

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

May 17, 2015 | 9:30 a.m.

## PROCESSION

Faculty and Degree Candidates from the School of Molecular and Cellular Biology

## WELCOME

Steven G. Sligar, *Director, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology*

## DEAN OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES ADDRESS

Barbara J. Wilson, *Harry E. Preble Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences*

## ALUMNI SPEAKER

Tamara Gammill Helfer, *MD, MBA, FACOG*

## RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES RECEIVING AWARDS AND GRADUATING WITH HONORS

## PRESENTATION OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES

## PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

## PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

Distinction Recipients

Biochemistry, Specialized Curriculum Candidates

MCB Honors Concentration Candidates

MCB Candidates

## CLOSING REMARKS

Steven G. Sligar, *Director, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology*

## SINGING OF "HAIL TO THE ORANGE"

Hail to the Orange, Hail to the Blue, Hail Alma Mater, Ever so true.

We love no other, So let our motto be, Victory, Illinois, Varsity!

## RECESSION OF FACULTY AND GRADUATES

For the safety of our graduate candidates, we ask that you please keep the aisles clear to reduce any congestion near the stage area as candidates are trying to access or exit the stage platform. Thank you for your cooperation.

## RECEPTION

*Please wait until all graduates have exited the hall before leaving your seats.*

*We invite you and your graduate to join us for an informal reception in the Krannert Center lobby immediately following the ceremony.*

## TO OUR GUESTS

Convocation is the culmination of academic work and achievement. Today we celebrate our graduates' accomplishments. We hope this ceremony will be an important and meaningful occasion for students, their families, and the faculty and staff. To enhance the dignity and ensure the smooth flow of the ceremony, guests are asked to withhold applause until each group of graduates has been recognized. Thank you.

## MASTER OF CEREMONY

Steven G. Sligar, *Director, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology*

## ALUMNI SPEAKER

Tamara Gammill Helfer, MD, MBA, FACOG, Dr. Tamara Helfer practices Obstetrics and Gynecology with Christie Clinic in Champaign, IL. A graduate of the University of Illinois, Dr. Helfer earned her BS in Microbiology and MBA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She earned her medical degree at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria, IL and completed her residency at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, MO.

Dr. Helfer has served on multiple committees for The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, ACOG, including the Coding and Health Economics, the Practice Management and the Industrial Exhibits Committee. She has been ACOG's District VI Young Physician for the past 7 years, and is the Past President of the Champaign County Medical Society. Dr. Helfer enjoys having undergraduates, midlevel care providers, and medical students from the University of Illinois shadow her Practice. Once a semester, she is a guest lecturer to undergraduates and speaks on Ethics in Medicine.

## PARTICIPATING FACULTY

Steven R. Blanke, *Professor of Microbiology*  
Melinda Day, *Research Associate, Cell and Developmental Biology*  
Patrick Degnan, *Assistant Professor of Microbiology*  
Monica Fabiani, *Professor of Neuroscience*  
Martha L. Gillette, *Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology*  
Rhanor Gillette, *Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology*  
Gabriele Gratton, *Professor Neuroscience*  
Thomas Kehl-Fie, *Assistant Professor of Microbiology*  
David M. Kranz, *Professor of Biochemistry*  
Susan A. Martinis, *Professor and Head of Biochemistry*  
James H. Morrissey, *Professor of Biochemistry*  
Ann M. Nardulli, *Professor of Molecular and Integrative Physiology*  
Susan L. Schantz, *Professor of Comparative Biosciences and  
Director of Neuroscience Program*  
David J. Shapiro, *Professor of Biochemistry*  
Emad Tajkhorshid, *Professor of Biophysics, Biochemistry and  
Head of Pharmacology*

## MARSHALS

Timothy E. Bowers, *Academic Advisor, Molecular and Cellular Biology*  
Jennifer Brandyberry, *Academic Advisor, Molecular and Cellular Biology*  
Chester M. Brown, *Instructor and Academic Advisor, Molecular  
and Cellular Biology*  
Tina M. Knox, *Coordinator of Undergraduate Instruction, Molecular  
and Cellular Biology*  
Bradley G. Mehrtens, *Instructor and Academic Advisor, Molecular  
and Cellular Biology*

# ACADEMIC DRESS

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

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

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

Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length, the master's is 3 1/2 feet, and the doctor's is 4 feet. Hoods are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree. At the University of Illinois, the lining is orange and blue. The colored velvet border of the hood, which is 2 inches, 3 inches, and 5 inches wide for the bachelor's, master's, and

doctor's degree respectively, identifies the faculty or field of study to which the degree pertains.

