



UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

# COMMENCEMENT

*College of Arts and Sciences  
Graduate Programs  
May 18, 2024 ♦ 3:00 P.M.*

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Since 1855, the University of San Francisco has dedicated itself to offering a daring and dynamic liberal arts education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. As a community, we empower and hold accountable our students, faculty, librarians, staff, administrators, alumni, and community partners to be persons for and with others, to care for our common home, including the native lands on which our campuses reside, and to promote the common good by critically, thoughtfully, and innovatively addressing inequities to create a more humane and just world.

We seek to live USF's Mission by nurturing a diverse, ever-expanding community where persons of all races and ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, genders, generations, abilities, nationalities, occupations, and socioeconomic backgrounds are honored and accompanied. We are committed to educating hearts and minds to cultivate the full, integral development of each person and all persons; pursuing learning as a lifelong humanizing and liberating social activity; and advancing excellence as the standard for teaching, scholarship, creative expression, and service. Inspired by a faith that does justice, we strive to humbly and responsibly engage with, and contribute to, the cultural, intellectual, economic and spiritual gifts and talents of the San Francisco Bay Area and the global communities to which we belong.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees, September 24, 2021.*

165th Annual Commencement Exercises

# UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

**MAY 18, 2024, 3:00 PM**

Today, the University welcomes you — the graduates and candidates of the class of 2024 — into the ranks of the proud alumni of the University of San Francisco.

We also welcome your families and friends to the celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement, through their support, sacrifice, and encouragement.

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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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## Program

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

### Procession

The University Mace  
The Flags of the University  
The University Commencement Marshals  
The Class of 2024  
The Faculty of the College  
The Academic Directors of the College  
The Alumni Board of Governors  
The Student Speaker  
The Deans of the College  
The University Leadership Team  
The Members of the University Board  
of Trustees  
The Honorary Degree Recipient and  
Commencement Speaker  
The President of the University

### Prelude Processional

Baroque Ceremonial Music  
"Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

### Master of Ceremonies

**Eileen Chia-Ching Fung**  
*Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs*

### National Anthem

**Ashley Akemi Chew**  
*Candidate, Professional Science Masters  
in Biotechnology*

### Invocation

**Angélica Nohemi Quiñónez**  
*Director of University Ministry*

### Official Opening of the Ceremony

*Member, Board of Trustees*

### Student Address

**Amanda Lillian Clausen**  
*Candidate, Master of Fine Arts in Writing*

### Presentation of the Honorary Degree

**Jeffrey Paris**  
*Acting Dean of the College*

Recipient:  
**Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS**  
*Leader, Nuns on the Bus*

### Commencement Address

**Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS**

**Presentation of Candidates  
for Graduate Degrees**

**Jeffrey Paris**

*Acting Dean of the College*

and

**Stephanie Siehr**

*Professor and Director of  
MS in Environmental Management*

**Formal Conferral of  
Graduate Degrees**

**Rev. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.**

*President of the University*

**Salutation to the Graduates**

**Rev. Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J.**

*President of the University*

**Benediction**

**Rev. Dónal Godfrey, S.J.**

*University Chaplain*

**Recessional**

“Crown Imperial” by Sir William Walton

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF ARTS

### Asia Pacific Studies

Alesha Noelle Byrne  
Evan Matthew Ti Ng Chan  
Andrew Scott Esterline  
Bobby Yong-Joo Im  
Charles Augustus Marcum III  
Lorna Marie Probasco  
Matthew Gamble See  
Nutnicha Teekatanasuk  
Katrina Nellisa Twila Tu'akoi  
Antonia Marissa Urovsky  
Ningjing Xin

### International Studies

Olivia Alexandre  
Malou Lena Julia Desplenter  
Vanessa Flores  
Olivia Clopton Foster  
Christin Huntsman  
Jiayi Lyu  
Brandy Nicole Mathews  
Merhawit Mehzun  
Victoria Mouraux Durand-Ruel  
Lalini Shanella Ranaraja  
Leah Yared

