About the Hooding Ceremony

The colorful gowns and hoods worn as part of the traditional regalia at American academic ceremonies had less glamorous origins — a heavy woolen gown and hood being necessities in the cold halls of medieval European universities. But at least by the time of the Renaissance, academic gowns and hoods began to distinguish scholars by rank and degree, and to bear colorful marks of institutional affiliations. In the New World, distinctive formal academic garb began with the founding of Harvard College in 1636.

American scholars had close ties to the great German universities in the late 19th century, and the brilliant display of academic regalia at the 500th anniversary of the University of Heidelberg in 1886 — as well as at Harvard’s 250th in the same year and Princeton’s own Sesquicentennial in 1896 — encouraged a growing interest in academic ceremony and costume. In 1893, Princeton took the lead in establishing a code for U.S. academic attire; Princeton Trustee Colonel John James McCook’s 1894 intercollegiate statutes continue in force today almost without alteration. Thanks to the efforts of the Graduate School and the Office of Sustainability, the standard cap, gown, and tassel regalia for graduate degree candidates are made from 100 percent recycled materials and can be recycled after graduation at designated sites throughout campus.

Hoods embody the most important symbolism, and distinguish the wearer by both rank and academic discipline. Masters’ hoods are generally shorter by one foot than doctors’. Each is bordered by a velvet band in the color assigned to the discipline in which the degree is granted. The colors you see this evening are blue for philosophy (as in doctor of philosophy, or “Ph.D.”), peacock blue for public affairs, orange or yellow for engineering, white for arts and letters, brown for architecture, and light brown for finance. The lining of each hood bears the degree-granting university’s own colors — at Princeton, orange with a black chevron, colors adopted by the undergraduate Class of 1869 since William III of the House of Nassau, in whose honor the University’s first building was named, was also Prince of Orange.

While Princeton’s Graduate School was formally established in 1900, graduate education at the University dates back to the institution’s earliest days, and doctoral degrees were awarded beginning in the late 19th century. This is the 24th year of the Hooding ceremony honoring advanced degree recipients.

Event Details

Indoor Simulcast Sites:

Dillon Gym (not wheelchair accessible and not air conditioned)

Betts Auditorium, The School of Architecture (wheelchair accessible and air conditioned)

Note: No simulcast sites will be used if the ceremony is moved to Jadwin Gym.

Please note that due to the number of guests and sight lines, movement of guests wishing to take photographs or video shots is restricted during the ceremony. The Graduate School will have professional photographers photograph the ceremony. Professional photographers will take pictures of each graduate being hooded. Photos can be downloaded for free, or print copies may be purchased at www.princeton.edu/pr/gradpics.
Order of Exercises

Prelude and Processional
The audience will please rise when the Chief Marshal enters.

The Academic Procession
Sandra L. Bermann
*Cotsen Professor in the Humanities; Professor of Comparative Literature; Chief Marshal for University Convocations*

Candidates for Advanced Degrees
- Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Architecture
- Master of Science in Engineering
- Master of Engineering
- Master in Finance
- Master in Public Affairs
- Master in Public Policy

Ronnie Sircar
*Professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering*

John Cunniff *88
*President of the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni*

Rebecca Graves-Bayazitoglu *02
*Director of the Harold W. McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning and Associate Dean of the College*

Recipients of the Graduate Mentoring Award

Cecilia E. Rouse
*Lawrence and Shirley Katzman and Lewis and Anna Ernst Professor in the Economics of Education; Professor of Economics and Public Affairs; Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs*

Emily A. Carter
*Gerhard R. Andlinger Professor in Energy and the Environment; Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics; Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science*

Monica Ponce de Leon
*Professor of Architecture; Dean of the School of Architecture*

Cole M. Crittenden *05
*Deputy Dean of the Graduate School*

Sanjeev R. Kulkarni
*Professor of Electrical Engineering; Dean of the Graduate School*