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

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

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

# AWARDS AND HONORS

## UNIVERSITY DISTINCTION

### BRONZE TABLET SCHOLARS

Stephanie Bollow  
Mansoor Burhani, Fall 2014  
Caitlin Christian  
Augustus Demanes  
Michaela Eickhoff  
Mahmoud Elrakhawy  
Jeffrey Gross  
Muhammad Ilyas  
Surbhi Jain  
Rebekah Landsman  
Rachael Lynn  
Margret Matias, Fall 2014  
Monal Patel  
Natalia Sopiartz  
Christine Stella  
Clara Stelman, Fall 2014  
Victor Wan  
Ruiting Xia  
Chenzhao Yu  
Morgan Zenner

### CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS

Stephanie Bollow  
Kendall Campbell  
Michaela Eickhoff  
Cristina Gratton  
Nicole Hristakos  
Sarah Innocenti  
Surbhi Jain  
Rebekah Landsman  
Monica O'Connor  
Dejan Vrtikapa

## COLLEGE DISTINCTION

### JAMES SCHOLARS

Fakhra Ahmad  
Megan Barnes  
Melissa Bogin  
Stephanie Bollow  
Mansoor Burhani  
Joshua Chang  
Caitlin Christian  
David Cui  
Michael Czeschin  
Augustus Demanes  
Jason Dienhart, Fall 2014  
Mara Dubnow  
Michaela Eickhoff  
Mahmoud Elrakhawy  
Abby Esker  
Christopher Felicelli  
Zachary Gaertner  
Daniel Graber  
Cristina Gratton  
Muhammad Hossain  
Nicole Hristakos

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Muhammad Ilyas  
Sarah Innocenti  
Surbhi Jain  
Jessica Jankiewicz  
Dhruv Joshi  
Jacqueline Juna  
Justyna Kaczmarzyk, Fall 2014  
Amogh Kambalyal  
Roche Kapoor  
Jisoo Kim  
Suzanne Kirk  
Matthew Kleinjan  
Paul Kozak  
Jacqueline Lam, Fall 2014  
Rebekah Landsman  
Christine Luu  
Rachael Lynn  
Katherine Mass  
Kamil Matejewski  
Kayla McCawley, Fall 2014  
Kathryn McEvoy  
Taylor Molln, Fall 2014  
Sarah Monick, Fall 2014

Nicole Nelson  
Monica O'Connor  
Jayna Patel  
Megh Patel, Fall 2014  
Monal Patel  
Ronak Patel  
Robin Rice  
Cara Schornak  
Mabel Seto  
Karol Sokolowski  
Natalia Sopiartz  
Clara Stelman  
Elizabeth Vlahos  
Alexandria Weston  
Bingyan Wu  
Mariah Wu  
Ruiting Xia  
Kevin Yum  
Karolina Zapal  
Morgan Zenner

## PHI BETA KAPPA

Stephanie Bollow  
Caitlin Christian  
Mara Dubnow  
Mahmoud Elrakhawy  
Abby Esker  
Jeffery Gross  
Sarah Innocenti  
Rebekah Landsman  
Rachael Lynn  
Margret Matias, Fall 2014  
Sarah Monick, Fall 2014  
Robin Rice  
Natalia Sopiartz  
Clara Stelman, Fall 2014  
Ruiting Xia  
Morgan Zenner

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

The lists are organized first by degree and then by major. Not all graduates listed are participating in today's ceremony. Because of printing deadlines, lists may be incomplete.

