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Friday, May 20, 2016	3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21, 2016	9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
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our mission

As a public research university, Texas Tech advances knowledge through innovative and creative teaching, research, and scholarship. The university is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce. The university is committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.

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ABOUT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

FROM ITS VERY BEGINNING the Texas Tech University community has had a sense of destiny and an awareness of the impact it could and would have on Texas and the wider world. Originally named Texas Technological College, Texas Tech opened in 1925 with six buildings, four schools (Agriculture, Engineering, Home Economics, and Liberal Arts), and an enrollment of 914. Texas Tech grew rapidly after World War II, and in 1969 the Texas legislature approved a name change to Texas Tech University. In the years since, Texas Tech has grown to become the largest comprehensive higher education institution in the western two-thirds of the state. As the only campus in Texas that is home to a major university, law school, and medical school, the university is the major institution of higher education in a region larger than 46 of the nation's 50 states.

Today, Texas Tech continues to thrive, with more than 36,000 students enrolled in its 11 colleges: Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, Education, Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering, Honors College, Human Sciences, Media and Communication, Visual and Performing Arts, and the Graduate School, as well as University Programs via the Provost's Office. The institution's goal is to enroll 40,000 students by 2020.

Because of its educational scope and purpose, as well as the size of the region it serves, Texas Tech University operates in numerous Texas locations beyond the Lubbock campus. In all, the Texas Tech University System—which includes Texas Tech University, Angelo State University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso—has more than 44,000 students enrolled.









SINCE TEXAS TECH'S FIRST graduation ceremony in the spring of 1927, more than 200,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees have been awarded by the university. From these proud graduates have emerged captains of industry, world-renowned surgeons, noted authors, famous singers, acclaimed teachers and professors, attorneys, entrepreneurs, agronomists, scientists, professional athletes, and countless others who have claimed positions of service and responsibility in a rapidly changing world.

Texas Tech University graduates have governed states, flown in space, served as Presidential cabinet members, won Olympic gold medals, served as ambassadors to foreign countries, acted on Broadway stages, won Pulitzer Prizes, served in Congress, led Fortune 500 companies, and been watched by millions on network television news.

Not all graduates will achieve fame and fortune in equal measure, but all Texas Tech graduates can point with pride to the solid academic preparation they received and the personal connections they made as Red Raiders. For beneath the spacious skies of West Texas and in the halls of brick and tile through which they strolled during their time on campus, generations of Texas Tech students have been provided a foundation for success that is without parallel. As they take their first steps into careers that will see many of them literally change the world, they can remember with certainty one important fact about Texas Tech University:

From here, it's possible.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 20, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. John Opperman <i>Interim President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Sara Bailey Baumgardner <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Larry K. Anders <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Chancellor's Remarks	Mr. Robert Duncan <i>Chancellor, Texas Tech University System</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. John Opperman
Commencement Address	Mr. Mark Lanier <i>Founder and Lead Litigation Counsel, Lanier Law Firm</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. John Opperman Dr. Lawrence E. Schovanec <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates	Dr. W. Brent Lindquist <i>Dean, College of Arts and Sciences</i> Dr. Michael San Francisco <i>Dean, Honors College</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Students Class of 2016	Dr. Lawrence E. Schovanec
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. John Opperman
Alma Mater <i>(Words on Back Cover)</i>	Ms. Sara Bailey Baumgardner
Recessional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 20, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. John Opperman <i>Interim President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Amy Pineau <i>Graduating with a Doctor of Musical Arts</i>
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Conferring of Degrees	Dr. John Opperman Dr. Lawrence E. Schovanec <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Doctoral and Master's Degree Candidates	Dr. Mark A. Sheridan <i>Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean, Graduate School</i>
Charge to the Graduates	Dr. John Opperman
Alma Mater <i>(Words on Back Cover)</i>	Ms. Amy Pineau
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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 21, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Presiding	Dr. John Opperman <i>Interim President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Sara Bailey Baumgardner <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. John Esparza <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Chancellor's Remarks	Mr. Robert Duncan <i>Chancellor, Texas Tech University System</i>
Presentation of Honorary Degree to Lauro F. Cavazos, Former Texas Tech University President and United States Secretary of Education	Dr. John Opperman
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. John Opperman
Commencement Address	Mr. Mark Lanier <i>Founder and Lead Litigation Counsel, Lanier Law Firm</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. John Opperman Dr. Lawrence E. Schovanec <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates	Dr. Linda C. Hoover <i>Dean, College of Human Sciences</i> Dr. Scott Ridley <i>Dean, College of Education</i> Dr. Al Sacco, Jr. <i>Dean, Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering</i> Dr. Saif Haq <i>Associate Dean for Research, College of Architecture</i> Professor Andrew W. Martin <i>Interim Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts</i>
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Recessional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 21, 2016

1:30 p.m.

Presiding	Dr. John Opperman <i>Interim President, Texas Tech University</i>
Processional*	Texas Tech Commencement Band <i>Dr. Sarah McKoin, Conductor</i>
National Anthem	Ms. Sara Bailey Baumgardner <i>Graduating with a Bachelor of Music</i>
Welcoming Remarks	Mr. John Esparza <i>Board of Regents, Texas Tech University System</i>
Chancellor's Remarks	Mr. Robert Duncan <i>Chancellor, Texas Tech University System</i>
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	Dr. John Opperman
Commencement Address	Mr. Mark Lanier <i>Founder and Lead Litigation Counsel, Lanier Law Firm</i>
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. John Opperman Dr. Lawrence E. Schovanec <i>Provost and Senior Vice President</i>
Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates	Dr. Jeff Mercer <i>Senior Associate Dean, Jerry S. Rawls College of Business</i> Dr. David Perlmutter <i>Dean, College of Media and Communication</i> Dr. Michael San Francisco <i>Dean, Honors College</i> Dr. Michael L. Galyean <i>Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources</i> Dr. Juan S. Muñoz (presenting University Studies and Wind Energy degrees) <i>Senior Vice President for Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement; Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction</i>
Recognition of Outstanding Students Class of 2016	Dr. Lawrence E. Schovanec
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Attorney, author, teacher, pastor and storyteller, W. Mark Lanier is no stranger to the public rostrum. He founded The Lanier Law Firm in 1990, and since then has earned recognition as one of the top trial attorneys in the United States. Firm offices in Houston, New York City, and Los Angeles support his work for clients across the country.

Lanier's courtroom experience is significant as well as diverse. In 1993, he secured a \$473 million verdict for a small oil company in a business fraud case against one of the nation's largest oil providers. His participation in the nation's first Vioxx trial, *Ernst v. Merck*, led to a client verdict of \$253 million that officially set the tone for other cases nationally. He followed up this record verdict with two more plaintiff verdicts against the pharmaceutical giant totaling over \$50 million. Lanier further obtained a nine-figure settlement for syringe manufacturer, Retractable Technologies, in an antitrust case against Becton Dickinson & Company, a case that served as the basis for the movie "Puncture," starring Chris Evans. His \$118.3 million verdict on behalf of 21 asbestos victims in February 1998 is considered one of the largest asbestos verdicts in U.S. history, and as recently as April 2014, Lanier secured a verdict for \$9 billion against Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. and Eli Lilly & Co.

Lanier's peers and the media consistently recognize him among the country's leading legal minds. *The National Law Journal* has twice named him one of the nation's "Top 10 Trial Attorneys," as well as one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America of the Decade." In February 2015, they named Lanier and The Lanier Law Firm to their "Plaintiff's Hot List." *The New York Times* described him as "one of the top civil trial lawyers in America..." *Texas Lawyer* magazine named him one of the "Top 25 Lawyers in the Last 25 Years." In October 2012, he was awarded the coveted Clarence Darrow Award. *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Lawyers has named Lanier to its "Best Lawyers in America" list for 10 consecutive years and as the 2013 "Top Class Action Attorney in America." He was named the 2015 "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by The National Trial Lawyers and *The Trial Lawyer* magazine. Lanier is also the Recipient of the Texas Bar Foundation's 2015 Ronald D. Secrest Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award. His courtroom work has resulted in feature articles in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *Bloomberg News*, and the *Houston Chronicle*, among others. He also is a frequent guest on news shows such as CNBC's "Squawk Box" and Fox News' "Your World with Neil Cavuto." Additionally, he is a regular co-host and contributor to Fox Business News' "Varney and Company" with Stuart Varney.

