

Class of 2015

PRESIDING	Astrida Orle Tantillo Dean
PROCESSIONAL	UIC Concert Band José Oliver 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 Candice Eisenhauer
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OPENING REMARKS	Astrida Orle Tantillo
GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Ramón Cepeda Trustee
WELCOME FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	Robert A. Easter 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	Robert A. Easter Maria de Lourdes Hinojosa Doctor of Humane Letters
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Maria de Lourdes Hinojosa Anchor and Executive Producer NPR’s <i>Latino USA</i> and PBS’s <i>America By The Numbers</i> with <i>Maria Hinojosa</i>

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	Eric A. Gislason 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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Physics	David Hofman, Head
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Sociology	Barbara Risman, Head

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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 Vladimir Gevorgyan	Department of Chemistry
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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
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Professor Sivalingam Sivananthan	Department of Physics
Professor Luis A. Urrea	Department of English

Professor Nikos Varelas	Department of Physics
Professor Roger P. Weissberg	Department of Psychology
Professor Paul Tiyambe Zeleza	Department of African American Studies

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Robert Paul Malchow*	Department of Biological Sciences
Karina Reyes	Department of Psychology
Andrew Tillotson	Department of Physics
Katherine Marie Zinsser	Department of Psychology

*Previous recipient

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Evelyn Behar	Department of Psychology
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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
Lia Yingjie Liu	Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
Robert Paul Malchow	Department of Biological Sciences
Christine Martin	Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice
Kara Morgan-Short	Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Stellan Ohlsson	Department of Psychology
Nikki Paley-Cox	Department of English
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

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Kevin Schultz	Department of History
Mike Stieff	Department of Chemistry
Inma Taboada	Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies
Andrew 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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Commencement Marshal	Dibyen Majumdar
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College marshals wear black and white cords.

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Chemistry	Duncan Wardrop
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Communication	Eulàlia Puig Abril
Criminology, Law, and Justice	Peter Ibarra and Paul Schewe
Earth and Environmental Sciences	Max Berkelhammer
Economics	Evelyn Lehrer
English	Robin Grey
French and Francophone Studies	Ellen McClure
Gender and Women's Studies	Elena Gutierrez
Germanic Studies	Heidi Schlipphacke
Hispanic and Italian Studies	Inma Taboada
History	Jonathan Daly
Latin American and Latino Studies	Andreas Feldmann

Linguistics	Jessica Williams
Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science	Jerry Bona
Neuroscience	Aixa Alfonso
Philosophy	Constance Meinwald
Physics	Ursula Perez-Salas
Political Science	Robert Bruhl
Psychology	Evelyn Behar and Kathryn Engel
Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures	Julia Vaingurt
Sociology	Nilda Flores-Gonzalez

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 LAS Graduating Class of 2015,

It is a great honor and privilege to extend my congratulations to you upon your graduation from the UIC College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Today marks the next step on an extraordinary journey. Your accomplishments are a result of the hard work, perseverance, and commitment you have displayed as undergraduate and graduate students in the college. Today, as alumni, you hold in your hands the power and possibility that comes with a liberal arts education.

Your journey began on your first day of classes at the college. Through the subsequent semesters, your abilities have been affirmed and expanded. Your knowledge has been supplemented and broadened. Your ideas have been tested and refined. But, most of all, your future has been expanded with limitless opportunity. A liberal arts education equips its scholars with the ability to pursue and succeed in any life course they choose. The foundation you have laid in your time here has created a future that entails whatever you envision.

With each graduating class, I am continually impressed by the capabilities and ingenuity exhibited by LAS students. The skills you have gained will last a lifetime and will allow you to bring about great change in the world around you. Your degree is a tangible reminder of the tools inherent in a liberal arts education. With this degree, you can achieve anything, anywhere—no matter your major, concentration, or passion in life. It is with such great pleasure that I look out on you today and imagine our future.

I would also like to extend a thank you to those around you—your family, friends, and supporters—who have shared this journey with you. Together, you stood committed to something more than a degree. Finally, I would like to thank you. It is the students of LAS that bring the college to life. Your commitment, energy, and talent remind us of the true mission of our university.

On this day, celebrate yourself. Celebrate your accomplishments. But, above all, celebrate your possibilities.

I could not be more proud of each and every one of our 2015 College of Liberal Arts & Sciences graduates. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I offer my sincere congratulations to you and look forward to hearing the great news of your future endeavors.

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.



MARIA DE LOURDES HINOJOSA is an award-winning news anchor and reporter who covers America's untold stories and highlights today's critical issues. As the anchor and executive producer of NPR's only Latino news and culture show, *Latino USA*, and anchor and executive producer for the PBS show *America By The Numbers with Maria Hinojosa*, she has informed millions about the changing cultural and political landscape in America and abroad.

In April 2010, Ms. Hinojosa took a groundbreaking step by creating the Futuro Media Group, an independent nonprofit organization producing multimedia journalism that explores and gives a critical voice to the diversity of the American experience. Futuro Media is committed to telling stories often overlooked by mainstream media.

In over 25 years as a journalist, she has worked for CNN, PBS CBS, WNBC, and WGBH.

Her previous projects include PBS's *Need to Know* series and the WGBH/La Plaza talk show

Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One. She was the first Latina to anchor a FRONTLINE report: aired in

October 2011, "Lost in Detention" explored abuse at immigrant detention facilities, garnering attention from Capitol Hill to both the mainstream and Spanish-language media.

Ms. Hinojosa has reported hundreds of important stories—from the restrictive immigration policies in Fremont, Nebraska, to the effects of the oil boom in North Dakota, to stories of the poor in Alabama. As a reporter for NPR, she was among the first to report on youth violence in urban communities on a national scale. During her eight years as CNN's urban affairs correspondent, Ms. Hinojosa often took viewers into communities rarely shown on television.

Ms. Hinojosa has received numerous awards for her work, including four Emmys, the 2012 John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism, Robert F. Kennedy Award for Reporting on the Disadvantaged, the Studs Terkel Community Media Award, and the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Overseas Press Club for best documentary for her groundbreaking "Child Brides: Stolen Lives." In addition to her broadcast work, Ms. Hinojosa has been a weekly syndicated columnist for King Features/Hearst and is the author of two books: *Raising Raul: Adventures Raising Myself and My Son*, a motherhood memoir; and *Crews: Gang Members Talk with Maria Hinojosa*, an in-depth collection of interviews with gang members in New York City.

Ms. Hinojosa was born in Mexico City and raised in Chicago. She received her BA from Barnard College. She is currently the Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Chair of Latin American and Latino Studies at DePaul University in Chicago and a Global Post 'Voces' columnist. She lives with her husband, artist German Perez, and their son and daughter in Harlem.

The University of Illinois at Chicago takes pride in presenting Maria de Lourdes Hinojosa for the conferral of the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters. Her extraordinary storytelling and commitment to communities and issues frequently ignored have made her an inspiration to many, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is delighted to have her as the 2015 commencement speaker.