



HONORS CONVOCATION



MAY 23, 2021

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Beth Ferro Mitchell, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

INVOCATION

Mary Collins '77, Ph.D., C.P.A.
Associate Provost

WELCOMING REMARKS

Linda M. LeMura, Ph.D.
President

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Emily S. El Younsi
James C. Finlay, S.J., Award for Outstanding Integral Honors Thesis, 2020

Andrew Joseph Michael
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PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Beth Ferro Mitchell, Ph.D.

James E. Joseph '83, M.P.A.
Dean, Madden School of Business

Margaret (Meega) Wells, Ph.D., R.N., A.N.P.
Dean, Purcell School of Professional Studies

PRESENTATION OF INTEGRAL HONORS STUDENTS

Matthew J. Fee, Ph.D.
Lecturer and Director of the Integral Honors Program

CLOSING REMARKS

James P. Hannan, Ph.D.

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BENEDICTION

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Cassilyn May Wolff

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“The Stories We Hear: Challenging Eating Disorder Misconceptions”

(Mentor: Patrick Lawler, M.A.)

Meaghan Lee Burrows B.S., Biochemistry

“Pathophysiology of Chemical Asphyxiants: 21st Century Chemical Weapons and Inadequate Utilitarianism Justification”

(Mentor: Joseph Mullins, Ph.D.)

Madelyn Margaret Cittadino B.A., Political Science

“Mass Incarceration in the United States: The Land of the Incarcerated and the Home of Racial Inequality”

(Mentor: Jonathan Parent, Ph.D.)

Emily S. El Younsi B.A., Sociology

“Film as a Critical Mode of Communication: Exploring Psychological Subjectivity Through Genre Aesthetics”

(Mentors: Bryan Cole, M.F.A. and Julie Grossman, Ph.D.)

Connor J.B. Felio B.A., Philosophy and Religious Studies

“From Fellatio to Foligno: Verbalized Erotic Mysticism in Angela’s *Memorial*”

(Mentor: Karmen MacKendrick, Ph.D.)

Nathan Edward Fillingham B.A., Biology and B.S., Psychology

“We Need to Make Monsters: Embracing ‘Mad Science’ Without Becoming Frankenstein”

(Mentor: Sherilyn Smith, Ph.D.)

Marcus A. Grabowski B.S., Accounting

“Incentive for Investment Hurting Growth? An Analysis on Section 179 Expensing and The Impact on Job Growth from Related Capital Investment”

(Mentor: Furkan Oztanriseven)

Michelle K. Huffaker B.S., Accounting

“The IRS and Churches: Invalid Criteria Used to Determine Tax Exempt Status and Treatment of Charitable Contribution Deductions”
(Mentor: Mitchell Franklin, Ph.D.)

Marissa Anne Lombardi B.S., Biology

“Harnessing Placebo Responses During the Medical Encounter: Implications for Patient Care”
(Mentor: Emily Ledgerwood, Ph.D.)

Jamie Lynn McLennan B.A., Political Science

“Understanding Federal Immigrant Legislation in the United States: Why Heightened Nativism May be the Answer”
(Mentor: Delia Popescu, Ph.D.)

Molly Mabel Murphy B.A., Communications & English

“Hell is a Teenage Girl—Violation, Monstrous Transformation, and Feminine Power in Greek Mythology and Contemporary Horror Film ”
(Mentor: Phillip Novak, Ph.D.)

Katelyn Marie O’Connor B.S., Psychology

“Parental Impact on the Development of Emotional Construct: An Adolescent’s Vulnerability to External Influence”
(Mentor: Shawn Ward, Ph.D.)

Rosie J. Owens B.A., Theatre Arts

“Clothing the Hyperbolic Plane: Sleeved Dresses Created Through Pentagonal Hyperbolic Tilings”
(Mentor: Jonathan Needleman, Ph.D.)

