

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

NINETY-NINTH COMMENCEMENT



SUNDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL ... Selected Marches	The Manchester Pipe Band Jared Otto, <i>Pipe Major</i> Wes Cole, <i>Drum Sergeant</i>
A CALL TO ORDER	Marc R. Forster <i>Henry B. Plant Professor of History and College Marshal</i>
A CALL TO COMMUNITY	Rabbi Susan Schein <i>Director of Zachs Hillel House and College Chaplain</i>
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL	Connor Bernard Wu '17 Constitution Brass Quintet
REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT	Katherine Bergeron <i>President of the College</i>
SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER	Ramzi Marwan Kaiss '17
PRESENTATION OF OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE	Abigail A. Van Slyck <i>Dean of the Faculty</i> <i>Dayton Professor of Art History</i>
PRESENTATION OF ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL	Jefferson A. Singer <i>Dean of the College</i> <i>Faulk Foundation Professor of Psychology</i>
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE	President Bergeron Dean Van Slyck Pamela D. Zilly '75 <i>Chair, Connecticut College Board of Trustees</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Colson Whitehead
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Bergeron Dean Singer Elisabeth S. Labriola <i>Registrar</i> Marc R. Forster
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Jamie Glanton Costello '89 <i>President, Board of Directors, Connecticut College Alumni Association</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	President Bergeron
ALMA MATER	Stephen Mark Cofrancesco '17 with President Bergeron, Connor Glenn Gowland '17, Haley Grace Gowland '17, Kolton Harris '14 and Butch Rovani
BENEDICTION	Imam Awad Abdullah <i>College Chaplain</i>
RECESSIONAL	Constitution Brass Quintet

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE'S ELEVENTH PRESIDENT

KATHERINE BERGERON

Katherine Bergeron became the 11th president of Connecticut College on Jan. 1, 2014. From her first year in office, she has supported the development of a bold new venture in integrative education. The resulting vision, called *Connections*, requires all students to make deeper linkages between the work they do in courses, in jobs, and in the world, in order to prepare them for leadership in an era of change: liberal arts for the interconnected world.

During Bergeron's tenure, Connecticut College received the largest gift in its history to support financial aid, career education, and athletics. A \$10 million renovation transformed the Charles E. Shain Library into a vibrant, modern space for teaching and learning. And the College completed a

strategic plan that will move it forward into a second distinguished century.

Before coming to Connecticut College, Bergeron was dean of the college at Brown University. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wesleyan University, Bergeron earned master's and doctoral degrees in music history from Cornell University, and is the author of numerous scholarly publications, including two prize-winning books on French music and culture.

She serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of Liberal Education, the flagship journal of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, on the Board of Directors of the Council of Independent Colleges, and on the board of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra.

HONORARY DEGREE

COLSON WHITEHEAD

Colson Whitehead's career has been exemplified by the creation of fantastic fiction to reveal profound truths about the human experience. A Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, writer and critic, Whitehead has creatively and courageously examined history, race, identity and the slave experience, demonstrating a deep concern for humanity and a firm commitment to social justice.

A 1991 graduate of Harvard College, Whitehead is the author of six novels and two works of nonfiction. His first novel, *The Intuitionist*, was a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award and a winner of the Quality Paperback Book Club's New Voices Award. His 2001 novel, *John Henry Days*, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times Fiction Award and the Pulitzer Prize. *Zone One*, his 2011 novel about post-apocalyptic New York City, was a New York Times Best Seller.

Whitehead won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2016 National Book Award for Fiction for his most recent novel, *The Underground Railroad*, which chronicles a young slave's journey as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. The work, a New York Times Best Seller that was named No. 1 novel of 2016 by Time magazine, has been praised as a "brave and necessary

book" that uses the power of fiction to explore unspeakable truths about slavery and oppression. An Oprah's Book Club 2016 selection, the novel was also awarded the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and was a finalist for the Kirkus Prize.

Born and raised in New York City, Whitehead began his career at the Village Voice, where he wrote reviews of television, books and music. He has also written for The New Yorker Magazine, The New York Times and Granta magazine. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a MacArthur "genius" Fellowship, the Dos Passos Prize, a Whiting Writers Award, and a fellowship at the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers. He has taught at the University of Houston, Columbia University, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, New York University, Princeton University and Wesleyan University, and been a Writer-in-Residence at Vassar College, the University of Richmond and the University of Wyoming.