### Migration Studies

Fereshteh Abedi  
Olusola Akanni  
Duun Marie Coccozza O'Hara  
Braulio Garcia  
Sequoyah Shirley Vasquez Hilton  
Tay Kathleen Villaseñor Ingersoll  
Ailleene Lizeth Maldonado  
Leticia Morales  
Raul Eliezer Rodriguez Gaytan  
Angelica Soria  
Nomathemba Tshuma

### Professional Communication

Ibrahim Olamilekan Alamu  
Laura Maria Avilez Escudero  
Yogesh Raj Bhattarai  
Deborah Rae Chase  
Alexia Estrada  
Kearee Mariah Frank  
Hayley Alicia Mason  
Kennedy Camille Muckelroy  
Mariam Neparidze  
Karolina Nova  
Ololo Jesuobuseme Olorife  
Nurperi Ezgi Özkan  
Jenel Mia Phillips  
Katherine Marie Ramirez  
Nyah Rae Castro Scott  
Anamaria Tepordei  
Min Oo Thant  
Derrico Mickal Thomas  
Ethan Vuong Tran  
Yinlingyan Wang  
Alyssa Mailani Yee

### Public Leadership

Melanie Heathfield Binversie  
Michael Bollinger  
Derick E. Brown  
Amanda Curtis Mattingly  
Melissa Kay Nauss  
Alexander Richard Othmer  
Aaron Riojas  
Margaret Mae Seymour  
Donald LaPatrick Sparks  
Zaniel Terrill-Maurice Young



## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF ARTS

### Sport Management

Eliza Ansilbek  
Hassan Omar Elliott-Diab  
Talya Mercedes Franco

Max Harmannus Josephus Hamelink  
Gabriel Kaplan-Rahimzadeh  
Miguel Angel Mendez

### Urban and Public Affairs

Cristopher Patrick Acosta  
Ella Anne De Lancie  
Matthew Robert Francis Fitzgerald  
Asuzena Flores  
Betsy K. Jacobo

Reanne Marie Lacosta  
Claire Elyse Morgan  
Jade Isra Siphomsay  
Alyssa Lauren Springer

## MASTER OF FINE ARTS

### Studio Art

Yunseok Song

### Writing

Keana Malia Aiuto  
Olivia Rose Berriz  
Harleen Kaur Bola  
Joy Yvonne Cancryn  
Connie Wei Chen  
Amanda Lillian Clausen  
Sarah Elizabeth Cronin  
Lilia Maldonado Farrell  
Robin Jane Foster  
Kaitlyn Karen Marie Gleeson  
Kristin Grace Jensen

### Writing (*continued*)

Erik Daniel Johnson  
Jason Michael Kaus  
Rosa Linda King  
Francis Edward Lowe  
Danica Leigh F. Nacionales  
Sonya Rose Pendrey  
Sasha Kalyana-Mitra Marie Rene  
Erin Nicole Rex  
Virginia Rider  
Krystian Robert Wolfgang Sverko Schwarz  
Katie Lynn Scott  
Eden Julia Bernal Sugay  
Lucy Ijams Weltner  
Katelynn Marie Williams

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Applied Economics

Ann Jillian Villanueva Adona  
Aysen Akpinar  
Yan Naing Aung  
Ken Aviananda  
Pooja Arjun Bhadra  
Neeraj Chand  
Patrick Cardenas Conroy  
Sankung Fatty  
Shiv Gargé  
Shubham Manoj Ghag  
Jasper Hua  
Jobin Bobby Mammen  
Nathalie Millimo Nyanga  
Chaitanya Pasupala  
Bhavesh Ram  
Julia Kirsten Richards  
Olayemi Hafeez Rufai  
Lucie Schulz  
Haining Yuan  
Yang Zhang  
Jingwen Zhu

