McMaster University recognizes and acknowledges that we meet today on the traditional territories of the Mississauga and Haudenosaunee nations and within the lands protected by the Dish With One Spoon wampum agreement.
THE RITUALS OF CONVOCATION

The procession of the graduands in plain black gowns and of faculty and officers of the University in colourful and varied regalia; the blue-robed Bedel with his ornate silver Mace; the conferring of degrees by the Chancellor; these are among the rituals of Convocation that stand in a tradition that has a history of more than 700 years.

The University’s Mace is carried to and from the Convocation platform by the University Bedel and during the ceremony is splendidly displayed on the Mace Table, resting on a velvet cushion. The cushion is maroon with a piping of grey, the McMaster colours. The Mace symbolizes the authority of the University Senate to confer degrees, this authority being exercised by the Chancellor.

Bedels were functionaries and maces were weapons hundreds of years before universities emerged in the 12th and 13th centuries. So it is that McMaster’s Bedel carries the University Mace directly in front of the Chancellor, symbolically to protect her.

The Chancellor sits on a massive oak ceremonial chair that bears a carved representation of an early version of the University Seal. She requests that members of the graduating classes rise from their seats and then admits them to their respective degrees. The graduating classes are then invited to join the Chancellor on stage. Once a graduate’s name is called, they are hooded facing the audience, and then are congratulated and welcomed to the community of scholars by the Chancellor and President.

The academic hood is symbolic of admission to a university degree and carries colours specific to a particular degree. It is derived from clothing worn in medieval times, when a hood was similar to that of a modern parka and served the same purpose of protection in inclement weather. The hood that the Registrar or pro-Registrar deftly puts over a graduand’s head is a link to the dress of students of at least seven centuries ago.

The backdrop to the Convocation platform displays McMaster’s Coat of Arms. The symbol of the stag and tree, constituting the crest of these Arms, was the personal emblem of Senator William McMaster, whose munificent benefaction made possible the founding of the University in 1887. Handcrafted by Dorothy Gregson and Margaret Wallace, this banner celebrated 30 years of service at McMaster Convocation ceremonies in 2014.

The President of the University attends Convocation but it is the Chancellor, the titular head of the University, who presides over this ancient ceremonial. Her seniority is indicated by her robe being more elegant than the President’s. The President relieves the Chancellor of making announcements, may present an honorary graduand for his or her degree and, as Vice-Chancellor, confers degrees when the Chancellor is unable to do so.

A Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Bedel and Registrar share with a seal, mace, colours, robes and coat of arms a history of hundreds of years of association with universities. Each of these traditional inheritances is a part of McMaster University and all of them come together on the platform of its Convocations.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY:

CHANCELLORS
1887 – 1890 Malcolm Mac Vicar
1882 – 1895 Theodore H. Rand
1895 – 1911 Oates C. S. Wallace
1905 – 1911 Alexander C. McKay
1911 – 1922 Abraham L. McCrimmon
1922 – 1941 Howard P. Whidden
1941 – 1950 George P. Gilmour
1950 – 1955 E. Carey Fox
1955 – 1960 Roy L. Kellock
1960 – 1965 Charles P. Fell
1965 – 1971 D. Argue C. Martin
1971 – 1977 Lawrence T. Pennell
1977 – 1986 H. Allan B. Leal
1998 – 2007 Melvin M. Hawkkrigg
2007 – 2013 Lynton R. Wilson
2013 – 2019 Suzanne B. Labarge
2019 – Santee Smith / Tekaronhiáhkwa

PRESIDENTS
1949 – 1961 George P. Gilmour
1961 – 1972 Henry G. Thode
1980 – 1990 Alvin A. Lee
1995 – 2010 Peter J. George
2010 – 2019 Patrick Deane
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Convocation is an exciting time in the calendar of any university; a time to celebrate achievement, to reflect on the past, and to anticipate the future and the path that lies ahead. It also represents a time of liberation and change, the ending of one phase of life and the beginning of another.

While a student at McMaster you will have learned, I hope, the importance of collaboration and partnership, and will have come to understand that the future well-being, prosperity and cultural vitality of our society depends upon our ability to cooperate, to act together, and to learn from one another. My fervent hope is that as graduating students you will see your convocation not as an end of growing together, but rather as an opportunity for deepening that process. As alumni you will have many opportunities to renew existing partnerships, and will be well prepared to forge new ones in the greater community beyond our own.