With beautiful prose and remarkable storytelling, Whitehead has shed light on the lasting impacts of America's violent and complicated history. For his impressive accomplishments as a writer and a critic, The College is proud to confer upon him the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

THE OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE

The Oakes and Louise Ames Prize, named for a president emeritus of the College and his wife, is given to a graduating senior who has completed the year's most outstanding honors study. The prize is offered by the trustees in recognition of the quality of academic achievement that Oakes and Louise Ames fostered during their 14 years of service to Connecticut College.

SHATRUNJAY MALL '17

Shatrunjay Mall, a double major in history and economics, is awarded the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for his honors thesis in the History Department, "Pan-Asian Imaginings: From Anti-Colonialism to Imperial Ambitions, 1905-1945." Mall's thesis traces the ways in which debates about anti-colonialism were connected across Japan and India and transformed into imperialist ambitions that encompassed a Pan-Asian scope.

Using a wide range of archival sources and theoretical perspectives, Mall's thesis identifies important commensurable themes across regions, and compares and connects important thinkers and events in the interwar period in Japan, China and colonial India.

Beginning with the Russo-Japanese War in 1905, the three chapters that make up Mall's thesis historicize the ways in which Japan's victory set the stage for pan-Asianist aspirations. Leading Indian thinkers perceived Japan's victory over Russia as a victory by an Asian regime over a European power. Mall compares Rabindranath Tagore and Taraknath Das, both Bengali intellectuals, as representing two opposing viewpoints who debated what the nature of Asianist aspirations should be.

Mall also considers Japanese imperialism in China and Manchuria, which has only recently been studied in a global context. Mall then analyzes and provides a comparative

analysis of Mohandas Gandhi and R.B. Bose who diverged in their anti-colonial strategies. Such debates demonstrate how Japan's transnational ideology of a "Greater East Asia Prosperity Sphere" shaped the anti-colonial nationalist movement in the Indian subcontinent.

In reconstructing Indian nationalists' narratives of Japanese colonialism in China, Mall's thesis reveals new and significant connections between East and South Asia, two regions normally divided in the historiography. Three years of Japanese language work, a study abroad at Sophia University in Japan, and familiarity with several Indian languages were central to Mall's cross-regional work.

History professors Sheetal Chhabria and Sarah Queen, his thesis advisers, agree that "Pan-Asian Imaginings" is eloquently written, ambitious and original, and full of careful and new research that explores the connections among anti-colonialism, nationalism, pan-Asian imperialism and development. It is very rare for a scholar to be conversant in both East Asian and South Asian history; in fact, there is not a single faculty member at the College who is an expert in both, a testament to Mall's intellectual imagination and creativity, they said. As a future historian of Asia, Mall will pursue a Ph.D. through the History Department at the University of Wisconsin.

THE ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL

Anna Lord Strauss, a remarkable woman, was national president of the League of Women Voters, held five presidential appointments to national and international committees and missions, and served Connecticut College as a trustee for the extraordinary term of 32 years. The Anna Lord Strauss Medal is presented in her honor to the graduating senior who has done outstanding work in public or community service, including service to the College.

MAURICE TINER '17

The 2017 Anna Lord Strauss Medal is awarded to Maurice Tiner, a champion of community and public service. Throughout his time at Connecticut College, Tiner has exemplified the qualities and actions embedded in this honor, both on campus and within local/global communities. A Posse Scholar from Chicago, Tiner is an Africana Studies major who has earned honors and dean's high honors.

In pursuit of a more meaningful understanding of civil rights, Tiner studied black women within the civil rights movement in Tennessee, and explored the role of youth in the civil rights movement in Mississippi. Tiner was also one of four student leaders who visited Ghana in 2016 with the acting dean of equity and inclusion and the director of Unity House as part of an exploratory exchange that led to an official partnership between Connecticut College and Ashesi University College, a leader in liberal arts education in Africa.

On campus, Tiner served three years as a floor governor and housefellow through the Office of Residential Education and Living, emerging as a strong role model and careful mentor for student residents. He organized several events that pushed the campus community to think deeply about challenges of equity and inclusion and he served as the Junior Class Representative on the Honor Council, helping students uphold the values of the College's Honor Code. And, as president of Umoja, Tiner worked to improve the quality of student life for black students by coordinating events and discussions to build community and effect positive change.

