

The Commencement Service
of
Columbia Theological Seminary



Saturday, May 16, 2020
10:00 a.m.

An Online Celebration of the 2020 Graduating Class
Broadcasting from Campbell Hall Chapel

THE COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

Prelude	“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” Michael Morgan, organ	Martin Shaw
Processional		
Welcome		Leanne Van Dyk
Call to Worship		Leanne Van Dyk
Hymn	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	Commencement Singers
Prayer for Illumination		Anna Carter Florence
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-18	Anna Carter Florence
Sermon	“Far from Home”	Mark Adams, Miriam Maldonado Escobar
Sung Response	“Come! Live in the Light!”	Nathan Frank
Conferring of Degrees		Thomas W. Walker assisted by Brandon T. Maxwell
Announcement of Honors		Love L. Sechrest
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession		Lisa M. Weaver assisted by Raj Nadella, Christine J. Hong, Christine Roy Yoder, and Stanley P. Saunders
Song	“The Blessing”	Commencement Singers
Charge to Graduates		Leanne Van Dyk
Benediction		Leanne Van Dyk
Recessional		

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Michael Morgan, Seminary Organist
Leanne Van Dyk, President
Commencement Singers
Anna Carter Florence, Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching
Thomas W. Walker '89, Chair, Board of Trustees
Nathan Frank, Director of Chapel Music
Love L. Sechrest, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty
Brandon T. Maxwell, Vice President for Enrollment & Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Lisa M. Weaver, Assistant Professor of Worship
Raj Nadella, Samuel A. Cartledge Associate Professor of New Testament
Christine Roy Yoder, J. McDowell Richards Professor of Biblical Interpretation
Christine J. Hong, Assistant Professor of Educational Ministry
Stan Saunders, Associate Professor of New Testament
Members of the Columbia Faculty

MARK ADAMS AND MIRIAM MALDONADO ESCOBAR

Mark Adams (CTS Distinguished Alum and class of '98) and Miriam Maldonado are mission co-workers with the Presbyterian Border Ministry in Agua Prieta, Mexico, where Mark has served since 1998. In his role as U.S. coordinator of the binational ministry Frontera de Cristo, Mark partners with Rev. Angel Valencia of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico in coordinating the six ministry areas of Frontera de Cristo: church development, health, family counseling, the New Hope Community Center, mission education, and the Just Trade Center. Miriam connects people and organizations across borders and serves as a liaison of Frontera de Cristo with the Center for Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation and Recuperation (CRREDA in Spanish), Douglaprieta Trabaja, and the Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church. She works with Douglaprieta to help the community, schools, rehabilitation centers, and families of the church grow their own food, increasing their nutrition possibilities and connection with God's creation and one another. Both Miriam and Mark have been instrumental in the development of Healing Our Borders/Sanando Nuestras Fronteras, an ecumenical group in which Frontera de Cristo is active.

SERVICE NOTES

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession written by Lisa M. Weaver.
"The Blessing," *Graves into Gardens* (Brown, Carnes, Furtick, Jobe; 2020).
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Everyone is cordially invited to a reception immediately following the service.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God Cre - a - tor;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row;

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

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 FAITHFULNESS

Come! Live in the Light!

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less, so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sib - lings and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 friends u - nit - and in love.

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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 WE ARE CALLED

GRADUATES

Doctor of Theology in Pastoral Counseling

Alisha Michelle Tatem*
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Exploring the Identity Narratives of African American Christian Women through the Embodied Practice and Transitional Spaces of Liturgical Dance Groups
1st Reader: John William Harkins, III
2nd Reader: Marcia Y. Riggs
BSW, Messiah College
MDiv, Columbia Theological Seminary

Doctor of Educational Ministry

Joy L. Gallmon
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Preaching the Apostles Creed: A Sermon Series for Christian Education
1st Reader: Kathy Dawson
2nd Reader: Jeffery L. Tribble
BS, Tuskegee University
MDiv, Candler School of Theology

Seung Man Jun
Busan, South Korea
Equipping Christian Parents of Teenagers to Become Spiritual Leaders in their Homes
1st Reader: Kathy Dawson
2nd Reader: Kevin Park
MDiv, Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, South Korea
MRE, Liberty Theological Seminary
MA(TS), Columbia Theological Seminary

Patricia Evangeline Symonette Gary
Nassau, Bahamas
Clergy Resilience: A Theological, Educational, and Psychological Perspective
1st Reader: Kathy Dawson
2nd Reader: Joan Murray
BA, Atlantic College and Theological Seminary
MEd, Florida A&M University
MDiv, equivalence through APC and ACPE

Derek Martin Wilson
Atlanta, Georgia
Carol, Kevoorkian, and Christina Yang: Moral Development through Bioethical Case Studies in Secondary Education
1st Reader: Kathy Dawson
2nd Reader: Mark Douglas
BA, Harding University
MACM, Abilene Christian University

