

*Summer  
Commencement  
Exercises*

**College of Humanities Convocation**

Brigham Young University  
August 14, 2009  
8:00 a.m.  
Marriott Center

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## Program

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Administrative Representative	Craig C. Hart Associate Academic Vice President—Faculty
Organ Prelude and Processional	Christian Clement Assistant Professor of German
Conducting	John R. Rosenberg, Dean College of Humanities
Invocation	Jason Andrew Hills BA Philosophy
Remarks	Dean Rosenberg
Talk by Student Representative	Benjamin Daniel Bascom BA English
Violin Performance “Meditation” from <i>Thaïs</i> By Jules Massenet	Rachel Kristine Husberg, <i>violin</i> BA Humanities / Music Dixie Archibald, <i>piano</i> English Education Office
Convocation Speaker	G. Lynn Williams Professor of Spanish
Presentation of Graduate Certificates and Master’s Degrees	
Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees	
Benediction	Erin Margaret Shaw BA Linguistics
Recessional	Christian Clement

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## Scholastic Recognition

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### Candidates for Summa Cum Laude

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Summa cum laude is awarded to the top 1.0 percent of those students receiving bachelor's degrees who have earned at least 45 hours of credit at Brigham Young University.

Benjamin Daniel Bascom  
Jesse Aaron Egbert

### Candidates for Magna Cum Laude

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Magna cum laude is awarded to the top 1.1 to 5.0 percent of those students receiving bachelor's degrees who have earned at least 45 hours of credit at Brigham University.

Jason Michael Athay  
Megan Michelle Baer  
James Allen Bergin  
Sara Jean Blaisdell  
Mara Bohman Bliss  
Taylor Whitten Brown  
Jason Andrew Hills  
Jason Brad Hobbs  
Justin Robert Hurst  
Krista Landon  
Karen Loraine Lee  
Dallin Grant Lewis  
Bryce R. Lowder  
Bethany Matheson Moore  
James Hatch Moore  
Angela Allen Paulsen  
Jennifer Ann Pratt  
Hillary Miriam Schmutz  
Adam Wesley Spjute  
Alia Strickling

### Candidates for Cum Laude

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Cum laude is awarded to the top 5.1 to 10.0 percent of those students receiving bachelor's degrees who have earned at least 45 hours of credit at Brigham Young University.

Joshua Marvin Allen  
Amber Renea Anderson  
Christian Wiggo Axelgard  
Rachael Christine Bentley  
Brian John Dominguez Berry  
Daniel David Dubnicki  
Drew Nichole Tarbox Hausen  
Mark Andrew Henderson  
Amanda Bagley Lewis  
Rebecca Nelson  
Eimi Priddis  
Natalie Quinn  
Meridith Reed  
Erin Margaret Shaw  
Jennifer Lynnette Smith  
Joseph Christian Straubhaar  
Shinsuke Tsuchiya  
Alisha May Walbrecht  
Nathaniel George Ward  
Kyle Douglas Wilson

### Graduates with University Honors

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The following graduates have met the requirements for the university's highest graduation distinction. Typically these students have completed at least 22 credits of honors courses, maintained a high GPA, demonstrated proficiency in mathematics and a foreign language, completed a Great Works list and a service project, submitted a portfolio of their best work, and written and defended an honors thesis.

Benjamin Daniel Bascom  
Jesse Aaron Egbert  
Dustin James Draper  
J. Parker Heiner  
Christopher Bradley Husberg  
Dallin Grant Lewis  
Natalie Quinn  
Elisabeth Cannon Ross  
Erin Margaret Shaw  
Jennifer Lynnette Smith  
Joseph Christian Straubhaar  
Ryan Gregg Tobler  
Brittany Rebecca White

### Graduating Members of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

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Joshua Marvin Allen  
Jason Michael Athay  
Bruce Ryan Bastian  
Rachael Christine Bentley  
Taylor Whitten Brown  
Jesse Aaron Egbert  
Jason Andrew Hills  
Jason Brad Hobbs  
Mikaela Sarah Lane  
Amanda Bagley Lewis  
Bryce R. Lowder  
Natalie Quinn  
Adam Wesley Spjute  
Leila Rae Stewart  
Joseph Christian Straubhaar  
Ryan Gregg Tobler  
Nathaniel George Ward  
Kyle Douglas Wilson

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## Graduate Programs

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### MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES

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#### English

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Travis Wade Austin  
Sarah L. Cutler  
James C. Dalrymple II  
Lori Ann Dickson  
Amanda B. Erdmann  
Kate Elizabeth Finlinson  
Jessica Ann Green  
W. Keith Harten  
Benjamin Edwin Louis Onofrio  
Jacob Michael Wilkes  
Nicole Melissa Wilkes