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### BIOCHEMISTRY

Zhanar Abil  
Young Ahn  
Neal Andruska  
Adrienne Barry, Fall 2014  
Emilia Calvaresi, Fall 2014  
Bijoy Desai, Fall 2014  
Salehe Ghasempur, Fall 2014  
Fiona Groninger-Poe, Summer 2014  
Irisbel Guzman Sanchez  
Abhinav Luthra  
Kim Nguyen, Summer 2014  
Preeti Sharma  
Sheena Smith, Fall 2014  
Seyed Torabi, Fall 2014  
Pei Wang  
Daniel Wichelecki, Fall 2014

### BIOPHYSICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

Mark Arcario, Fall 2014  
Jeffrey Brown, Fall 2014  
Mohamed Ghoneim  
Francisco Guerra, Fall 2014  
Jikun Li, Summer 2014  
Thuy Ngo, Fall 2014  
Leonardo Sepulveda Duran, Summer 2014  
Alexander Taguchi, Summer 2014  
Pengfei Yu, Fall 2014

### CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Chase Bolt  
Frank Echtenkamp, Fall 2014  
Nidhi Khanna, Fall 2014  
Nimish Khanna, Fall 2014  
Lisa Moore  
Stephanie Tsang Mui Chang, Fall 2014  
Min Zeng

### MICROBIOLOGY

Divya Balasubramanian, Summer 2014

David Barnhart, Summer 2014  
Vandana Chakravartty, Fall 2014  
Amandeep Gargi  
Fatemah Hermes, Fall 2014  
Alexander Smith, Fall 2014  
Xiaomin Yu, Summer 2014

### MOLECULAR AND INTEGRATIVE PHYSIOLOGY

Alicia Dietrich, Summer 2014  
Ting Fu, Summer 2014  
Harry Rosenberg  
Vesna Tosic  
Kieran Normoyle

### NEUROSCIENCE

Suren Bandara  
Jake Carpenter Thompson, Fall 2014  
Supida Monaikul  
Martina Mustroph, Fall 2014  
Samantha Pisani Petrucci  
Sarah Royston, Summer 2014  
Claire Scavuzzo, Summer 2014  
Johana Vega, Fall 2014

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

### **MASTER OF SCIENCE**

#### BIOCHEMISTRY

Lingbowei Hu  
Samantha Phinney  
Erin Wildeman

#### BIOLOGY

Joseph Brodsky  
Colin Stoy, Summer 2014  
Damien Tobin

#### BIOPHYSICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

Huseyin Tas, Fall 2014

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

#### BIOCHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM, HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Matthew Kleinjan  
Kathryn McEvoy  
Yunhong Wang  
Bingyan Wu  
Kevin Yum

#### MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY HONORS CONCENTRATION, HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Michaela Eickhoff  
Dhruv Joshi  
Clara Stelman, Fall 2014  
Susan Zelasko

#### MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Jason Dienhart, Fall 2014  
Abby Esker  
Christopher Felicelli  
Muhammad Ilyas  
Hollis Johanson  
Amogh Kambalyal  
Sherwin Kelekar  
Jiwon Kim  
Rebekah Landsman  
Sizhe Wang  
Stella Wu, Fall 2014

#### BIOCHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM, HIGH DISTINCTION

Kevin Gill  
Yanshu Guo  
Eun Bee Kim



## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

### MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, HIGH DISTINCTION

Nicholas Baker  
Sean Carlo Blanco  
Nicole Hristakos  
Jacqueline Juna  
Seungbae Lee  
Annette Merkel, Fall 2014  
Julian Nallabelli  
Sean O'Malley  
Mabel Seto  
Angela Shupe  
Phillip VanDuyne

### BIOCHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM, DISTINCTION

Meredith Kisting

### MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, DISTINCTION

Ralph Claveria  
Aaron Einhorn  
Vindhya Rao  
Jooyoung Yoon

### BIOCHEMISTRY, SPECIALIZED CURRICULUM

Syed Arslan  
Shannon Bogue  
Jiachang Hao, Summer 2015  
Jisoo Kim  
Seong Wook Lee  
Daniel Lim  
Neil Miran  
Andrew Plecki  
Konstantin Tachlukov  
Jacob Tilsley  
Fei Wang

### MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY HONORS CONCENTRATION

Megan Barnes  
Mara Dubnow  
Natascia Flasch, Fall 2014  
Sarah Innocenti  
Paul Kozak  
Jun Soo Park  
Robin Rice  
Cara Schornak  
Natalia Sopiartz  
Morgan Zenner