John Ji-Hoon Yu
Aurora, Colorado
Bilingual, Intergenerational Worship and Ministry for Korean American Churches: Forming One, Unified Body of Christ with a Common Spiritual Identity
1st Reader: Kathy Dawson
2nd Reader: Kevin Park
BA, Brandeis University
MDiv, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry

Lindsay Patterson Armstrong
Atlanta, Georgia
Missional Church in an Age of Access
1st Reader: Melissa Browning
2nd Reader: Ralph C. Basui Watkins
BA, Colorado College
MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary

Seth David Clark
San Diego, California
Open Wound, Open Table: A Theological Exploration of Holy Communion as Practiced by the Border Church/La Iglesia Fronteriza
1st Reader: Mark Douglas
2nd Reader: Susanne Johnson
BS, Emmaus Bible College
MATS, Bethel Seminary San Diego
MTS, Boston College

Clement George Clarke**
Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica
The Integration of New Believers into the Life and Ministry of the Montego Bay New Testament Church of God
1st Reader: Hilary Hickling
2nd Reader: Marvin Simmers
BTh, Bethel Bible College
MA, Caribbean Graduate School of Theology

Joan Warren Gandy*
Natchez, Mississippi
Lessons of Hospitality in the Parables of Jesus: Inspiring a Congregation to Transform Its Way of Loving and Serving Neighbors
1st Reader: Jeffery L. Tribble
2nd Reader: Stanley P. Saunders
BA, Mississippi University for Women
MDiv, Columbia Theological Seminary

John David Menefee, Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia
Strategically Implemented Small Groups as a Mechanism for Transcending the Culture of Declining African American Churches
1st Reader: Jeffery L. Tribble
2nd Reader: Kevin Park
BA, Mercer University
MDiv, Mercer University

Master of Theology

Hannah Grace Sucharitha Injamuri
Hyderabad, Telangana-India
Dalit Women Identity in the Mennonite Brethren Churches of South India
1st Reader: Christine J. Hong
2nd Reader: William Yoo
BA, Villa Marie Degree College, Osmania University, India
MDiv, Columbia Theological Seminary

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Hope Beyond Suffering: A Study on Job 42:7-17
1st Reader: Brennan William Breed
2nd Reader: William Yoo
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Richard Dakina Johnson
Monrovia, Liberia
African Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric: A Response to African Liberation Theology in Liberian Christianity in Public Religious Life
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2nd Reader: William Yoo
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The Impact of Pentecostalism on the Presbyterian Church of Ghana Worship: A Study on GA Presbytery
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2nd Reader: William Yoo
BEd, University of Education, Ghana
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MDiv, Trinity Theological Seminary, Legon, Ghana
MPhil, University of Ghana

Onica Sharon Stewart
San Fernando, Trinidad and Tobago
Suffering Sister, Delivered Daughter: African American Women, Infertility, and Reading Luke 8:43-48 through a Womanist Empathetic Lens
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2nd Reader: William Yoo
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Master of Divinity

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***Awarded the degree at commencement exercises at the United
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FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES, AND AWARDS COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship

This fellowship was established in 1983 by the Rev. and Mrs. Harvard A. Anderson of Orlando, Florida. This fellowship is awarded to the graduate determined by the faculty to have the greatest potential for future academic achievement.

Columbia Graduate Fellowships

The Columbia Graduate Fellowships were initiated by the class of 1941.

Emma Gaillard Boyce Graduate Fellowship

This fellowship was established by the Rev. David Gaillard Boyce, an alumnus of the seminary, in honor of his mother. It is awarded to a graduating senior or clergyperson who enrolls in a graduate program of music and/or worship.

Fannie Jordan Bryan Fellowships

These fellowships were established through a generous legacy left to Columbia by the late Mrs. Fannie Jordan Bryan of Columbia, South Carolina.

Anna Church Whitner Fellowships

These fellowships are given periodically from a legacy left to the seminary in 1928 by the late William C. Whitner of Rock Hill, South Carolina, in memory of his mother.

James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Book Fund Award *Eligibility: Basic Degree Graduating Students*

A cash award given each year to a basic degrees graduating student who in the judgment of the faculty would be a good steward of a theological library, and has demonstrated a desire through studies to build a personal theological library.

Robert H. Ramey Christian Leadership Award *Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students*

A cash award to be used for books and/or continuing education that is given to a graduating MDiv senior who shows promise of providing outstanding leadership to the church. The recipient would have demonstrated unusual leadership qualities at Columbia, as well as spiritual depth and integrity.

Wilds Book Prize *Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students*

A cash award given to the graduating student selected by the faculty for the highest distinction in academic work over the entire seminary program in the Master of Divinity degree program.

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Andrew Preaching Award *Eligibility: MDiv Degree Students*

A cash award for the best sermon preached by an MDiv degree student during the academic year. Students should submit a paper manuscript of only one sermon. A judging committee of professors of worship and preaching and other faculty nominates a student to the faculty for election.