A strong supporter of his alma mater, Lanier earned his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1984. He remains active at Texas Tech by serving on the Law School's Foundation Board. He was selected as the Texas Tech University School of Law Distinguished Alumnus for 2005. Additionally, he was named Distinguished Alumni of the Year for 2015. Lanier was elected to The American Bar Association's Fellows of the American Bar Association and was named a Life Fellow of the same organization in 2012.

Lanier is enthusiastically involved in government and community activities outside the practice of law. Chairmen, presidents, and senior executives from major American corporations and universities call on him for his respected business views regarding national and international issues. In 2011, the Guatemalan government bestowed upon Lanier the distinguished Ambassador of Peace award. He teaches weekly at his church, and in 2014 authored the book, "Christianity on Trial."

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Honors College
3:00 p.m. – Ms. Anna Sabrina Deleon
9:00 a.m. – Ms. Chiamaka Thelma Obianyor
1:30 p.m. – Ms. Grace Junli Hugh
Human Sciences – Ms. Jordan Ashlee George
Media and Communication –
Mr. Colby Shane Ward
University Programs –
Mr. Denton Douglas Shaw
Visual and Performing Arts –
Ms. Allison Nicole Pelham

FACULTY BANNER BEARERS

3:00 p.m. – Idoia Elola, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor of Classical and Modern
Languages and Literatures,
College of Arts and Sciences*
7:00 p.m. – Tara Stevens, Ed.D.,
*Professor of Educational Psychology and
Leadership, College of Education*
9:00 a.m. – Tina Fuentes, M.F.A.,
*Professor of Art, College of Visual and
Performing Arts*
1:30 p.m. – Brian Ott, Ph.D.
*Chairperson and Professor of Communication
Studies, College of Media and Communication*

LIBRARY BANNER BEARERS

3:00 p.m. – Dr. Jon Hufford
9:00 a.m. – Mr. Jack Becker
1:30 p.m. – Ms. Diane Warner



INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

From earliest times flags have served as symbols of ideals, aspirations, and loyalties, representing in modern times the national states and involving sentiments of pride and patriotism. Every flag has its own tale of national meaning to its symbols and colors.

Students from every state in the nation have attended Texas Tech, and the spring 2016 enrollment included international students from 105 countries. It is with pride that the university displays flags from around the world to represent the many countries that comprise the Texas Tech student body.

PRESIDENTIAL MACE

CROWNED BY A FLAME symbolizing the Light of Knowledge, the Texas Tech University Presidential Mace is the symbolic staff of the power and authority of the university. It is constructed of lathed and molded bronze that has been rubbed with a layer of 24K gold. The school crest is presented on either side directly under the flame. Hand-rubbed black walnut has been used for the connecting shafts. The mace was designed by Professor Robly A. Glover in the School of Art. Professor Glover's artwork is on display throughout the United States and included in the permanent collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, The Yale Silver Collection, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.



Professor Robly A. Glover carries the Presidential Mace he designed for Texas Tech University

MACE BEARERS

Graduate School Ceremony

7:00 P.M., MAY 20 JEFFREY BURKHARDT, PH.D.
*Jerry S. Rawls Professor of Health Organization Management
 Jerry S. Rawls College of Business*

Undergraduate Ceremonies

3:00 P.M., MAY 20 MARK R. STOLL, PH.D.
*Professor of History
 College of Arts and Sciences*

9:00 A.M., MAY 21 ANNETTE HERNANDEZ UDDAMERI, PH.D.
*Associate Professor of Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering
 Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. College of Engineering*

1:30 P.M., MAY 21 MAYUKH DASS, PH.D.
*Associate Professor of Marketing
 Jerry S. Rawls College of Business*

GRADUATION HONORS

Graduating seniors who have maintained an overall 4.0 GPA include the following:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sara Abbott | Nikita Dhir | Angga Khoirul Imam | Oliver Charles Mitchell | Ally Beth Schniederjan |
| Chloe Regis Alexander | Heather Amanda Dorrance | Sarah Jessica Jackson | Sarah Hartline Muncy | Katherine Laine Sommermeyer |
| Brianna Danielle Antuna | John Jackson Durell | Erin Elizabeth Jarvis | Priscilla Ortiz | Allison Renee Terry |
| Carly Elizabeth Barksdale | Emily Beth Earleywine | Mitchell W. Leonard | Allison Nicole Pelham | Sean Michael Townsend |
| Brooke Noel Bednarz | Nima Eskandari | Katelyn Littleton | Stephanie Pescina | Colby Shane Ward |
| Beth Janae Berry | Meredith Michelle Gavin | Carson Daniel Maher | Elle Arline Rickman | Holton Westbrook |
| Staci Ann Bullick | Addison Paige Gilbert | Emily Marie Mantooth | Jason W. Robison | John Alexander White |
| Ashleigh Colvard | Megan Lynne Goettsch | Rachel Jean Martin | Samantha Marine Rodriguez Amador | |
| Molly Ellen Craft | Aaron Oracio Gonzalez | Shandy McMullen-Brooks | Lorenzo Salazer IV | |
| Gracen Daniel | Andrea Leigh Hess | Adam Scott Miller | August Blaze Schaeffer | |
| Harrison Douglas Detten | Shelby Renee Huber | Nicole Denise Miller | Max E. Schimelpfenig | |

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

The **doctoral degree** is the most advanced earned degree conferred by American institutions of higher learning. The doctorate usually represents prolonged periods of advanced study culminating in a dissertation intended to contribute substantially to the body of knowledge on the subject. The most widely sought doctorate is the Doctor of Philosophy, which no longer has an implication of philosophy as the major field of study but represents advanced research in any of the major fields of knowledge.

The **master's degree** is an academic honor bestowed upon students who have successfully completed work beyond the baccalaureate. Both a thesis and an oral examination are usually but not always required. When applicable, the graduate's thesis topic is listed.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Christopher B. Lavergne (*In absentia*)
Dissertation: Building the Climate for Optimal Organizational Transfer of Learning: An Examination of USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Employee Training Motivation and Perceived Training Transfer
Major Professor: David Doerfert and Gary Wingenbach

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Jose Francisco Perez
Dissertation: An Investigation of Social Justice Leadership Culture and School Effectiveness in Southwest Texas Elementary Schools
Major Professor: Joseph Claudet

HIGHER EDUCATION

Marcie Ann Dishman (*In absentia*)
Dissertation: Branding Community Colleges in a Competitive Postsecondary Market: A Qualitative Collective Case Study Analysis of Community College Chief Marketing Officers
Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Kirsten Rene Fowler-Cooper
Dissertation: Collaborative Partnerships and Best Practices for Leading Early College High Schools: A Collective Case Study Analysis of the Experiences and Perceptions of Community College Presidents and Early College High School Principals
Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Eduardo L. Garcia
Dissertation: Community College Developmental Education Students: A Collective Case Study of Their Experiences and Perceptions of Counseling and Advising Services
Major Professor: Dimitra Jackson Smith

Benjamin Kyle Martin
Dissertation: Resource Allocation, Marketing Strategies, the College Choice Process: A Collective Case Study Analysis of Community College Marketing Administrators
Major Professor: Stephanie J. Jones

Jeffrey E. Taylor

Dissertation: The Impact of Parenthood on Undergraduate Students' Perceived Level of Campus Mattering: A Comparative Study
Major Professor: Andrew Koricich

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

MUSIC

Derek Wayne Akers
Dissertation: Hesitation of Initial Articulations
Major Professor: Christopher M. Smith

James Lynn Barger
Dissertation: Adapting Select String Compositions of Lars-Erik Larsson Saxophone
Major Professor: David Dees