#### French and Italian

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#### FRENCH

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Deborah Bailey  
James Oliver Mayo  
Mark Cammeron Murdock

### Humanities, Classics, Comparative Literature

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#### COMPARATIVE STUDIES

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Laresa Cochran

#### Language Acquisition

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Erin Elizabeth Fletcher Gibbons  
Brian James  
Shu-Ling Ko  
Ashley Ruesch  
Britainy Dawn Sorenson

#### Linguistics and English Language

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#### LINGUISTICS

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Wesley David Pack

#### TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

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Nicholas Eli David  
Melinda Clement Hardman  
Marina Vasilyevna Mikhaylova

### Spanish and Portuguese

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#### PORTUGUESE

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Vanessa Swenson  
Ana Patricia Valenta da Silval

#### SPANISH

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I. Raquel Klammer  
Andrew Ira Miller  
Maria Francisca Moron-Martinez  
Paz Elizabeth Acuiler-Stutzman  
Sharon Marie Weyerman

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

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#### Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

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Melinda Sue Brinton Taylor  
Jung-Eun Chung  
Andrea J. Erickson  
Laurie Meservy  
Ashley Reusch  
Min Hye Son  
Emily Ann Velardi

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## Baccalaureate Degrees

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### American Studies

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Jill Rudy, Director

BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Megan Michelle Baer  
Rachael Christine Bentley  
Matthew Randall Briggs  
Scott Andrew Freeze  
Ana Lee Nicole Nelson Hjelm  
Jessica Lang  
Caleb John Manscill  
Kevin James McMurtrey  
Michael Taylor Shumway  
Danielle Anstead Smith  
Clark McCoy Whitworth

### Asian and Near Eastern Languages

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Scott Miller, Chair

#### CHINESE

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David D Bookout  
James Hatch Moore  
Timothy David Otis  
Timothy C Pales  
Christian Tyler Whitlock

#### JAPANESE

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Taylee Elizabeth Fugate Risher  
Richard Chase Weed

#### KOREAN

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John Albert Burger  
Jeremy Matthew Meek  
Sarah Hyun Oh

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**English****Edward Cutler, Chair**

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Joshua Marvin Allen  
Donna Lee Andrus  
Amy Rebecca Askew  
Emily J. Bailey  
Theresa Marie Baranowski  
Benjamin Daniel Bascom  
Rachel Carolyn Bennion  
James Allen Bergin  
Sara Jean Blaisdell  
Kadan J Bradley  
Valerie Rae Bradshaw  
Kaila Marianne Brown  
Ashton Cherrie Carrington  
Katherine Lewis Carter  
Scott Knox Clawson  
Aubrey Crockett  
Ashley Crosby  
Carl Robert Duzett  
Anna Ricks Eagar  
Cassandra Irene Elton  
Sarah Lynn Fairbanks  
Tamara Ann Fillerup  
Danielle Gardner  
Jennifer Elizabeth Gasparrini  
Stephanie DiAnn Gibbs  
Brooke Elizabeth Grant  
Drew Nichole Tarbox Hausen  
Emily McGrath Ho  
Janae Marie Holt  
Emily Clayton Hope  
Jacquelyn Sue Horsley  
Christopher Bradley Husberg  
David Madison Ireland  
Sara Camille Jacobsen  
Ruth Marie Keeler Jensen  
Christin Renee Johnson  
Krista Landon  
Mikaela Sarah Lane  
Becky Lant  
Jessica Lea Balkman Lawler  
Erica Jean Lee  
Jessica Karen LeSueur  
Robert Darrel LeSueur  
Dallin Grant Lewis  
Ellen Elizabeth Lloyd  
Ashley Mackay  
Jenna Siobhan Mackintosh  
Kirstin Renae Marler  
Darrin Patrick Martin  
Brian T McClellan  
Tessa Joy McMillan  
Sarah Elizabeth Moeck  
Bethany Matheson Moore  
Melissa Lynn Moorhead  
Cleona D. (Toni) Morgan  
Matthew J Nielson  
Kristi Lynn Peters  
Brandon Timothy Peterson  
Scott Allen Pett  
Natalie Quinn  
Derrick Craig Rasmussen

Meridith Reed  
Cherie René Rhoads  
Melissa Anne Ridenour  
Amanda Victoria Riter  
Adrienne Kay Roldan  
Elisabeth Cannon Ross  
Lovina Maren Kurth Roundy  
Ashley Brooke Sanders  
Hillary Miriam Schmutz  
Megan Elizabeth Scott  
David Patrick Shaha  
Brittany Sheree Skousen  
Evelyn Kay Sharp Stanley  
Robin Lee Stewart  
Amber E. Sturm  
Sabrina Sumsion  
Jennifer Lynn Tays  
Aaron Lee Thompson  
Holly Rose Tippetts  
Ryan Gregg Tobler  
Jacob David Vane  
Rebecca Kay Vaughn  
Kirk Lindsay Wallace  
Ashley Noelle Walton  
Joseph F Weight  
Joshua Robert Woolf  
Stephanie Yen

