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Columbian College
of Arts & Sciences

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SEAL OF THE COLUMBIAN COLLEGE



In 1819, the Reverend Luther Rice, Obadiah B. Brown, Spencer H. Cone, and Enoch Reynolds (all Baptist ministers) set in motion the reality of a college in the District. These men raised the needed funds to purchase land in the nation's capital, petitioned the Congress for a charter, and began organizing a college.

On February 9, 1821, President James Monroe signed the Act of Congress which created the College. By design of the Congress, a special provision was included which required that "persons of every religious denomination shall be capable of being elected Trustees; nor shall any person, either as President, Professor, Tutor or pupil, be refused admittance, or denied any of the privileges, immunities, or advantages thereof, for or on account of his sentiments in matters of religion."

The original seal was designed by James Peale in 1821, at the time of the founding of the Columbian College. This is the seal that the graduates are wearing today as medals. The seal features a Biblical lion lying down with a lamb and Greek text in an open book. The Greek translates to "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God."

In 1873, the name Columbian College was changed to Columbian University and the seal was changed slightly to reflect this. The Latin text around the outside was changed from "Columbiani Collegii" to "Universitatis Columbianae Sigillum." In addition, some text was added to fill up the rest of the open book, since the Greek phrase only took up part of one page. In 1905, after the name changed to the George Washington University, the old seal was replaced by a completely new one.

The original Columbian College seal is currently on display in the Memorabilia Room of Gelman Library.

LETTER FROM THE DEAN



Paul J. Wahlbeck
Dean

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Today is a celebration of your hard work, dedication and growth as a scholar and as an individual. Earning your degree from George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts & Sciences is a major milestone, but more importantly, it's a stepping stone to new opportunities. You are now equipped with the knowledge, skills and perspective to make a difference—whether in your community, your career or the world at large.

During your time here, you were engaged in rigorous intellectual and creative pursuits, learning from—and collaborating with—our distinguished faculty, tackling tough questions and embracing new ways of seeing the world. GW's distinctive location, research and networking connections in the nation's capital and beyond enhanced those experiences in ways few other universities can match. It is my hope that these experiences have prepared you for whatever comes next, giving you the confidence to navigate the path ahead and the curiosity to continue to seek new knowledge.

You are graduating at a time of rapid change and complex global challenges. From technological advancements reshaping industries to pressing social and environmental issues, the world needs thoughtful, informed and engaged leaders now more than ever. The education you've received has prepared you not just to adapt, but to contribute—to bring fresh ideas, challenge the status quo and find solutions that make a lasting impact.

As you move forward, I hope you stay connected to the friendships, mentors and experiences that shaped you. You are now part of a strong and supportive alumni network, and no matter where life takes you, your ties to George Washington University and the Columbian College will always remain.

We also hope you'll stay in touch—through alumni events, campus visits, or simply by sharing your journey with us. Our doors are always open, and we look forward to seeing what you accomplish.

I offer my warmest wishes for a future filled with success, purpose and boundless opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. Wahlbeck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Paul J. Wahlbeck
Dean
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PRELUDE	Corcoran Brass
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONS.....	Deans, Faculty and Students
WELCOME	Chad Heap <i>Associate Dean for Graduate Studies</i>
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE MENTORING OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS	Presented by Kimberly Gross <i>Vice Dean for Programs and Operations</i>
DOCTORAL MENTOR AWARDEE	Holly Dugan <i>Associate Professor of English</i>
CHARGE TO DOCTORAL CANDIDATES.....	Paul J. Wahlbeck <i>Dean</i>
HOODING OF THE DOCTORAL CANDIDATES	Dean and Faculty Advocates
ALMA MATER.....	Millicent Scarlett <i>Adjunct Professor of Music</i>
RECESSIONAL	Corcoran Brass

*The hooding program is meant to be a guide to the ceremony.
Although every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy, the program is not an official record of an individual's degree.*

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Anthropology

<i>AAUW Dissertation Fellowship</i>	Emma Louise Backe
<i>Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)</i>	Emma Louise Backe
<i>Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant</i>	Emma Louise Backe