### Biology

Nicholas Christopher DeVito  
Adelaide Elise Ergastolo  
Adriana Nicole Rafael

### Chemistry

Edward Jack Arthur Buck  
Yilan Lori Chen  
Keana Rochelle Davis  
Clifford Leung  
Ryan Nicholas Luu

### Computer Science

Seyedeh Parisa Abbasi  
James Adrian Ambat  
Arash Richie Ansari  
Vinay Haresh Bojja  
Ellen Robin Chan  
Khushal Chekuri  
Jingke Chen  
Kenny Dong  
Leonardo Enrico Framba  
Akanksha Gupta  
Colin David Inns  
Tanya Jain  
Jayanarayanan Jayaganesh  
Soham Chandrashekhar Kalse  
Nataliya Nishikant Karmarkar  
Gandhar Abhay Kulkarni  
Aditya Varma Kunatharaju  
Xipu Li  
Bing Liang  
Ashutosh Malla  
Yifan Meng  
Pedro Jairo Nogueira Pinheiro Neto  
Travis Oleson  
Chufeng Qiao  
Ashley Emma Radford  
Bharath Radhakrishnan  
Rishab Sanyal  
Gizem Hazal Senturk  
Yordanos Berhanu Solomon  
Cem Tuncelli  
Xiuhui Wang  
Maxwell Alexander Weidmer  
Shumin Zhang  
Yangxiaoge Zhang  
YaoMin Zhang

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Data Science

Maricela Yecenia Abarca  
Shreyas Anil  
Solomon Asiedu-Ofei Jnr  
Sai Pranavi Avadhanam  
Lisset Ireri Avila Ruiz  
Nrusimha Kartikeya Ayyalasomayajula  
John Bailey  
Vidith Balasa  
Ibrahim Eren Bardak  
Ryan Bernstein  
Vineeth Guptha Bodla  
Jessica Brungard  
Samuel Thomas Campione  
Tri Cao  
Yihan Cao  
Jeffrey Chen  
Zhiyuan Chen  
Amy Cho  
Jaywook Chung  
Sung Hyun Chung  
Sai Raghu Teja Davuluri  
Rithvik Krishna Donnipadu  
Ian Nicholas Robert Duke  
Princewill Chinemerem Egbujor  
Bassim Faizal Eledath  
Abhijeeth Erra  
Yen-Hsin Fang  
Daniel Matias Gonzalez  
Gaurav Goyal  
Caleb William Hamblen  
Inseong Han  
Sangjun Han  
Shrey Jain  
Yazhu Jiang  
Shagun Kala  
Indar Kumar  
Nithin A. Kumar  
Yan Ho Lam  
Thanh Dung Zoe Le  
Yepeng Li

Param Sunil Mehta  
Nicholas Ryan Miller  
Aryan Angel Mistry  
Varsha Moturi  
Ranjeet Shailendra Nagarkar  
Aditya Vijay Nair  
Manas Sarang Nambiar  
Kabir Nawani  
Christopher Yoshikazu Nishimura  
Belinda Ong  
Jiaxuan Ouyang  
Mikkel Ovesen  
Ting Pan  
Dawei Pang  
Rashmi Panse  
Yen Thi Kim Phan  
Krit Poshakrishna  
Sai Vamsi Pujari  
David Ramirez Escalante  
Cassandra Jane Richter  
Fred Serfati  
Sonal Shad  
Eric Shen  
Yaxuan Shen  
Maxim Sivoletta  
Ronel Samuel Solomon  
Bhumika Srinivas  
Ho Nam Tong  
Liang Tong  
Yi-Fang Tsai  
Evan Jacob Turkon  
Kejia Wang  
Seneth Waterman  
Kefeng Xiao  
Justin X. Yang  
Tianyunxi Yin  
Laila Zaidi  
Obtin Zandian  
Tian Jiao Zhou

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Energy Systems Management

Shaikh Khalifa H. Al-Maktoum  
Hudaverdi Aygor  
Valeria Bernal Malek  
Kaitlynn Alexandria Cortez  
Scott Christopher Thad Gambrell  
Thomas George  
Sebastian Leal  
Juan Ignacio Miranda  
Leila Khaled Paulino Merino  
Finn Michael Semling  
Dennis Jiangnan Wei