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**ENGLISH TEACHING**

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Jared Foster Chandler  
Aimee Barbosa Error  
Aubrey Alissa Kramer  
Slabbert

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**French and Italian****Corry Cropper, Chair**

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**FRENCH**

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**BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
Susan Jennifer Leighton

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**FRENCH STUDIES**

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Thomas K. Bills  
Francesca Isaia  
Kelli Malea Lund  
Shelley Ann McDowell  
Jennifer Lynnette Smith

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**FRENCH TEACHING**

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Katherine E. Challis  
Kathryn Eileen Dean  
Sherstine Madsen Stephens  
Katie Nicole Winkleman

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**ITALIAN**

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Skye T. Couvrette  
Anisa Duka  
Rebecca Fitches  
Lance Daniel German  
Brandon James Nakken

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**Germanic and  
Slavic Languages****David K. Hart, Chair**

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**GERMAN**

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G. Christian Frioux  
Lillian Geurts  
Collin Dean Holmberg  
Kresten Thomas Snow  
John Aris Stevenson  
Joseph Christian Straubhaar  
Brittany Rebecca White

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**RUSSIAN**

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Stephanie Irene Cooper  
Abigail Lynn Curran  
Marisa Mireya de León  
Niegemann  
Ilze Gribule  
R. Sterling Haring  
Mark Andrew Henderson  
Jaron Jeffery Malyon  
Terrel Jorth Richardson, Jr.  
Scott Clifford Van Duker  
Leo Jake Walker  
Nathaniel George Ward  
Austin T. Wilkins  
Kyle Jeffrey Williams

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**Humanities, Classics,  
and Comparative  
Literature****Michael Call, Chair**

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**CLASSICAL STUDIES**

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Christian Wiggo Axelgard  
Jonathan David Harmon

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**COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

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Brian John Dominguez Berry  
Dustin James Draper  
Colter Kennedy

## HUMANITIES

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Matthew Campbell  
Joshua Joseph Christensen  
Scott Sterling Clarke  
Julia Claire DeMartini  
Andrew James Frick  
Lauren Gardner  
Karen Leanne Gifford  
Allison Marquitta Hawkins  
Rachel Kristine Husberg  
Ashley Lauren Johnson  
Sarah Francene Langford  
Ashley Rhyan Lee  
Karen Loraine Lee  
Jennifer Marie Lowe  
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Tamsin Robøle North  
Maria Ciano Rosborough  
Kelsey Michelle Rudd  
Veronica Rose Scheidler  
Megan L. Scofield  
Cheri Kaaha Septon  
Rachel Fredrickson Steed  
Angela Kay Thompson  
Shannon Lynn Turner

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### Linguistics and English Language

**William G. Eggington, Chair**

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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Rachel Ann Morris  
Rebecca Nelson  
Angela Allen Paulsen  
Jennifer Ann Pratt  
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Amanda L. Rowan  
Daniel Zachary Schofield  
Laura Elizabeth Slack  
Alisha May Walbrecht

## LINGUISTICS

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Linsey Page  
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James Tanner Plauché  
Alma Daniela Puga  
Maren Jane Romney  
Erin Margaret Shaw  
Leila Rae Stewart  
Shinsuke Tsuchiya  
Mary Elizabeth Wagers  
Tammy Louise Rachol  
Whitfield  
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### Philosophy

**Daniel Graham, Chair**

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Aaron Robert Houssian  
Justin Robert Hurst  
Christian Matthias Mayer  
Kodiak Davies Strong

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### Spanish and Portuguese

**Alvin Sherman, Chair**

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### PORTUGUESE

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Heidi Maria Teixeira Clark  
Kyle John Leybas

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### SPANISH

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Robert Kent Cornwall

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Kevin Jay Hein  
James Andrew Hopkins  
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Logan Micah McCune  
Carissa Lynne Merritt  
Michael Preston Meservy  
Rachel Michelle Milar  
Janna May Pendlebury  
Lindsey M Potts  
Alex J Rasmussen  
Laura Marie Rogers  
Joshua Richard Rollins  
Adam Wesley Spjute  
Alia Strickling  
Jonathan Gene Stubbs  
David A Szink  
Samuel Kent Thatcher  
Stephanie Whitesides  
Kyle Douglas Wilson