Applied Social Psychology

<i>Grant-in-Aid Award for The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)</i>	Stacy Post
<i>Psi Chi Summer Mamie Phipps Clark Diversity Research Grant</i>	Stacy Post
<i>Richard Walk Dissertation Award</i>	Luke Herchenroeder, Stacy Post

Biological Sciences

<i>Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee</i>	Jonathan M. Huie
<i>NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program</i>	Jonathan M. Huie
<i>Writing in the Disciplines Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award</i>	Kelsie Larkin

Chemistry

<i>American Institute of Chemists Prize – Graduating Doctoral Student</i>	Nicole Jacquelyn Conte
<i>Benjamin D. Van Evera Memorial Prize -</i> <i>Effective Graduate Teaching Assistants</i>	Nicole Jacquelyn Conte, Christopher Hossack
<i>Chemistry American Institute of Chemists Prize</i>	Dominique Brager

Clinical Psychology

<i>Richard Walk Dissertation Award</i>	Matthew Balaguer, Jacob Hadwen, Kantoniony Rabemananjara
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Cognitive Neuroscience

<i>Richard Walk Dissertation Award</i>	Kira Wegner-Clemens
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English

<i>Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee</i>	Daniel Atherton
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Genomics and Bioinformatics

<i>Writing in the Disciplines Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award</i>	Claire Moran
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History

<i>Spencer Dissertation Writing Fellowship 2023-2024</i>	Alyssa Bivins
<i>Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad 2022-2023</i>	Alyssa Bivins
<i>Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee</i>	Michael Guy

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Human Paleobiology

<i>Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee</i>	Kristen Tuosto
<i>Zelma Warren Bannister and William Warren Graduate Fellowship</i>	Niguss Baraki

Mathematics

<i>Graduate Student Teaching Award</i>	Wangbo Luo
<i>James H. Taylor Graduate Prize</i>	Wangbo Luo, Keshav Srinivasan, Philip White, Guanning Zhang
<i>Marvin Green Prize</i>	Wangbo Luo

Physics

<i>The Berman Prize for Excellence in Experimental Physics</i>	Izzy Illari
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Political Science

<i>Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow in the International Security Program at Harvard's Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs</i>	Shahryar Pasandideh Gholamali
<i>ZEIT Foundation Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius</i>	Stas Gorelik

Professional Psychology

<i>CCAS Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Graduate Student Award</i>	John Stitt
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Public Policy and Administration

<i>Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee</i>	Travis Reginal
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Statistics

<i>Minna Mirin Kullback Memorial Prize</i>	Yi Zhang
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Award For Excellence In Graduate Faculty Mentoring

The Award for Excellence in the Mentoring of Doctoral Students is given to a faculty member nominated by students in the Ph.D. and Psy.D. programs of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. Mentoring and advising are crucial to the intellectual life and career trajectories of doctoral students across the arts, sciences and professions. A good mentor is a source of wisdom and expertise, an inspiring role model, a compassionate critic, a sounding board, an advocate and a career counselor. The 2024-2025 Award for Excellence in the Mentoring of Doctoral Students is presented to **Holly Dugan, Associate Professor of English.**

Carmella Asparrin*

Major Area Paper: Power and Privilege in Therapy: Navigating Identity-Based Dynamics with Narcissistically Defended Patients as a New Clinician

Nguyen Mai Phuong Bach*

Major Area Paper: Reflections of the Divided Self: A Case Study on Bicultural Identity, Transference, Countertransference and the Unfolding of the Cultural Third in Psychodynamic Therapy

Yifei Du*

Major Area Paper: Working with the Frightened and Frightening Shark: A Single Case Study on the Role of Therapist Self-Disclosure in Addressing Shame in a Patient with Complex Trauma

Hannah Goldstein*

Major Area Paper: The Great Escape: White Feminism's Fantasy Spaces as Defense Against Explorations of Privilege

