

UIC COLLEGE OF
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT CHICAGO URBAN PLANNING
& PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Commencement
May 10, 2013



On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, I extend to you our collective congratulations on a job well done, on having completed your academic degree program and having prepared yourselves for the opportunities and challenges that await you in the next chapter of your life. Your education has suited you well for making a difference in the world, for moving the needle in a better direction, for ensuring that you will leave behind a world far better than the one you are entering.

For those of you who are already part of, or soon to join, the honorable professions of government and nonprofit service and to engage in civic discourse and action to move your community forward, the faculty and staff in CUPPA are secure in the knowledge that you possess the combination of skills, knowledge, and commitment to solving the problems that society offers. You entered into this arena with passion to do good—with

a dedication to improving the human condition—and we are convinced that you will indeed make a difference.

Your academic achievements and, perhaps just as important, your perseverance and hard work to earn your degree are a tribute to you as well as to your parents, your partners, your families, your friends, your village. We salute you and those who have offered you their guidance, comfort, and support during your journey at UIC. Many scholars, collaborators, and mentors have played a crucial role during your academic experience and have helped you along your path of discovery. I encourage you to continue to build on those relationships and to continue to exchange ideas, insights, and knowledge with those who teach others. We will be here for you during the next steps of your journey. In return, we hope you will continue to reflect on your experiences and educate us on your findings, insights, and discoveries.

As you leave the solemn and joyful festivities today and depart the physical space called the UIC campus, you undoubtedly know that you never really leave your alma mater. Indeed, your alma mater reaches out to you and asks for your help to build communities for a better future. CUPPA reaches out to our students—our alumni and alumnae—and asks that we collectively and collaboratively work to improve the institution that nourished you. CUPPA has invested in your education, in your future, in your success. We now ask that you become involved in furthering the opportunities for the next generation of students who are only now commencing their UIC chapter of life. This is our request: Remain engaged with CUPPA and help make it a better institution of learning, discovery, and impact.

We raise our glasses and salute your accomplishments. And we hope to keep connected with you virtually or in real life on a return visit to UIC! Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Pagano". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael A. Pagano

Dean

Class of 2013

Dean Michael A. Pagano **Presiding**

PROCESSIONAL

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

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” **Circle Center Brass Quintet**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS **Michael A. Pagano**
Dean

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY **Robert A. Easter**
President of the University of Illinois

Paula Allen-Meares
Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago
John Corbally Presidential Professor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER **Patrick J. Fitzgerald**
Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Litigation
Member, University of Illinois Board of Trustees

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES **Robert A. Easter**

Aixa Alfonso
Associate Dean of the Graduate College

Michael A. Pagano

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS **Michael A. Pagano**

PRESENTATION OF SILVER CIRCLE AWARD **Michael A. Pagano**

Silver Circle Award Recipient **Valerie Werner, PhD, LMFT**
Adjunct Assistant Professor

STUDENT SPEAKERS **Carlos Lopez**
Urban and Public Affairs

Caitlin Humrickhouse
Public Administration

Amy Bartlett Bashiti
Urban Planning and Policy

GREETINGS FROM THE CUPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **Rebecca McFadden, MPA '02**
President, CUPPA Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS **Michael A. Pagano**

RECESSIONAL

Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed. Graduates and guests are invited to join Dean Pagano and the faculty at a reception immediately following the ceremony in Meeting Room C, UIC Forum.

CEREMONY OFFICIALS

Marshal of the Day	Teresa Córdova Director of the Great Cities Institute and Professor of Urban Planning and Policy
Commencement Marshal	Albert Schorsch III Associate Dean
Banner Carriers	
UIC	Karen Mossberger Head and Professor Public Administration
CUPPA	Curt Winkle Head and Associate Professor Urban Planning and Policy
Name Reader	Albert Schorsch III
Musical Accompaniment	Circle Center Brass Quintet

MARSHAL OF THE DAY



Teresa Córdova, Director of the Great Cities Institute

Teresa Córdova is the newly appointed director of UIC's Great Cities Institute. She is also professor of urban planning and policy in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA). Professor Córdova received her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. Before her appointment as the third permanent Great Cities Institute director, she was department chair and professor of community and regional planning at the University of New Mexico.

Dr. Córdova is a former elected official on the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners (New Mexico). While a county commissioner, she served on the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Board and was chair of the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Commission. While commissioner, she brought needed infrastructure projects and improvements, economic development, amenities such as open space and parks, a medical clinic, youth facilities, and various services to her district. She also initiated several long-range planning projects.

She is founder and former director of the Resource Center for Raza Planning in the College of Architecture and Planning at UNM. While director, the center engaged students in research, policy writing and analysis, public participation, design, strategic and sector planning, and curriculum related to issues of economic development, infrastructure (water, sewer, drainage, and road improvement), land use, neighborhood stabilization, agricultural preservation, and youth development.

She was a National Research Council fellow and has received multiple leadership awards and recognitions for her role in community economic development and infrastructure planning. She has sat on numerous national and local boards and steering committees of community development corporations, planning organizations, policy groups, and campus committees.