William Dudley Fund Award *Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students*

Award(s) to graduating MDiv seniors who have evidenced achievement, interest, and commitment in evangelism and church growth, to be used within a five-year period for costs associated with continuing education or graduate study in evangelism and church growth at Columbia Theological Seminary. Faculty members may nominate persons to the Basic Degrees Committee who will nominate two persons for recommendation to the faculty.

Abdullah Awards *Eligibility: All Degree Students*

These awards of two types are made available each year by the late Rev. Gabriel Abdullah, an alumnus of the seminary. The first cash prize is for the best paper setting forth a plan for the teaching of Bible in the public schools; and the second is for the best paper designing a program for the development of moral and spiritual values.

Julia Abdullah Award *Eligibility: All Degree Students*

This award is made available each year by the late Rev. Gabriel Abdullah, an alumnus of the seminary. The cash prize is for the best paper on the subject, "How to make the church school hour the most interesting hour of the week."

Emma Gaillard Boyce Memorial Award *Eligibility: All Degree Students*

A cash award given to the degree student writing the best paper on the creative use of music in worship. A judging committee of professors of worship and preaching nominates a person to the faculty for election.

Paul T. Fuhrmann Book Prize in Church History *Eligibility: Basic Degree Students*

A cash award made annually to the basic degrees student who has shown the most outstanding achievement in church history. A judging committee of professors of church history nominates a person to the faculty for election.

Ludwig Richard Max Dewitz Old Testament Studies Award *Eligibility: Basic Degree Students*

A cash award given to a basic degree student who prepared the best Old Testament exegesis during the academic year. A judging committee of professors of Old Testament nominates a person to the faculty for election.

Samuel A. Cartledge New Testament Studies Award *Eligibility: Basic Degree Students*

A cash award given to the basic degree student who prepared the best New Testament exegesis during the academic year. A judging committee of professors of New Testament nominates a person to the faculty for election.

Lyman and Myki Mobley Prize in Biblical Scholarship *Eligibility: All Degree Students, Faculty*

A cash award given to a student in any degree program or a faculty member who is doing exemplary work in the field of biblical studies as it relates to the worship and work of the Church. Judging will be by the Biblical area of the faculty to determine the best paper, published article, sermon, or other form of media submitted for consideration.

Harold J. Riddle Memorial Book Award *Eligibility: Graduating Students*

A cash award given to a graduating student, selected by the faculty in consultation with the pastoral care faculty, who shows the highest distinction in the field of pastoral care, especially in the area of terminally ill patients.

Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology *Eligibility: All Degree Students*

A cash award to the student presenting the best paper showing sound theological scholarship and relevance to the needs of Christian people in the contemporary world. Special attention is given to papers that relate theology to the education, professions, and avocations of lay people. A judging committee from the Historical-Doctrinal area nominates a student to the faculty for election.

John Nelsen Award: The Bible and the Missional Church *Eligibility: DMin or DEdMin Graduating Students*

This cash award is for the best Doctor of Ministry or Doctor of Educational Ministry project focusing on scripture in aiding the transformation of the student's congregation into a missional church. The award is given by Dan Winn, Jr. in honor of his friend and counselor, John Nelsen, MDiv, DMin, Princeton Theological Seminary and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, who for 25 years has devoted his ministry to challenging, sustaining, and transforming congregations. The missional church has been his primary focus for several years.

George and Sally Telford Award *Eligibility: DMin Graduating Students*

This cash award recognizes each year an outstanding graduate in the Doctor of Ministry program. The award is presented to the graduating DMin student who shows exceptional ability for congregational leadership with an emphasis on social justice issues and vision for the church.

Indiantown Country Church Award *Eligibility: MDiv Students*

This award was established by the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stuckey in their honor to highlight the work of ministry in rural congregations. The cash prize is awarded annually to an MDiv student who has done outstanding ministry in a rural congregation.

Florie S. Johnson Award *Eligibility: Graduating Basic Degree Students*

This cash award was established by the family of Florie S. Johnson in memory of their mother, who was a devoted teacher committed to lay ministry through the Church of Jesus Christ. The award is given to a graduating basic degree student who presents the best paper setting forth a plan for pastoral care to the aging, and who shows promise of providing such ministry in a parish setting.

William Rivers Waddey Award *Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students*

A cash award established by Walter and Cecilia Waddey in memory of their son, William, who was an active and vital part of the youth program and ministry at Peachtree Presbyterian Church. The fund is to support an award given to a graduating MDiv student who possesses extraordinary gifts for youth ministry and an intent to pursue such a call in the church.

Buechner Award in Preaching *Eligibility: Basic Degree Graduating Students*

A cash award presented annually to the basic degrees graduating student who has done outstanding work in chapel leadership and preaching courses throughout their entire seminary program. Nominations are made by faculty members in homiletics and worship to the Basic Degrees Committee.

Buechner Award in Writing *Eligibility: Graduating Students*

A cash award presented annually to the graduating student from any degree program who exemplifies care and craft in the skill of communicating the gospel in the written word, in both course assignments and in public and pastoral ministry settings throughout their entire seminary program. Nominations are made by faculty members and/or the Director of the Center for Academic Literacy to the Basic Degrees Committee