Throughout his four years at Connecticut College, Tiner has volunteered to serve on numerous campus committees, including the Dean of the College Selection Committee and the Africana Studies Student Advisory Board. Faculty, students, staff and community partners invite Tiner into

their conversations, their projects and their challenges for the powerful and unique knowledge, wisdom, spirit and heart he brings to these forums. His role in strengthening a learning environment of tolerance and respect at Connecticut College was recognized in 2015 when he received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award, the Unity House Leader of the Year Award, and the Bookshop Prize for leadership, citizenship and service. This year, Tiner was instrumental in coordinating a staff appreciation luncheon and he helped plan and host the 2017 Black Women's Conference on campus.

Tiner's passion for fostering access and opportunity extends into the New London community, where he helps children and youth reach their highest potential. Through the College's Community Partnerships office, Tiner has been a leader in the Expanded Learning Time Program at New London's Jennings Elementary School and the ENRICH partnership mentor program at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School, and has worked as a teacher's assistant at the Science and Technology Magnet High School. He has also served as an instructor and residential adviser for the Exploration Summer Schools Program and as a youth leader and teacher in faith-based organizations.

Earlier this year, Tiner completed an independent study with the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life examining the role of capital in the black church, and co-authored a journal article, "Implementing Liberal Arts Principles in Small, Urban Black Churches." Following graduation, Tiner will continue his public and community work as a graduate student at the Yale Divinity School and as a Connecticut College Young Alumni Trustee.

Like the remarkable Anna Lord Strauss, Maurice Tiner deeply engages in human rights work to create more just and equitable communities.

CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Chloe Caroline Ainley	Benjamin Hayes Bosworth	Timothy Joseph Covell
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Kathryn Rose Alderman ⁹	A.J. Louie Boyce Jr	John Michael Cunningham
Benjamin Zhang Alford	Randsel O'Neil Brannum	Ashley Marsh Curran
Susannah Rose Alfred ⁹	Brette Hope Brier	Eva Grey Czapski
Jessie Blynn Alibozek	Jillian Cate Brigandi	Austin Lopes DaCunha
Ryan Ames	Zachary Thayer Brookman ⁸	Margaret Ann Brashear D'Aprix
Ashley Catherine Anctil	Nicholas S Brosnihan	Georbina Yanina DaRosa
Ashley Marie Anderson	Emma Elizabeth Brunetti	Karan Bahadur Das-Grande
Emma Paige Anderson	Marisa Michelle Bryant	Asaf Mordechai Davidov
Kiersten Michaela Anderson	Charles Peter Burdge	Adam Michael DeCosta
Gabriel Lekorenos Arnold	Nikolas Draven Ty Burks	Elizabeth Kate Del Rio
Oscar Fernando Arzu-Martinez	Christopher Watkins Burnham	Matthew Walter Delaporte
Ahmad Anique Ashraf ¹⁰	Samantha Annette Paige Butler	Nicole Marie DellaPasqua
Mohamed Nabeeh Asim	Douglas Keller Butturini	Ryan Michael Deneen
Ellen Elizabeth Babbott	Alex Joseph Calabro	Samantha Hall Derderian ⁹
Sethulakshmi Babu	Mark William Cameron	Patrik Andrew Devlin
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Christina Marie Balzotti	Brandon Keith Carson	Ramata Diallo
Jake Harrison Bank	Nicole Angela Caspers	Emily Anne Diehl
Ashley Raye Barattini	Michelle Castanaza Gudiel	Carolina Díez
Kelley Whalen Barnes	Kevin M. Castro Peralta	Annie Elizabeth DiLisio
Julie Ann Beattie	Jeffrey Keith Celniker	Mollie Marie Dimise
Deborah Lynn Beauprez	Jennifer Cervantes	Olivia Rose Dodd ⁸
Sara Nicole Beers	Xiguang Chen	Susanna Mei Dolan
Brian Patrick Belisle	Katherine Shea Chester	Hannah Gabrielle Donegan
Laura Rowan Bentley	Soo Yun Cho	Margaret Marie Donohue ⁶
Dana Meredith Bergenfled	Wesley Mark Chrabasz	Nicolae Florin Dorlea
Derek Bertolini	Amanda Jane Chugg	Andrew Joseph Dowds
Lauren Noel Bishop	Serena Francesca Romana Cipullo	Mackenzie Griffin Dowling
Katherine Lynne Bixby	Annie Clay	James Verplanck Drayton
Ashley Lynne Bjorkman	Eliza Rose Clymer	Zoe Dunivin
Allegra Blinken ⁹	Stephen Mark Cofrancesco	Thomas Gibbs Eddy
Lyla Ruth Bloom	Hallie June Cohen	Murat Seci Edin ⁸
Hannah Wheatcroft Boal	Brianna McKay Cole	Christian Michael Egglin
Natalie Leah Boles ⁹	Wesley Tylan Conner	Margaret Horne Elliott
Elizabeth Audley Bolger	Phoebe Joan Corde	Austin Jure Essery
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Alina Penner Fein	Blythe Alexandra Gross-Hutton ^{1,5}	Katherine Jones
Ethan Maxwell Feldman	Benjamin Alan Grossman	Robert James Jones
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Michael Laurence Finnegan ⁹	Anna Victoria Guay	Damian Jovanovic ¹
Evan Robert Fischer	Isabel Coral Guhde	William Charles Kadison
Kelsey Anne Fischer	Lucas Robert Guliano	Ramzi Marwan Kaiss
Anna Elisabeth Fisher	Alfredo Gutierrez	Scott Eric Kaluzny ⁸
Emilie Sara Fiskio ⁹	Sarah Marie Haddad	Danielle Jayne Kaplan
Taryn Rosano Fitzgerald ⁹	Elizabeth Huberlie Hale	Josefin Linnea Elisabeth Karjel
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Isabella von Maur Franz	Ciara Kathleen Healey ⁹	Lamiya Khandaker
Megan Patricia Fraser	Douglas Eugene Henton Jr	Maximilian Paul King
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Rafael Andres Gamba	Carlos Olin Heros ⁶	Nako Kobayashi
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Eliza Jan Garry	Julia Maeve Hickey	Davis Edward Kraft
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Tucker McHenry Hoblitzell Glotzbach	Michaela Kerin Igo	Donglin Li
Roberto Gochicoa	Laura Isacco	Gregory Allen Liautaud
Erika Lea Gonyaw	Marisol Izoteco	Samuel Ely Lichtenstein
Allie Brown Goodrich	Stephanie Rose Izzi	Elena Giselle Licursi
Aparna Gopalan	Amanda Nicole Jacobsen	Matthew Scott Lillie
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Connor Glenn Gowland	Daniel Reuven Janel	Caroline Coxe Lippincott
Haley Grace Gowland	Leah Hyejo Jang ⁷	Renkai Liu
Elizabeth Ann Green	Elizabeth Anne Jannery	Yu-Cheng Liu