Christopher L. Eisgruber ’83
*Laurence S. Rockefeller Professor of Public Affairs in the Woodrow Wilson School and the University Center for Human Values; President of the University*
Welcome
Sanjeev R. Kulkarni
Christopher L. Eisgruber

Presentation of Candidates for Master’s Degrees
Sandra L. Bermann
Sanjeev R. Kulkarni

FOR THE MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE
Monica Ponce de Leon

FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING
AND THE MASTER OF ENGINEERING
Emily A. Carter

FOR THE MASTER IN FINANCE
Ronnie Sircar

FOR THE MASTER IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND THE MASTER IN PUBLIC POLICY
Cecilia E. Rouse

Presentation of Graduate Mentoring Awards
Rebecca Graves-Bayazitoglu

Presentation of Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy
Cole M. Crittenden
Sandra L. Bermann
Sanjeev R. Kulkarni

Greetings from the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni
John Cunniff

Closing

Recessional and Postlude
The audience will please remain in place until the academic procession is completed.
Graduate Mentoring Awards

The Graduate School and the Harold W. McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning annually recognize faculty members for their exceptional work as mentors to graduate students at Princeton. Current and former students nominate faculty for these awards, and recipients are chosen by a committee of faculty and graduate students. This year we recognize four outstanding faculty members from the major academic divisions of the University.

HUMANITIES
Muhammad Qasim Zaman
*Robert H. Niehaus ’77 Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Religion; Chair, Department of Near Eastern Studies*

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Christopher Achen
*Roger Williams Straus Professor of Social Sciences; Professor of Politics*

NATURAL SCIENCES
Elizabeth Levy Paluck
*Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs*

ENGINEERING
Sankaran Sundaresan
*Norman John Sollenberger Professor in Engineering; Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering; Acting Associate Director for Research in the Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment*
Advanced Degrees

Master of Arts in Near Eastern Studies

**Degree Awarded**
24 September 2016

Kristine Janelle Gift, Near Eastern Studies

**Degree Awarded**
19 November 2016

Jordana Falgon, Near Eastern Studies

Master in Finance, Bendheim Center for Finance

**Degree Awarded**
6 June 2017

Redwane Amin
Antonio Arduini
Steven Michael Burnett
Aurelie Yuhan Cai
Yue Cao
Priyanka Chatterjee
Aurele Galle
Nina Gnedin
Jeremie James Holdom
Ying Huang
Aditi Jain
Polina Kanel
Clement Jian Xing Lee
Tiansheng Li
Xiang Li
Luana Majdalani
Qiankun Niu
Johan Loick Orban
Raaj Rohan Reddy Pasunoor
Ruoyang Peng
Chase Nathan Perlen
Alexander Manuel Rivas
Yan Ping Tham

Master of Architecture, School of Architecture

**Degree Awarded**
6 June 2017

Ryan Casey Barney
Emma Mary Benintende
Shujie Chen
Jessica Lynn Colangelo
Taylor Anthony Cornelson
Phillip Ryan Denny
Lixing Feng
Tyler Morgan Krochick
Jedy Yue Lau
Lukas Lesina Debiassi
Jiyuan Li
Myles McCaulay
Kevin Brian Pazik
Maria de las Mercedes Peralta
Andrew Michael John Percival
Ryan Leigh Roark
Francois Sabourin
Laura Salazar
Ji Shi
Benjamin Vanmuysen
Weiwei Zhang

Master in Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

**Degree Awarded**
28 January 2017

Hervé Richard Thomas

**Degree Awarded**
6 June 2017

Rafael Almeida
Jacob Eldon Appel
Nayha Arora
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David Cromer Logan
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Tania Mindy Mathurin
Conner Brannen McDowell
Marian Deborah Messing
Eri Nakata
Luna Vuu Nguyen
Ann Sheree Oluwafemi
Sajda Ouachitouki
Alexandra Kai Parma
David Joseph Peterson
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Ewan Rankin
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Ann Michelle Thompson
Richard Colin Campbell Todd
Francisco Javier Varela Sandoval
Simone Paige Webster
Alexa Nicole Weiss
Julianne Whittaker
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Master in Public Policy, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

