

Class of 2014

PRESIDING	Astrida Orle Tantillo Dean
PROCESSIONAL	UIC Concert Band José O. Riojas, Director of Bands
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 Eisenhower
OPENING REMARKS	Astrida Orle Tantillo
WELCOME FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	Robert A. Easter President of the University of Illinois
GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	
AT CHICAGO	Paula Allen-Meares Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago John Corbally Presidential Professor
CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES	Robert A. Easter Shing-Tung Yau Doctor of Humane Letters Ertharin Cousin Doctor of Humane Letters
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	The Honorable Ertharin Cousin Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Robert A. Easter, President of the University of Illinois
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 recession is completed.

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LAS Distinguished Professors

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.

Professor Lennard J. Davis	Departments of English and Disability Studies
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Professor Henri Gillet	Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
Professor Vladimir Gevorgyan	Department of Chemistry
Professor Susan R. Goldman	Department of Psychology
Professor Henry Howe	Department of Biological Sciences
Professor Brian Kay	Department of Biological Sciences
Professor David Marker	Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
Professor James W. Pellegrino	Department of Psychology
Professor Sally Sedgwick	Department of Philosophy
Professor Peter Shalen	Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
Professor Sivalingam Sivananthan	Department of Physics
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Professor Roger P. Weissberg	Department of Psychology
Professor Paul Tiyambe Zeleza	Department of African American Studies

LAS Faculty Recipients of the 2014 Silver Circle Award

Joel Brown*	Department of Biological Sciences
John D’Emilio	Departments of Gender and Women’s Studies and History
Mitchel Hendrickson	Department of Anthropology
Lindsey McQuade	Department of Chemistry
Katherine Noll*	Department of Psychology
Alfred Thomas	Department of English

*Previous recipient

LAS Faculty Recipients of the UIC Teaching Recognition Program Award, 2011–2014

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Marsha Cassidy	Department of English
Claire Decoteau	Department of Sociology
Olga Evdokimov	Department of Physics
Chiara Fabbian	Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Robert Johnston	Department of History
Robert Klie	Department of Physics
Robert Paul Malchow	Department of Biological Sciences
Christine Martin	Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice
Kara Morgan-Short	Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Julie Peters	Department of History
Kim Potowski	Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Christina Pugh	Department of English
Alison Castro Superfine	Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
Margarita Saona	Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Kevin Schultz	Department of History
Mike Stieff	Department of Chemistry
Inma Taboada	Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies

Wilson Tillotson	Department of Physics
Jennifer Wiley	Department of Psychology
Charitianne Williams	Department of English
Elizabeth D. Weber	Department of French and Francophone Studies

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Ceremony marshals wear black and white cords.

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Chemistry	Preston Snee
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Criminology, Law, and Justice	Peter Ibarra Paul Schewe
Earth and Environmental Sciences	Roy Plotnick
Economics	Evelyn Lehrer
English	Walter Benn Michaels
French and Francophone Studies	Stacy Fifer John Ireland
Gender and Women's Studies	Elena Gutierrez
Germanic Studies	Heidi Schlipphacke
Hispanic and Italian Studies	Tatjana Gajic
History	Rama Mantena
Latin American and Latino Studies	Albert Hernandez
Linguistics	Jessica Williams
Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science	Jerry Bona
Neuroscience	Mitchell Roitman
Philosophy	Constance Meinwald

Physics	Ursula Perez-Salas
Political Science	Kevin Lyles
Psychology	Evelyn Behar Michael Ragozzino
Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures	Karen Underhill
Sociology	Courtney Carter

Name Readers

Dace Kezbers	Language Consultant
Daina Jauntirans	Consulting Translator

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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

Dear 2014 Graduates,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UIC, I offer you our heartfelt congratulation! Today is truly a day for celebration. You have achieved a goal for which you have worked hard and sacrificed. In receiving your degree today, you have a credential that the community recognizes and rewards.

It is a great honor to preside over your graduation as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and to share in this happy occasion. I have been a member of the LAS community since 1995, and it has been a privilege to witness the rapid growth of the university into the world-class institution we know today. LAS is extremely proud of our top-ranked faculty and departments and of our commitment to improving our communities. We hope that you have benefited by this excellence and been inspired by it.

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 pride in it. Our alumni include prominent individuals in government, the arts, business, education, and nonprofit organizations. As UIC students, and now new alumni, you have joined the ranks of those who have come before you and excelled. I encourage you, too, to take your knowledge and experience and make the world a better place.

As you obtain your degree and move on to your next challenge and success, I ask you to remember your college. Stay involved and stay in touch! I look forward to hearing of your accomplishments as alumni of LAS and UIC.

Sincerely,

Astrida Orle Tantillo, PhD

Dean Astrida Orle Tantillo is a faculty member in the Departments of History and Germanic Studies. Prior to serving as dean, she served as the inaugural director of the college's School of Literatures, Cultural Studies, and Linguistics and as department head of germanic studies. Dean Tantillo is an internationally renowned Goethe scholar and former president of the Goethe Society of North America.



SHING-TUNG YAU, the William Caspar Graustein Professor of Mathematics at Harvard University, has been a dominant force in the field of differential geometry and its application to general relativity and string theory for over four decades. In 1982, his work was recognized with the Fields Medal, the pinnacle of achievement in mathematics. Professor Yau has the rare combination of enormous technical prowess and deep physical intuition, allowing him to effortlessly navigate between the worlds of mathematics and physics. This has put him at the forefront of interdisciplinary research as one of the world's leading mathematical theorists. In addition to his scholarly accomplishments, Professor Yau is an education entrepreneur with a successful record of changing traditional education in mathematics. He has been instrumental in establishing centers and institutes in mathematics in China, including at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Morningside Center of Mathematics in Beijing, the Center for Theoretical Sciences at Taiwan, Zhejiang University, and Tsinghua University. Professor Yau is often thought of as an ambassador of mathematics.

For his extraordinary creativity and achievements, his profound commitment to his field and to students, and as an inspiration to many, the University of Illinois at Chicago takes pride in presenting Shing-Tung Yau for the conferral of the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.



ERTHARIN COUSIN was named twelfth executive director of the United Nation's World Food Programme in 2012. As executive director, she oversees a four billion dollar budget and a staff of 15,000 serving 100 million individuals throughout the world. Previously she served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture and head of the U.S. Mission to the U.S. Agencies in Rome. She has been instrumental in guiding U.S. and international policy in response to some of the most devastating and challenging humanitarian situations in the world.

In the course of her career, Ms. Cousin served as White House liaison to the State Department during the administration of President Bill Clinton. She has held the post of executive vice president and chief operating officer for Feeding America and led that organization's response to victims of Hurricane Katrina. In the corporate sector, Ms. Cousin headed government communications and community affairs at Albertsons Foods in addition to serving as president and chair of the Albertsons Foundation. The passion for justice through much of her life has guided Ms. Cousin's entire career as she has consistently sought to influence how the world nourishes its starving populations, enhances its farms, and empowers its citizens. She is internationally known as a champion of long-term solutions to food insecurity and hunger. Ertharin Cousin is a 1979 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the source of enormous pride to the UIC community. To this end, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is delighted that Ms. Cousin is the 2014 commencement speaker and one who will surely inspire the graduating class.

Today, the University of Illinois at Chicago takes utmost pleasure in presenting the Honorable Ertharin Cousin for the conferral of the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.