

Class of 2013

PRESIDING **Astrida Orle Tantillo**
Dean

PROCESSIONAL **UIC Concert Band**
Nicholas Carlson, Director

Platform Party and Faculty of the College
Doctoral Degree Candidates
Master’s Degree and Bachelor’s Degree Candidates

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” **Audience led by**
(words on page 51) **Candice Eisenhauer**

OPENING REMARKS **Astrida Orle Tantillo**

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT CHICAGO AND GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS **Paula Allen-Meares**
Chancellor of the University of
Illinois at Chicago
John Corbally Presidential
Professor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS **Beth E. Richie**
Director, UIC Institute for
Research on Race and Public
Policy
Professor, African American
Studies and Criminology, Law,
and Justice

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Paula Allen-Meares, Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago
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 **Lon S. Kaufman**
Vice Chancellor for Academic
Affairs and Provost

CONCLUDING REMARKS **Astrida Orle Tantillo**

RECESSIONAL

Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recessional is completed.

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The Liberal Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor award was established in 2006 to commend exceptional faculty for their contributions to the LAS and UIC communities, as well as for their significant and sustained intellectual scholarship.

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Professor Henry Howe	Department of Biological Sciences
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*Previous recipient

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Robert Paul Malchow	Department of Biological Sciences
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Kevin Schultz	Department of History
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Jennifer Wiley	Department of Psychology
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Earth and Environmental Sciences	Roy Plotnick
Economics	Evelyn Lehrer
English	Mark Canuel Lisa Freeman
French and Francophone Studies	Ellen McClure
Gender and Women's Studies	Jennifer Richardson Sekile Nzinga-Johnson
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Hispanic and Italian Studies	Margarita Saona
History	Kevin Schultz
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Physics	Ho-Ung Yee

Political Science	Robert Bruhl
Psychology	Dina Berman Courtney Bonam
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The Board of Visitors supports the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and advises the dean and college officers on various matters to ensure that the college continues to offer students access to the highest quality of education.

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Message from the Dean

It is a great honor to preside over your graduation today as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. As a member of the LAS community since 1995, I have been privileged to witness the steady growth of the university into the world-class institution we know today. LAS is proud to contribute to that growth with top-ranked departments and faculty members who work in the academy and the world to advance our knowledge and carry out our commitment to enriching local, national, and global communities. As LAS students, you have chosen to continue that advancement by pursuing excellence in your particular fields.

Today is truly a day for celebration. Although there will undoubtedly be many more accomplishments in your life, attaining a university degree is one of the most important of life's achievements. You have reached a goal that required hard work and sacrifice. In receiving your degree today, you have a credential that the world recognizes and rewards. Take pride in being graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UIC. Whether you are graduating with a bachelor's or master's degree or have achieved the final academic degree, the PhD, I am certain that your time at UIC has fostered your growth in many ways.

As you walk across the stage today, be confident in knowing that you are part of a community that will always strive to better its world and will continue in its pursuit of knowledge. During your time here in LAS, you became a part of the university and were introduced to this great city and the world. Many of you have experienced that our campus goes well beyond our physical space. You may have studied abroad, worked within nearby communities, or participated in our partnerships and research opportunities with institutions such as the Field Museum of Natural History, the Brookfield Zoo, the Chicago Botanic Gardens, Argonne National Laboratories, the Adler Planetarium, the Chicago History Museum, or UIC's own Hull-House Museum, to name just a few. If so, you know how far-reaching the educational experience of the college can be.

As dean, I have met alumni all over the country who have expressed their gratitude to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, remember it with fondness, and take particular pride in it. Their numbers, influence, and commitment are growing throughout the nation. I encourage you, too, to take your knowledge and experience and make the world a better place. Stay in touch. In the years to come, I know that we will hear of your many achievements as alumni of this great institution.

Sincerely,

Astrida Orle Tantillo, PhD

**In addition to serving as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Astrida Orle Tantillo has served as the director and driving force behind the college's School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics and as a professor of Germanic studies and history. Dean Tantillo is an internationally renowned Goethe scholar and former president of the Goethe Society of North America.*



BETH E. RICHIE is the director of the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy and professor of African American studies and criminology, law, and justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The emphasis of her scholarly and activist work has been on the ways that race/ethnicity and social position affect women's experiences of violence and incarceration with a focus on African American battered women and sexual assault survivors. Dr. Richie is the author of *Arrested Justice: Black Women, Violence and America's Prison Nation* (NYU Press, 2012) which chronicles the evolution of the contemporary antiviolence movement during the time of mass incarceration in the United States. She is the author of numerous articles on Black feminism and gender violence; race and criminal justice policy; and the social dynamics of sexuality, prison abolition, and grassroots organizations in African American communities. Her earlier book *Compelled to Crime: the Gender Entrapment of Black Battered Women*, which is used in many college courses, has been widely cited in the popular press. A current project focuses on documenting the conditions of confinement in women's prisons.

A renowned scholar, Professor Richie's work has been supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the National Institute for Justice, and the National Institute of Corrections. Among her various recognitions, she has been awarded the Audre Lorde Legacy Award from the Union Institute, the Advocacy Award of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Visionary Award from the Violence Intervention Project. Dr. Richie is a board member of the Woods Fund of Chicago, the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African Community, and the Center for Fathers' Families and Public Policy and a founding member of INCITE!: Women of Color Against Violence. In the coming week, Professor Richie will be bestowed an honorary doctoral degree from the City University of New York School of Law.