### Environmental Management

Matthew Roland Agustin  
Mousume Azad  
Jeffrey Roeder Beaudoin  
Elizavyeta Dmitrieva  
Wyatt Preston Farino  
Maria-Cristina Kealey  
Alessandra Guadalupe Navas  
Valere Daphne Ossie  
Kenneth Rangel  
Nicholas Alexander Rowlands  
Skyler Marie Seamons  
Elizabeth Anne Sekelsky  
Michaela Cathryn Sena  
Elizabeth Irene Tautges  
Callie Sierra Totaro  
Cheri Tsoi Yu Tse  
Cristina Vance

### International and Development Economics

Ester Agasha  
Lucas Fortier Borden  
Veronika Divis  
Bryce Conner Everett  
Andrew Hall  
Jackson Kadyampakeni  
Antonio Sebastian Pagano  
Khushboo Patel  
Natalya Francis Schafer  
Akash N. Shaji  
Prakriti Shakya  
Antonia Michele Sottile  
Martine Hind Stølan  
Nikita Tkachenko  
Stanley Yip  
Wenwen Zhang  
Yuchen Zhu

## GRADUATE DEGREES MASTER OF SCIENCE

### Sport Management

Musa Abdi  
Ricardo Daniel Aguilera  
Yasmine Alameddine  
Marissa Ann Alvarez  
Blake Christopher Atkins  
Desi J. Battad  
Stephen Patrick Brosseau  
Ivan Calderon  
Danville Dominguez Camegla  
Dominique Isabella Centeno  
Leslie Colon  
Jayla Ranae Cooper  
Andrea Dorantes Montes  
Dominique Bautista Dungo  
Agustí Fresquet Beltrán  
Josselyn Garcia  
William Pierre Golden  
Elizabeth Gomez  
Christian Tyler Gonzalez  
Kushagra Goyal  
Chunxi Guo  
James Wilson Hurrell  
Linda Hurshman  
Cristalle Fay Irons  
Woohyuk Jang  
Yundian Jing

Brendan Kiley Larson  
Gabriela Lopez  
Meleina Juliette McCann  
Damien Christopher Meza  
Vanessa Murillo Landeros  
Wyatt Curtis Nye  
Cordelia Grace Olson  
Diego Osorio  
Ayaka Otsuka  
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Aditya V. N. Vadlamudi  
Chonglin Xiao  
Andres Zamorano

## GRADUATE DEGREES PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS

### Biotechnology

Perla Joseph Abi Kheirs  
Opeoluwa Emmanuel Abiona  
Forum Kalpesh Bhansali  
Kriti Bhardwaj  
Utsav G. Bhavsar  
Ashley Akemi Chew  
Melita Haryono  
Navjeet Kaur  
Devi Supriya Korumilli  
Dauson Rohn Larrabee

Chinh Quang Trung Nguyen  
Neetika Patel  
Mia Marie Pensa  
Gustavo Adolfo Pineda  
Devyani Pradhan  
Aariya Shrimanker  
Sukhdeep Singh  
Kia Anita Vaalavirta  
Kylie Michiko Watanabe  
Sara Yan

## SR. SIMONE CAMPBELL, SSS LEADER, NUNS ON THE BUS

Woman of faith rooted in a spirituality of compassion, action, and service.  
Courageous Catholic sister who leads with conviction in response to the demands of the Gospel.  
Powerful voice for social programs and policies that sustain tolerance, equality,  
and justice for the most vulnerable. Tireless activist for others.