Sarah Marie Ludwig Cohen (*In absentia*)
Dissertation: Choral Canons for Collegiate Performance: An Annotated Bibliography
Major Professor: Richard Bjella

Andrea Christine Denis
Dissertation: Kruspe vs. Geyer: An Examination of Horns Used in Several Texas Symphony Orchestras
Major Professor: Christopher M. Smith

Valeria Aurora Diaz Navarro
Dissertation: Tocando el Piano: A History and Pedagogical Analysis of Select Solo Piano Works of 20th Century Peruvian Composers
Major Professor: Lora Deahl

Tyler Justin Hughes
Dissertation: Symphony No. 2: Ocean Symphony
Major Professor: Peter Fischer

Barbara Kathleen Lamont
Dissertation: The Choral Music of Rhona Clarke
Major Professor: Richard Bjella

Kughwa Lee
Dissertation: Developing the Skills Necessary to Become an Effective Collaborative Choral Pianist
Major Professor: Lora Deahl

David Santiago López González
Dissertation: Colombian, Bambuco, Pasillo, and Porro and the Role of the Tuba in these Traditional Genres
Major Professor: Kevin Wass

Jennifer Lynn Miller

Dissertation: A Harpist's Pedagogical Experience: Bridging the Gaps in Music Theory and Ensemble Training
Major Professor: Michael Stoune

Amy Lee Pineau
Dissertation: Joyce: A Comic Monodrama. The Creation of a Role from an Entrepreneurial Perspective
Major Professor: Quinn P. Ankrum

Joseph Marius Svendsen
Dissertation: The Influence of Plainsong in the Choral Music of Healey Willan
Major Professor: Richard Bjella

Steven John Trinkl, Jr.
Dissertation: Orchestral Suite No. 1: An Original Composition with Analysis
Major Professor: Peter Fischer

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Abbas Aboohamidi
Dissertation: Essays on the Financial Crisis of 2007-2009: Analysis of Wealth, Changes in Saving Motives, and the Demand for Financial Advice
Major Professor: Darren Hudson

K Vidanege Nirodha Sudershini Buddhika De Silva
Dissertation: Essays on Water Scarcity: Non-market Valuation and Weather Change Impacts
Major Professors: Phil Johnson and Changgang Wang

Kishor Prasad Luitel
Dissertation: Essays on Crop Insurance Choices in the Agricultural Act of 2014 for Cotton Farmers
Major Professor: Darren Hudson

Audrey M. Redford
Dissertation: "High Hopes" and "Bad Bundles": The Political Economy of U.S. Drug Control Policy
Major Professors: Benjamin Powell and Adam G. Martin

GRADUATE CANDIDATES

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Tyler Leighton Harris (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: Immunological Effects of Yeast Products on Pre-weaned Holstein Calves
Major Professor: Michael Ballou

Sarah Ann Ison

Dissertation: Antibiotic Resistant *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella enterica*, and the Characterization of *E. coli* 026 Recovered from Bovine Feces
Major Professor: Guy Loneragan

Martha Luz Maradiaga Pena

Dissertation: Characterization of Antimicrobial Resistant (AMR) *Salmonella enterica* Isolates Associated with Cattle at Harvest in Mexico
Major Professor: Mindy Brashears

Siroj Pokharel

Dissertation: Internalization and Thermal Susceptibility of Shiga Toxin-Producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) and Internalization and Antimicrobial Susceptibility of *Salmonella typhimurium* in Marinated Beef Products Under Simulated Industrial Conditions
Major Professor: Mindy Brashears

William Nathan Tapp III

Dissertation: Investigation of Mycologic Growth, Aflatoxin Production, and Human Neural Processing Associated with Quality Differences in Dry-aged Meat Products
Major Professor: Markus Miller

Hattie E. Webb

Dissertation: Presence of an Antimicrobial Resistance in Gram-negative Bacteria along the Agri-food Production Chain
Major Professor: Guy Loneragan

BIOLOGY

Tirhas Aregawi Hailu

Dissertation: The Effect of Microbial Community on Golden Algal Growth
Major Professor: Randall Jeter

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Dissertation: A Strategy for Improving Cotton Yield and Quality by Manipulating Fructokinase Activity
Major Professor: Scott Holaday

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Kyle David Allen (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: Monitoring Efforts during the Financial Crisis: An Empirical Analysis of Audit Fees for Money Market Mutual Funds
Major Professor: Drew Winters

Abdallah Mohammed Assaf

Dissertation: Drilling for Innovation: Economic Diversification through the Determination, Distinction, and Development of Renewable Entrepreneurship
Major Professor: Ronald K. Mitchell

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Dissertation: Nonprofit Governance: Mechanisms and Outcomes
Major Professor: Denton Collins

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Dissertation: The Interrelation between Firm Compensation System Structure, Equitable Pay, and Firm Performance
Major Professor: Juan Manuel Sanchez

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Yanfei Li (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: Nonlinear Rheology of Polymers: Single-molecule Elongation of Large Circular DNA and Shear of Highly-entangled Solutions
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Dissertation: Model-based Sensor Placement for Component Condition Monitoring and Fault Detection in an Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Plant
Major Professor: Raghu Rengasamy

CHEMISTRY

Tingting Cao

Dissertation: Development of Inexpensive and Portable Devices for Chemical Measurements and Environmental Analysis
Major Professor: Jon Thompson

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Dissertation: Interactions between B and Y Subunits of ATP Synthase are Critical in Nucleotide Binding and Energy Coupling
Major Professor: Joachim Weber

Trideep Rajale

Dissertation: Pseudocyclic Reactions: Eight Centered Transition States in Reactions of Acetates and Related Systems
Major Professor: David Birney

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Dissertation: Comprehensive LC-MS and MS/MS Studies of N-glycans Derived from Biological Samples
Major Professor: Yehia Mechref

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Dissertation: Anti-fouling in Wastewater Reuse Treatment Systems and Modeling Contaminants of Emerging Concern Leaching Potential
Major Professor: Audra N. Morse

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Dissertation: Building Life-Cycle Resilience of Critical Transportation Infrastructures: A Theoretical Framework and Practical Applications
Major Professor: Hongchao Liu

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Dissertation: Towards Scalable and Realistic Data Dissemination in Resource-constrained Wireless Networks
Major Professor: Yong Chen

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Dissertation: On Designing Effective User Interfaces
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COUNSELOR EDUCATION

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Dissertation: Counselors' Perceptions of Suicide in Texas Jails
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Dissertation: Long-term Recovery from Alcohol Use Disorders in the Veteran Population: A Grounded Theory Investigation
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Dissertation: The Efficacy of a Stress Management and Self-care Training on Student Teachers' Stress Levels
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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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Dissertation: Promoting Affective and Cognitive Aspects of Reading through Read Alouds: Reading Engagement for Saudi Arabian Fourth Grade Students
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Dissertation: Perceptions of the Impact of Mispronouncing or Changing Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Names: An Autoethnographic Study
Major Professor: Dora Salazar

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Dissertation: International Mindedness and Global Education: A Mixed Methods Exploration of Global Education among International Baccalaureate Schools of the Americas
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Dissertation: Knowledge and Skills as Predictors of Success in Middle School Mathematics and Algebra I
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Dissertation: Examining the Integration of Journaling in a Fifth Grade Dual Language Mathematics Classroom
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Dissertation: Teacher Perceptions of Mentoring At-risk Students through the Context of the AVID Program
Major Professor: Reese Todd

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Dissertation: Responding to Teacher Images in Children's Literature: A Reader Response Approach to Promoting Pre-service Teacher Identity
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Major Professors: Shirley M. Matteson and Trena Walker

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Dissertation: Women in STEM: Identifying and Lowering the Barriers
Major Professor: Shirley Matteson

ECONOMICS

Theeradej Suabtrirat
Dissertation: Three Essays on High-Speed Internet: Home and Mobile Internet Adoption, Effect of Internet's Price and Speed, and Welfare Evaluation
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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