Rohma Hassan*

Major Area Paper: At a Loss for Words: When physical symptoms serve as a metaphor for a patient's inner psychic experience and conflicts

Avigail Kramer*

Major Area Paper: Letting Go of the Doorknob: Symbolic Communication in the Final Moments of Psychotherapy

Kiara Lemon*

Major Area Paper: DEI: Diversifying Effective Interventions Reimagining Psychodynamic Therapy for Black Patients with Depression

Nathan Leslie*

Major Area Paper: In the Between: An Object Relations Perspective on Treatment of the Autistic Patient

Anthony Marino*

Major Area Paper: Breaking Ranks: Subverting Restrictive Role Expectations in Male-to-Male Dyads

Jung In Park*

Major Area Paper: "Chasing the Cure": Psychic and Bodily Pain, Intersectionality, and Unconscious Enactments in the Therapeutic Dyad

Alexandra Robelo*

Major Area Paper: Bridging the Gap: Integrative Psychotherapy in Chronic Illness Care

Olivia Rosner*

Major Area Paper: C-PTSD: A Psychodynamic Understanding of Complex Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

John Stitt*

Major Area Paper: Gender Fluidity and the Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Style in Psychodynamic Psychotherapy

Harsh Taneja*

Major Area Paper: Eternal Recurrence and the Fear of Breakdown: Intersubjective Dynamics of Neglect in Later Life

Ananya Yadav*

Major Area Paper: The Intersection of Trauma and The Death Instinct in The Autistic Self

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Raad Alshammari

English

Dissertation: Identity in and out of Time: Narratives of Temporal Displacement in Contemporary Migrant Fiction

Grace Arnold

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Dissertation: The Effect of HiPo and NoPo Status and Feedback Purpose on Feedback Acceptance, Leadership Outcomes, and Self-Efficacy

Daniel Atherton

English

Dissertation: Reading Medieval Literary Time, Emotion, and Intimacy: On Affective Temporality in an Era of Asynchronicity and Artificial Intelligence

Emma Louise Backe

Anthropology

Dissertation: Breathing Through the Wound: Co-opting Care and Surviving Intimate Partner Violence in Cape Town, South Africa

Joe Baez

American Studies

Dissertation: "Blessed are the Hot, Fat Girls": The Art of Stigma Refiguration

Darean Bague

Chemistry

Dissertation: Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of FR900098 Inhibitor Analogs as Antimicrobials

Matthew Balaguer

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Testing a Brief, Efficacy-Based Intervention to Improve Early Recovery from Alcohol Use

Manolya Gul Balbay

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Cultivation-independent Investigation of Archaeal Diversity in Geothermal Habitats

Niguss Gitaw Baraki

Human Paleobiology

Dissertation: Coevolution of stone tools and hominin hand morphology

Mark Berlin

Political Science

Dissertation: Pledging Allegiance to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State: The Causes and Consequences of Rhetorical Cooperation

Alyssa Bivins

History

Dissertation: Contested Classrooms: Secondary Education in East Jerusalem, 1967 – Present

Kathryn Blanchard

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on the Economics of Higher Education Policy

Katrin Bode

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Comparative Analysis of the Sodium-Calcium Exchanger Superfamily

Sarah Salvi Boisvert

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Dissertation: Algorithmic Management of Platform Workers Through Gamification: Challenge Design and its Effects on Continuance, Willingness to Engage, and Intrinsic Motivation

C.C. Borzilleri

History

Dissertation: "At Her Print Shop": Women and the Print Trade in Early America

Dominique Brager

Chemistry

Dissertation: Interrogation of Mn+-oxo Interaction Effects on Uranyl Bond Strength and Covalency

Mallory Brayer

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: The intertwining roles of mechanosensitive channels, cellular stress, and the proteasome in β cell function

Qing Chen

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Computational study of Gene Regulatory Mechanisms

Nicole Jacquelyn Conte

Chemistry

Dissertation: Expanded Functionalization of Aromatic Polyamides Prepared by Chain-Growth Condensation Polymerization for Biofouling Resistant Surfaces

