrey Elizabeth Atkinson
 Patti Gilthorpe Barovechio††
 Gary Joseph Bordelon, II
 Laura Christine Brooks*††
 Mandy Lea Broussard*††
 Caitlin Burger Burmaster
 Lisa Williams Carter
 Mary Melissa Clement
 Tara Blake Comardelle*††
 April Dawn Davis*††
 Mary Cristen Doucet

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 Nurse Anesthesia
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 Nurse Anesthesia
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 Nurse Anesthesia
 Nurse Anesthesia
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 Nurse Anesthesia
 Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
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Ryan Andrew Foley	Nurse Anesthesia
Corey Michael George	Nurse Anesthesia
Danyele Krystyne Gomez	Nurse Anesthesia
Trey Nathaniel Gorham	Nurse Anesthesia
John Byler Greer	Nurse Anesthesia
Kenneth Randall Grigsby	Nurse Anesthesia
Brian William Hankins	Nurse Anesthesia
Bartholomew Cross Henderson	Nurse Anesthesia
Kristi Rae Hyman**	Nurse Anesthesia
Katie Elizabeth Jolliffe	Nurse Anesthesia
Amy Senn Kinzie*††	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
William Lester Kuhn, Jr.	Nurse Anesthesia
Kim Mitchell Lange*††	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Sylvia Moralez Laudun	Executive Nurse Leader
Miranda Elizabeth Limmer	Nurse Anesthesia
Michael David Matthews	Nurse Anesthesia
Kelly Amanda Merritt	Nurse Anesthesia
Caroline Emily Norris	Nurse Anesthesia
Zachary Adam Parish	Nurse Anesthesia
Melanie Ann Phelan	Nurse Anesthesia
Dusty Pourciau*††	Nurse Anesthesia
David William Prieur	Nurse Anesthesia
Devin Robert Respass	Nurse Anesthesia
Daniel Spencer Ringle	Nurse Anesthesia
Sherry Lynn Rivera*††	Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Kelly Lynn Sampson	Nurse Anesthesia
Stephanie Elizabeth Sanvi	Nurse Anesthesia
Clinton Michael Stephens	Nurse Anesthesia
Anthony Jude Taulie, III	Nurse Anesthesia
Mia Corinne Valbracht	Nurse Anesthesia
Katherine Brown Vasquez	Nurse Anesthesia
Jacques Chester West	Nurse Anesthesia
Charlotte Dawn Wight	Nurse Anesthesia
Ryan Charles Zetmann	Nurse Anesthesia

DOCTOR OF NURSING SCIENCE

Deidra Bernard Dudley*†

Major Professor: Dr. Dianna Douglas

Dissertation: *The Influence of Work-Based Factors, Non-Work Life Factors, and Individual*

Factors on the Overall Quality of Working Life of United States Medical

Surgical Registered Nurses Working in Acute Care Hospitals

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School of Public Health

Presented by Dean G. Smith, Ph.D., Dean

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Sishi Cao
Ruijuan Gao
Yi Huang

Jacob Michael Maronge
Kaelen Medeiros

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Ronald Adams
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Jasmine Michelle Brooks
Glenn Sullivan Buck
Hsu-Yu Hunter Chen
Joseph Gilbert, III
Kelsey Grzegorzczak
Danielle Keshawn Johnson*††
Shweta Prasad Kerkar
Stephen Thomas King
Michelle Nicole Lawrence
Cheryl Nicole Lewist
Usha Padmaja Mandhare*††
Whitney Elise Marmer

Melissa Ann Mendoza
Jasmine Sharai Meyer
Chanel Lazette Mouring*†
Olubukolami Kafayat Musa
Kanayo Radcliff Okeke-Eweni
Jenna Lynn Richlie
Katherine Jane Seals*†
Suzanne Nicole Sicoote
Dana Michelle Smith
Rebecca Mercedes Tamayo
Phillip Ross Tilson††
Patrice Hightower Williams††
Lychelle Lashay Zeno

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Husam Ismail Salim Ardah
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Dr. Evrim Oral
Dissertation: *A New Two-Stage Sampling Design for Sensitive Questions through Randomized Response Technique and Direct Questioning*

Denise Moore Danos
Department: Biostatistics
Major Professor: Dr. Evrim Oral
Dissertation: *Binary Regression with Stochastic Covariates*

