

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

LEWIS
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ARTS

CLASS DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019
Berlind Theatre at McCarter Theatre Center

A Note from Michael Cadden *Chair, Lewis Center for the Arts*

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Princeton's Lewis Center for the Arts, let me welcome our graduating students from the Class of 2019, their families, and their friends to this afternoon's celebration of all that you have achieved! And by "you," I mean not only our graduates, but their families and friends as well. You don't get through Princeton on your own. Today we celebrate all those who have made this day possible! As I step down as chair after eight years, I take just a smidgen of pride at being one of the thousands who helped you on your way.

The Lewis Center serves as the home of Princeton's Programs in Creative Writing, Dance, Theater, Music Theater, and Visual Arts, as well as the Princeton Atelier. Although we are a relatively new academic entity, just over a decade old, the students gathered here today have never known a Princeton without what the Lewis Center has to offer. They are also among the first Princeton students to have had the opportunity to work in the spaces now available in the new Lewis Arts complex, which we opened in the Fall of 2017.

More Princeton students than ever before now take courses in the arts — some because they are contemplating lives in the arts, but most because they want to experience the joys and sorrows, frustrations and mysteries of the artistic process in order to better understand the joys and sorrows, frustrations and mysteries of life itself. We hope our eighty or so graduates feel they have grown from their successes and their failures. I can assure you that the faculty and staff feel the richer for having worked with them on projects they were passionate about — both within the context of classes and independent work, as well as outside those formal structures.

We're delighted to use this Class Day in the Roger S. Berlind '52 Theatre to gather together students from all the Programs of the Lewis Center. Consciously or not, you have been engaged with our faculty and staff in a collective enterprise best expressed in the Lewis Center motto crafted by our founding Chair, Paul Muldoon: "Princeton in the service of the imagination."

Welcoming Remarks

PROGRAM IN CREATIVE WRITING

Congratulations Class of 2019 Certificate Students!

Mohammad Z. Adnan
Christian C. Bischoff
Sena M. Cebeci
Nicolette C. D'Angelo
David A. Exume
Jonah Herzog-Arbeitman
Sonia M. Joseph
Madeleine C. Le Cesne
Ruting Li

Lian Kirit Limperis
Crystal Liu
Simi Prasad
Kandace L. Rosser
Jordan D. Salama
Iris A. Samuels
Paul J. Schorin
Remi C. Shaull-Thompson
Elias M. Stern

Annabelle Yu An Tseng
Helena Van Brande
Carson Welch
Max West
Sebastian P. Witherspoon
Michelle R. Yeh
Joanna Z. Zhang

Program Highlights

Tracy K. Smith, *Roger S. Berlind '52 Professor in the Humanities;*
Professor of Creative Writing; Director, Program in Creative Writing

Senior Awards

The Theodore Weiss Award

This award was established in 2004 in memory of Professor Weiss, distinguished poet, founder and editor of the *Quarterly Review of Literature*, and Professor of English and Creative Writing. Presented annually to a promising young poet or, in exceptional circumstances, a fiction writer.

Madeleine C. Le Cesne

The Theodore H. Holmes '51 and Bernice Holmes Poetry Prize

Established as part of a charitable trust created in 1999 by Bernice Holmes, this prize is in memory of her brother Theodore H. Holmes '51. Presented each year to a single talented poet who is also an undergraduate student of Princeton University.

Crystal Liu

Outstanding Work by a Senior Award

This award was created to honor one or more outstanding seniors for distinctive achievement in Creative Writing.

Siddarth Anand
Christian C. Bischoff
Sena M. Cebeci
Lou Y. Chen

Nicolette C. D'Angelo
Jonah Herzog-Arbeitman
Iris A. Samuels
Remi C. Shaull-Thompson

Annabelle Yu An Tseng
Carson Welch
Joanna Z. Zhang

Samuel Shellabarger Memorial Prize in Creative Writing

This fund is awarded annually to a senior who, in fulfillment of the senior thesis requirement, shows great promise of future literary excellence.

Sonia M. Joseph

Joyce Carol Oates Award

This prize was established in 2014 in the name of Joyce Carol Oates, Roger S. Berlind '52 Professor in the Humanities, Emeritus; Professor of Creative Writing, Emeritus. The prize is awarded annually to a promising young fiction writer or, in exceptional circumstances, a poet.

Paul J. Schorin

Edmund Keeley Literary Translation Award

This prize was established in 2016 in the name of Edmund Keeley, Charles Barnwell Straut Class of 1923 Professor of English, Emeritus, Professor of English and Creative Writing, Emeritus. The prize is awarded to a promising young translator.

Helena Van Brande

PROGRAM IN DANCE

Congratulations Class of 2019 Certificate Students!

Elena V. Anamos
Lauren Auyeung
Yasmine K. Eichbaum
James A. Jared

William S. Keiser
Sicily M. Kiesel
Madeleine C. Le Cesne
Justina K. Liu

Sarah Varghese
Michelle R. Yeh
Esin Yunusoglu

Program Highlights

Susan Marshall, *Director, Program in Dance*

Senior Awards**Francis LeMoyne Page Class of 1922 Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the Creative Arts**

This award was established in 1972 by the Trustees of the LeMoyne Page Foundation in memory of Francis LeMoyne Page, Class of 1922. Awarded annually to one or more members of the junior or senior class to honor distinctive achievement in the Creative Arts.

James A. Jared

Sarah Varghese

Esin Yunusoglu

Outstanding Senior Creative Thesis Award

This award was created to honor one or more outstanding seniors for distinctive achievement in Dance.