Daisy Dai

Biostatistics

Dissertation: Patient-centric Pragmatic Subgroup Analyses in Clinical Trials based on The Desirability of Outcome Ranking (DOOR)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Lauren Damme

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Exploring the role of labor supply chains in the exploitation of migrant domestic workers (MDWs) in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states, Lebanon and Jordan

Samantha Dow

Neuroscience

Dissertation: A Role for Brain Cellular Senescence in the Pathogenesis of Hypertension

Jeff Fair

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Governmental Transparency in the US Intelligence Community: A National Security Agency Case Study

Gonzalo Fernandez Dionis

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Financial Stability and Banking

Jen Ferris

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Monetary and Fiscal Policies and Firms

Monica Flores

Chemistry

Dissertation: Laser Heterodyne Radiometry for the Vertical Profile Measurement of Greenhouse Gases in Coastal Wetlands

Ashley Frankenfield

Chemistry

Dissertation: Developing Proteomic Methods to Characterize Neuronal Lysosomal Interactome and Turnover

Ian Funk

English

Dissertation: Constitutional Completeness: Pathologization and the Homophile Re-Collection of Walt Whitman

Thomas Garvey

Political Science

Dissertation: Goals Matter: The Implications of Antisystemic Goals on Civil War Duration

Aisha Hussein Ghazwani

Biostatistics

Dissertation: Data-Driven: Two-Stage Adaptive Design and Patient Enrichment for Different Types of Outcomes with Continuous Biomarkers

Joshua Ghofrani

Cancer Biology

Dissertation: Toward a Nano-Immunological Strategy to Eliminate HIV-1 Reservoirs

Jennifer Giaccai

Chemistry

Dissertation: Studies of Soot Formation and Soot in Artists' Materials Using Electronic and Spectroscopic Methods

Stas Gorelik

Political Science

Dissertation: Three Methods of Ostensibly Legal Electoral Manipulation in Authoritarian and Hybrid Regimes

David Griffith

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: The Systemwide Effects of Charter Schools on Reading and Math Achievement

Erin Grundy

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Novel Strategies to Generate Tumor-Specific T Cells for Ovarian Cancer

Muzhe Guo

Statistics

Dissertation: Transparent AI Enhancements in Human Language and Agent Actions

Shruti Gupta

Neuroscience

Dissertation: Investigating the Mechanisms of Paralysis Development and the Sex-Specific Therapeutic Potential of TNFR2 Activation in a rodent model of MS

Michael Guy

History

Dissertation: How the Story is Told: An Examination of Narratives and History at the Hampton National Historic Site

Jacob Hadwen

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Determinants of Attitudes Toward Government Mental Health Spending for Depression

Taniyia Harvey

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Dissertation: Does Racioethnic Discrimination at work Impact Black and Latino Workers in the Same Way? An Exploration of Gender and Race in the Workplace

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Fayavar Hayati

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Essays on Measuring the Economic Impact of Coups and Conflict, Global Integration, and Entrepreneurial Inequality

Luke Herchenroeder

Applied Social Psychology

Dissertation: Examining Day-Level Predictors and Consequences of Food and Alcohol Disturbance: An Application of the Prototype Willingness Model

Jordan Herder

Chemistry

Dissertation: Exploring the Structure and Photophysical Properties of Actinide Hybrid Materials Utilizing Viologen Cations

Jordan Herring

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Essays on Access to Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries

Carissa Stover Holmberg

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: The Impact of Biological Sex, Age, and Sex Hormones on the Activity of IL-15 and TLR Agonists for HIV Cure Strategies

Christopher Hossack

Chemistry

Dissertation: Electronic Structure and Properties of Lanthanide Nitrotrispypyrazolylborates

Jonathan Huie

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: Morphological and Biomechanical Adaptations of Salamanders Across Habitat Gradients

Izzy Illari

Physics

Dissertation: Exclusive η Electro-Production Beam Spin Asymmetry Measurements using CLAS12 at Jefferson Lab