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

### MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Amr Abdou  
Farjad Adamjee  
Faraz Agha  
Fakhra Ahmad  
Lina Al-Chaar  
Kelly Alleavitch  
Lucas Altenbaumer  
Michael Andrasco  
Ashley Andronowitz  
Shaun Armstrong  
Sarah Asaturian  
Robert Baginski  
Guntas Bansi, Summer 2015  
Aneta Basalaj  
Nicholas Baur  
Christine Bednarz  
Kimberly Bekas  
Neal Bertels  
Sadaf Bhai  
Manan Bhavsar  
Sheela Bhayani, Fall 2014  
Lauren Biernacki  
Mitchell Bigelow

Cory Bockenbauer  
Krunal Bodalia  
Melissa Bogin  
Stephanie Bollow  
Nicole Borkowski  
Jacqueline Brinkman  
Mansoor Burhani, Fall 2014  
Elizabeth Burke, Summer 2015  
Joseph Burke  
Michael Burris  
Cathleen Cahill  
Kendall Campbell  
Allison Canada  
Erin Carmody  
Kyle Carver  
Alan Catalano  
Daniel Chae  
Joshua Chang  
Bob Chen  
Emily Cheng  
Michael Cherwin  
Rishabh Choudhari  
Naima Choudhury  
Caitlin Christian  
Michael Clarke

Erin Claussen  
Margaret Cooper  
Juan Coronel  
David Cui  
John Culhane  
Stephanie Curtis  
Diana Czarny, Summer 2015  
Michael Czeschin  
Alan David  
Augustus Demanes  
Danielle Di Lorio, Summer 2015  
Janine Doctor  
Amanda Donald  
William Donohue  
Sean Duminie  
Kirstin Dunbar  
Hoanghuy Duong  
Monika Dzierzanowski  
Osadebamwen Ede-Imafidon  
Quincy Elery  
Kimberly Elkayam  
Mahmoud Elrakhawy  
John Elue  
Forrest Ericksen  
Joseph Fanelli

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Briana Fanning  
Jonathan Fast  
Michaela Fisch  
Kelsey Fisher  
Jacob Fleener  
Megan Franck  
Diego Frias  
Zachary Gaertner  
Carolyn Galbato  
Meghan Gallagher  
Taylor Galvan  
Michel Garcia, Summer 2015  
Doris Gavranovic  
Mohammad Ghane  
Gina Giase  
Destinee Glaude  
Lingjie Gong, Fall 2014  
Swati Goyal  
Daniel Graber  
Dylan Graff  
Cristina Gratton  
Alexander Gregory  
Jeffery Gross  
Mercedes Grove  
Victoria Gugala

Xinyi Guo  
Shreya Gupta  
Samantha Hall  
Raia Hamad, Summer 2015  
Amy Hanley  
Thomas Hanley  
Kierstyn Hansen  
Micquel Hart  
Yixuan He  
Nick Hehmann  
Karen Ho  
Shayla Hobbs, Summer 2015  
Jordan Holler  
Muhammad Hossain  
Janet Hsueh  
Norman Huang  
Jin Huh  
Margaret Hung  
Emily Itoku  
Nicole Jackowski  
Neha Jain  
Surbhi Jain  
Jessica Jankiewicz  
Hyunsoo Jin  
Dian Joseph

Balaji Jothishankar  
Justyna Kaczmarzyk, Fall 2014  
George Kalapurakal  
Roche Kapoor  
Sarah Kempel  
Bret Kersting  
Bobak Khalili, Summer 2015  
Mariha Khan  
Kayla Killion  
Daniel Kim  
Do Yeon Kim  
Grace Kim, Fall 2014  
Jae Seong Kim  
John Kim  
Nicholas Kim  
Susie Kim  
Thomas King, Summer 2015  
Cassandra Kipping  
Suzanne Kirk  
Connor Klein  
John Knudson  
Kelsey Kovach  
Svitlana Koval  
Daniel Kuk  
Ray Kuo

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Khee-Man Kwon  
Richard Ladner  
Jacqueline Lam, Fall 2014  
Michael LaPelusa  
Brandon Larson  
Colin Lee  
Jae Kon Lee, Summer 2015  
Joseph Lee  
Joseph Lee  
Kiwon Lee  
Noori Lee  
Sara Lee  
Yunah Lee  
Randy Leibowitz  
Adam Levin  
Jong Lim  
Jiangzhou Liu  
Tong Liu  
Jeremy Loescher, Fall 2014  
Hilary Lohman  
Maria Lowis  
Sean Lucas  
Christine Luu  
Daniel Lynch  
Rachael Lynn

