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SCHOOL OF INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

# CONVOCATION

MAY 11  
2024



COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS  
& SCIENCES

## **TO OUR GRADUATES**

**Today you are graduates of the University of Illinois.**

This is a remarkable achievement, and we hope that you celebrate the occasion with loved ones. Commencement is a joyous and deeply symbolic event for all, including the faculty members, staff, family, friends, and others who have supported you on your journey. As members of the Class of 2024, you have overcome many challenges to earn your degree. Congratulations, and we look forward to learning of your future success.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

May 11, 2024

## PRELUDE

Graduate Musicians from the University of Illinois  
Urbana - Champaign School of Music

## WELCOME

Dr. Andrew Suarez, *Jeffrey S. Elowe Professor of Integrative  
Biology and Acting Director, School of Integrative Biology*

## COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

Faculty and Degree Candidates from the School of  
Integrative Biology

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dr. Andrew Suarez

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

Dr. Andrew Suarez

## ALUMNI CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Dr. Brendan Colón, *Principal Research Scientist in  
AI-Security, Amazon*

## GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES AND RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Dr. Shaowen Wang, *Associate Dean for Life and Physical  
Sciences, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences*

## PRESENTATION OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

Dr. Marianne Alleyne, *Assistant Professor of Entomology*

## PRESENTATION OF MASTER OF SCIENCE CANDIDATES

Dr. Marianne Alleyne

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**PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL  
PHILOSOPHY CANDIDATES**

Dr. Andrew Suarez

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Andrew Suarez

**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**

**SCHOOL OF  
INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY  
FACULTY ATTENDING  
TODAY’S CEREMONY**

Dr. Brian Allan  
Dr. Marianne Alleyne  
Dr. Nick Anderson  
Dr. Carla Cáceres  
Dr. Ben Clegg  
Dr. Adam Dolezal  
Dr. Eva Fischer  
Dr. Becky Fuller  
Dr. Katy Heath  
Dr. Andrew Suarez

**MARSHALS**

Nick Anderson, *Lecturer and Academic Advisor*  
Jessica Fink, *Academic Advisor*

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

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

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

Haris Iftikhar Ahmad  
Zainub S. Ahmad  
Faizat Morenikeji Ajose  
Claudia Alexandria Albuixech-Robinson  
Gerardo Amaro Jr.  
Benjamin Arango Navar  
Estefani Arellano  
Ariel Lizbeth Armendariz  
Nicole Osaebé Asante  
Mark Zaya Askharia  
Peter Maher Bahu

Sooliat Adeyemi Bakare  
Carter Michael Barnes  
Collin Michael Barnes  
Mikhaiya Janeé Barnes  
Bishal Baskota  
Reagan Lee Behen  
Nicholas Peter Beronio  
Sree Laya Bhamidi  
Isaac Julian Bloom  
Morgan Bolger  
Jasmine Afriyie Bonsu  
Kristina Amalia Bouzarelos Kopta  
Cadence Mary Brenham  
Jacob Christian Buck  
Pomona June Carrington-Hoekstra  
Rachel Erin Chaffee  
Jiewen Chen  
Liege Cheung  
Vedant Choudhary  
Kenneth Xuehong Chuang  
Destini Coleman  
William James Cooley

Elijah Wayne Crouch  
Ryan Anthony Cummins  
Dakota William Davis  
Elijah Davis  
Nkosi S Davis  
Ian Jeffrey Dernbach  
Jackson Joshua Dieden  
Ethan Matthew Doman  
Avery Donausky  
Jennifer Dawn Donovan  
Sho K. Dzurny  
Olivia M. Elkin  
Uriah M. Elliott  
Julia Joy Fasick  
Cameron Marie Fisher  
Mario Isaak Franco Ibarra  
Ethan Michael Freehill  
Salvatore Galluzo  
Angeli Celestine D Gargoles  
Lyle Nicholas Chua Gaudiano  
Julianna Kay Gerdes  
Chloe B. Gilder

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Sari Marissa Gluck  
Scarleth Godinez  
Destiny Rebecca Gonzalez  
River Gray  
Brianna Lynn Grove  
Eugene Gurevich  
Jezreel Gutierrez  
Grace Marie Hakman  
Alexis Anne Halama  
Wanyi He  
Yoana Hernandez-Rodriguez  
Zachary Alan Hill  
Alexis Huerta  
Ashley Grace Hughes  
Albert Hunt  
Grace Jacqueline Iovinelli  
Luke Christian Jacob  
Alexandra Ress Johnson  
Jasmine S. Jones  
Justin Joseph  
Sonja Kamedulski  
Nikhil Kanduri  
Marie Keating

Lydia Elizabeth Keller  
Ziad Abdullah Khan  
Jiwoo Kim  
Matthew D. Kim  
Aislee Ann Klups  
Dylan Paul Kolak  
Alexandra Jade Kosiek  
Artur Kostrubyak  
Gabriella Maria Kulach  
Jimmy Lee  
Justin Jungmin Lee  
Po-Kuan Lee  
Daniel Legowski  
Susan Love Lim  
Jia Wen Lin  
Nicholas J. Lisa  
Natalie Elizabeth Loos  
Emmanuel E. Lu  
MacKenzie K. Martin  
Elizabeth Victoria Martinez  
Natylie Lorraine Marx  
Shaz Mathew