James Noonan Losito	Emily Anne Morgan	David Maxwell Pottle
Yifan Lu	Haruka May Moribe	Amanda Margaret Pratt
Melissa Luen	Brion Christopher Morrissey-Bickerton	Claire Elizabeth Prihoda
Shanwen Luo	Ryan Paul Mowery	Amanda Rae Proulx
Carolina Giulia Lupo	Meredith Rose Mozzone	Molly Frances Provencher
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Bryn Marie MacGillivray	Eva Louise Murray	Antares Rajit Rahman
Daniel Alexander Maffa	Katelyn Marie Murray	Claire Sophia Raizen ^{1,7}
Shatrunjay Mall	Megan Jane Murray	Brynne Eliza Rardin ⁹
Elizabeth Reeve Malman	Bianca Muscato	Mei Belleyang Reffsin
Cem Barbaros Manisali	Ibrahim Mutala	Julia Reger
Allison Kate Marculitis	Jessica Marie Napolitano	Michael Douglas Reilly
Skye Qi Marigold ⁹	Moustafa Ndiaye	Morgan Kathleen Rentko
Erika Lynn Martin	Cooper Friedman Nefsky	Kevin Daniel Reyes
Jasmine Ann Massa	Lindsey Jane Nelson	Calli Sabine Reynolds
Corbin Joseph Maynard	Derrick Maurice Newton Jr	Daniel Paul Reynolds
Bridget Farrell McCarthy	Jessica Lynn Ober	Lana Rose Richards
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Alexandra Patricia McDevitt	Dylan Grosvenor O'Hara	James Edward George Robinson ⁶
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Kelsey Elizabeth McGinnis	Maritza Ortega	Claraliz Rodriguez
Madeline Louise McGrain Githler	Benedict Okojie Osajie	Rodrigo Rogel-Perez
Alexander Ian McGurk	Jillian Rose Ouellette	Alysha Marie Romain
Madeline Campbell McHale	Charles James Overton	Samantha Romano
Moriah Gale McKenna	Carson Evans Owlett	Sarah Jane Rosadini
Henry Ian McMillan	Timothy Henderson Palmer	Roberto Rosales-Mesta
Megan Ruth Meany	Eleni Papadopoulos	Blaire Elana Rose
Gil Antonio Mejia Fana	Sarah Ruth Parker	Molly Elizabeth Rosen
Katherine Fording Melvin	Jared Michael Parlin	Brooke Alyssa Ross
Melinda Mae Tiley Messeck	Colin Lee Pascoe	Elizabeth Conlin Rudd ⁹
Julia Elizabeth Meyer	Eddie Paulino Saninocencio	Gabriel Sean Ryan
Marina Suci Davisson Milan	Laura Noelle Pavitt	Jillian Elena Ryan
Gibson Boe Miller	Zuri A Pavlin	Josalyn Deliz Saez
Lena Lilia Mininberg	Geoffrey Pierre Pendergast	Leah Jeannine Salituro
Alexander Weisman Mintz	Luisanny Perez	Jihimmy Noe Sánchez
Evelyn Brown Mitchell	Thalia Cathleen Perez-Macias	Maxiel Sánchez
Allison Masako Mitobe	Luis Javier Pérez Valencia	Jessica Freya Sandler
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Julia Rose Serafin
Noah Lanier Sherman
Miranda Wu Shinn
Daniel James Shinnick
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Jess Spencer
Sarah Pick Spound⁹
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Sarah Elizabeth Stephenson
Amanda Kathryn St. Laurent⁷
William John Stoddard
Emilie Erica Stoll