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Dissertation: Design of Secure and Stable Power System Integrated with Renewable Energy Sources
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Dissertation: Undiscovered County
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Dissertation: Decolonial Wests: Unraveling the Traveled Landscape and Unveiling Bodies of Performance
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Dissertation: Then Winter: Lyric Essay, Poetry, and Memoir
Major Professor: Dennis Covington

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Dissertation: The Shape that Light Assumes
Major Professor: Curtis Bauer

Trampas Monroe Smith
Dissertation: Yes, Deaf People Dance
Major Professor: Jill Patterson

EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

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Dissertation: The Green Mind: Examining the Intersection of Executive and Sustained Attention with Restorative Environments
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Dissertation: Deformation and Evolution of the Lower Oceanic Crust
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HISTORY

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Dissertation: Images of 20th Century U.S. Foreign Relations in the Early Cold War Period
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Dissertation: A War All Our Own: American Rangers and the Emergence of the American Martial Culture
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HOSPITALITY ADMINISTRATION

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Dissertation: Exploring Perceptions toward Hotel Careers in Saudi Arabia: A Mixed Methods Study of Hospitality Graduates and Industry Workers
Major Professor: Shane Blum

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Dissertation: Social Media as a Marketing Tool for Hospitality Events
Major Professor: Deborah Fowler

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

Chinatu Judith Gladrich
Dissertation: Understanding Parenting Stress of African American Mothers: A Family Stress Theoretical Perspective
Major Professor: Miriam Mulso

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Dissertation: Identity Negotiations of Colombian International Students
Major Professor: Nancy Bell

LAND USE PLANNING MANAGEMENT AND DESIGN

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Dissertation: The Culture of Federal Practice: A Chronology of the U.S. General Services Administration Past, Present, and Future
Major Professor: Alon Kvashny

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Ashlee B. Miller
Dissertation: How Individuals and their Families Live Well with HIV/AIDS
Major Professor: Anne Prouty

Michael Alan Pounds
Dissertation: Mistreatment by Adults, Time Spent using Digital Media, Depression/Anxiety, and Intimate Partner Violence: A Multiple Sample SEM Analysis of Indirect Effects with Covariates
Major Professor: Doug Smith

GRADUATE CANDIDATES

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Dissertation: Relational Ethics, Patient Activation, and Type 1 Diabetes Management in Young Adults

Major Professor: Nicole Springer

MASS COMMUNICATIONS

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Dissertation: The Importance of Communicating Stakeholder Value: Examining the Impact of Value-driven Company CSR Communication on Organization-Public Relationships, Reputation, and Attitude

Major Professor: Weiwu Zhang

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Dissertation: Birds of a Feather...Gatekeeping Human Rights Online News Coverage via Traditional and Humanitarian News Media

Major Professor: David Perlmutter

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Dissertation: Testing the Effects of Dialogic Communication on Attitudes and Behavioral Intentions Related to Polarized and Non-polarized Scientific Issues

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MATHEMATICS

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Dissertation: Extremal Problems in Bergman Spaces

Major Professor: Roger W. Barnard

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Dissertation: Complex Classification of Singularities of Reducible Septic Curves

Major Professor: David Weinberg

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Dissertation: Algebraic Characterization of Non-negativity of Polynomials over Polytypes

Major Professor: Lourdes Juan

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Dissertation: On Stability of Linear Switching Systems

Major Professor: Alex Wang

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Dissertation: Analysis of the Error in an Iterative Algorithm for Solution of Regulator Problems for Linear Distributed Parameter Control Systems

Major Professor: Eugenio Aulisa

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Zhenhuan Zhang

Dissertation: Bulk and Interfacial Rheology of Biological Systems

Major Professor: Gordon Christopher

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

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Dissertation: A Quantitative Study Examining Compliance to the Saudi Schools' Nutrition Policy and Alignment to the IOM Standards in Boys' Public High School in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Major Professor: Mary Murimi

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Dissertation: Factors Influencing the Self-Efficacy of Registered Dietitian Nutritionists Working with Clients with Eating Disorders: A Mixed Methods Study

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PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING

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Dissertation: Three Essays in Retirement Investing

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Yuanshan Cheng

Dissertation: Consumer Perceptions of Financial Advisors: Three Essays

Major Professor: Charlene Kalenkoski

PHYSICS

Mehmet Bahadir Bebek

Dissertation: Heat Flow in Si Nanowires Containing Delta-layers

Major Professor: Stefan Estreicher

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Dissertation: Optical Properties of Doped and Undoped Vanadium Dioxide Thin Films on Sapphire Substrate at Near-infrared and Terahertz Frequencies

Major Professor: Mark Holtz

Sanchari Sen

Dissertation: Electronically Controlled Hemispherical Condensers

Major Professor: Ayrton Bernussi

PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE

Brady Scott Asher

Dissertation: Vertical Mobility, Soil Adsorption, and Cotton Tolerance to Three Protoporphyrinogen Oxidase (PPO) Inhibiting Herbicides in Three West Texas Soils

Major Professor: Peter Dotray

SPANISH

Sara Pink (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: De Sevilla al jardin secreto: El espacio físico en la obra de Luis Cernuda

Major Professor: Carmen Pereira Muro

Martine Price (*In absentia*)

Dissertation: Confronting Death in Soledades and Poeta en Nueva York

Major Professor: John Beusterien

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kristen Smith

Dissertation: Towards the Validation of the Educational Interpreter Roles and Responsibilities (EIRR) Guiding Checklist: Exploring Expert Stakeholders' Perspectives

Major Professor: Nora Griffin-Shirley and Donna Brown

Katie Marie Wiskow

Dissertation: Assessment and Treatment of Noncompliance across Response Topographies

Major Professor: Jeanne Donaldson

SYSTEMS AND ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

Maria Isabel Salazar Alvarez

Dissertation: A Nonparametric Capability Analysis Incorporating Quantile Sampling in Manufacturing Processes

Major Professor: Mario Beruvides

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Dissertation: Optimization of Tool Management and Maintenance Strategies in Small Batch Manufacturing

Major Professors: John Kobza and Milton Smith

TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION AND RHETORIC

Heidi Leigh Everett

Dissertation: Is Good Enough Good Enough: (Re)Defining Amateurism in Credibility Judgments on the Web

Major Professor: Craig Baehr

Ana Jean Krahmer

Dissertation: User Experience of Access Points: Eye-tracking, Metadata, and Usability Testing

Major Professor: James B. Still

Stephen D. Morrison

Dissertation: The Wise and Wicked: Narrative Influences on Political Identity in Partisan Media

Major Professor: Sean Zdenek

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Dissertation: Advancing a Critical Framework for the Identification and Analysis of Visual Euphemism in Technical Communication Visuals

Major Professor: Joyce Carter

WILDLIFE, AQUATIC, AND WILDLANDS SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

Krista J. Mougey

Dissertation: Natural History, Ecology, and Conservation of the West Indian Stout Rock Iguana (*Cyclura pinguis*)

Major Professor: Clint Boal

WIND SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Venkatesh Yadav Singarao
Dissertation: Improving Grid Frequency Response using Wind Generation Resources
Major Professor: Vittal Rao

ZOOLOGY

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Dissertation: The Breeding Ecology and Predicted Influence of Climate Change on Urban-nesting Mississippi Kites
Major Professor: Clint Boal

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MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE

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 Evelyn Adriana Valdez

MASTER OF ART EDUCATION

Corina Carmona
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MASTER OF ARTS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Erin Camille Frigo
Thesis: Enamel Hypoplasia and Longevity as Seen in the Antelope Creek and Wolf Creek Skeletal Sample at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum
 Michael Nelson Hogan (*In absentia*)
Thesis: A Lost History: An Analysis of Metal Artifacts from the Victoria and Mission/Presidio Complex
 Caitlin Brooke Yoakum
Thesis: An Assessment of Sexual Dimorphism Using CT Scans in the Crania from Roonka Flat, South Australia