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6 JUNE 2017
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Roben Eduardo Alfonso
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Ari Leonard Maas
Morgan McClain-McKinney
Vasanthakumar Namasiyavam
Andrew Michael Newman
Cillian Nolan
Steven Frank Petric
Silvana Del Valle Rodriguez
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Aparna Seth
Ajoy Sharma
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Master of Science in Engineering

DEGREE AWARDED
28 JANUARY 2017
Ting-Yu Ko, Electrical Engineering

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6 JUNE 2017
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Karan Kathpalia, Computer Science
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Huilian Qiu, Computer Science
Weitao Shuai, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Yiheng Tao, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Eric Isaac Teitelbaum, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Vanessa Obiageli Uzonwanne, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Kiran N. Vodrahalli, Computer Science
Lirong Xue, Operations Research and Financial Engineering

Master of Engineering

DEGREE AWARDED
8 APRIL 2017
Michael B. Galvin, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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6 JUNE 2017
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Mingrui Bai, Computer Science
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Mikkel Kringelbach, Computer Science
Marc Alexander Leonf, Computer Science
Aohui Lin, Computer Science
Hussein Riaz Nagree, Computer Science
Andreas Winther Rousing, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Hannah Rachel Safford, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Ming-Yee Tsang, Computer Science

Doctor of Philosophy

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24 SEPTEMBER 2016
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Carolyn Abbott, Politics and Social Policy
Leslie Arnold Alexixs, Molecular Biology
Caitlin Dennis Allen, Chemical Engineering
Lauren Maria Anllo, Molecular Biology
Maria Avdeeva, Mathematics
Luis Aviles, Architecture
Ji Hyun Bak, Physics
Alisa Crouch Ballard, Slavic Languages and Literatures
Michael Jeremy Barany, History (History of Science)
Caleb Deen Bastian, Applied and Computational Mathematics
Sema Berkiten, Computer Science
Debjay Bhattacharya, Electrical Engineering
Vaughn Angelo Booker Jr., Religion
Dennis Patrick Boyle, Astrophysical Sciences (Plasma Physics)
Hanna Budayeva, Molecular Biology
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Samuel Durham Cooper, Classics
Megan Teresa deBettencourt, Neuroscience
Mykola Dedushenko, Physics
Sili Deng, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
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Ankit Garg, Computer Science
José Antonio Garmilla, Astrophysical Sciences
Douglas M. Gildow, Religion
Aaron Joseph Gottlieb, Sociology and Social Policy
Imene Rym Goumiri, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
András Gyenis, Physics
Yuchen Han, Molecular Biology
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Evan Hepler-Smith, History (History of Science)
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Spencer Alan Hill, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
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Xin Jin, Computer Science
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Vedika Khemani, Physics
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Patricia M. Kim, Politics
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Jeongseog Lee, Physics
Daniil Markovich Leiderman, Art and Archaeology
Aitor Lewkowycz Zapirain, Physics
Matthew Moscicki Spellberg, Comparative Literature and Interdisciplinary Humanities
Nebojša Petar Stankovic, Art and Archaeology
Jill Farrington Stockwell, Comparative Literature
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Meredith Anne TenHoor, Architecture
Adedoyin Titilayo Teriba, Art and Archaeology
Sarah Catherine Town, Music
Melissa Tuckman, English
Mercedes Valmisa Oviedo, East Asian Studies
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Yulong Wang, Economics
Justin Scott Weidner, Economics
Christina Welsch, History
Julian Glenn West, Chemistry
Kevin Wu, Chemistry
Mohammad Mahdi Yazdi, Mathematics
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Jung eun Yoon, Economics
Yu Zhang, Economics
Chen Zhao, Economics
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Alma Mater

Old Nassau

Tune ev’ry heart and ev’ry voice,
Bid ev’ry care withdraw;
Let all with one accord rejoice,
In praise of Old Nassau.

In praise of Old Nassau, we sing,
Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
Our hearts will give
while we shall live,
Three cheers for Old Nassau.