Symielle Andrea Gaston
Department: Epidemiology
Major Professor: Dr. Ariane Rung
Dissertation: *Socioeconomic Status, Psychosocial Stress, and Depressive Symptoms in Women*

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Claire Elizabeth Hayes

Department: Community Health Sciences

Major Professor: Dr. Henry Nuss

Dissertation: *Factors Associated with Differences in Adherence in Smokers and Nonsmokers with Asthma and/or COPD*

Maura Mohler Kepper

Department: Community Health Sciences

Major Professor: Dr. Melinda Sothorn

Dissertation: *Parental Perceptions of Collective Efficacy are Inversely Related to Constraint of Adolescents' Outdoor Physical Activity*

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Dissertation: *Neighborhood Environments and Obesity: An Examination of Measures, Mediation, and Moderation among Women in Louisiana*

Yilin Xu Yoshida

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Dissertation: *Diet and Obesity in Mexican Americans: Influences of Acculturation and Social Support*

Megan Corinne Zarwell

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Dissertation: *Subgroups Of Men Who Have Sex With Men, Social Capital and HIV Risk Behaviors*

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Dissertation: *A Bayesian Sequential Randomization Design for Phase III Clinical Trials*

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Sunyoung Kim

Dissertation: *An Allosteric Motif Regulates Mechanochemistry and Oligomerization in Kinesin Motor Proteins*

Daniel Cardenas*††

Department: Microbiology, Immunology, & Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Ben Kelly

Dissertation: *Investigation of a Scaffold Protein that Promotes Mitochondrial Function and Virulence in Leishmania Major*

Joseph Gavin Daigle*

Department: Genetics

Major Professor: Dr. Uday Pandey

Dissertation: *Uncovering the Molecular Mechanisms of FUS Toxicity and Stress Granule Dynamics in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis*

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Department: Microbiology, Immunology, & Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Francesca Peruzzi

Dissertation: *HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorders: From Molecular Mechanisms to Biomarker Discovery*

David Alexander Martin*††

Department: Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Major Professor: Dr. Charles Nichols

Dissertation: *Acute and Chronic Effects of Hallucinogens on Cortical Gene Expression*

Evelyn Elizabeth Nash††

Department: Microbiology, Immunology, & Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Paul Fidel

Dissertation: *Identification of Host and Microbial Factors that Contribute to the Pathogenesis of Candida-Staphylococcus Intra-Abdominal Infection Leading to Synergistic Mortality*

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Dissertation: *Alcohol and Drugs of Abuse as Modulators of HIV Disease Progression and Transmission in Women*

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Department: Cell Biology and Anatomy

Major Professor: Dr. Hamid Boulares

Dissertation: *Role of DNA-Dependent Protein Kinase (DNA-PK) in Lung Inflammation*

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Department: Cell Biology and Anatomy

Major Professor: Dr. William Swartz

Dissertation: *Increasing the Value of the Anatomical Gift in Academic Medicine*

Jessica Richard

Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Sunyoung Kim

Dissertation: *Functional Specificity Encoded within the Kinesin Motor Domain*

Wei-Shun Tseng

Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Major Professor: Dr. Michael Lan

Dissertation: *Neuroendocrine Cancer Specific Gene Therapy Driven by the INSM1 Promoter*

Michael John Valentine^{*†}

Department: Microbiology, Immunology, & Parasitology

Major Professor: Dr. Seth Pincus

Dissertation: *Memory and Naïve T Cells Constitute the Proviral Reservoir in SHIV Infected Elite Controller Macaques*

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Department: Cell Biology and Anatomy

Major Professor: Dr. Thomas Lallier

Dissertation: *The Effects of Extracellular Matrices on Breast Cancer Cells: Individual Proteins, Complex Matrices, and Hypoxia-Altered Matrices*

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Department: Neuroscience

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Dissertation: *Inhibitor-2 is a Novel Memory Suppressor by Regulating Protein Phosphatase-1 in CREB-Mediated Gene Transcription*

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The celebration of commencement is a rich tapestry of tradition. Each tradition adds to the pageantry and the majesty of one of the Health Sciences Center's most solemn, yet joyous occasions. The conferring of degrees is formal recognition that our graduates have attained mastery of the healing arts and sciences and are fully prepared to accept the sacred trust, which will soon be bestowed upon them by their patients and clients. This is a very special day for the entire LSU Health Sciences Center family, and so that the meaning of this ceremony will be deepened and the celebration more fitting the magnitude of accomplishment of our faculty and students, the Health Sciences Center has woven a number of time-honored traditions into our commencement tapestry.