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### SPANISH TEACHING

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Angela Murie Bell  
Mara Bohman Bliss  
Stephanie Rose Thompson

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### SPANISH TRANSLATION

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Seth Thomas Dahle  
Aimee Curtis Stock

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### Independent Study

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### GENERAL STUDIES

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### BACHELOR OF

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Kathleen F. Fuller  
Suzanne Halgren  
Nicole Lynn Lundgren  
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Lance John Morris  
Marc D. Neal  
Alison Pearce  
Christine Lamoreaux Price  
Whitney A. Vandermyde  
Christopher Scott Yadon

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## Convocation Participants

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**Benjamin D. Bascom** is the son of Sterling LaVell and Marilyn Bascom and was born and raised in Orem, Utah. He is the seventh of eight children and the uncle to five nieces and seven nephews. After serving an LDS mission to Chicago, he enrolled at BYU to pursue a degree in English in preparation for law school. After completing an ORCA project on 18th-century British poetics, his occupational interests shifted toward the academic world, leading him to set a new goal to pursue an advanced degree in literary studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which he will begin this fall. While at BYU he has earned numerous scholarships as well as recognitions for his academic abilities. His future plan is to become a professor of 19th-century American literature. He has served as the BYU English Society president, worked at the Writing Center, and completed an honors thesis. He enjoys hiking Mount Timpanogos, exploring Southern Utah's slot canyons, and eating delicious food.

**Jason Hills** is the son of David and Melaney Hills and is graduating with a bachelor of arts in philosophy. He grew up in Orem, Utah, and served as a missionary in the Hungary Budapest Mission. While at BYU Jason has benefited from the university's commitment to mentored learning and would particularly like to thank Dr. David Jensen, his faculty mentor. Jason has enjoyed working as editor in chief of the Philosophy Department publication *Aporia: A Student Journal of Philosophy*; his essay "Why Prefer a System of Desires?" was awarded first place in the 2008 David H. Yarn Philosophical Essay Contest.

**Rachel Husberg** was born and raised in La Crescenta, California. Both of her parents graduated from BYU. Rachel is receiving her bachelor of arts in humanities with a music emphasis. She has played the violin since the age of five. At BYU she was a member of the Symphony Orchestra. Rachel enjoys performing in musical theater productions and swing dancing. This past spring she was able to travel with the Ballroom Dance Touring Company on their United States tour as a member of the technical crew. In June 2008 she married Christopher Husberg. This summer Rachel began her training as a Suzuki violin teacher.

**Erin Margaret Shaw**, daughter of Mark and Linda Shaw, attended high school in Carmel, Indiana, and Columbus, Georgia, but has most recently lived in Mequon, Wisconsin. In addition to earning a degree in linguistics, Erin is graduating with honors as well as with two minors, TESOL and business. In her linguistics studies she has studied French, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and Romanian. Since returning from the Washington DC North Mission, she has taught Spanish and ESL at the Missionary Training Center and will continue teaching ESL as she pursues a TESOL graduate certificate and an MA at BYU this fall. She has been a recipient of the William Henry Thorpe Scholarship or has been named a Brigham Young scholar each year of her studies. Her senior year she played flute in the University Orchestra. She also played on the women's extramural lacrosse team for two years. After her graduate studies Erin wants to teach English as a second language to adult immigrant populations in the United States.

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## Graduation Speaker

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**G. Lynn Williams** was born in rural South Wales, United Kingdom. From 1971 to 1978 he studied at the University of London, during which time he minored in Portuguese, majored in Spanish, and completed a doctorate in Spanish sociolinguistics. During the last year of his doctoral studies, he taught part-time in the Department of Hispanic Studies at the University of Cardiff.

In 1978 Lynn secured a permanent position as a lecturer in Spanish at the University of Exeter. There he taught Spanish language, Spanish linguistics, medieval Spanish literature, and various aspects of Spanish history and culture.

Over the years he supervised a number of Exeter graduate students reading for master's degrees and PhDs in subjects as diverse as Spanish sociolinguistics, the minority languages of Spain, and the Kharjas. He also served at Exeter as deputy chair of the School of Modern Languages, as associate dean of the Faculty of Arts, and as chair of the Department of Spanish. From 1997 to 1999 he acted as external examiner in Spanish for the University of Oxford, and in 1998 he spent two semesters at the University of Cambridge as a visiting professor.

He has written and published on medieval Spanish literature, Cervantes, Spanish sociolinguistics, orthographic theory and practice, language and national identity in Spain and the United Kingdom, and 17th-century Spanish diplomatic history.

He is married to Mabel de Blas Martinez, and they have three children: Gemma, John, and Antony.