Sarah Gunilla Storhagen
Anastasia Lara Strayton
Emily Channing Stubbs³
Lauren Potter Stubbs
Susanna Healy Studwell
Andrew Joseph Stutzman
Erin Marie Sullivan
Maya Regina Sullivan
Nicolette Leita Symanovich
Zinya Hossian Talukder¹
Ross Davies Thompson
Maurice Tiner
Rocio Tinoco
Kristina Marie Toro
Sarah Alexander Tranfo⁸
Sarah Camille Treaster
Anastasia Murray Tsomides
Annika Grace Tucksmith
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Ryley Austin van der Velde
Anita Elizabeth Vohra

Alexandra Rose Volpe
Ngoc Bich Vu
Emily Ann Walsh
Georgina Elaine Walsh
Cassandra Clarke Walter
Megan Elizabeth Wassef
Elissa Kalei Webb
Margaret Mary Wells
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Tyler Marshall Wood
Connor Bernard Wu
Yu Xiong
Jillian Catherine Yaun
Jiahui Yi
Jamie Teal Yurgielewicz
Ruy Zambrano
Molly Zatony¹
Qieer Zhang
Shuhan Zhang⁷
Maruge Zhao
Umar Zulfiqar

¹ In Absentia ² Class of 2012 ³ Class of 2013 ⁴ Class of 2014 ⁵ Class of 2015 ⁶ Class of 2016
⁷ Class of 2018 ⁸ Completion of degree requirements expected Summer 2017
⁹ Diploma presented by alumni/faculty/staff/trustee relative ¹⁰ Awarded Posthumously

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Laura Rowan Bentley	Lindsey Jane Nelson
Lyla Ruth Bloom	Jessica Lynn Ober
Hannah Wheatcroft Boal	Mireia Jennifer Odlin
Charles Peter Burdge	Laura Noelle Pavitt
Elizabeth Kate Del Rio	Claire Sophia Raizen
Kirsten Danielle Forrester	Morgan Kathleen Rentko
Allie Brown Goodrich	Lana Rose Richards
Anne Sacksteder Harrar	Anne Melanie Schwartz
Danielle Jayne Kaplan	Zinya Hossian Talukder
Mohammad Owais Khan	Sarah Camille Treaster
Renkai Liu	Valerie Jeanette Urban
Nam-Anh Tran Luu	Jiahui Yi
Erika Lynn Martin	Ruy Zambrano
Alexander Weisman Mintz	Qieer Zhang
Allison Masako Mitobe	

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Megan Patricia Fraser	Jess Spencer
Aparna Gopalan	Sarah Pick Spound
Ellen Reed Heuer	Lauren Potter Stubbs
Elizabeth Anne Jannery	Emily Sarah Ultan
Ramzi Marwan Kaiss	Emily Ann Walsh
Josefin Linnea Elisabeth Karjel	Arianna Rose Wendt
Lamiya Khandaker	Tyler Marshall Wood
Eilis Dolan Klein	Yu Xiong
Nako Kobayashi	Shuhan Zhang
Samuel Ely Lichtenstein	Maruge Zhao
Yu-Cheng Liu	