Tony James

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Activation of Innate Immune response by HERV-K/HML-2 Envelope via interactions with TLR2 in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

Jonah Kracke-Bock

Applied Social Psychology

Dissertation: Investigating Subjective Vitality as a Resilience Factor for Stress

Friederike Langowski

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on the Formulation and Effects of Monetary Policy

Kelsie Larkin

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: The Cypriniform Pharyngeal Complex: Making Sense of a Novel Type of Pharyngeal Processing

Haorong Li

Chemistry

Dissertation: Developing Mass Spectrometry-based Omics and Proximity Labeling Methods to Unravel Mitochondrial Biology

Wenda Liu

Cognitive Neuroscience

Dissertation: Characterizing Ongoing Development in Adolescent Cooperation through Cognitive Computational Models

Ling Sheng Loh

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: How Natural Pixel Arrays are Made: Unraveling the Genetics of Pattern Formation and Color Scale Specification in Butterfly Wings

Wangbo Luo

Mathematics

Dissertation: Generalized Ohta-Kawasaki Model: Theory and Numerics

Brendan Mann

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: The Role of $\gamma\delta$ T Cells in HIV Persistence and Cure

Kevin McKenzie, Jr.

Chemistry

Dissertation: Sustainable Synthesis of Rationally Designed Graphite and Graphitic Carbonaceous Materials

Claire Marie Moran

Genomics and Bioinformatics

Dissertation: Understanding Mechanisms Driving Cranial Mesenchyme Morphogenesis and Neural Fold Elevation During Normal and Abnormal Neural Tube Closure

Rebecca Morris

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Essays on Community Health Center Care of Patients Experiencing Homelessness

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Edison Murairi

Physics

Dissertation: Simulating Gauge Theories on Quantum Computers

Rachel Nelson

Human Paleobiology

Dissertation: Socioecological Correlates of Water Availability and Behavioral Strategies to Lactation in Wild Chimpanzees (Pan troglodytes)

Vitaliy Novik

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on College Education, and on Entrepreneurship

Shahryar Pasandideh Gholamali

Political Science

Dissertation: In Search of a Prime Mover: An Investigation into the Relationship Between Technological Change and Shifts in the Fielded Military Capabilities of States

Stacy Post

Applied Social Psychology

Dissertation: Comparing the Impact of Exposure to GLP-1 Agonists and Lifestyle Interventions on Weight Stigma through Social Comparison among Black and White Women

Rully Prasetya

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Commodity Price Fluctuations and the Indonesian Economy

Kantoniony Muriel Rabemananjara*

Clinical Psychology

Dissertation: Perinatal Mental Health of Malagasy Women: A Mixed Methods Study

Travis Reginal

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Beyond Declarations: Transforming Government and Healing Communities through Local Racial Equity Initiatives

Chelsea Riccardi

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Dissertation: Home Demands and Work-Life Balance: A Cross-Cultural Examination of Cultural Values in the United States and China

Jack Richardson

Human Paleobiology

Dissertation: The Role of Social Play in the Development of Wild Mountain Gorillas (*Gorilla beringei beringei*) at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda

Christina Rockwell

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Has Medicare Advantage Achieved Its Value Proposition? The Effect of Quality, Market Concentration, Potential Entrants, and Benchmarks on MA Premiums

Miguel Angel Rodriguez

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Corraling the Sprawling Jobs, for the Economy: Three Essays on Measuring Job Sprawl and its Impacts on Regional Migration and Wages

Alexa Kate Rosenblatt

Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Dissertation: The Role of Organizational Political Affiliations in Employee Recruitment

Emily Schraudenbach

Political Science

Dissertation: Civic Legacies and the Development of Urban Integration Policy in France: Migrant Roma Housing Policy

Erin Seroka

Physics

Dissertation: Probing the Isospin Composition of Short-Range Correlated Pairs at Jefferson Lab Hall B

Samantha Silver

American Studies

Dissertation: A Blues Singer and a Drag Queen Walk into a Bar: A History of Stand-up Comedy