As you prepare to move onto the next exciting chapter of your lives, I am delighted to be able to celebrate your success with you. I wish you all great joy and personal fulfillment as you begin the next phase, whatever that might be. I have great confidence in everything that you can achieve, both collectively and individually.

My sincerest congratulations to you all.

David Farrar
Acting President and Vice-Chancellor

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

On behalf of your fellow McMaster alumni, I offer you sincere congratulations for having successfully earned your degree. In addition to growing through the challenges of obtaining your formal education, I hope you have taken full advantage of everything McMaster has to offer outside the walls of the classroom.

As an alumnus or alumna you are entering a new phase in your relationship with McMaster. Graduation is merely a milestone in your life-long association with our University. As alumni, you can play a continuing role as supporters of McMaster’s excellence by sharing your time, expertise, and enthusiasm with your alma mater.

As your Alumni Association, we are committed to providing you with many opportunities to maintain and grow your links with McMaster. McMaster’s alumni network, events, offerings, experiences, and programs will be great resources in your post-degree endeavours. I welcome you to the next step in a rewarding and dynamic relationship with our world-class university.

Stephanie McLarty, BAsc’03
President, McMaster Alumni Association
The office of Chancellor (from the Latin *cancellarius*) finds its origin in the Roman Empire where the position was originally a "keeper of the barrier, secretary, usher of a law court". Afterward, the office of Chancellor was invested with judicial powers and had superintendence over the other officers of the empire. From the Roman Empire this office passed to the church and then in most countries of Europe, the Chancellor was a high officer of state, keeper of the great seal of the kingdom, and having the supervision of all charters, and other public instruments of the crown, which were authenticated in the most solemn manner.

Like most of Convocation’s traditions the Chancellor’s association with universities is inextricably tied with its link to the church. Until about the 13th century, few people besides priests, clerks, and monks were literate, and the chancellor was thus an ecclesiastic. As keeper of the great seal used to authenticate royal documents, the chancellor became, in most medieval kingdoms, the most powerful official.

At McMaster, the Chancellor is the titular head and “unpaid friend” of the University as well as a member of the University’s Board of Governors and Senate. The Chancellor presides at all convocations and, by virtue of the authority vested by Senate, she confers all degrees and awards diplomas and certificates.

At Convocation the Chancellor sits on a massive oak ceremonial chair that bears a carved representation of an early version of the University Seal. Students are admitted to their degrees as they stand before the Chancellor while she declares:

*Graduands: by my authority and that of the McMaster University Senate, I have the great pleasure to admit those before me today, and those In Absentia, to their individual degrees in McMaster University with all the rights and privileges pertaining to those degrees.*

From 1887 until 1949, the University’s Chancellor also served as the University’s President. After 1949 the two positions were separated and the President relieves the Chancellor of making announcements, may present an honorary graduand for his or her degree and, as Vice Chancellor, confers degrees when the Chancellor is unable to do so.
Ms. Smith is a multidisciplinary artist, award-winning producer and managing Artistic Director of Kaha:wi Dance Theatre. She is from the Kahnyen’kehaka Nation, Turtle Clan, Six Nations of the Grand River territory.

Ms. Smith trained at Canada’s National Ballet School, completed Physical Education and Psychology degrees at McMaster University, and holds a Master of Arts in Dance from York University. Her artistic work speaks about identity, Indigenous narratives and experience. After premiering her debut work Kaha:wi - a family creation story in 2004, she founded Kaha:wi Dance Theatre, which has grown into an internationally renowned company. Producing live performance, arts education initiatives and intercultural exchange opportunities, she promotes creativity and collaboration. Her performances are conceived and devised from Indigenous ways of knowing and methodologies. With numerous productions touring nationally and internationally, her commissions also include choreography for the National Arts Centre Orchestra; Fall for Dance North; Canadian Opera Company; North American Indigenous Games; Stratford Festival; National Film Board of Canada; and Yokohama Noh Theatre, among others.

A sought after facilitator and speaker on the arts and Indigenous performance and culture, Ms. Smith is also a frequent teacher and lecturer at universities in Canada, the United States and globally, including Mexico, Japan and Australia. She is also active in the international performing arts market and a member of the International Society of the Performing Arts.