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Kiersten Michaela Anderson	Amanda Nicole Jacobsen
Ashley Raye Barattini	Daniel Reuven Janel
Sara Nicole Beers	Leah Hyejo Jang
Dana Meredith Bergenfled	Ella Grace Johnson
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Ryan Michael Deneen	Samantha Romano
Nicolae Florin Dorlea	Sarah Jane Rosadini
Andrew Joseph Dowds	Brooke Alyssa Ross
Kelsey Anne Fischer	Katherine May Stahl
Samuel Azoulay Fixler	Annika Grace Tucksmith
Nathan Giaccone	Ngoc Bich Vu
Joseph Alphonse Giordano	Cassandra Clarke Walter
Olivia Josephine Giuliano	Michael Spencer Wipper
Haley Grace Gowland	Jillian Catherine Yaun
Elizabeth Huberlie Hale	Jamie Teal Yurgielewicz
Nam Quoc Hoang	Molly Zatony
Bridget Catherine Horan	

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

HONORS STUDY AND DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR FIELD

Kathryn Rose Alderman – <i>English</i>	Nam Quoc Hoang – <i>History</i>
Benjamin Zhang Alford – <i>Psychology</i>	Mohammad Owais Khan – <i>Computer Science</i>
Jessie Blynn Alibozek – <i>Architectural Studies</i>	Lamiya Khandaker – <i>Global Islamic Studies</i>
Kiersten Michaela Anderson – <i>Psychology</i>	Nako Kobayashi – <i>Anthropology</i>
Elizabeth Audley Bolger – <i>English</i>	Donglin Li – <i>Art</i>
Storm Jacob Boris – <i>Economics</i>	Nam-Anh Tran Luu – <i>International Relations</i>
Randsel O' Neil Brannum – <i>History</i>	Shatrunjay Mall – <i>History</i>
Charles Peter Burdge – <i>History</i>	Erika Lynn Martin – <i>Dance</i>
Wesley Mark Chrabasz – <i>History</i>	Alexander Weisman Mintz – <i>International Relations</i>
Phoebe Joan Corde – <i>English</i>	Lindsey Jane Nelson – <i>Human Development</i>
Ryan Michael Deneen – <i>American Studies</i>	Claire Elizabeth Prihoda – <i>Philosophy</i>
Mollie Marie Dimise – <i>English</i>	Morgan Kathleen Rentko – <i>Psychology</i>
Melissa Browning Ferrie – <i>American Studies</i>	Ruy Zambrano – <i>Dance</i>
Kirsten Danielle Forrester – <i>History</i>	Qieer Zhang – <i>Art History</i>
Aparna Gopalan – <i>History</i>	Maruge Zhao – <i>Economics</i>

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

HONORS STUDY IN THE MAJOR FIELD

Matthew Walter Delaporte – <i>Government</i>	Leah Jeannine Salituro – <i>The American Chemical Society Certified Major in Chemistry</i>
Samuel Azoulay Fixler – <i>Environmental Studies</i>	George Sarkar – <i>Physics</i>
Lauren Rae O'Loughlin – <i>Behavioral Neuroscience</i>	Sarah Lynn Willey – <i>Biological Sciences</i>
Sarah Jane Rosadini – <i>Psychology</i>	

COMMENCEMENT HONORS

DISTINCTION IN THE MAJOR FIELD

- Susannah Rose Alfred – *English*
Jessie Blynn Alibozek – *Mathematics*
Ashley Raye Barattini – *Dance*
Sara Nicole Beers – *American Studies*
Laura Rowan Bentley – *Economics and Hispanic Studies*
Lyla Ruth Bloom – *Anthropology*
Hannah Wheatcroft Boal – *Philosophy*
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FRANK GRAZIANO

John D. MacArthur Professor of Hispanic Studies

Frank Graziano received his B.A. from the University of Arizona, his M.F.A. from the University of Iowa and his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. Since joining Connecticut College in 1999, Graziano has written on an extraordinarily wide range of topics in Latin American culture and received many prestigious grants and awards in support of his research and writing.

Many of Graziano's books have focused on religious cultures in Spanish America. He is the author of *The Millennial New World*, which surveys apocalyptic, messianic, millennial and utopian thought and action throughout the course of Latin American history; *Wounds of Love: The Mystical Marriage of St. Rose of Lima*, which received wide critical acclaim for its rigorous and innovative scholarship; and *Cultures of Devotion: Folk Saints of Spanish America*.