Academic Regalia

The origins of academic regalia date back to the 12th and 13th centuries. The long robe and hood were borrowed from clerical dress with a nod toward practicality for the warmth the costume provided in unheated and drafty halls. While proper academic dress was defined for the first time during the reign of Henry VIII at Oxford and Cambridge, it was not until the 19th century and, then only in the United States, that it was standardized. Colors were assigned to signify the various areas of scholarly pursuit. Green, the color of medieval herbs, was chosen for medicine, and golden yellow, representing the wealth produced by scientific research, was selected for the sciences. In 1932, the American Council on Education approved an academic costume code which, with few changes, is still used today. The principle features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap and the hood.

The Gown. The flowing black gown comes from the twelfth century. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers dress of rank or social standing beneath. Gowns with pointed sleeves designate the Associate and Bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves are used for the Master's degree, with a slit for the arm; and round, open sleeves indicate the Doctor's degree. The gown worn for Associate, Bachelor's or Master's degree has no trimmings. The gown for the Doctor's degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains. For certain institutions, the official colors of the college or university may appear on the gown or its decorations.

The Cap. The freed slave in Ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as a square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim the mortar board is a symbol of the masons, a privileged guild. The color of the tassel on the cap denotes the discipline, although a gold tassel may be worn with any Doctor's gown.

The Hood. Heraldically, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college or university. The color of the face of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

The academic colors used in LSU Health Sciences Center's commencement ceremony are green for medicine, lilac for dentistry, apricot for nursing, gold for allied health professions, dark blue for graduate studies, and salmon for public health.

The University Mace

The academic mace comes from a heritage imbued with tradition and symbolism. Long held as a symbol of strength and authority, there are a number of theories about its origin. Although some say the word mace is derived from the French word *masse*, meaning club, one of the earliest references to a mace was an ebony-black effigy discovered in King Tut's tomb of "a King, gold-sandalled, bearing staff and mace." During medieval times, the mace of arms was cast as a weapon - a heavy staff or club often made of iron with a spiked end used by knights to penetrate and break armor. Bodyguards carried maces to protect their royals in processions.

But by the 14th century, the use of maces was becoming more ceremonial, sometimes carried in processions of civil ceremonies with mayors and other dignitaries. The mace began to lose its warlike appearance, instead being adorned with jewels and precious metals. Maces were not used as weapons after the 16th century. The first dated record of the mace's transition to academics was in 1385 when a mace was carried at the University of Vienna.

Today, the British Parliament, the Congress of the United States, and many other governmental bodies use stationary ceremonial maces. Increasingly more universities are embracing the enduring tradition of heralding their academic processions with a ceremonial mace, carried before the university leadership as an ensign of authority, dignity, succession, and the rich symbolism unique to each university.

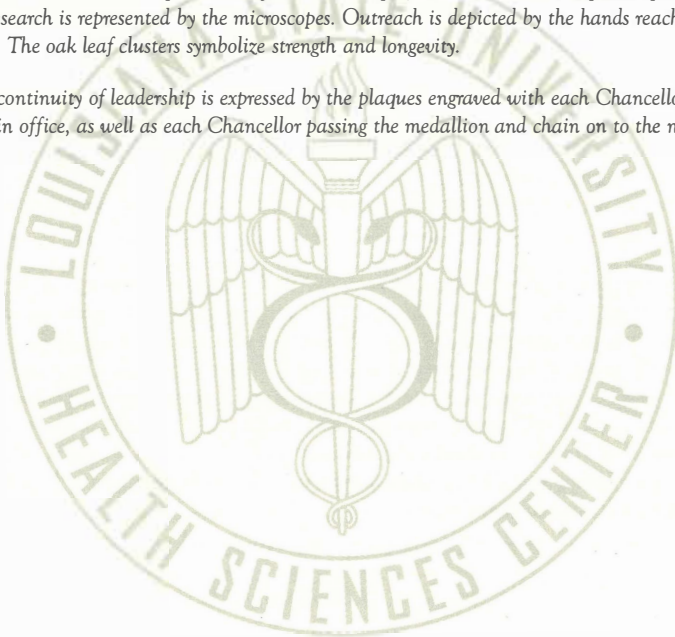
The mace of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans was designed to define the Center and to reflect its missions and its heritage. The mace is topped with the mother pelican feeding her young taken from the Louisiana State Seal. The nest rests atop a custom-made purple glass globe, engraved with the names of the six professional schools of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans. The neck of the solid mahogany staff is finished in gold, adorned with the symbols depicting the four missions of the health sciences center—education, patient care, research, and outreach, as well as a representation of Hygieia, the daughter of Aesculapius and the Goddess of Health. The base is finished with the founding year, 1931, and decorated with a fleur-de-lis, to recognize the founding of the Health Sciences Center at New Orleans.