Ms. Smith is the recipient of numerous awards including the Chalmers Award; K.M. Hunter Award for Dance through the Ontario Arts Council; and the Victor Martyn Lynch-Staunton Award and John Hobday Award for Arts Management awarded by Canada Council for the Arts. Her Kaha:wi soundtrack won Best Cultural and Ethnic Recording at the Hamilton Music Awards in 2003. She received a Dora Mayor Moore Award for Outstanding Choreography in Dance for Susuriwka – willow bridge and was recognized as a Eihwaediei Yerihwayente:rí - Community Scholar by Six Nations Polytechnic. In 2017, she received a REVEAL Indigenous Arts Award from the Hnatyshyn Foundation. The Toronto premiere of Blood Tides received Outstanding Production and Outstanding Performance Ensemble in Dance at the Dora Mayor Moore Awards 2019 and she was awarded Outstanding Achievement in the Performing Arts by the Celebration of Nations, Niagara.
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Musical Prelude
The Graduand Procession
The Academic Procession
The Chancellor’s Procession

Ganphonyohk / Thanksgiving Address
Mr. Amos Key Jr., Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement and Associate Professor, Brock University

Opening Remarks
Dr. Susan Searls Giroux, Acting Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and Master of Ceremonies

Installation of the Office of Chancellor on Santee Smith
Dr. David Farrar, President and Vice-Chancellor

Administering the Instrument of Appointment to the Office of Chancellor
Ms. Andrea Thyret-Kidd, Secretary of the Senate

Administering the Oath of Office to the Chancellor-elect
Mr. Bradley Merkel, Chair of the Board of Governors

Robing of the Chancellor-elect
Dr. Susan Searls Giroux, Acting Vice-Chair of the Senate
Dr. Miriam Spinner, University Bedel

Graduating Students from the Indigenous Studies Program
Ms. Stephanie McLarty, President, McMaster Alumni Association

The Chancellor’s Address
Ms. Santee Smith
ORDER OF EXERCISES (CONTINUED…)

The Conferring of Degrees In-Course

Musical Interlude

The Presentation of the Graduates

The Conferring of the Degree Doctor of Laws honoris causa on Eva Egron-Polak

Citation: Dr. Jeremiah Hurley, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Convocation Address

Dr. Eva Egron-Polak

Awards of the 2018-2019 Session

The Alumni Address

Bruce Miyashita

The President’s Address

Dr. David Farrar

Closing Remarks

Ms. Santee Smith

The National Anthem

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The President’s academic regalia is a gift of the McMaster University Alumni Association.

The Convocation Music Supervisor .................. Arlene Wright (Piano)
Convocation Trumpeters .................................. Robert DiVito and Valerie Cowie
Piper ................................................................. Jamie Connolly
Musical Performers: Chancellor’s Processional .. Benay Elijah, Jennifer Kreisberg, and
Semiah Kaha:wi Smith
Vocalist: National Anthem.............................. Margaret Bárdos
INSTALLATION OF THE CHANCELLOR

The Secretary of the University Senate and the Board of Governors will administer the Instrument of Appointment:

“Mr. Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Chair of the Board, LHonoured Guests, it is now my duty to read the following Instrument of Appointment of the Chancellor of McMaster University:

Pursuant to Section 13, Subsection (a) of The McMaster University Act, 1976, and pursuant to Article II, of the By-Laws of the Senate of McMaster University, SANTEE SUE SMITH / TEKARONHIÁHKHWÁ has been nominated by the Committee for Nominating a Chancellor and subsequently appointed by the Senate as Chancellor of the University for a three year period beginning September 1, 2019.”

The Chair of the Board of Governors will administer the Oath of Office to the Chancellor-elect:

“Madam: You are now to assume the function and the office of Chancellor of this University, to which you have been duly appointed. You shall now swear to keep and preserve, well and faithfully, during your period of office, the statutes, liberties, customs, rights and privileges of the University, and to promote its well being and that of its members so far as in you lies.”

The Chancellor will take the Oath, saying:

“I promise to do so.”

The Vice-Chair of the Senate and the University Bedel will clothe the Chancellor in the robes of her office, assisted by four graduating students from the Indigenous Studies Program, the President of the McMaster University Alumni Association, representing all students and alumni.

The Chair of the Senate will then declare:

“Madam: by the authority of the University Senate, I now install you in the office of Chancellor of McMaster University, and I invest you with the authority and charge you with the responsibilities which appertain to this high office.”