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Tia Marie Atkinson
Thesis: A Contextual Model of Spouse Communication Apprehension and Marital Satisfaction During Conflict
 Jennifer Frances Duckworth
 Kevin Gene Thompson
Thesis: The Social Death of Sunday: A Scene-Act Pentadic Analysis of the St. Louis Rams' "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" Protest

ENGLISH

Brianne Allise Dayley (*In absentia*)
 Judy Lynn Drazan
 Essence Tiara London
 Kenna Denae Neitch
Thesis: The Nature of Satire: Essentialism, Gender, and Purpose
 Kevin Joseph O'Donovan
 Macy Dene Skipworth
 Amber Michiko Tayama
 Jeremy Dustin Tow

HISTORY

Steven D. Camron (*In absentia*)
Thesis: BBC as New British Empire: Soft Power to Cultural Imperialism and Their Role in International Relations
 J. Carlton Cummings
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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Susana Villanueva Eguia Lis (*In absentia*)
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LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Bryce Aaron Berta
 Rachel Adeline Branch
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 Lennart Soeren Manthei
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 Justin Steven Miller
Thesis: "Whose Every Word is Chosen": The Subtle Duality of Alexandrian Poetics
 Rasha Abdullah S. Mohsen
 Amanda Grace Self
 Joseph Sugar
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MASS COMMUNICATIONS

Audrey Maria DeLeon
 Rebecca Lin Densley
Thesis: Porn - "I know it when I see it": Young Adult Perspectives on Pornography

Erin Richelle Finlayson
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 Regina Raelyn Garcia
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Thesis: The Influence of Being Transported into Online Branded Video Shareability and Brand Attitudes
 J.T. Keith
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MATHEMATICS

Samah Uthman A Qadah
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MUSEUM SCIENCE

Jennifer Elise Parsley (*In absentia*)

PHILOSOPHY

Ashley Nicole Beck
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 James Joseph Kunz
Thesis: The Earthly Wager
 Ting-An Lin
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POLITICAL SCIENCE

John William Kmiecik (*In absentia*)
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PSYCHOLOGY

Angelea Dianna Bolaños (*In absentia*)
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ROMANCE LANGUAGES

David Manuel Barrientos Vera
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Thesis: El 'Atahualpa ajadrecista': formación y usos de una imagen aparentemente verídica
 Gabriel Victor Peña
 Gauthier Petit
 Melissa Ann Shadix
 Marina Sol Dibanguí

GRADUATE CANDIDATES

SOCIOLOGY

- Vili-Andrew Elias Fehoko (*In absentia*)
Thesis: Working Hard, or Working Smart: What is the Relationship between Family Life and Work amongst Division I College Football Athletes?
- Mara Suzanne Juliaio
Thesis: Sex, Sexuality, and Methods of Power: A Longitudinal Content Analysis of *Cosmopolitan Magazine* 1965-2014
- Bridget Cowan Longoria
Thesis: Identity Transformations of the Silent Generation: The Widowed Identity and the Influence of Time to Adjust
- Girsea Martinez
Thesis: Ambiguity and Identity: The Moral Career of Undocumented Young Adults from Mixed-Status Families
- Ashley Faye Ross
Thesis: Cyberbullying and Suicide: A Durkheimian Analysis

TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION

- Elizabeth A. Burke
Emily Anicia Fox
Nicholas James Maggio
Lauren Maris Reichert

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Kristen Marie Acosta
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MASTER OF EDUCATION

BILINGUAL EDUCATION

- Lu Guo

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Fatimah S. Ahmad
Thesis: An Investigation on Eighth Grade Kuwaiti Students' Mathematical Abilities on Standardized Assessment Items
- Chandra Kaye Malone
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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Christina Erica Barker
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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

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HIGHER EDUCATION

- Emily Marie Banda
Jessica Ann Carron
Thesis: An Instrumental Case Study Analysis of Responsible Employee Preparedness after Participation in Mandated Title IX Training
- Lauren Marie Coker
Isiah Lemar Davis
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Thesis: Media Portrayal of Rape Culture on College Campus: A Collective Case Study Analysis
- Carolyn Michele Henley
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INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

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SPECIAL EDUCATION

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MASTER OF FINE ARTS

ART

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THEATRE ARTS

Sharai Genee Bohannon
Thesis: Craigslisted: Embracing Technology to Keep Theatre Relevant
John Douglas Conner
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Trevor Morgan Wise

MASTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Lara Elaine Davis

MASTER OF MUSIC

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Thesis: A Place to Call Home: Establishing a Virtual Universe in Video Game Music
Joshua Glen William Hall (*In absentia*)
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Kathryn Elizabeth Krebes
Donald Frank Lazuka IV (*In absentia*)
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Rex Allen Novak, Jr.
Jakob Mark Reynolds
Thesis: On the List: A Multi-Disciplinary Study of the Open Mic Night
Anna Leonor Rodriguez
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Ryan Wilson Sullivan
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MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION

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Yvonne Vasquez

MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Riane Victoria Gay
Justin Boyet Johnson (*In absentia*)
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Denzel Lee Maxwell
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Lauren Bre' Ann Rodriguez
Bryce Evan Simpson
Ashlei Renae Watson

MASTER OF SCIENCE

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS

Turker Dogruer
Thesis: The Demand and Welfare Analysis of Vegetable Oils, Biofuel, Sugar Cane, and Ethanol in Europe, Brazil and the U.S.
Taylor L. Smith

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

Libby Suzanne Durst
Thesis: Working with Water: An Exploration of Texas High Plains Producers' Adoption of Water Conservation Practices in Irrigation Management
Keely Nichole Hamman

Joanna Lee King (*In absentia*)
Thesis: Engaging Global Givers: A Mixed-Methods Study of International Rural Development Non-profit Organizations' Online Communications Presence
Danielle Nicole Neaves
Thesis: A Global View of Agricultural Communications
Bethany Breanne Nolan

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Tori Patrice Hendon
Thesis: Perceptions of High School Cooperating Agricultural Teachers on the Performance of Texas Tech University Student Teachers
Madison Shelby Landreth
Thesis: Teacher Efficacy and Burnout in Novice Agricultural Education Teachers
Michael Dallas Marley
Carla Andrea Millares Forno
Thesis: Critical Action Inquiry for the Establishment of a Global Food Security Graduate Certificate in Latin America and the Caribbean at Texas Tech University: A Delphi Study
Lucy M. Prestwood (*In absentia*)
Charla Renee Reeves

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Remy Nicole Carmichael
Thesis: Honduran Production Systems and Dietary Impacts on Carcass and Harvest Offal or Byproduct Yields and Value
Roy Daniel Crownover
Thesis: The Influence of Time and Temperature at Carcass Boning on the Consumer Assessment of Eating Quality and Objective Measures of Tenderness of New Zealand Beef
Ana Rosibel Gomez Mayorquin
Thesis: Consumer Assessment of Honduran and United States Beef Strip Loins from Different Production and Processing Systems
Devin Andrew Gredell
Thesis: Evaluation of Factors Influencing Palatability of Beef Strip Loin Steaks from Mature Cattle of Varying Finishing Diets and Marbling Scores
Deltora Joy Hewitt
Thesis: The Effect of Genetic Selection for Residual Feed Intake on Nitrogen Metabolism and Lysine Utilization in Growing Pigs
Bo Clayton Hutto
Thesis: Optimization and Commercial Implementation of Freeze/Age Process to Improve Beef Tenderness
Caroline N. Kirby
Thesis: Consumer Sensory and Precursor Compound Evaluation of Three Beef Muscles from Three USDA Quality Grades Aged for Two Wet-Aging Periods on Beef Flavor Acceptability

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Katelyn Suzanne Malin (*In absentia*)

Thesis: Distribution of Salmonella Contamination of Lymph Node Origin in Ground Beef and Application of an Antimicrobial Intervention During the Grinding Process

Matthew D. May

Thesis: Use of Solid-Phase Microextraction to Detect Semiochemicals in Synthetic and Biological Samples

Shanna N. Motl (*In absentia*)

Thesis: Salmonella Presence on Beef in Mexico as Impacted by Lactic Acid and Potassium Lactate Treatments Applied on Retail Cuts

Sadie Lorine Sacra

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RECEPTIONS AND OTHER CEREMONIES

INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE RECEPTIONS

Immediately After Commencement Ceremony

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources | Animal and Food Sciences Building, Room 101

College of Architecture | Architecture Gallery

College of Arts and Sciences | Foyer Area of Room 104, Holden Hall

Jerry S. Rawls College of Business | McCoy Atrium, 1st Floor of Rawls College of Business

College of Education | Second Floor Foyer, College of Education

Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering | 101 Livermore Center

College of Human Sciences | Canyon Room, Human Sciences Building

College of Media and Communication | Matador Room, Student Union Building

College of Visual and Performing Arts | Rotunda, Holden Hall

University Studies | Red Raider Lounge, Student Union Building

Wind Energy | Room 107, National Wind Institute

Please Note: The Graduate School will distribute diplomas in the City Bank Room of the United Supermarkets Arena immediately after the commencement ceremony.

