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The University of San Francisco has made every attempt to include in this program all persons deserving of recognition. If there have been any errors or omissions, please accept our sincerest apologies.
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Baroque Ceremonial Music
“Pomp and Circumstance” by Sir Edward Elgar

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Fraylanie Adan Aglipay
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Presentation of the Honorary Degree
Shabnam Koirala Azad
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Recipient:
L. Frank Manriquez
Tongva Elder, Artist, Educator

Commencement Address
L. Frank Manriquez
Presentation of Candidates for Graduate Degrees
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MASTER OF ARTS

Counseling Psychology (continued)

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MASTER OF ARTS

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Cameron Aaron Marshall
Zhangli Zheng

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Daniel Post-Jacobs
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Special Education
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Regan Hull Goodin
Carmelinita Harrington
Melissa June Nahlen
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Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Zsanel Jestine Miranda Aranas
Gemma Beals-Reid
Merve Beyazit Taner
Sharon Ju-Ting Cheng
Sara Coronado
Yi Fang
Katherine Lisa Gardiner
Kimberly Alva-Chavers Gardner
Lacey Danielle Goodloe
Kristen Kingfield Kearns
Ashley Lynn King
Ada Collette Chioma Olekaibe-Benson
Xiwen Li
Xiaohan Liang
Xiaoli Lu
Andrew Mardesich
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Zoia Palgova
Efren Antonio Serra
Sami Vuong
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Teshera Yumeko York
Ziqing Zong
GRADUATE DEGREES
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Urban Education and
Social Justice

Johanna Jaqueline Alatorre Gonzalez
Raina Latrice Benton
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Ross Gary Cornell Collier
Leeann Crisman
Marie Guadalupe Fernandez Ruiz
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Catholic Educational Leadership
Lara de Guzman
Katie Jean Kiss

International and Multicultural Education
Joseph Ruben Adams
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Maria Nieves Autrey Noriega
Ingrid Bosetti
Rachel Anna Brand
Karin Marianne Cotterman
Hannah Joy Fischer
Evelyn Teresita Ibarra
Danyelle Yvette Marshall
Kassie Michelle Phillips
Janise Powell
Clara Patricia Rojas-Zambrano
Omobola Amanda Wusu

Learning and Instruction
Shanshan Gao
Patricia A. Garcia
Jing Liang
Ziyu Meng
Letta S. Meyer

Organization and Leadership
Fraylanie Adan Aglipay
Michelle Hector Branner
Germain Clerveau
Ronda Marie Johnson
Angel Chen Kuo
John Cleese Relihan
Barwende Médard Sané

Special Education
George Stuart Fuller
Gabriela Alejandra Perez
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L. FRANK MANRIQUEZ
TONGVA ELDER, ARTIST, EDUCATOR
(PRONOUNS: PÔ IN TONGVA OR S/HE )

Tireless champion for reanimating Indigenous languages, increasing understanding of tribal culture and practices, and correcting the record on Indigenous history and identity. International tribal activist on a lifelong mission to raise the visibility of Indigenous people. Artist, author, and powerful voice for the protection of Indigenous linguistic and living object treasures.

A Two-Spirit person, L. Frank Manriquez is a highly respected Tongva elder. S/he has rescued the history and ancient languages of Indigenous peoples from premature pronouncements of extinction. S/he has communicated vital messages of Indigenous visibility through widely exhibited art, decades of activism, and sense of humor. Manriquez’ significant contributions to the revitalization of Indigenous California languages and the restoration of cultural practices are upending erroneous historical and social sciences narratives. Manriquez’ critical work in linguistic recovery has brought together the field notes from academic archives with the Indigenous language speakers and keepers of traditional knowledge and practices. S/he has held up a wide-angle lens to Indigenous art, storytelling, canoe-building, weaving, and other cultural practices through which to re-examine Indigenous history. For Manriquez, art is a mirror that reflects a living culture, enabling a community often made to feel invisible to recognize itself. S/he has a lived sense of how Indigenous peoples struggle to survive and thrive while still being marginalized. S/he resists the settler-colonial, or non-Indigenous, narrative that Indigenous languages and cultures are relics of the past. Manriquez’ life’s work is viewed as a gift from and a responsibility to the ancestors.