The Chair of the Senate will assist the Chancellor in signing the Convocation Roll, will escort her to the Chancellor’s chair, and then will invite her to deliver her Address.
PRESENTERS OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, AND CERTIFICATES

Dr. Sean Corner,
Associate Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

Dr. James Gillett,
Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Dr. Khaled Hassanein,
Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) of the DeGroote School of Business, and Director, McMaster Digital Transformation Research

Dr. Martin Horn,
Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) of the Faculty of Humanities

Dr. George Thomas,
Professor Emeritus of the Department of Linguistics and Languages

Dr. Pamela Swett,
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

Dr. Jean Wilson,
Director of the Arts & Science Program

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Javier Mella Barahona
Thesis: Three Essays on Partisan Politics and Stock Returns

Seyed Pouyam Eslami
Thesis: Understanding Users’ Action On Data Analytics Recommendations

Mohammad Kayed
Thesis: Three Essays on the Brand-Channel Interface: How Brand Equity Influences Distribution Channel Governance and Management

Morteza Mashayekhi
Thesis: Developing Social Capital Through Professionally-Oriented Social Network Sites

Fariba Nosrati
Thesis: The Use of Digital Storytelling for Impression Management by City Cultural Organizations

COGNITIVE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE

Constance Imbault
Thesis: Group Differences in the Processing of Emotion-Laden Linguistic Stimuli

Kyle Ruiter
Thesis: Event-related Potentials in Concussion Detection and Recovery

Bryor Snefjella
Thesis: Words in the Wilds

ECONOMICS

Md Mahbubur Rahman
Thesis: Three Essays in Economics

ENGLISH

Margaret Boyce
Thesis: One Hundred Words for Conquest: Curating Arctic Sovereignty at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

Selena Eileen Kerr Middleton
Thesis: Green Cosmic Dreams: Utopia and Ecological Exile in Women’s Explanatory Science Fiction

Emma McKenna

Roshaya Temma Rodness
Thesis: Queer Indifference: Solitude, Film, Dreams

Kascindra Ida Sadie Shewan
Thesis: Sexualized Violence is a Citizenly Issue: Rethinking Feminist Prevention Approaches Under Neoliberalism

HEALTH STUDIES

Alison Ross
Thesis: Networks, Experts, and Paradoxes: Older Adults’ Experiences of Polypharmacy and Perceptions of Deprescribing
HISTORY

Chelsea Barranger
Thesis: Becoming Ideal Canadians: The Cultural Adjustment and Citizenship Trials of British War Brides

PHILOSOPHY

Kirk Stephenson Lougheed
Thesis: Disagreement and Change of View

Bradley Shubert
Thesis: Pragmatics and Semantics of Free Choice Disjunction

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Marguerite Marlin
Thesis: Enso Policy Influence via Legislative Committees in Canada, the United States, and Russia

Nowrin Tabassum
Thesis: Multi-scalar Knowledge Brokers and the Labelling of Bangladesh’s Climate Change-induced Uprooted People

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Michael Johnson
Thesis: Reassessing the Genres of the Hodayot (Thanksgiving Psalms from Qumran)

John Van Maaren

SOCIAL WORK

Allyson Ion
Thesis: The Social Organization of Perinatal Care for Women Living with HIV in Ontario: An Institutional Ethnography

SOCIOLOGY

Casey Scheibling
Thesis: Digital Dads: The Culture of Fatherhood 2.0

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Akil Jabari Annamunthodo
Adejisola Boluwaduro Hannah Atiba
Hassaan Basit
Kimberly Anne Blair
Jacques Bouthillette
Todd Brown
Ryan Chong
Richard George Clifford
Elaine De Marzo
Raymond James Dela Paz
Heather Dunn
Sarah Ferri
Steven Frits
Miruna Gheorghiu
Gunther Ha
Devon Elizabeth Hone
Oluwemimo Jayeoba
Thomas Kakamousias
Dale Robert Kalina
Ebad Ur Rehman Khan
Joy Lama

Jamie Henry Leacock
Seyed Hooman Loghman
Lila Martinez Chavolla
Mark Alexander Milligan
William Alan Noble
Gregory Goran Pavlica
Alexandra Pecar
Kathleen Mary Peters
Fan Pfeifer
Mangala Rao-D’Sa
Rupinder Singh