He is also the author of *Undocumented Dominican Migration*, which analyzes the complex causation of boat migration, taking into account the interacting structural, cultural and psychological factors that motivate migrant

departures. Graziano organized a related conference, "Undocumented Hispanic Migration: On the Margins of a Dream," at Connecticut College in 2009.

Graziano has received grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Council of Learned Societies, the John Carter Brown Library, the Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays Programs and the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, among many others. In 2010, he received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to study miracles and votive offerings in Mexico; and in 2014-2015 he had a Visiting Faculty Fellowship at Duke University to complete this research for his 2015 book, *Miraculous Images and Votive Offerings in Mexico*.

Graziano's active research and interdisciplinary methods have translated into dynamic teaching and innovative courses, including "Religion and Violence in Latin America," "Undocumented Hispanic Immigration," and the service-learning course, "Proyecto Comunidad."

LINDSEY HARLAN

Professor of Religious Studies

Lindsey Harlan received her A.B. from Occidental College and her M.T.S., M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. She joined Connecticut College in 1987.

Harlan's main area of interest is religion in South Asia, and she has done extensive research in India, Trinidad and the U.S. She is the author of *The Goddesses' Henchmen: Reflections on Gender in Indian Hero Worship*, in which she examines narratives and songs performed by Rajputs, members of a martial caste, and *Religion and Rajput Women*, in which she analyzes the narrative traditions of Rajput women. She also co-edited *From the Margins of Hindu Marriage: Essays on Gender, Religion, and Culture*.

Harlan has served on the steering committee of the Hinduism section of the American Academy of Religion. She has also been a reviewer of proposals for various funding organizations, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Council of Learned Societies.

She co-directed the first international conference resulting from the Indo-Israeli Cultural Agreement, "On Framing: Narrative, Metaphysics, Perception," which was supported by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Indian Embassy in Israel and the American Institute of Indian Studies.

Through the course of her career, Harlan has won several prestigious fellowships. She was a residential research fellow at the Women's Studies in Religion Program at Harvard, a fellow of the American Institute of Indian Studies and the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to conduct research in India. She has also been a fellow of the Dartmouth College Humanities Institute and has been the recipient of Kennedy, Copeland and Fulbright fellowships.

In 2004, Harlan was honored with the College's Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Faculty Research Award for excellence in academic research.

DOROTHY JAMES

Professor of Government and International Relations

Dorothy James received her B.A. from Barnard College and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. She joined Connecticut College in 1989, and served as provost and dean of the faculty during her tenure.

James is one of the country's most highly regarded political scientists on the American presidency and on policy studies. She has brought her expertise in American politics and political thought to courses such as "Political Parties, Campaigns and Elections," "Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties," "National Security vs. Personal Freedom" and "American Political Thought," as well as seminars on presidential politics and judicial behavior.

James has published extensively on American politics and policy analysis, and is the author of several books, including *The Contemporary Presidency; Poverty, Politics and Change; Outside, Looking in: Critiques of American Policies and Institutions, Left and Right; and Analyzing Poverty Policy*. She has also published numerous articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books.

In 1998, the Policy Studies Organization honored James as an "Outstanding Woman in the Field of Policy Studies." She also won that organization's 1997 award for "One of the Best Policy Studies Books Published Since 1975." In 2001, she received the Student Government Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

James is past president of the Policy Studies Organization and has served on numerous governing boards of professional associations and journals, including The American Political Science Association, The American Society for Public Administration, the Puerto Rican Legal and Education Defense Fund, and the Everett Dirksen-Adlai Stevenson Institute of International Policy Studies at the University of Illinois.

Prior to joining Connecticut College, James taught at Hunter College, CUNY, served as chair of the political science department at Virginia Tech, and served as dean of the School of Government and Public Administration at American University.

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COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Procession. The symbolism of the academic procession dates back to the Middle Ages and echoes European religious processions.

Academic Regalia. The robes and colorful hoods of the academic regalia also have a religious origin. The garments worn today date back to the 12th century, when universities were the training grounds for Europe's clergy.

Current academic dress in the United States is based on an intercollegiate code established in 1895. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves, is untrimmed and is worn closed. The master's gown, worn either open or closed, has long, crescent-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves, is worn closed, and has velvet panels down the front, around the neck and on the sleeves.