Samantha Maasarani  
Kelsey Maczko  
Amina Madhwala  
Elman Madrio  
Michael Magnuson  
Lorraine Mascarenhas  
Clayton Maschhoff  
Katherine Mass  
Maximillian Mata  
Kamil Matejewski  
Margret Matias, Fall 2014  
Jessica Matthiesen  
Kayla McCawley, Fall 2014  
Rachelle McClean  
Jennifer McDonald  
Michelle Mendez  
Kristen Michon  
Ahamed Milhan  
Derek Minor  
Sergio Miranda, Summer 2015  
Mirihagalle Mirihagalle  
Supipi Mirihagalle  
Kathryn Mirza  
Sandra Miskiewicz  
Ashley Mohan

Taylor Molln, Fall 2014  
Sarah Monick, Fall 2014  
Brittany Mote  
Harold Mugno  
Mindi Mui  
Bethany Murphy  
Sidra Murtaza  
Tarek Nabulsi  
Nicole Nelson  
Nina Nguyen, Fall 2014  
Brandon Nidea  
Tanner Norris  
Chinedu Nwoko  
Monica O'Connor  
Natalia Okon  
Theodore Olanrewaju  
Damilola Olatunbosun  
Larissa Olson  
Kelsey Onesto  
Beverly Onyekwuluje  
Crystal Ortiz  
Devron Ozgen  
Michael Padish  
Rahul Panchal  
Brent Panozzo

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Eric Park, Summer 2015  
Jun Yeon Park, Summer2015  
Michellai Parks  
Arjun Patel  
Jay Patel  
Jayna Patel  
Kamal Patel  
Megh Patel, Fall 2014  
Milan Patel  
Monal Patel  
Priyanka Patel  
Ronak Patel  
Rupal Patel  
Sayeel Patel  
Trevor Peters  
Sofia Petukhova  
John Pham  
Gerard Pineda  
Alexander Piavnik  
Marlena Polecka  
Andrew Posen  
Clayton Powers  
Bradley Powszok  
Xinyue Qi  
Francis Ramirez

Breann Randle  
Alnoor Rashid  
Brandon Redweik  
John Regan  
Abby Reising  
Rachel Rendak  
Kyle Ridlen  
William Riedl  
Alex Romine  
Lauren Ruvola  
Badeia Saed  
Phillip Salmen  
Emily Samuel  
Teerarit Saubhayana  
Darsh Shah  
Corey Shayman  
Vivian Shen  
Tuo Shi  
Alvin Singh  
Ramneek Singh  
Christopher Smreczak  
Magdalena Sobieraj  
Karol Sokolowski  
Sophia Son  
Noor Soufan

Christine Stella  
Joel Stickling  
Cody Stieglitz  
Taylore Stinnett  
Tiffany Sum  
Rachel Swanson  
Robert Swanson, Fall 2014  
Tariq Tajjioui  
Konrad taube  
Sarah Tayazime  
Alexis Thorstenson  
Mateusz Tkacz  
Jose Torio  
Megan Tran  
Trang Tran  
Angelica Ukaigwe  
Ray Urban  
Matthew Van Der Bosch  
Mackenzie Varco  
Brendan Vastlik  
Mallorie Vest  
Elizabeth Vlahos  
Emily Von Hatten  
Dejan Vrtikapa  
Katherine Walka

## GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Ryan Walleck

Victor Wan

Kelly Wang

Inae We, Summer 2015

Maximillian Weber

Elise Wendt

Alexandria Weston

Brendan Whittaker, Summer 2015

Stephen Williams

Leon Wilson

Hongjiang Wu

Mariah Wu

Ruiting Xia

Kevin Yang

Amanda Youssef

Nina Youssefnia

Chenzhao Yu

Karolina Zapal

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**Degree Information**

This program contains an unofficial list of degree candidates for May 2015, as well as a list of graduates who received degrees in August and December 2014. Due to printing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear while names of some degree candidates who have not yet completed degree requirements may be included.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 901 W. Illinois St., Urbana, IL 61801.