Cal So

Biological Sciences

Dissertation: The taxonomy, morphology, and evolution of total group Lissamphibia

Keshav Srinivasan

Mathematics

Dissertation: Effective Ultrapowers of Computable Structures

Sverrir Steinsson

Political Science

Dissertation: The Politics of Digital Platforms

Juntao Su

Statistics

Dissertation: Explainable and Robust AI for Medical Applications

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Zoë Thorkildsen

Public Policy and Administration

Dissertation: Evidence-Based Policing: A Theoretical and Evaluative Review of the U.S. Department of Justice "Smart Policing Initiative" Program

Bianca Trifoi

History

Dissertation: Flower Buds of the Motherland: The Construction of Childhood in the State Formation of North Korea in the 1950s and 1960s

Kristen Tuosto

Human Paleobiology

Dissertation: An Investigation of the Relationship between Early Life Adversity and Skeletal Phenotypic Variations in Wild Amboseli Baboons

Sukshma Vedere

English

Dissertation: Irresistible Modernity: Disability in Postcolonial Indian Fiction

Hao Wang

Physics

Dissertation: Polarization Features of Vortex Fields and Twisted Light-Matter Interactions

Kira Wegner-Clemens

Cognitive Neuroscience

Dissertation: The Influence of Audiovisual Semantics on Attention

Susan Weiner

Pharmacology and Physiology

Dissertation: Elucidating Transgenerational Effects of Maternal Mental Health: The Role of Prenatal Maternal Stress and Anxiety on Offspring Neurodevelopment

Philip White

Mathematics

Dissertation: The Syntactic Characterization of Computability-Theoretic Properties

Zhoudan Xie

Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Economics of Regulation

Hui Yang

Physics

Dissertation: Classifying X-ray Sources with Machine Learning and Searching for Compact Objects

Jiaqian Yu

Statistics

Dissertation: A New Family of Covariate-Adjusted Response-Adaptive Randomization Procedures for Precision Medicine

Guanning Zhang

Mathematics

Dissertation: Mathematical Topics in Block Copolymers

Yi Zhang

Statistics

Dissertation: Some Recent Advances in Subsampling and Active Learning

**Students who are earning their degree in summer 2025 must complete their internship before the degree is awarded.*



Elizabeth Craig, MPA '83

Dear Graduate:

On behalf of the Columbian College National Council for the Arts and Sciences, I offer my congratulations on your significant achievement and welcome you to the George Washington University alumni community. Do not underestimate your accomplishment and the opportunities that await you!

You are now a member of a select group of individuals, bonded by a college with which you will be proudly associated. As an alumna of this historic institution, I fully appreciate the excitement of this very special moment in your life and remember that feeling well. I encourage you to remain involved and, more importantly, engaged with the university as you enter the next phase of your life. Your opportunities to make a difference are endless—from mentoring a student, to becoming an active member of the GW Alumni Association organizing regional and local alumni events, offering services as a career advisor or being a guest lecturer, and providing philanthropic support. Each of these types of engagement offers wonderful opportunities to continue showing support and your pride in the university. And, of course, passing on that GW spirit!

My work as a volunteer on the National Council—which is comprised of alumni, parents and friends who advise the dean of the Columbian College—has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me. I hope you find similar avenues of engagement and opportunities to advance GW's promise and potential.

Finally, it is not lost on anyone that your time here has required significant personal dedication and financial commitment. We are grateful for your investment and hopeful that your degree will lay the groundwork for future success in whatever career you choose.

Again, congratulations! It is both an honor and a pleasure to welcome you as a graduate of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, and I hope to see you at a GW event soon.

Raise High!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Craig". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" and "C".

Elizabeth Craig, MPA '83

Chair, CCAS National Council for the Arts and Sciences

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Hail al - ma ma - ter, to thy spir - it

guid - ing, Know - ledge thy close - est friend in its strength a -

bid - ing, Pledge we fi - del - i - ty ne'er its place re -

sign - ing, Hail thee George Wash - ing - ton.



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