Sister Simone Campbell has been an unrelenting force for fairness, justice, and equity, serving society's most disenfranchised for nearly six decades. Her activism embodies Pope Francis' exhortation to "ground our policies in the experience of those at the margins of society." She is a nationally recognized faith leader, results-oriented attorney, and effective lobbyist who influences public discourse on immigration, social justice, and health care. As executive director of NETWORK until 2021, she led the nonprofit Catholic social justice lobby for nearly two decades in its mission to weave together the federal advocacy work of Catholic sisters in the U.S. She has trained the high beams on issues that would help "mend the gaps" in income and wealth in the U.S., specifically on how those variables disproportionately affect people of color and women.

Sr. Simone, who joined the Sisters of Social Service in 1964, had a rich history of social activism before she became a national celebrity in 2010 following the publication of the "Nuns' Letter," which she wrote in support of the Affordable Care Act. Fifty-nine organizations, including the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, signed on, drawing widespread media attention and prompting a controversy that resulted in a Vatican investigation. She was thanked by President Obama and attended the ceremony celebrating the Affordable Care Act being signed into law. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which had come out in opposition to the bill two days before the coalition of nuns released their letter of support, chastised her.

In 2012, the Vatican issued a reprimand to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, while singling out NETWORK as "promoting radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith." Stunned, Sr. Simone's first thought was, "Social justice is what Catholic sisters do." She decided to go ahead with the initiative she was instrumental in organizing. The Nuns on the Bus tour was a two-week, nine-state, 2,700-mile trip to rally support against Congressman Paul Ryan's budget plan that would decimate vital social programs for people in need. The tour received an avalanche of attention. She has led six additional trips focused on pressing issues, including tax justice, healthcare, and immigration reform. In advance of the 2020 election, she led the first virtual Nuns on the Bus tour, including 63 virtual events.

Prior to leading NETWORK, Sr. Simone was executive director of JERICHO, the California interfaith public policy organization that works to protect the interests of people living in poverty. In 1995, she was named general director of her order, Sisters of Social Service. She had immersed herself in social work after joining the order in 1964. She knew she needed a law degree to help people who could not afford an attorney. After taking final vows, she enrolled in the UC Davis School of Law. She graduated in 1977, passed the California Bar Exam, and opened the Community Law Center in Oakland. She led the center for nearly 20 years, assisting the working poor.

Sr. Simone takes action in the spirit of this University's mission to promote faith that does justice. Catholic social thought explicitly informs her advocacy for just economic policies that lift people out of poverty, immigration reform that recognizes human rights, and structures of solidarity that form the foundation of a peaceful society. A Southern California native, she attended Catholic schools before entering the Sisters of Social Service order the year after graduating from high school. Her life has been one of forward motion and service for the often unheard and unseen people trying to survive at society's margins.

Sr. Simone received a 2022 National Medal of Freedom from President Biden, who called her "the embodiment of a covenant of trust, hope, and progress of a nation," the UC Davis School of Law 2019 Distinguished Alumna Award, a 2013 Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award, and the 2012 Defender of Democracy Award from the Parliamentarians for Global Action. Sr. Simone often appears in the media, is an in-demand speaker, and authored two books, *Hunger for Hope* and *A Nun on the Bus*.

That all may know of our great esteem for her courageous advocacy for the rights of the marginalized, vulnerable, and voiceless, we therefore, confer upon Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS, the degree of Doctor of Humane letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, given this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the University, the hundred and sixty-ninth, in San Francisco, California.

## 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 student is:

*Damien Christopher Meza*

### 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:

*Eden Julia Bernal Sugay*



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDS

### Jacques R. Artus Award

A certificate and an inscription on the award plaque, given by the faculty of the Department of Economics, in recognition of the most outstanding graduate student in the Master of Science in International & Development Economics program, are awarded to:

*Lucas Fortier Borden*

### Master of Arts in Applied Economics Outstanding Graduate Student Award

A certificate and an inscription on the award plaque, given by the faculty of the Department of Applied Economics, in recognition of the most outstanding graduate student in the Master of Science in Applied Economics program, are awarded to:

*Chaitanya Pasupala*  
*Lucie Schulz*

### Academic Excellence Award for Computer Science

Certificates, in recognition of exceptional academic achievement, are awarded by the faculty of the Department of Computer Science to:

*Ellen Robin Chan*  
*Khushal Chekuri*  
*Kenny Dong*  
*Akanksha Gupta*  
*Bing Liang*  
*Pedro Jairo Nogueira Pinheiro Neto*  
*Ashley Emma Radford*  
*Xiuhui Wang*  
*YaoMin Zhang*

### MAIS Award for Best Overall Capstone

This award, in recognition of the capstone project which is well researched and well written on an important and timely topic in International Studies, and which best embodies the overall focus and mission of the International Studies department and the MAIS program, is awarded to:

*Malou Lena Julia Desplenter*

### MSEM Award for Academic Excellence

A plaque presented to an exceptional graduate in Environmental Management, based on academic achievements, contribution to courses, and contribution to the MSEM program as a whole, is awarded to:

*Kenneth Rangel*  
*Nicholas Alexander Rowlands*

### The Joseph Petulla Award for the Outstanding Environmental Management Graduate Student

A plaque presented to the outstanding graduate in Environmental Management, based on academic achievement and outstanding performance in the MSEM program. This plaque, named in memory of former MSEM director, Joe Petulla, who started the program at USF in the 1970's and coordinated the program for over 15 years, is awarded to:

*Elizabeth Anne Sekelsky*

### Graduate Speaker Finalists

*Ololo Jesuobuseme Olorife*  
*Alyssa Mailani Yee*

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

### McGrath Scholars

The McGrath Scholars of the Change the World From Here Institute was created to develop critically aware, mission-driven and goal-oriented system thinkers who are motivated to change their communities for the common good. The program engages and further develops established campus leaders across all disciplines who practice ethical, cooperative, collaborative and inclusive leadership; engage in both courageous and compassionate action; cultivate changes in values by re-framing and reinterpreting situations, and practice contemplative self-reflection. The Scholars honored here represent members of the graduating class that have completed both the curricular and co-curricular components of the program successfully. Graduating students are:

*Chaitanya Pasupala*

*Olusola Akanni*

*Lalini Shanela Ranaraja*

*Virginia Rider*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Academic Innovation Award

The Academic Innovation Award was created by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in order to recognize and celebrate one or more faculty, librarians and/or staff who have discovered and implemented innovative ways of serving students, and/or advancing a more just, humane and sustainable world. Eligible projects may include academic and co-curricular programs, administrative systems, new technologies, start ups and research discoveries.

*Claire Sharifi, Gleeson Library*

### Collaborative Leadership and Commitment to Shared Governance Award

The Collaborative Leadership and Commitment to Shared Governance award recognizes and honors the work of a USF faculty, librarian, or staff member who has modeled collaborative leadership, built trust and mutual understanding, and made exceptional contributions to enhancing shared governance within the USF community.

*Lori Prince, Student Financial Services, Strategic Enrollment Management*

### Community Engaged Learning Faculty Award

The University Community Engaged Learning Faculty Award recognizes the work of full-time faculty in developing service-learning opportunities for USF students. The awardee shall be a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated a commitment to service learning through the integration of service-learning into the curriculum; innovation in employing a reflective teaching methodology to connect community and public service experience with academic study; and demonstration of leadership that promotes service-learning on campus.

*David Silver, College of Arts and Sciences*

### Distinguished Adjunct Teaching Award

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a part-time faculty member for extraordinary dedication to teaching and students, and for innovative and gifted approaches to teaching and the classroom at USF, are awarded to:

*Gaëlle Corvaisier, College of Arts and Sciences*

*Peter Kline, College of Arts and Sciences*

*Alyssa Lund, School of Education*

*Nathaniel Stevens, College of Arts and Sciences*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Distinguished Research Award

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a full-time faculty member whose recent research and scholarship have made an outstanding contribution to his or her academic discipline, are awarded to:

*Aparna Venkatesan, College of Arts and Sciences*

### Distinguished Teaching Award

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a full-time faculty member for extraordinary dedication to teaching and students, and for innovative and gifted approaches to teaching and the classroom, are awarded to:

*Stephen Kraus, School of Management*

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Award

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Award is awarded to a faculty, librarian, or staff member who conveys through their teaching and example the equitable and inclusive values identified in the University's founding principles and mission. The University Community, in grateful recognition of teaching and service to students, awards the Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Award to:

*Nour Al-muhtasib, College of Arts and Sciences*

### Educational Effectiveness Award

The Educational Effectiveness Award (EEA) is given out annually to one team in recognition of excellence in assessment practices at the University of San Francisco. The recognized assessment work should show evidence of student learning, use of student learning evidence, and help the University, or any part of the University or community, achieve its learning outcomes, goals or mission. Exemplary assessment work should also support a culture of assessment at USF, and include a plan for closing the loop.

*Amy Flynn, School of Law*

### Global Justice Award

The Global Justice Award recognizes a faculty, librarian, or staff member who furthers social justice in a global context, including advancing ADEI work in communities around the world or in an intercultural space on-campus, global work on sustainability and environmental justice, and work with partners and communities in the Global South that amplifies their voices.

*Kevin Lo, School of Management*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### Ignatian Service Award

Ignatian Service Award recognizes an exceptional commitment to the service of students, the University, and the community at large, in light of the religious and moral legacy of St. Ignatius. The awardee shall be a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated an ongoing and creative commitment to the realization of this legacy through his/her actions and accomplishments.

*Angelika Williams, Student Financial Services,  
Strategic Enrollment Management*

### Innovation in Global Education Award

The Innovation in Global Education Award recognizes a faculty, librarian, or staff member who demonstrates innovation in facilitating global educational opportunities (study abroad, immersion programs, internships, research opportunities) or bringing a global perspective to campus (incorporating global into courses, developing new global courses, or broadening access to global perspectives).

*Lindsay Harris, School of Law*

### Innovation in Teaching with Technology Award

The CIT Awards honor faculty or staff who have demonstrated excellent use of technology in education. Recipients have supported the development of teaching and learning contributing to the overall quality of the USF learning environment.

*Nicole Phillips, School of Law  
Sedique Popal, School of Education  
John Shafer, School of Law*

### Mentor of the Year Award

The Mentor of the Year Award was created by the Provost Council in order to recognize a faculty member or a staff person who furthers the Vision, Mission and Values of the University through their demonstrated commitment to and excellence in advising and mentoring our graduate and undergraduate students. The award recognizes individuals who help our students (1) identify their academic goals; (2) establish relationships between their curricular and co-curricular activities; (3) develop the expertise, skills and values that support academic and personal achievement; and, (4) discern how their USF experience will assist them in forming a more humane and just world, and is awarded to:

*Patricia Busk, School of Education*

### Outstanding Teamwork in Advancing the University's Strategic Plan Award

The Outstanding Teamwork in Advancing the University's Strategic Plan Award was created by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs in order to recognize and honor a team of faculty, librarians and/or staff who have made exceptional contributions to advancing USF's Strategic Plan, with an emphasis on creative co-design, collaboration, and cross-departmental/divisional teamwork.

*Carolina Echeverria and SONHP team,  
School of Nursing and Health Professions*

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

### **Sarlo Prize for Excellence in Teaching**

The Sarlo Prize recognizes excellence in teaching based upon the moral values that lie at the foundation of USF's identity. The awardee shall be a proven, effective full-time faculty member who through his/her teaching exemplifies the ethical principles that inform the University's vision, mission, and values.

*David Philoxene, School of Education*

### **Sr. Vicky Siu Award for Outstanding Contributions and Service to the University of San Francisco**

A purse and a plaque, awarded jointly by the USF Faculty Association and the University, to a part-time faculty member who has volunteered to organize workshops, performances, lectures, or other opportunities for students at USF — beyond the responsibilities of their teaching position, are awarded to:

*Susan Stryker, School of Management*

## *American Flag*

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.



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