The Chain of Office

A symbol of authority whose origins may lie in chains bearing portraits of monarchs given to scholars as signs of honor and favor, or in the badge of office said to date back to the age of chivalry when officials were more readily identifiable by their badges of rank, the chain of office is steeped in ceremonial significance.

The Chain of Office of LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, fashioned in bronze, represents the authority and great responsibility of the Chancellor as head of the university. A medallion encircling the seal of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center engraved with the year of its founding is suspended by a chain incorporating symbols of the Center's fourfold mission. Education is represented by the books upon which the names of the six schools of the center are engraved. Patient care is represented by the stethoscopes, used in clinical disciplines spanning our schools. Research is represented by the microscopes. Outreach is depicted by the hands reaching out to each other. The oak leaf clusters symbolize strength and longevity.

The continuity of leadership is expressed by the plaques engraved with each Chancellor's name and years in office, as well as each Chancellor passing the medallion and chain on to the next.



Academic Traditions

The University Gonfalons

A gonfalon is a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame. The first gonfalons were displayed in medieval Italy as an ensign of state or office as well as in ecclesiastical processions. From the Germanic compound *gund-fanon* (battle flag), gonfalons were also used as flags of battle. They are frequently seen at the heads of religious or military processions, always accompanied by “valets” or “honor guards”. Many universities around the world have adopted them to lead academic processions as they comprise a unique and colorful ceremonial display. The gonfalons are made in the appropriate academic color for each school, and contain a visual element representing the academic discipline of the school, as well as the university seal.

Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man is the symbol on allied health's golden gonfalon. Vitruvius, a Roman engineer of the first century B.C. influenced da Vinci's drawings of the human body. The drawing is based upon a model of ideal proportions which Vitruvius established and is the symbol most frequently representative of the specialties of the allied health professions.

The nursing gonfalon is apricot and its symbol is the burning lamp of Florence Nightingale. Florence Nightingale was called “the lady with the lamp” because she used a lamp in her selfless duty in the Crimean War, although hers was a collapsible paper cylinder which protected the flame and diffused more light. The lamp has come to symbolize nursing to honor Florence Nightingale's enormous dedication and contributions to the nursing profession, as well as to represent the lamp of knowledge.

The dentistry gonfalon is lilac with the official emblem for dentistry adopted in 1965. The design uses as its central figure a serpent entwined about an ancient Arabian cautery. The Greek letter (delta), for dentistry, and (omicron) for odont (tooth) form the periphery of the design. In the background of the design are 32 leaves and 20 berries, representing the permanent and temporary teeth.

The graduate studies gonfalon is dark blue and its symbol is DNA, the building blocks of life. These building blocks are essential in the research done in the doctoral programs of Cell Biology and Anatomy, Biochemistry, Human Genetics, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pathology, Pharmacology, and Physiology.

The medicine gonfalon is green, and its symbol is the caduceus, the staff with winding serpents topped by a pair of wings from Greek mythology that has come to represent the medical profession in the United States. In Greek and Roman mythology, the caduceus, like the staff of Aesculapius, was associated with healing and immortality. Both were used as printer's marks from the 16th century on, especially as frontispieces to pharmacopoeias in the 17th and 18th centuries. One theory postulates that as printers saw themselves as messengers of the printed word and thus disseminators of knowledge, they chose the symbol of the messenger of the ancient gods, Hermes. The United States Army adopted the caduceus as the official emblem of its medical department in 1902, cementing its use as such in this country.

Hygieia, the Greek goddess of health, adorns the public health gonfalon. The granddaughter of Apollo and the most important of Asclepius' five daughters, Hygieia personifies physical and psychic health. She was said to relieve illness in humans as well as animals through diet and medication. Often depicted feeding a snake wrapped around her body, Hygieia was sometimes called “The Health.” Derived from the Greek word, *hygieinos*, meaning healthful, Hygieia survives today in the word hygiene—a basic preventive discipline in public health.