OTHER CEREMONIES

Army ROTC Military Commissioning | Friday, May 20, 10:00 a.m., International Cultural Center Auditorium

Air Force ROTC Military Commissioning | Saturday, May 21, 7:00 p.m., International Cultural Center Auditorium

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The following students are being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force:

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Trevor Clayton Forrest
Brooks Ashburn Modesitt

The following student is being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps:

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The following student is being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve:

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COLLEGE BANNERS

The banners displayed at Texas Tech University commencement ceremonies are patterned on military, political, and trade guild insignia that date back to the Middle Ages and beyond. Known as gonfalons, they most closely resemble the flags created by Italian city states before and during the Renaissance. The Texas Tech University flags were individually designed to display symbols and colors that represent the areas of interest of each unit.

The **Faculty Banner** displays the university colors, red with black, and features the university seal encircled by the words “Seal of Texas Tech University.” The seal was designed by William Ward Watkin,



the original campus master planner, in 1924. The shield is a black escutcheon quartered by a red cross, on which are arrayed 10 cotton bolls, symbolic of the importance of cotton to West Texas and representing Lubbock County and the nine surrounding cotton-producing counties. These symbols also reflect one of the original missions of Texas Technological College: “To provide students with a thorough education in textiles and technical engineering.” The shield features emblems that evoke the university, community, state and nation. In the upper-right quadrant, a book symbolizes religion and academic traditions. A star in the upper-left corner stands for the Lone Star State of Texas. In the lower left a key represents home, and in the lower right the lamp of knowledge indicates the primary mission of Texas Tech University: “To develop and advance knowledge.” Above the shield, an eagle, the national bird of the United States, spreads its wings. Mindful of the claims of all these constituencies, the faculty of the university create, transmit, and preserve knowledge.

The **College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources** was one of the four founding schools of the university in 1924. The college banner was redesigned for use in the December 2005 gradua-

tion. Dr. Marvin Cepica, former dean of the college, developed the design with approval and input from the College Marketing Committee. The background color, maize, was established by the Intercollegiate Code to represent the agricultural disciplines. The design, with a map of the continent of North America, reflects the global scope of modern agriculture and natural resources management.



The dimensions and proportions of the **College of Architecture** banner are based on the Golden Ratio creating the Golden Rectangle, within which is the logarithmic Golden Spiral. The ancient Greeks recognized these geometries as significant and aesthetically pleasing, and architects from Vitruvius to Corbusier have used these proportions as a means of design.



The blue diagonal lines represent the architectural diagram, while the blue-violet fabric, the designated color for Architecture, is woven in a chevron pattern representing the complexity of digital design and fabrication. The banner was designed by David Isern and Simon Alvarez, graduates of the College.

The blue background color of the **College of Education** banner reflects the light blue color designated for education by the Intercollegiate Code and is also seen in the velvet border of education master's and doctoral hoods and doctoral gowns. The upper area of the banner carries a



school building encircled by the words “College of Education” and “Scholarship, Leadership, Service” to represent the primary roles of the college as a unit dedicated to preparing teachers and furthering educational scholarship, leadership, and

service. The Double T logo appears at the bottom of the banner.

The **Jerry S. Rawls College of Business** banner was designed through a collaborative effort of the staff in the college's Undergraduate Services Center. The background color of the banner is drab.



The central image on the banner is a map of the world centered on Lubbock with the Texas Tech University Double T symbol rising from a focal point in the South Plains. Below are the words “Excellence in a Global Market.” The banner symbolizes the impact of globalization in the modern business environment.

The **College of Arts and Sciences** banner was redesigned in 2014 by Randy Lacy, unit coordinator in the college. Crafted with classical typography and bold lines, the banner replaces the previous college seal with the famous Double T logo. The red and black colors appropriately represent the largest and most diverse college in the university.



The **Graduate School** banner is blue. Imposed on this background is a white



circle within a light blue one. These circles contain the image of a golden open book and a burning lamp. The open book symbolizes knowledge and the lamp represents a light by which to study. The banner was designed by the late Associate Dean Thomas Langford and Ms. Beth Cain, who was a Graduate School staff member and artist for many years.

The banner of the **Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering** features the seal of the college set on a field of orange, the academic color for engineering.



The seal of the college, inspired by a 2009 design by chemical engineering student Unwana Essien, is encircled with a border of red, white, and black, symbolizing the spirit of Texas Tech University and the Red Raiders. The two stars

represent the ethical duty of engineers to themselves and society. The four symbols in the center of the seal stand for the foundations of engineering:

- The light bulb, surrounded by a ribbon and questions, represents the inspiration of engineers to answer questions and solve problems.
- The square and globe represent the engineer's work as building blocks for the world.
- The hammer and screwdriver represent the practical application of the engineer's work.
- The atomic figure surrounding the beaker represents the confluence of math, science, and technology in the mind of the engineer.

The **Honors College** banner features a sky blue field onto which is placed a silhouette of one of the Administration Building bell towers in dark blue. Superimposed on the silhouette is the Honors College emblem in gold: an open book that transforms into a bird taking flight. This symbol represents how learning stimulates human creativity. At the bottom of the banner are the words in gold: "University Honors College."

The **College of Human Sciences** banner has a dark brown field with the name of the college at the top. Underneath and centered on the banner are the words "Improving and Enhancing the Human Condition," which enclose a divided circle. The left side of the circle contains a



map of the Western Hemisphere and the right side features three human faces in silhouette, a man, a woman and a child, each of which is a different color. The map represents the connectedness of the global human community, and the diversity of the faces and their ages represent the families and communities served by College of Human Sciences programs. The banner was adapted by former Associate Dean Steven M. Harris from an original symbol created by Dr. Ben Goh.

The **College of Media and Communication** banner illustrates waves of information emanating from



a single point—one voice heard by many. The banner is white with a crimson background framing waves of information reaching the public. Crimson is the color assigned by the Intercollegiate Code to journalism, the common core subject area of the college. The white field represents honesty, decency and purity. Beneath the crimson is the name of the college.

The banner for **University Programs** exhibits the colors of Texas Tech with a red background trimmed in black. The focus of the banner is the silhouette of the Administration Building's bell tower, which is an iconic symbol of Texas Tech. Just as the university is comprised of many parts, University Programs integrates

multiple programs from colleges across the university. The traditional Double T placed in a window of the tower signifies the future that awaits students who complete these programs in preparation for successful careers.

The **College of Visual and Performing Arts** banner is black with a blue drape surmounted by a silver swathe that evokes the creative energy infused in all the arts. The top of the banner



features the words "College of Visual & Performing Arts" in silver, linked by a dynamic red ampersand representing the merging of three departments into the college. Centered in the banner is the college's original award-winning logo designed by the Price Group in 2002, the same year the college was founded. The logo is a circle divided into three sectors, each representing one of the three units of the college:

a blue eye for the School of Art, a red lyre for the School of Music, and a golden spotlight for the Department of Theatre and Dance. All three artistic icons are encased by a circular banner which reads: "Texas Tech University." The shape of the banner was selected through a student competition, and the banner was made by personnel in the Costume Shop of the Department of Theatre and Dance.

