

*Spring  
Commencement  
Exercises*

**College of Humanities Convocation**

Brigham Young University  
April 25, 2014  
11:00 a.m.  
Marriott Center

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## Program

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Administrative Representative	Sandra Rogers International Vice President
Organ Prelude and Processional	Christian R. Clement Assistant Professor of German
Conducting	John R. Rosenberg, Dean College of Humanities
Invocation	Olivia Jean Corey BA English Language
Remarks	Dean Rosenberg
Talk by Student Representative	Benjamin Kylan Rice BA English
Musical Number "Laudate Dominum," from <i>Vesperae Solennes de Confessore</i> by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arranged by Maurizio Machella	Madalyn Kate Kitchen, Soprano BA Music Education Kristen Nicole Reber, Harp BA English
Graduation Speaker	Dr. V. Stanley Benfell III Professor of Humanities, Classics, and Comparative Literature
Presentation of Master's Degrees	
Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees	
Benediction	Chirstin Stephens BA Spanish Translation
Recessional	Christian R. 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 students receiving bachelor's degrees who have earned at least 45 hours of credit at Brigham Young University.

Olivia Jean Corey

### Candidates for Magna Cum Laude

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

Gregory Nils Bayles Jr.  
Tanner James Bean  
Shamae Budd  
Sean Richard Bullock  
Michael James Carter  
Aileen Ann Christensen  
Kellianne Coltrin  
Jared Cooper  
Thomas Craig Corless  
Robert Nishan Crapo  
Dallin Reid Law  
Jared Scott Miller  
Benjamin Kylan Rice  
Jessica Elysse Sagers  
Chirstin Stephens

#### DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

Tracy Nicole Allen  
Galina Chenina  
Stephanie Kristine Hengen  
Serena Rachelle Johnson  
Hillary Olsen  
Kayla Elizabeth Swan  
Patrick Stephen Taylor  
Sandra Jane Wilding

### Candidates for Cum Laude

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

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Diane Elizabeth Cardon  
Andrew Kennedy Hodges  
Marlyn Andrew Kyle  
Kyra McKinzie Nelson  
Jacob Andrew Newman  
Kevin Thomas Prier  
Benjamin Kenneth Walters

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Victoria Rose Miller Garrido  
Nathan Kent Jellen  
Laura Leeann Keith  
Stephanie Marie Laabs-  
Prestwich  
Steven Robert Lindsley  
Amanda Janelle Linnemeyer  
Adam Craig Lloyd  
Samuel Thomas Plothow  
Heidi Jean Rees  
Jessica L Stewart

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

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Gregory Nils Bayles Jr.  
Ryan William Brown  
Shamae Budd  
Sean Richard Bullock  
Aaron Michael Carlson  
Olivia Jean Corey  
Thomas Craig Corless  
Robert Nishan Crapo  
Alexander Charles Down  
Jarrett Finlinson Lever  
Ian Duncan McArthur  
Jacob Andrew Newman  
Cody Spencer Phillips  
Kevin Thomas Prier  
Jessica Elysse Sagers

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Trevor Adrian Alexander  
Evans  
Gregory Brent Goddard  
Hillary Olsen  
Heidi Jean Rees  
Jessica L Stewart

## 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 in their major field.

Gregory Nils Bayles Jr.

Major: English

Thesis: Verbal Charms of the Russian North: A Combined Overview and Translation of Russian Verbal Charms from the Olonets Codex

Ryan William Brown

Major: English

Thesis: A Painful Intimacy: Urban Community and the Boston Marathon

Aileen Ann Christensen

Major: French Studies

Thesis: La Mort mariale: Une Vision lunaire ou lunatique?