Jamie Deon Shalen Sodhi
Pardip Singh Sodhi
Angelika Specic
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Matthew Ventresca
Kenton Charles Vermeer
John Vigliotta
Caterina Vlahos
Markiya Vytvytskyy
Rob Chen-Pang Yang
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Hannah Oi Hay Chan
Deliana Matilde Dale
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Michael Hanna
Rosemary Hayhoe
Kerry-Ann Maddix
Ronald Anushton Perinpanayagam
Gillian Rachel Story
Erin Elizabeth Thrasher
Tawnie Urbanski
Rebecca Sharmila Willis

MASTER OF ARTS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Ana-Maria Dragomir
Andrew David Kirkconnell
Taylor Michelle Peacock
Lauren Rennie
Hana Salahuddin
Shahtaj Saleem

COMMUNICATION AND NEW MEDIA

Tala Al-Ramahi
Emmanuel Appiah
Liam John Floyd
Alejandro Franco Briones
Nicholas Barry Hoskin
Nicholas Lazzarato
Theresa Szu-Chia Lin
Timon Andre Moolman
Johanna Ness
Jill Alanna Niessen
Joseph Bud Roach
Victoria Leigh Throckmorton
Sai Sumirtha Voora

CULTURAL STUDIES

Shega Berisha
Emma Sommer Croll-Baehre
Marta Maxwell Croll-Baehre
Kristine Ingrid Germann
Arun Jacob
Sabrina Nalini Ramroop
Kaitlin Hanna Rothenberger
Ishaan Selby
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ECONOMIC POLICY

Cassidy Burke
Levko O. Ivanesiw
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Alannah Maryse McBride
Barnabas Peter David Ney
Alexia Maria Olaizola
Harryran Parameswaran
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ENGLISH

Nagham Al Eithan
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Lucas Findlay
Kylee-Anne Grube
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Shannon Marion Murray
Elia Ratzi
Mina Rosefield
Serena Margaret Salvati

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Alexandra Moskovitch

ECONOMICS

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Sania Khan

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

(Graduate Diploma in Water Without Borders)

GENDER STUDIES & FEMINIST RESEARCH

Morgan Abbott
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Susan Patricia Cape
Fiona Marie Theodorakis Gordon
Katelyn Angela Dawn Knott
Elizabeth Schofield

GLOBALIZATION STUDIES

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Admira Buzimkic
Alexandra Christine Cotter
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Abhishek Lakhtakia
Matteo Raffaele Mancuso
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Joy Magdalena Schnitster
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Sandra Deodhar  
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Courtney Rogic  
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★ Kastler Jean-Louis ................................................................. Sociology
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★ Sahand Norouzi-Farsangi .......................................................... Political Science
Luka Obrovac ................................................................. History
  (Minor in Philosophy)
★ Ugochukwu Michael Okafor-Osadebe ................................ Communication Studies
Yitong Pan ........................................................................... Economics
★ Victoria Valeria Pena ............................................................... Anthropology & Sociology
★ Morgan Potter ................................................................. English & Cultural Studies & Peace Studies
Khalil Elliot Prescod ................................................................. Social Psychology
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  (Minor in Economics)
Jason Provost ................................................................. Communication Studies
Jill Marie Rogers ................................................................. Indigenous Studies
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Jonathan James Sapir ............................................................... Economics
Dwight Matthew Satumba ................................................................. Sociology
  (Minor in Health, Aging & Society)
Nicole Shea ........................................................................... Economics
★ Mitchell Simms ................................................................. Economics & Political Science
Karlee Anne Sobczak ................................................................. Sociology
Claudia Spadafora ................................................................. Multimedia & Theatre & Film Studies
★ Amanjot Kaur Sra ................................................................. Social Psychology
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Adam Stansfield ................................................................. Political Science
Emily Stewart ................................................................. Social Psychology
  (Minor in Mental Health, Addiction and Society)
Tobi Stilwell .............................................................................. Linguistics
  (Minor in German Studies)
Jack Warren Tobin ................................................................. History
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  (Minor in History)
★ Casey James Vaillancourt ................................................... History & Philosophy
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Alexander James Westlake ................................................ Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour
  (Music Cognition)
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Christopher Glyn Woonlam ................................................ Communication Studies & English & Cultural Studies
Haoda Yan ................................................................. Political Science

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HONOURS
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Anuraj Kaur Gill
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(Certificate in Business Technology Management)
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Joshua Hummel
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Otto Chi-Shun Pang
Sergio Esteban Perez
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Veronica Soto
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(Minor in Economics)
* Qing Ning Zhou
(Minor in Economics)