S/he has helped to launch forward-thinking Indigenous organizations with staying power. In the early 1990s, s/he co-founded Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival, a nonprofit dedicated to communicating the knowledge of Indigenous California languages and nurturing new speakers. S/he later introduced “Breath of Life, Silent No More” workshops that have revived more than 30 endangered Indigenous languages, making them once again integral to Indigenous California’s living cultures. Manriquez’ tenacious language advocacy has garnered invitations to conduct language workshops in Australia, Finland, and Latvia. S/he was a lead organizer of Bay Area American Indian Two Spirits, which serves gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and intersex Indigenous Americans, their families, and friends. For more than a decade, s/he helped organize an annual inter-tribal multi-day celebration with literary events, educational panels, and powwow dances to encourage Two-Spirit people to flourish, educate their communities, and liberate others from homophobia. Through Manriquez’ expansive outreach, s/he fosters support and a shared vision that is grounded in love for the land and mutually respectful relationships, without regard to differences based on social categories.

S/he grew up hearing fragments of language, songs, and stories about being Tongva, Ajachmem, and Rarámuri, a blessing that confirmed Manriquez’ people still exist. S/he confronted the challenges associated with living with dyslexia and autism to thrive, becoming the voracious reader, active seeker, and unparalleled communicator s/he is today. After military service and work toward an academic degree, s/he chose a divergent path that harnessed artistic talents and advocacy skills to initiate projects that would make Manriquez’ people visible to themselves and to the world. S/he also mentors Indigenous youth through collaborative projects and speaking engagements that enable the recovery of Indigenous languages, songs, stories, and crafts. Manriquez’ backyard has been described as an ongoing laboratory, a workshop for the revitalization of Indigenous practices — and a sanctuary. Artists, culture-bearers, and Indigenous youth can learn a skill, a craft, or an art as they come into their full humanity as Indigenous persons.

Our new graduates here today, no doubt, are inspired by Manriquez as an extraordinary leader who lives a courageous, inclusive, and purposeful life. Manriquez’ lifelong activism encourages them to find their own paths as passionate and empowered educators who live for and with others in the Jesuit tradition.

The importance of Manriquez’ work, Manriquez’ art, and Manriquez’ unwavering commitment to activism has been widely recognized. S/he received a 2022 Hewlett Foundation 50 Arts Commission/Folk and Traditional Arts Award, the 2019 2-Spirit Activist Award from the Alexis Arquette Family Foundation, and a 2018 Cultural Biodiversity Fellowship from the Seventh Generation Fund. Manriquez’ art creates visibility and representation for the Tongva community and other Indigenous communities where it is exhibited in museums in and beyond California. Manriquez’ books include the co-authored First Families: Photographic History of California Indians and the collected Acorn Soup: Drawings and Commentary.

That all may know of our great esteem for Manriquez’ commitment to the revitalization, protection, and visibility of Indigenous languages, practices, and culture, as well as Manriquez’ invaluable contributions and corrections to the nation’s cultural canon, the University of San Francisco does, therefore, confer upon L. Frank Manriquez the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three, and of the University, the hundred and sixty-eighth, in San Francisco, California.
The following is a listing of dissertations completed during the 2022-2023 academic year. The assisting chairperson’s name is listed below the candidate’s name.

### Catholic Educational Leadership

Towards a Culturally Responsive Urban Catholic Elementary School: An Autoethnography of a Brown Immigrant Woman Leader

*Lara de Guzman*
*Dr. Jane Bleasdale*

Legal Implications for Catholic Elementary School Employees When Defined as Ministers

*Katie Jean Kiss*
*Dr. Jane Bleasdale*

### International and Multicultural Education

The Blueprint: A Qualitative Study Exploring How an Africana Studies Degree Prepares Students for the Workforce

*Joseph Ruben Adams*
*Dr. Colette Cann*

Reclaiming Our Humanity: Redemption, Reimagining, and Restorying of the Foundations for Success of Formerly Incarcerated African American Males

*Robert Mossi Alexander III*
*Dr. Susan Katz*

Reimagining the Possibilities of Pleasure and Justice in Grassroots Sexuality Education in Mexico: A Proposal for a Liberatory Sexuality Education Framework