Professor Córdova is currently president of the board of directors of the Praxis Project, a national nonprofit organization that provides research, technical assistance, and financial support to tackle issues impacting the well being of communities. She also is currently the elected secretary of the governing board of the Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning, a consortium of university-based programs offering credentials in urban and regional planning.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER**Patrick J. Fitzgerald**
Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Litigation

Patrick Fitzgerald is a seasoned trial lawyer and experienced investigator whose practice focuses on internal investigations, government enforcement matters, and civil litigation.

Prior to joining Skadden in 2012, Mr. Fitzgerald most recently served as the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Appointed in 2001 by President George W. Bush, he was the longest serving U.S. attorney ever in Chicago. In this capacity, he led numerous high-profile investigations and prosecutions, including the convictions on corruption charges of two successive governors of Illinois—George Ryan and Rod Blagojevich—and the fraud conviction of media figure Conrad Black. As a special counsel, Mr. Fitzgerald was selected to lead the investigation of leaks in the Valerie Plame matter and tried the case of *United States v. Lewis* “Scooter” Libby.

During his tenure, the U.S. Attorney’s Office prosecuted significant fraud, civil rights, organized crime, narcotics, and national security cases. Mr. Fitzgerald also was involved in a number of nationwide initiatives, including the President’s Corporate Fraud Task Force and the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee.

From 1988 to 2001, Mr. Fitzgerald was an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York. He served as lead counsel in the investigation, prosecution, and seven-month trial of *United States v. Usama bin Laden, et al.*, in which defendants were charged with and convicted of conspiracy to murder U.S. nationals overseas and the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. He also participated in the nine-month trial of *United States v. Omar Abdel Rahman*, the prosecution of a conspiracy to attack the United States that involved the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. In 1995, Mr. Fitzgerald cofounded the Southern District’s Organized Crime-Terrorism Unit, investigating terrorist groups and facilitating coordination between the law enforcement and intelligence communities. He also handled numerous drug-trafficking cases and organized-crime cases, including the six-month trial of *United States v. John Gambino*.

Mr. Fitzgerald is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has received numerous awards and recognitions during his more than 20 years in public service, including the Justice John Paul Stevens Award from the Chicago Bar Association (2011); the Cox, Coleman, Richardson Award for Distinguished Public Service from Harvard Law School (2007); the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service (2002); the Stimson Medal from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (1997); and the Attorney General’s Award for Exceptional Service (1996). Mr. Fitzgerald also was named “Lawyer of the Year” by *The National Law Journal* (2005). Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Fitzgerald was in private practice in New York.

STUDENT SPEAKERS



Carlos Lopez
Urban and Public Affairs

Carlos Lopez is president of the Students of Urban and Public Affairs (SUPA) and an Honors College student at UIC. He is also a former two-term AmeriCorps VISTA member. He spent his first term as service learning coordinator at College of DuPage and his second term at the mayor's office of the City of Chicago. More recently he has interned with Youth Service Project and Latino United Community Housing Association, both in Humboldt Park. He spent a summer in Washington, DC, interning for the Center for Education Reform while studying economics at Georgetown. Carlos is dedicated to connecting his studies to the real world, from print to person, from words to world.



Caitlin Humrickhouse
Public Administration

Caitlin received her undergraduate degrees in international business and Spanish at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she served as the president of philanthropy for her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta. During her time at UIUC, she was also involved with International Illini, an organization that organizes international service trips. As part of this organization, she spent two weeks in Guatemala where she worked on a sustainable coffee farm and served as a translator for a traveling medical organization. Caitlin also spent a semester living with a host family and studying in Costa Rica. After working for a year doing marketing for a small company, Caitlin joined the MPA program at UIC where her concentration has been financial management of government. Caitlin currently works as a research assistant for the Certificate in Nonprofit Management Program at the UIC Great Cities Institute. Additionally, she is an intern at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause on their State and Local Government Consulting Team. Caitlin also serves as the president of the Public Administration Student Association. Caitlin recently accepted an offer from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause and will be working as a consultant on their State and Local Government Team upon graduation.



Amy Bartlett Bashiti
Urban Planning and Policy

Amy is a native of Atlanta, but apart from a brief hiatus in Philadelphia, she has called Chicago home since 2001, after she received her bachelor's degree from Newcomb College of Tulane University. Her work in real estate during the condo boom led her to want to find out more about this urban planning thing. Amy loves big cities and hopes to put her MUPP degree to good use making this city better for all its residents. She and her husband Sam plan to stay in Chicago and raise their kids as El-riding city dwellers.

CUPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

**Rebecca McFadden**

Rebecca McFadden received her Bachelor of Arts in music from UIC in 1997 and a master's in public administration from UIC in 2002. She is originally from Elmhurst, Illinois, and played and taught oboe throughout her collegiate years before focusing on arts administration upon graduation from college in 1997. Upon graduation, she worked in the UIC Department of Performing Arts for five years. She has worked for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for eight years, as production manager since 2005, coordinating lights, sound, and technical details for many different symphony, jazz, and special concerts. She currently lives in Naperville, Illinois, and has served as president of the CUPPA Alumni Association since 2011.

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