Lauren Auyeung

Michelle R. Yeh

Ze'eva Cohen Senior Award

This award established in 2014 honors the Founding Director of the Program in Dance and is awarded to a student who began the study of dance in college and underwent an extraordinary transformation as an artist while contributing to the Dance Program.

Justina K. Liu

PROGRAM IN THEATER

Congratulations Class of 2019 Certificate Students!

Will Alvarado
Siddarth Anand
Annabel Q. Barry
Megan E. Berry
Jasmeene M. Burton
Jack D. Busche
Victoria C. Davidjohn
Benjamin S. Diamond
Katherine E. Duggan

Tamia L. Goodman
Kirsten H. Hansen
Chase E. Hommeyer
Zara P. Jayant
Changshuo Liu
Carly G. Maitlin
Julia D. Mosby
Ryan R. Ozminkowski
Nathan S. N. Phan

Justin G. Ramos
J Sansone
Raina F. Seyd
Feyisola S. Soetan
Luke Soucy
Julia Yu
Annabel Zabel

PROGRAM IN MUSIC THEATER

Congratulations Class of 2019 Certificate Students!

Will Alvarado
Jessica P. A. Bailey
Victoria C. Davidjohn

Benjamin S. Diamond
Kirsten H. Hansen
Bria McKenzie

Ryan R. Ozminkowski
Janelle T. Spence

Program Highlights

Jane Cox, *Director, Program in Theater*
and Stacy Wolf, *Director, Program in Music Theater and Princeton Arts Fellows*

Senior Awards

Award for creative and community leadership in Theater and Music Theater Program
Victoria C. Davidjohn

Award for senior thesis that expanded our sense of community
Changshuo Liu

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Anna Elaine Zabel - For all around achievement and citizenship

Music Theater Award

To a senior who has demonstrated a commitment to and significant accomplishment in developing, re-imagining, or creating new work in music theater.

Nathan S. N. Phan

Tim Vasen Award

In honor of former Program in Theater Director Tim Vasen, this award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated dedication, passion, risk-taking, and significant accomplishment in the making of theater throughout their years at Princeton.

Megan E. Berry

PROGRAM IN VISUAL ARTS***Congratulations Class of 2019 Certificate Students!***

Kara L. Bressler
Hudson H. Cooke
Rami H. Farran
Caroline de Brito Gottlieb
Susan Liu

Amanda G. Morrison
Elaine S. Romano
Alice F. Wang
Jessica Zhou
Maya B. von Ziegesar

Congratulations Class of 2019 Practice of Art (PA) Students!

Anna K. Berghuis
Evan MacLean Collins
Kyra M. Gregory
Cody Kohn
David Lopera

Isaiah L. Nieves
Kathryn A. Northrop
S Sanneh
Pearl G. Thompson
Yuanyuan Zhao

Program Highlights

Martha Friedman, *Director, Program in Visual Arts*

Senior Awards**Lucas Award in Visual Arts**

This award was established in 1998 by Herbert L. Lucas, Class of 1950 and was amended in 2004 to recognize excellence and the quality of a body of work by graduating seniors in painting, sculpture, photography, film, and media.

Kara L. Bressler
Rami H. Farran
Caroline de Brito Gottlieb
Kyra M. Gregory
Amanda G. Morrison

Isaiah L. Nieves
Elaine S. Romano
Pearl G. Thompson
Yuanyuan Zhao

Jim Seawright Award in Visual Arts

Established in 2009 in honor of Jim Seawright, Professor of Visual Arts, this award is presented annually to a student whose work exemplifies exceptional originality or innovation in any media in the Program in Visual Arts.

Maya B. von Ziegesar

LEWIS CENTER SENIOR AWARDS

Presentation of Awards:

Michael Cadden, *Chair, Lewis Center for the Arts*

The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts

The prize is presented annually to one or more graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence or the highest standard of proficiency, in performance or execution or in the field of composition in the following general areas: music, theater, dance, painting, sculpture or photography.

Lou Y. Chen
Victoria C. Davidjohn

The Toni Morrison Prize

The prize, awarded for the first time this year, honors Toni Morrison, Nobel Prize Laureate and Robert F. Goheen Professor in the Humanities, Emeritus, goes to one or more graduating seniors whose individual or collaborative artistic practice has pushed the boundaries and enlarged the scope of our understanding of issues of race. This prize honors work in any form that, in the spirit of Morrison's, is "characterized by visionary force and poetic import."

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Closing Remarks

Ceremony followed by a reception.

LEWIS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Chair

Michael Cadden

Executive Director

Marion Friedman Young

LEWIS CENTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2018-19)

Michael Cadden, Theater

Su Friedrich, Visual Arts

Judith Hamera, Dance

Aleksandar Hemon, Creative Writing

Brian Herrera, Theater

Jhumpa Lahiri, Creative Writing

Susan Marshall, Dance

Paul Muldoon, Creative Writing

James Richardson, Creative Writing

Joe Scanlan, Visual Arts

Tracy K. Smith, Creative Writing

Jeff Whetstone, Visual Arts

Susan Wheeler, Creative Writing

Yiyun Li, Creative Writing

Stacy Wolf, Theater

LEWIS CENTER PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Jane Cox, Director, Program in Theater

Susan Marshall, Director, Program in Dance

Paul Muldoon, Director, Princeton Atelier

Martha Friedman, Director, Program in Visual Arts

Tracy K. Smith, Director, Program in Creative Writing

Stacy Wolf, Director, Program in Music Theater & Princeton Arts Fellows

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