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HONOURS
Arielle Madeleine Spilak......Arts & Science and Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour (Music Cognition)
Balie Tomar.......................................................Arts & Science and Psychology

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Sabrina Olivia Castaldi .......................................................... English & Cultural Studies
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Javiiera Ibacache ................................................................. Sociology
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JiaQi Jia ................................................................................ Economics
Mallikarjun Ortiz Kalyan ....................................................... Economics
Zara Khan .............................................................................. Psychology
Young Kag Kim ..................................................................... Psychology
ZhanJie Kuang ...................................................................... Economics
Breanna Lauretani ............................................................... Psychology
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Yue Liu ................................................................................... Economics
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Clare Anne Moore ............................................................... Psychology
Kuso Nduka ........................................................................... Psychology
Piraveenan Nirmalan ........................................................... Religious Studies
Jamie Ostrander .................................................................... Geography
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★ Morgan Richmond ............................................................. Labour Studies
Mark Christopher Ross ......................................................... Humanities
Asmaa Ahmed Sahal ............................................................. Psychology
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Emma Sanford ....................................................................... Classics
Thulashika Selvakumaran .................................................... General
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Jasleen Sra ............................................................................ Sociology
Bocheng Wang ..................................................................... Economics
Jiaming Wang ....................................................................... Economics
Shaia Williams .................................................................... Anthropology
Nicholas Ho-yen Wong ......................................................... Economics
Dominika Wrobel .................................................................. Political Science
Yang Yang ............................................................................ Economics

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Chloe Campbell

BACHELOR OF KINESIOLOGY

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Names of graduands listed in this program are those recommended to Senate as of November 13, 2019.

We regret that late additions to the graduation lists could not be included in this program. Some names of graduands may not be included in this program at the request of those individuals.

★ with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Eva Egron-Polak, Doctor of Laws**

Eva Egron-Polak served as the secretary general of the International Association of Universities (IAU) from 2002 to 2017. Created under the auspices of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1950, the IAU serves the global higher education community. Under her leadership, the organization became more active and influential in issues related to higher education policy, research, equitable access, sustainable development and institutional ethics. She also directed the IAU’s plans to launch regular global surveys, create the Leading Globally Engaged Universities professional development program and develop the Internationalization Strategies Advisory Service to help institutions internationalize their programs.

Prior to joining the IAU, Egron-Polak served in various senior positions at Universities Canada (formerly the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada) for two decades, culminating in the position of vice-president, international programs.

In addition to remaining involved with the IAU as a senior fellow, Egron-Polak is a member of the executive board of GAPS (Global Access to Post-Secondary Education), a member of the executive advisory board of the International Higher Education Teaching & Learning Association and serves on the advisory board for StudyPortals. She has been a member of the governing council of the Magna Charta Observatory since 2012. She also co-authored the 2015 Internationalisation of Higher Education study for the European Parliament’s Committee on Culture and Education.

**Mary Law, Doctor of Science**

A McMaster M.Sc. graduate in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Mary Law worked as an occupational therapist and research clinician before serving as director of research for Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals. She held progressively more senior academic appointments at McMaster University beginning in 1987, becoming a professor in the School of Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy and the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She served a decade as associate dean of Health Sciences (Rehabilitation) and director of the School of Rehabilitation Science. In 2001, she became the inaugural John and Margaret Lillie Chair in Childhood Disability Research. She retired as a professor emerita in 2014.

Law coordinated the team that developed the Canadian Occupational Performance Measure and she co-founded the CanChild Centre for Childhood Disability Research. Her unique concept that occupational therapists could change disabling environments to allow children with disabilities to participate in daily activities influenced the World Health Organization’s International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health.

An elected member of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation Academy of Research and a fellow of both the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists, Law’s extensive list of honours also includes lifetime membership in the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists. She is a member of the McMaster Faculty of Health Sciences Community of Distinction and an officer of the Order of Canada.
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes McMaster University graduates who have attained a high level of distinction and achievement through scholarship, research, teaching, creative contributions to the arts or sciences and/or service to society. This Award is intended to honour alumni whose accomplishments and contributions are of national and/or international significance, and/or have had a seminal or transformative impact on their field of endeavour.

Bruce Miyashita

Bruce Miyashita runs the organizational performance consulting firm Miyashita Advisory while also managing the Tom and Nancy Miyashita Foundation which he founded in honour of his late parents.