The symbols on the **Texas Tech University Libraries'** banner reinforce the idea that the Library is the center of knowledge on campus. As such, it is the guardian and giver of knowledge and information. The key in the foreground of the banner symbolizes the Libraries' role as guardian and safe keeper of all ideas. In the not too distant past, knowledge was



considered sacred or something that was best kept locked away, thus the symbolism of the key. The flames symbolize the Libraries' other and equally important role as the giver of knowledge, providing access to wisdom. For centuries, the use of fire was believed to be man's first step on the path to civilization; one characteristic of fire is its ability to spread, which represents the Library's role as purveyor of knowledge. The colors of the flames symbolize the three broad branches of knowledge; scarlet for humanities, gold for sciences, and the purple flame for social sciences.

ACADEMIC DRESS AND PROCESSION



MASTER'S ROBE: Velvet facing around the neck corresponds to color representing the field of study; hood lining represents the colors of the institution that conferred the degree.



DOCTORAL ROBE: Velvet facing on front of robe and three bars on sleeve correspond to color representing the field of study; hood lining represents the colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

Wearing academic dress at commencement ceremonies dates from the early history of the oldest universities created during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Because educated people were almost always of the clergy, the black gown is an adaptation of the “cope,” a long mantle or cloak of silk or other cloth worn by church dignitaries in processions and on other occasions. The long gown and cowl (similar to the academic hood of today) were worn by priests and monks for warmth in the cold medieval buildings.

In the early centuries, a great diversity of color and style of cap, gown, and hood appeared in different universities of Europe. The European custom of wearing academic dress was later introduced at American colleges. Not until after 1895 was a uniform academic code of dress adopted by most U.S. colleges and universities. Today, the black robe, hood, and cap are worn at most institutions of higher learning. Some institutions have authorized doctoral gowns in colors other than the customary black.

The gowns used in American academic ceremonies vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer. Usually the bachelor's robe has long pointed sleeves and the master's has oblong sleeves, square at the end with a slit at the elbow. The doctoral gown is a more elaborate robe faced down the front with velvet and across the bell-shaped sleeves with three bars of velvet. The velvet facing and bars may be of the color distinctive to the field of study.

The doctoral hood has side panels and is slightly longer than the one worn for the master's degree. The color used in the velvet border of the hood indicates the field of study. The velvet border is widest on the doctor's hood, and the colors of the lining indicate the college or university that conferred the degree.

For example, those who have received advanced degrees from Texas Tech University wear hoods lined with red and black.

The Oxford—the so-called mortarboard—is black and has a long tassel fastened to the center. The tassel is usually worn with the pendant over the left front of the cap. Different colored tassels are often worn on the bachelor's and master's caps to indicate the type of degree. The tassel on the cap of the doctoral candidate, except for professional degrees, is either gold or black. The doctoral degree holders may also wear the velvet tam with a gold tassel.

Candidates for the undergraduate degree will wear the tassel on the right side of the cap at commencement. After the degrees have been conferred, baccalaureate degree recipients will turn the tassel to the left side of the cap, thus showing that they are now graduates. Those graduates who have the official Texas Tech Alumni Association class ring are invited to turn their rings at this time.

Candidates wearing red cords have earned the Latin designations of cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude based on a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Candidates wearing kite-shaped medallions are Honors College graduates earning a minimum of 24 hours of Honors coursework. Medallions with red ribbons indicate a notation of “With Honors” (non-thesis) and gold ribbons indicating a notation of “With Highest Honors” (thesis).

Phi Beta Kappa students may wear their membership key as well as the society's dark blue honor stole and/or pink and blue honor cords. Members of Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, and other honor societies may likewise display their societies' medallions and honor cords. Texas Tech University has five university-wide honoraries: Golden Key, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi.

COLORS REPRESENTING FIELDS OF STUDY

The following is a list of colors established by the Intercollegiate Code representing departments of learning and fields of study:

Maize | Agriculture
Blue-Violet | Architecture
White | Arts, Letters and Humanities
Drab | Business Administration
Lilac | Dentistry
Copper | Economics
Light Blue | Education
Orange | Engineering
Brown | Fine Arts
Russet | Forestry
Maroon | Human Sciences
Crimson | Journalism
Purple | Law
Lemon | Library Science
Green | Medicine
Pink | Music
Apricot | Nursing
Silver Gray | Oratory (Speech)
Olive Green | Pharmacy
Dark Blue | Philosophy
Sage Green | Physical Education
Peacock Blue | Public Administration
Salmon Pink | Public Health
Gold-Yellow | Science
Citron | Social Work
Scarlet | Theology or Divinity
Gray | Veterinary Science

HONOR CORDS / MEDALLION

The following is a list of honor cords/medallions issued by colleges.

Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources | Green
Architecture | White and Gold
Arts and Sciences | Royal Blue
Business Administration | Royal Blue and Gold
Education | Jade Green and Violet
Engineering | Orange
Honors | Honors Medallion
Human Sciences | Maroon
Media and Communication | Crimson
University Programs | Red
Visual and Performing Arts | Brown
Wind Energy | Blue and Green



UNDERGRADUATE ROBE: A red stole displaying the Double T and seal of Texas Tech University distinguishes students receiving baccalaureate degrees. Degree candidates wearing red cords will graduate with honors designations based on a minimum 3.5 GPA.

TEXAS TECH COMMENCEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE PHOTOGRAPHS

A professional photographer will be taking photos of graduates as they receive their diplomas. You may view and order photos online at www.candidcolorphotography.com. Click on "view proofs" and then "graduations." Images will be posted within 48 hours of the ceremony. Photographers also will be available after the ceremony for photos of friends and family with the graduates. Photographers will be located outside the arena near the north parking lot. There is no charge or obligation for having these photos taken.

COMMENCEMENT DVD

The Texas Tech Alumni Association encourages graduates to order a Texas Tech Commencement DVD to commemorate their achievement. The \$45 purchase also will include a one-year Texas Tech Alumni Association gift membership. This membership will help graduates stay connected to Texas Tech. To reserve a copy of today's ceremony, complete and mail an order form located at one of the tables in each corner of the concourse. Do not leave the forms on the tables. Please mail them to the address on the form. To learn more about the Alumni Association, visit www.TexasTechAlumni.org or call 806.742.3641.

TEXAS TECH TRADITIONS

Who's Sitting on a Horse? (And Why Is He Red?)

Will Rogers was one of the most famous entertainers in America in the 1920s and '30s, and his longtime friend, Amon Carter, was Texas Tech's first chairman of the Board of Directors. Rogers donated \$200 for the Texas Tech band to play at the football game against TCU in 1926 because he wanted people "to hear a real band." Then the cowboy humorist donated \$1,500 to buy band uniforms for the trip to Fort Worth. A few years after Rogers perished in a plane crash, Carter presented the statue of Rogers and his horse, Soapsuds, to Texas Tech. Sculpted by 18-year old Electra Waggoner Biggs, the statue is one of four in the nation. Before every home game, the Saddle Tramps wrap "Old Will" with red crepe paper. The statue also has been wrapped in black to mourn national tragedies.



Raider Red or the Masked Rider?

Not every university wants a horse in its stadium, so Texas Tech had to find an alternate mascot prior to the 1971 football season. That was the year the school's athletic conference passed a rule that prevented taking live animals to non-home games. That also was the year Raider Red was born from the imagination of cartoonist Dirk West. Raider Red changes from boots to soft-soled shoes for basketball games, and his student persona is kept a secret as he mingles with the crowds.

