

CLASS OF 2016

Presiding	Astrida Orle Tantillo DEAN
Processional	Wind Ensemble JOSÉ OLIVER RIOJAS, DIRECTOR
	Platform Party and Faculty of the College
National Anthem	Audience led by Mary Gale Tan WORDS ON PAGE 44
Opening Remarks	Astrida Orle Tantillo
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Ramón Cepeda MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUTEES
Welcome from the University of Illinois	Timothy Killeen PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
Greetings from the University of Illinois at Chicago	Michael D. Amiridis CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
Conferral of Honorary Degree	Timothy Killeen Cheryl R. Ganz DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS
Commencement Address	Sheryl Underwood HOST OF CBS'S DAYTIME EMMY AWARD- NOMINATED SHOW, <i>THE TALK</i> , AND CELEBRATED COMEDIAN, ACTRESS, BUSINESS OWNER, AND PHILANTHROPIST

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

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Karen J. Colley	Dean of the Graduate College
Astrida Orle Tantillo	Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Recognition of Student Honors	Astrida Orle Tantillo
Presentation of the Silver Circle Awards	Susan Poser PROVOST AND VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Concluding Remarks	Astrida Orle Tantillo
Recessional	

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Astrida Orle Tantillo, PhD
Dean

Dear 2016 LAS Graduates,

Commencement is a day of great celebration and ceremony because it marks one of life's most meaningful accomplishments. Today, whether you are graduating from college or receiving an advanced degree, your degree represents the attainment of new knowledge and original thought as well as your ability to challenge yourselves toward a difficult, complex, and rewarding goal. It is a marker of what you have accomplished to date but also a predictor of success in the future. On behalf of the entire community of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you.

It is our hope that you will be able to take what you have learned here—whether in the classroom, from your fellow students, or in your experiences beyond the campus—and successfully navigate whatever is to come. The world today is an ever-expanding one, with more global possibilities than ever before. The world is also rapidly changing; the development of a new technology today could dramatically and almost instantly change almost any aspect of our society. Such changes are exhilarating, but they can also be disorienting. Your liberal education from one of the top research universities in the country and from one of the most diverse universities in the country should serve you well in the face of these challenges and opportunities.

As you walk across the commencement stage today, you take with you the foundations of a liberal education: knowledge of scholarly investigation, experimentation, and discourse; the ability to see perspectives other than your own and to respect them even when you cannot agree with them; and perhaps most importantly, a desire to gain more knowledge and fresh perspectives in the years to come. During your time here, you have engaged in the intellectual traditions and debates of your chosen academic fields. It is our sincere pleasure to hand you your well-earned diplomas as you continue to build your own compelling narratives. Today, you are not only graduates of the college, you are also our newest alumni, and we hope to hear from you and look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in the years to come.

It is with great joy that I congratulate you, once again, on today's graduation. The faculty and staff are so proud to be part of your individual success stories, and we are just as proud to include you as part of our collective LAS success story. We wish you all of the best in your next endeavors.

Astrida Orle Tantillo is dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the largest college at UIC with 22 departments and programs serving over 10,000 students. Dean Tantillo is a faculty member in the Departments of Germanic Studies and History and an internationally renowned Goethe scholar.



Cheryl R. Ganz
Doctor of Humane Letters

HONORARY DEGREE

Cheryl R. Ganz is a distinguished public historian, published academic author, and Smithsonian Institution curator emerita. She retired as chief curator of philately at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, where she acted as lead curator of the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery, the world's largest postage stamp gallery. Her pioneering vision placed stamps and mail in historical context by using narratives, artifacts, and interactive technology to complement the stamps, establishing new international stamp gallery standards. She currently serves as vice chair on the USPS Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, the committee that selects subjects and approves designs for U.S. postage stamps. Ganz earned a PhD in U.S. history from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her publications include *Pots of Promise: Mexicans and Pottery at Hull House, 1920-40*; *The 1933 Chicago World's Fair: A Century of Progress*; *Delivering Hope: FDR & Stamps of the Great Depression*; *Fire & Ice: Hindenburg and Titanic*; *Pacific Exchange: China & U.S. Mail*; and *Every Stamp Tells a Story: The National Philatelic Collection*.

The University of Illinois at Chicago takes great pride in presenting Cheryl R. Ganz for the conferral of the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters.



Sheryl Underwood
Host of CBS's Daytime Emmy Award-nominated show, *The Talk*, and celebrated comedian, actress, business owner, and philanthropist

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Sheryl Underwood skillfully balances the roles of savvy businesswoman, in-demand entertainer, movie and television actress, radio personality, and philanthropist. As part of the hosting team for *The Talk*, CBS's Daytime Emmy Award-nominated talk show that examines contemporary events and issues, Ms. Underwood recently received a 2016 People's Choice Award for "Favorite Daytime TV Hosting Team" and an NAACP Image Award for "Outstanding Talk Series." As a multimedia entertainer, she has starred in films such as *Bullworth* and *Beauty Shop*; appeared on numerous television shows such as *The Steve Harvey Project*, the *Dr. Phil Show*, *The View*, *CBS This Morning*, and *The Young and the Restless*; and can be heard daily on *Sheryl Underwood Radio*. Ms. Underwood was recently featured in an exclusive article in *PEOPLE* magazine, and her life story was the subject of the TVOne bio-documentary *UNSUNG Hollywood: Sheryl Underwood*. She is owner and chief executive officer of Pack Rat Productions, Inc. and the Pack Rat Foundation for Education and is the 23rd international president of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Described as one of the world's brightest contemporary humorists, Ms. Underwood is committed to sharing the wisdom and insight she has gained through her service, philanthropy, and excellence in business with generations to come.

Sheryl Underwood is a graduate of the UIC Department of Communication and takes the stage today for a repeat performance, having served as the student speaker in her own LAS Commencement ceremony in 1987.