*Maria Nieves Autrey Noriega*
*Dr. David Donahue*

### International and Multicultural Education (continued)

The Importance of ESL Teacher Training in English Pronunciation: Prosody and Communicative Competence

*Ingrid Bosetti*
*Dr. Sedique Popal*

Students as Co-Researchers: Using Participatory Action Research to Address College Food Insecurity

*Rachel Anna Brand*
*Dr. Monisha Bajaj*

Moving Between Entitlement and Co-Conspiracy: A Study of How Support, Skills, and Community Can Advance Anti-racism Efforts of White Parents

*Karin Marianne Cotterman*
*Dr. Emma Fuentes*

White Womanhood: Finding Oppositional Epistemologies and Community at the Intersection of Whiteness and Womanhood

*Hannah Jay Fischer*
*Dr. Emma Fuentes*

School Counseling and At-Promise Students of Color: The Needs Of Students Of Color In California’s Continuation High Schools Told Through Student Voices

*Evelyn Teresita Ibarra*
*Dr. Emma Fuentes*

Efforts to Create a Trauma-Informed Classroom in Higher Education: Insights from Members of a Community College Trauma-Informed Teaching Group

*Danyelle Yvette Marshall*
*Dr. David Donahue*
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International and Multicultural Education (continued)

Black Mothering in the Bay Area While Unseen and Unheard: Navigating Black Mothering in the Midst of a Pandemic & Social Unrest
Kassie Michelle Phillips  
DR. SUSAN KATZ

Snatch the Mic: A Podcast Exploring How Spoken Word Can Help Heal From Racially Gendered Trauma
Janise Powell  
DR. DAVID DONAHUE

Decolonizing Mental Health Through He/a/r/tography: Corazonar, Sentipensar, y Sentisaber
Clara Patricia Rojas-Zambrano  
DR. DAVID DONAHUE

Decolonizing Education: Using Mother Tongues and English Side by Side in Nigeria
Omobola Amanda Wusu  
DR. NICOLA MCCLUNGAN

Learning and Instruction

Incorporating Andragogy and Cognitive Theory of Multimedia Learning into Self-paced Training and Development Programs
Shanshan Gao  
DR. SEDIQUE POPAL

Alleviating Mathematics Anxiety for Middle School Students Using a Combined Intervention Approach Versus Only Using the Cognitive Intervention Approach for Increasing Mathematical Achievement: A Comparative Study
Patricia A. Garcia  
DR. XORNAM APEDOE

Mediating Language Fluency Development: An Action Research Study in a High-School AP Chinese Second- or Foreign-language Task-based Language Teaching Classroom
Jing Liang  
DR. XORNAM APEDOE

Meta-analysis of the Effectiveness of Project-based Learning Approach on Academic Achievement in Higher Education Worldwide
Ziyu Meng  
DR. PATRICIA BUSK

A Case Study of a School-supported Extracurricular Activity’s Influence on STEM Identity and Interest for Females
Letta S. Meyer  
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Organization and Leadership

A Collaborative Autoethnography: Your Passport to Immigrant Women of Color Leaders’ Stories of Identity Exploration and Leadership Barriers and Possibilities
Fraylanie Adan Aglipay
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The Impact of the Transformational Leadership Style on the Job Satisfaction and Organizational Commitment of Child Welfare Workers in Child Welfare Agencies in the Bay Area
Ronda Marie Johnson
DR. DESIREE ZERQUERA

Identity Formation and Role Expansion for Nurse Practitioner Residency Preceptors: A Qualitative Thematic Analysis
Angel Chen Kuo
DR. WALTER GMELCH

Organization and Leadership (continued)

Hearing Impaired and Leadership: Struggles of Individuals with Hearing Loss in the Workplace
John Cleese Relihan
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Application of the Epistemologies of the South to Address the Ecological Crisis: A Narrative Case Study of Burkina Faso and the Leader Yacouba Sawadogo
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Student Achievements

UNIVERSITY WIDE AWARDS

Graduate Student Leadership Award
This award will be given to students who have consistently worked and succeeded in enriching and having an impact on student life and the values of University Life (leadership, social justice, and cultural competency) throughout their careers at USF. This year’s students are:

Adeline Gabrielle Diaz
Valeria Ramírez

Hilary Williams Ford Award
Recognized for her contributions and commitment to her field and the University of San Francisco, the Hilary Williams Ford Award is presented to a graduate student who has initiated positive changes in their field, and is awarded to:

Fraylanie Adan Aglipay

President’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (PACSW) Gender Justice Award
This award may be granted to USF students who have demonstrated ongoing and creative commitment to the promotion of gender justice. This year’s student is:

Maria Nieves Autrey Noriega
HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Delta Kappa (ΦΔΚ)

Phi Delta Kappa is an international professional fraternity for men and women in education. Membership is composed of recognized leaders in the profession and graduate students in education whose leadership potential has been identified. The following graduates are members of the University of San Francisco Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa:

Fraylanie Adan Aglipay
George Stuart Fuller
Ronda Marie Johnson
USF’s ROTC Color Guard proudly presents the American flag flown over the United States Capitol on the day of Pope Francis’ historic address to a Joint Session of Congress, September 24, 2015. On that inspiring day, Pope Francis renewed the faith of Catholics worldwide and inspired a new generation, regardless of their religious affiliation, to be instruments of peace. He reminded us of our sacred and inescapable responsibility to those struggling to escape poverty, persecution and war. He challenged us to rescue our planet from the climate crisis that threatens the future of our children and the health of God’s creation – and to do so in a way that is sensitive to the needs of the poor. He urged us to live our values and reach beyond our divisions.
The colorful attire worn by the graduates, the faculty, and officers of the University on the occasion of these Commencement Exercises has historic roots in medieval times. Dressed as they are in cap and gown, the graduates and their professors form part of a long tradition which dates back to Paris and Bologna, to Oxford and Cambridge in the days of their Catholic glory.

The precise origins of the several parts of the academic garb are not easy to discover. However, since medieval students enjoyed the status of clerics during their university years, one is hardly far wrong in asserting that their attire found its inspiration in the clerical dress of medieval times. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk’s or friar’s cowl; and the mortarboard cap of today, the end product of curious evolution, recalls the skull cap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear quite generally on United States campuses in the late 1890s. Since that time, its use has become universal for solemn university functions, and its pattern highly uniform.

THE GOWN
The gowns are three in number and styling. That of the bachelor is a yoked, closed-front garment, with long, pointed sleeves; that of the master is cut to be worn open front, its sleeves are long and closed, slit cut just above the elbow to allow the forearm to protrude; the gown of the doctor is also worn open and has full bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor’s gown is trimmed—with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

Though black velvet is proper trimming for all doctor gowns, the color and material of the panels and sleeve bars is often varied in order to indicate the faculty which granted the wearer’s degree; dark blue for Philosophy (PHD); light blue for Education (EDD); white for Arts and Letters (LITTD); gold-yellow for Science (SCD); orange for Engineering (ENGD, DCE); purple for Law (LLD, DCL, JD, JUD, JCD); green for Medicine (MD); scarlet for Theology (STD, DD).

THE HOOD
The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and was attached to the gown. When the skull cap was introduced, the hood was retained, but detached and worn much as it is today. Each degree (bachelor, master, doctor) has a right to a hood, which varies in length and, in the case of the doctor’s, also in pattern. The bachelor’s hood is three feet long; the master’s hood, three and one-half; the doctor’s hood, four, with wide panels on either side.

The color or colors with which the hood is lined are those of the college or university that granted the wearer’s degree—for example, the University of San Francisco is known by the gold chevron on the field of Kelly green. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood, in different widths for bachelor, master, doctor, is a key to the faculty granting the degree. The velvet colors include white for Arts, gold-yellow for Science, drab for Business, apricot for Nursing, light blue for Education, royal blue for Nonprofit Administration, peacock blue for Public Administration, scarlet for Theology, purple for Law, and so forth.

THE CAP
The mortar board has become the universally accepted style in United States colleges and universities. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic headdress—for example, the University of London’s tam-o’-shanter cap.

The doctor, following graduation, has the right to wear a gold tassel on the mortar board; black, however, is perfectly proper and perhaps more common.