The customary head covering is either the mortarboard or the Oxford cap. The mortarboard tassel is black for bachelor's and master's degree holders and gold for those with doctoral degrees.

The hood, which drapes over the back of the gown, also is significant. The length, width, and the color of the trim and the lining of the hood signify the wearer's highest academic achievement and the degree-granting institution. The velvet trim reveals the wearer's major field of study.

Honor cords, sashes or stoles are often awarded to graduating seniors who are members of honor societies or for various academic and nonacademic achievements, awards or honors.

The Alma Mater. "Alma Mater by the Sea" was written in the spring of 1920 by two Connecticut College students, Olive Littlehales Corbin '21 (words) and Edith C. Smith '20 (music). Their composition prevailed over other original student works in a contest to find a College song. Additional stanzas were added in the late 1980s by Jeffrey G. Barnhart '89 MAT '92 and Claire L. Gaudiani '66.

Bagpipe Music. Scottish or Irish bagpipe bands have long been a special feature of American holiday parades. They are sometimes employed by a college or university to lead commencement processions for the same reason that they are so popular in street parades: they add excitement, drama, color and a peculiarly rousing sound to the occasion.

College Motto. "Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum," which means, "Like a tree planted by the rivers of water (that bringeth forth its fruit in its season)." The motto is a Vulgate version of a phrase from the first psalm. Connecticut College's translation comes from the King James version of the Bible.

College Seal. The College seal is composed of several elements, including two open books, a tree on a background of water and the College's motto. The current seal is based on a design

created by Connecticut College's first president (1913-1917), Frederick H. Sykes.

Commencement Saplings. Thanks to the generosity of Athena Tsakanikas-Phillippides '86 through the Konstantinos T. Tsakanikas Memorial Fund, graduates are presented with individual evergreen saplings, which they carry as they march. The sapling represents the tree on the College seal and each student's continuing connection to the College. This tradition began with the Class of 1993.

International Flags. Connecticut College maintains a collection of international flags, each representing the home country of the College's students, as reflected by the Office of the Registrar. The international flags are displayed on significant ceremonial occasions to celebrate the diverse nature of the student body. The international flag collection is updated each year as new students join the Connecticut College community.

Laurel Chain. In the spirit of Connecticut College's original founding as a women's college, members of the junior class, dressed in white, carry chains of laurel through which the graduates march. Laurel was traditionally used as a symbol of honor and fame. The ancients presented laurel wreaths to university graduates in rhetoric and poetry. The laurel chain has been part of Connecticut College's ceremonies since the first Class Day in 1919.

The Mace. A mace was originally a weapon consisting of a staff with a ball of steel or brass at one end. The word "mace" comes from the Latin "mateola," meaning mallet. The mace evolved from an instrument of battle to a symbol of authority. Connecticut College's mace was a gift to the College from The Century Council when Claire L. Gaudiani '66 began her presidency in 1988. Designed and fabricated by Richard Scheller '73, it contains brass sleeves with the names of the College presidents.

'Pomp and Circumstance.' The trio section from Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 1 is the most popular musical piece at American graduations. The first of five marches by the composer, the piece is a perfect tune for a graduation because its inspirational quality elicits feelings of promise and optimism, while its stately, wistful quality suggests that a milestone has been reached – that we are bidding farewell to the past.

The Presidential Medallion. Featuring the Connecticut College seal, the presidential medallion is worn on ceremonial occasions as part of the president's regalia. It was created for the Inauguration of the College's 10th president, Leo I. Higdon Jr., and was a gift of Trustee Emeritus Linda J. Lear, a 1962 graduate of the College.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

THE CONSTITUTION BRASS QUINTET

Ken Bell, *trumpet* Nancy Brown, *trumpet* Steve Bulmer, *tuba*
Walter Lasley, *trombone* Jamie Marci, *horn*

THE MANCHESTER PIPE BAND

The Manchester Pipe Band is one of the oldest continuously operating Pipe and Drum bands in the United States, having been established in Manchester in 1914. In the early years of the Band's history, it was a parade band whose reputation for spectacular presentations grew over time. The Band participated in many high profile parades and presentations, including several at The White House, Congress,

at Independence Hall in Philadelphia and frequent performances in New York City. For the last fifty years the Band has performed primarily as a competition band in the Eastern United States, Canada and occasionally in Scotland. The Band is currently the only Grade III competition band in Connecticut. The Band is under the direction of Pipe Major Jared Otto and Drum Sergeant Wes Cole.