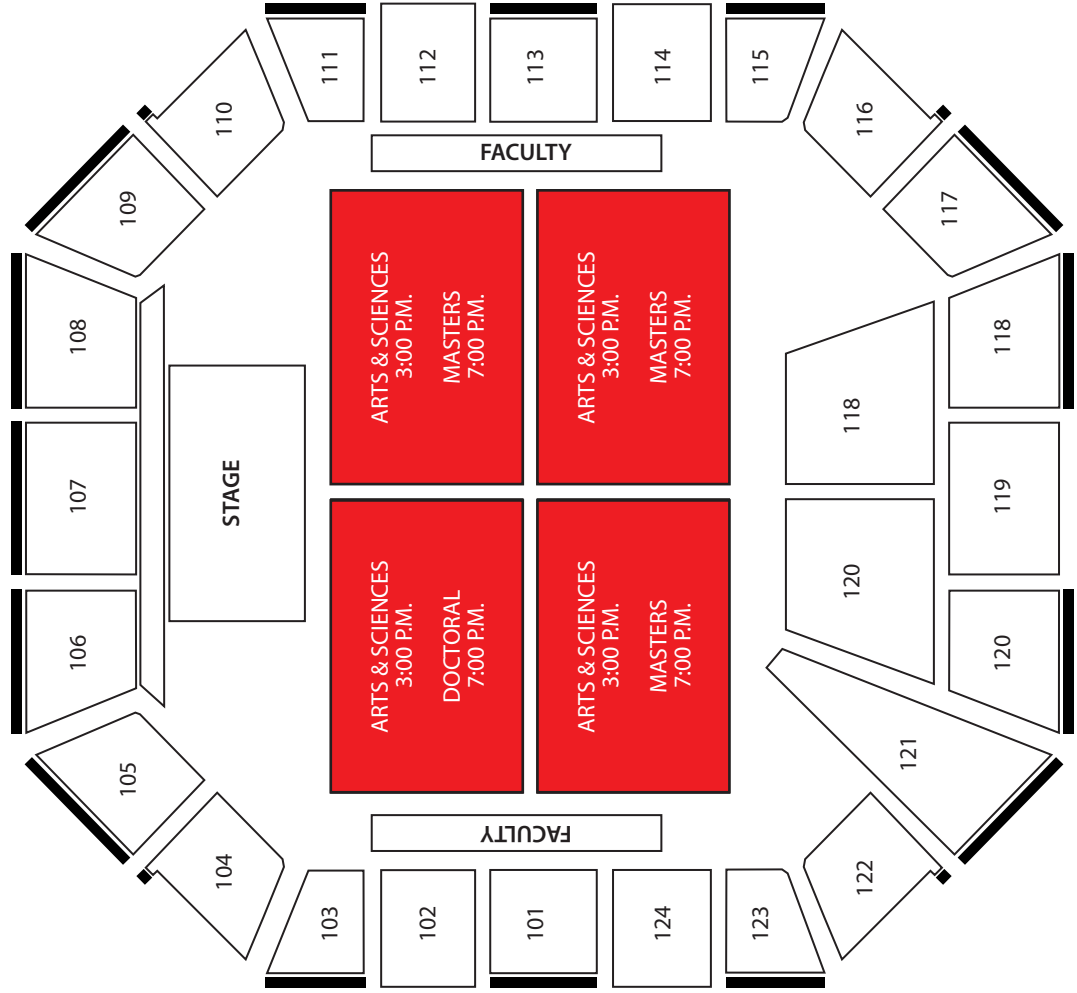


The Texas Tech Class Ring

As a constant reminder of their academic achievements and the traditions of Texas Tech University, students proudly wear the official Texas Tech class ring. This bronze sculpture of the official class ring sits next to the Merket Alumni Center. Traditionally the rings are worn with the university name facing inward when the students' hands are extended. After the degree is granted on graduation day, the ring can be turned around so that the name faces outward, a symbol that the new alumnus has a Texas Tech diploma and is ready to face the world. (www.TexasTechRing.org)

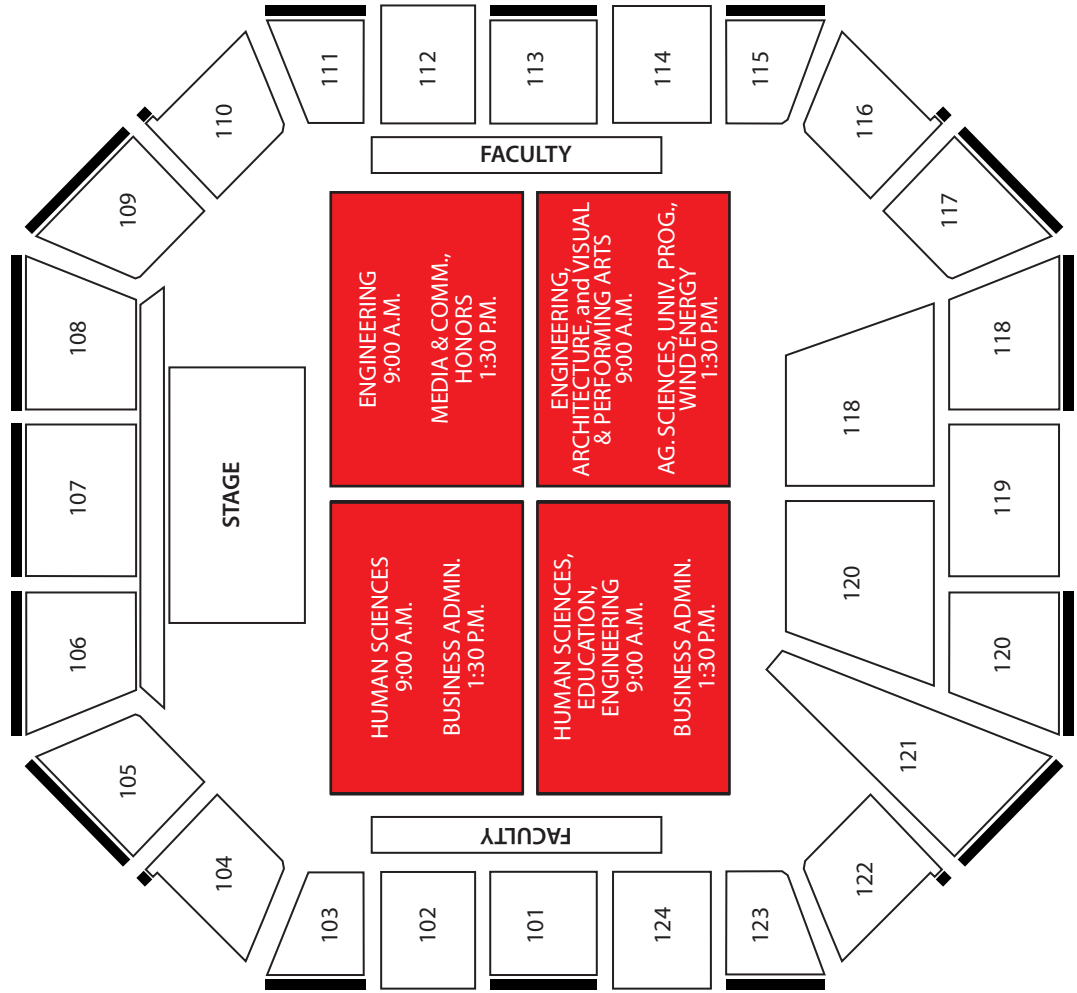


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The first athletic teams of the university were known as the Matadors, a name that reflected the Spanish architectural influence on campus. The change from Matadors to Red Raiders occurred after a *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* writer commented on the red uniforms and strong season of the 1932 football team, saying "the Red Raiders from Texas Tech" were the terror of the Southwest Conference. The name caught on and by 1936 the team was renamed the Red Raiders. No changes were ever made to the school song, which was penned in 1930. Page from 1936 Student Handbook courtesy of the Southwest Collection.

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MATADORS

Voice

Fight Mat-a-dors for Tech. Songs of love we'll
sing to thee. Bear our ban-ners far and wide.
Ev-er to be our pri-de. Fear-less cham-pions ev-er be.
Stand on heights of vic-tor-y. Strive for hon-or
ev-er more. Long live the Mat-a-dors