Lee D. Pendexter B.A., Political Science

“Digitization and Dispossession: The Impact of Streaming Services on Music Ownership”
(Mentor: Jonathan Parent, Ph.D.)

Nicholas D. Skakal B.S., Computer Science

“The Power of the Keyboard: Parallels Between the Personal Computer Revolution and the Introduction of Synthesizers to Popular Music”
(Mentor: David Voorhees, Ph.D.)

Mya R. Walters B.A. Political Science and Psychology

“The Opposite of Overt: How Political Fear of Gender is Implicitly Institutionalized”
(Mentor: Shawn Ward, Ph.D.)

DECEMBER 2019

Collyn J. Conrad B.A. Political Science and B.S., Finance

“Quo Vadis: Poverty, Voting, and Political Affiliation”
(Mentor: Delia Popescu, Ph.D.)

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(Mentor: Julie Grossman, Ph.D.)

Elizabeth Ashleen Congdon B.A., Psychology and B.S., Management & Leadership

“Understanding the Impact of Perceived Power on Human Behavior Using the Stanford Prison Experiment as a Framework”

(Mentor: Shawn Ward, Ph.D.)

Patrick B. Dela Cruz B.S., Chemistry

“The Transmutation of Cura Personalis: The Development of Holistic Healing through Alchemical Principles”

(Mentor: Darryl Caterine, Ph.D.)

Michael A. Girard B.S., Physics

“Analysis of Anthropocentric Crises: The One Health Lens and Contextualization of Barriers”

(Mentor: Stamatios Kyrkos, Ph.D.)

Phillip S. Hoffmann B.S., Computer Science and B.A., Mathematics

“Artificial Mental Models: Cognitive Architectures on the path to Understandable Machine Learning Agents”

(Mentor: Aparna Das, Ph.D.)

Michaela Cambridge Topaz Beaty LeBlond B.A., Religion
“Holy Fantasy: Christianity in Narnia and Middle-earth”
(Mentor: Miles Taylor, Ph.D.)

Andrew Joseph Michael B.S., Physics
“Hardware and Software Design of Distance-Based Automatic Gain Control with Proximity Effect Compensation for Sound Reinforcement Systems”
(Mentor: Dennis Sullivan, M.S.)

Shukri Abdurahman Mohamed B.A., History
“Naag Nool: Political Struggles of Somali Women in the Liberation Movement and Post-Colonial Politics”
(Mentor: Godriver Odhiambo, Ph.D.)

Paxton C. Potter B.A., English and Theatre Arts
“Great Writers on the Same Dreadful Typewriter”—The Rejection of Hegemonic Ideals of Sexuality by the Beat Poets and “the 9/11 Generation”
(Mentor: Julie Olin-Ammentorp, Ph.D.)

Yana Pryakhina B.S., Biology
“Does the Language We Speak Change the Way We Think?: A Reassessment of the Link Between Language and Cognition”
(Mentor: Mary Zampini, Ph.D.)

Kelli C. Tierney B.A., Communications
“Consumer Awakening: Ethical Advertising as a Result of Environmental and Social Tensions”
(Mentor: Michael Streissguth, M.A.)

Matthew J. Wojak B.S., Accounting
“The Effect of Time Budget Constraints: How Stress Levels can Impact an Auditor’s Professional Skepticism”
(Mentor: Christie Novak, Ph.D.)



2020/2021 LE MOYNE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

All ceremonies and events that are part of the 2020/2021 Commencement activities will be livestreamed on the College's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/lemoynecollege).

Class of 2020 undergraduate – Saturday, May 22, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Honors Convocation – Sunday, May 23 at 10 a.m.

Baccalaureate Mass – Sunday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Classes of 2020 and 2021 graduate programs commencement –
Thursday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

Class of 2021 undergraduate 2021 – Friday, May 28 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Soon after the ceremonies have ended, a replay will be available to watch on Le Moyne's YouTube channel.