A graduate of McMaster’s Arts & Science Program, Miyashita began his career as an analyst with IBM Canada before he completed his MBA at the Ivey School of Business. After working with McKinsey & Company, he joined Bombardier Inc. as director of strategic initiatives and then became vice-president of Six Sigma with Maple Leaf Foods Inc. He also guided the development of BMO Financial Group’s Process Centre of Excellence.

An active philanthropist and volunteer, Miyashita founded the Tom and Nancy Miyashita Arts & Science Program Enrichment Fund at McMaster, as well as the New World of Work Forum. He has been instrumental in connecting Arts & Science students to the culture of Fogo Island, Newfoundland where he is an honorary member of the Fogo Island Arts Advisory Board. He also serves on the board of directors of Academics Without Borders and was inducted into the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Hall of Fame for his fundraising efforts.

Alba DiCenso

A graduate of McMaster’s School of Nursing who also earned her M.Sc. from McMaster, Alba DiCenso joined the School of Nursing in 1978 as a lecturer, later becoming a professor with a joint appointment in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She held the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation / Canadian Institutes of Health Research Chair in Advanced Practice Nursing for a decade, working to increase the number of nurse researchers in Canada. She also served as director of the CHSRF/CIHR Ontario Training Centre in Health Services and Policy Research. DiCenso retired from McMaster as a professor emerita in 2013.

DiCenso co-founded the Canadian Centre for Evidence-Based Nursing, founded and became lead editor of the Evidence-Based Nursing Journal and was the first author of the textbook *Evidence-Based Nursing: A Guide to Clinical Practice*.

A fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and an honorary member of the Nurse Practitioners’ Association of Ontario, DiCenso received the Canadian Nurses Association’s Centennial Award and was inducted into the Faculty of Health Sciences Community of Distinction. She is a member of the Order of Canada.
GOVERNOR GENERAL’S ACADEMIC MEDAL

The Governor General’s Academic Medal is one of the most prestigious awards a student in Canada can receive. Established in 1873, this honour recognizes exceptional academic achievement at the high-school, collegiate, undergraduate and graduate levels.

Each year, McMaster awards just two Governor General’s Gold Medals to the students at the university who have achieved the highest academic standing at the graduate level. Earning this accolade not only places this year’s recipients among the top students to graduate from McMaster; it places them among the top students in all of Canada.

Faculties of Business, Humanities, Social Sciences and the Arts & Science Program
(Thursday Morning Ceremony)

Shane Neilson

Shane Neilson graduates with a PhD in English and Cultural Studies. Shane conducted research as a Vanier Scholar under the supervision of Dr. Lorraine York within the field of Canadian literature, with a focus on the representations of chronic pain. Shane’s many adaptations of methodologies from the Humanities to Medicine have been widely disseminated in a variety of formats, from keynote speaker to TedX talk to many peer-reviewed publications to books. A licensed physician working out of Guelph and teaching at McMaster’s Waterloo campus, Shane devotes himself to supporting the writing of others and conducts a public literary life in order to practise medicine by other means and change medical culture from within, for the benefit of patients and physicians both. Shane is finishing up the terms of his SSHRC-awarded talent grant and hopes to begin a postdoctoral position at the University of Ottawa next year, where he will research the history of socialized medicine using Canadian literature as his archive. Shane wishes to thank in particular his wife, Janet Sunohara-Neilson.

Faculties of Engineering and Science (Friday Morning Ceremony)

Andrew Chang

Andrew Chang is graduating with a PhD in Psychology, with the support from Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Ontario Graduate Scholarship, and the NSERC-CREATE scholarship. He performed cognitive neuroscience research under the supervision of Dr. Laurel J. Trainor in the Auditory Development Lab and the LIVELab. His research is on the perceptual and neural mechanisms of human processing dynamic auditory information and their reactions, and the findings have been published in five papers. He grew up in Taiwan and received his B.S. in Psychology from National Taiwan University. He plays the violin with the Burlington Symphony Orchestra. Andrew will be a postdoctoral researcher at New York University, with support from the Kirschstein Postdoctoral National Research Service Award. Andrew would like to thank Dr.Trainor for being an amazing mentor, his colleagues, friends, and family for their unconditional support, and his wife Wei Vivian Tsou for being his perfect companion.

VALEDICTORIANS

Faculty of Health Sciences (Thursday Afternoon Ceremony)
Ahmad Firas Khalid

Faculties of Engineering and Science (Friday Morning Ceremony)
Maryam Badv
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