Jaclyn Hannah May  
Sara Joy Merkelz  
Abeer Misbahuddin  
Natalie Carol Monroe  
Ilani Morales  
Jessica Anjali Narasimhan  
Luke P. Nelson  
Emmanuelle Claire Newlin  
Jessica Nunge  
Cynthia Rose Nyderek  
Aminat Fiyinfoluwa Odetola  
Oluwamodupe Grace Olagoke  
Adedamola Rebecca Omole  
Adeyinka Esther Omole  
Olufemi Dolapo Orekoya  
Alexander Philip Osepek  
Maria O. Osinubi  
Nathan Chanhon Park  
Anastasia Pasyнков  
Catherine Jane Pavilionis  
Jelena PejkoVIC  
Mallory Allowishes Phillips

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Hannah Marie Pickard  
Alexandra Barbara Pietka  
Jada Janet Powell  
Veronika Puidokas  
Akshay K. Ramanathan  
Luke Rasmussen  
Elyssian Iris Rawdin  
Elizabeth Rose Raycraft  
Alexis Reyna  
Emily Mary Riccio  
Regina Roy  
Hanif O. Salam  
Maeli Claris Sanchez  
Madelyn Grace Schafer  
Nicklaus Lane Scherer  
Aakash Sandip Shah  
Jonah Kane Shapiro  
Samantha Grace Simmons  
Aditi Singh  
Natalie Sinjaradze  
Nicholas Skowron  
Maira C. Sommerfeld

Asharia Nyala Smith  
Bartosz Brian Stefaniuk  
Skylar Denell Stripling  
Winter Stubblefield  
Aiden Russell Sup  
Olivia Megan Szelazek  
Allie Faye Tarakanov  
Sydney Taraszkiwicz  
Reid Richard Taylor  
Sang Lian Thang  
Norhan Hussein Tobaa  
Yasmeen Hussein Tobaa  
Nadia Manuel Tourjman  
Samantha Quyen Tran  
Sophia L. Vargas  
Gissell Vergara  
Kaitlyn M. Vickers  
Michelle Villalobos  
Ryan Vinanzaca  
Landon Brock Wellendorf  
Nicole Emily Woloszyn  
Meghan Rose Wommack

Hanyu Yang  
Minxing Zhu

## **INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY HONORS**

Roqaya Sahib Al-Dhufari  
Moiravi Tomas Aldunate  
Jacob Han Chow  
Amir Moshe Graupe  
Allison May Haab  
Erika Yamiles Huerta  
George Joseph Indelli  
Cameron Parker Jain  
Greta Margaret Keilman  
Noah Nathaniel King  
Brenden Mattfolk  
Dillion Spencer Max  
Ling-Ling Shianglin Menez  
Lauren Mei Ling Moy  
James O'Connor  
Antonio Pelayo  
Maham Syed  
Michael Tang

# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

Ivan Aleksandrovich Valishev  
Ethan Yong  
Matthew Zheng

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

### ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Noah Brown  
Yutao Chen  
Katharina Michelle Soto  
Emily Raphael Whitmer

### ENTOMOLOGY

Vincent Prayugo  
Sreelakshmi Suresh  
Anupama Cauveri Udayakumar

### INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

Joseph Timothy Barry  
Morgan Bolger  
Ryan Christopher Glatchak  
Isis Shakirah Johnson  
Molly Elizabeth Podraza  
Hannah Irene Willey  
Harrison Wu

### INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY TEACHING OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Randi Mae Calvert  
Sari Elizabeth Deitche  
Alexandra Lee Seifert  
Claire Danielle Shoenberger

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

Sulagna Chakraborty

## HONORS AND AWARDS

### UNIVERSITY BRONZE TABLET

Julia Joy Fasick  
Alexis Anne Halama  
Mario Isaak Franco Ibarra  
Jessica Nunge  
James O'Connor



# GRADUATES AND CANDIDATES

## JAMES SCHOLARS

Claudia Alexandria Albuixech-Robinson  
Collin Michael Barnes  
Jiewen Chen  
Julia Joy Fasick  
Cameron Parker Jain  
Jia Wen Lin  
Elizabeth Victoria Martinez  
Natylie Lorraine Marx  
Emmanuelle Claire Newlin  
Nathan Chanh Park  
Antonio Pelayo  
Emily Mary Riccio  
Samantha Grace Simmons  
Natalie Sinjaradze  
Michael Tang  
Nicole Emily Woloszyn

## SCHOOL

### HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Vicente Tomas Aldunate  
Collin Michael Barnes  
Ling Ling Shianglin Menez  
Michael Tang  
Ivan Aleskandrovich Valishev

### HIGH DISTINCTION Rachel

Erin Chaffee  
Elijah Davis  
Allison May Haab  
Ashley Grace Hughes  
Noah Nathaniel King  
Ilani Morales  
Lauren Mei Ling Moy Winter  
Stubblefield

### DISTINCTION

Sree Laya Bhamidi  
Jennifer Dawn Donovan

Julianna Kay Gerdes  
Greta Margaret Keilman  
Po-Kuan Lee  
Daniel J Legowski  
Michelle Villalobos

# 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.

Hoods are also black. The bachelor's hood is 3 feet in length, the master's is 3 ½ 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.

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 & 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.

# THANK YOU

A special thank you to all who helped organize this convocation.  
Thank you to the family and friends who have supported the graduates  
throughout their time at the University of Illinois.



## **Degree Information**

This program links to an unofficial list of degree candidates for May 2024, as well as a list of graduates who received degrees in August and December 2023. 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.



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