Patrick Ralph Evans

Major: Chinese

Thesis: Seeing in the Dark: The Change in Depiction and Perception of Visually Impaired Characters in Chinese Film

Jessie Elizabeth Hawkes

Major: English

Thesis: A Loaded Gun: An Examination of Emily Dickinson and the Masculine

Jarrett Finlinson Lever

Major: Linguistics

Thesis: Elicited Imitation for Brazilian Portuguese

Kyra McKinzie Nelson

Major: English Language

Thesis: *Secret Keepers*: A Young Adult Novel with Reflections

Jacob Andrew Newman

Major: English Language

Thesis: Strategically Self-Regulated Learners: Self-Regulatory Capacity and Vocabulary Acquisition

Jessica Elysse Sagers

Major: Linguistics

Thesis: Accepting Konglish: Emerging Conceptions of Korean Linguistic Identity

### DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

Chelsea June Adams

Major: English

Thesis: Feelin' the Blues

Tracy Nicole Allen

Major: English

Thesis: John Tenniel's Illustrations to *Through the Looking-Glass*: Disconnection Visibility and Observation from Female Monarchical Power

Galina Chenina

Major: Japanese

Thesis: Sir Samuel Hoare: The Russian Chapter

Trevor Adrian Alexander Evans

Major: Philosophy

Thesis: A Theory of Political Compromise

Serena Rachelle Johnson

Major: Portuguese

Thesis: Unveiling Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen's Children's Literature

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## Graduate Programs

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### MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREES

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#### Creative Writing

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Spencer David Hyde  
Elizabeth Knight

DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE  
Emily McGrath-Ho

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### MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES

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#### English

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Patria Isabel Wright

DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES  
Stephanie Johnson Burns  
Angela Celestine Lankford  
Jack N.H. Lundquist  
Debra Lynn Reece

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#### French and Italian

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Kristen Ballieu

DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE  
Irene Joyce Kim Stone

### Humanities, Classics, and Comparative Literature

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#### COMPARATIVE STUDIES

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Jonathan Smith

DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE  
Amy Elizabeth Burchfield  
Merkley

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### Linguistics and English Language

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#### LINGUISTICS

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Jonathan Neil Forsyth  
Jacob F. Frandsen  
Charisse Alaine Major

DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE  
Karen Esther Swan Peterson

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#### TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

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Brooke Elizabeth Barton  
Eddington

DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES  
Eleanor Anne Clark  
Rebecca Jean Stone

### Second Language Teaching

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Jessica LaFern Bryan  
Bethany Rae Daniel

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### Spanish and Portuguese

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DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES  
Catherine M. Day  
Guinevere Josephine Hand  
Deaver  
Simone dos Santos Guimarães  
de Carvalho Fails  
Ryan James Norris  
Annalyn Beus Osborn  
Rachel Davidson Skinner  
Arwen Tanis Wyatt

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## Baccalaureate Degrees

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### American Studies

*Kristin L. Matthews, Director*

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Camry Nicole Arbon  
Stephanie Marie Collard  
Thomas Craig Corless  
Austin W Gardiner  
Christianne Bennett  
McKinnon

Katie Marie Nilson  
Audrey Suzzanne Ogden  
Caitlin Patricia Olive  
Madison Pecht Reid  
Jane Elizabeth Rollins  
Joseph-Clyde Martinez  
Shurtleff

Alison Jane Tingey Stewart  
Aaron Stephens Taylor

#### DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

Keith Douglas Adair  
Scott Maxwell Ahlstrom  
Darcy Christine Martin  
Amanda Lee Poppe  
Carly Diane Wendt

### Asian and Near Eastern Languages

*J. Scott Miller, Chair*

#### CHINESE

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Todd Ferrell Brown  
Erik Hart Buckmiller  
Brandon Thomas Christensen  
Enoch Nathanael Cronk  
Jason Brian Evans  
Patrick Ralph Evans  
Emily Jean Fitzpatrick  
Jesse Lawrence Green  
Andrew R Lancaster  
Jacob Bradley Larson  
Braden C. Nielson  
Kevin Thomas Prier  
Richard Alan Stubbs  
Lora Jean Wynkoop

#### DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

Kyler Jack Christensen  
Bryce C Fisher  
Gregory Brent Goddard  
Nicole Anne Dowdle Keaton  
Joseph Thomas Thorin  
Seth Amadeo Walters  
Lloyd Michael Winkelman

#### JAPANESE

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

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Cory Robert Hill  
Bradford Lloyd Melliush  
Scott Weber Ogden  
Kyle Don Stewart  
Michael S. Tercero  
Brittany Anne Woodard

#### DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

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James Lyndon Prestwich  
Gabriel J Ruesch

#### KOREAN

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Andrew Chase Henderson  
Jonathan Campbell Quinlan

#### DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE

Natalie M. Peterson

### English

*Phillip A. Snyder, Chair*

#### ENGLISH

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Kara Visconage Baird  
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Jill Elaine Bickham  
Jeremy Scott Borgia  
Ryan William Brown  
Kylee Ann Buchanan  
Shamae Budd  
Nadia Christianne Budge  
Tia Victoria Carollo  
Natalie Anne Christensen  
Derrick James Clements  
Thomas Peterson Clyde  
Kellianne Coltrin  
Tyler Paul Corbridge  
Danielle Marie Cronquist  
Joshua Bonham Cutler  
Kelsey Marie Davis  
Theodore Grant Davis  
Erin Nicole DeBrine  
Carl Landon Diamond  
Julie Grace Eccles  
Daniel D. R. F. Elgaaen  
Rebekah Caitlyn Elliott  
Katrina Dawn Feil  
Kaylee Danielle Ficklin  
Taylor Ray Gilbert  
Cara Brooke Gillespie  
Jennifer Tanner Halversen

Bethany Lynn Hanks

Rachel Lynn Hanson  
Jessie Elizabeth Hawkes  
Ashley Christine Hill  
Emily K Hodgen  
Christiana Hills Huss  
Molly Christine Jenkins  
Bryce Parker Johnson  
Justin Lee Kelly  
David William Kennedy  
Madelyn Earl Ketchum  
Anne Catherine Knighton  
Mary Kathryn Kremer  
Katie Geneva Laulusa  
Dallin Reid Law  
Eileen Alta Leavitt  
Victoria Jasmine Baker

Lisowski  
Shelly Russon Lystrup  
Katherine Elizabeth  
Macdonald  
Michelle Angelic May  
Ian Duncan McArthur  
Taylor Elise McComb  
Abby McKeon  
Shannon Angela Nelson  
Jacob Jared Njord  
Natalie Eliza Oakes  
Whitney Olsen

Samara Lavelle Ouzounian  
Nicole Katheryn Oxley-Turco  
Jane Packard  
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Rachel Marie Peters  
Kristen Nicole Reber  
Benjamin Kylan Rice  
Hannah Marie Roberts  
Alison Roybal  
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Daniel Hyrum Shaver  
Megan Elizabeth Shaw  
Jacqueline Sunshine Suzanne  
Simmons

Chad Stevenson Smith  
Holly Smith  
Whitney Danielle Smith  
Ian Jordan Stepp  
Jessica Leigh Stewart  
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Sarah Jean Wilkins  
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Corey Landon Wozniak  
Amber Michelle Zawada

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Aleesha Nicole Bass  
Alicia Catherine Bevans  
Kelsey Margaret Bleyl  
Jenessa Maree Hall  
Jessica Joy Hartshorn  
Joshua Peter Hawkins  
Melody Jean Hiatt  
Sara Jean Hinkson  
Emily Kay Holmstead  
Cheryl Burdett Jensen  
Renaë Mary Brown Johnson  
Tucker Boone Johnson  
Kylar Ann Jones  
Kelsey Celeste Kacher  
Amanda Janelle Linnemeyer  
Aubrey Serrine Luddington  
Dean Ethan Mackey  
Robert Basilio Kuponu  
Marchetti  
Jewel Ellen Henderson Marsh  
Shani Aleen Martin  
Mackenzie Marie Morgan  
Carin Larae Olavson  
Tina Maria Veronica  
Pennerman  
Samuel Thomas Plowthow  
Joseph Lokahi Podwys  
Heidi Jean Rees  
Amanda Gavrielle Rodriguez  
Jourden Elisabeth Satterfield  
John Adam Sorenson  
Kimberly Ann Stoddard  
Kate Elizabeth Sullivan  
Kayla Elizabeth Swan  
Analyn Lesieli Tuha Vi  
Hayden Thomas Weaver

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#### ENGLISH TEACHING

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Carlie Nell Guerrette  
Alicia Carmen Hunt  
Lindsey Kathleen McCully  
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Taralyn Smith  
Sheri Wride

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Jaynann Matthews Boulter  
Christine Casagni  
Monica Guinivere Payne

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### French and Italian

*Corry L. Cropper, Chair*

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#### FRENCH STUDIES

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Lesa M. Young

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Lynzi Lee Clyde  
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#### FRENCH TEACHING

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Gania Nathalie Harshbarger

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Melinda Leann Pace

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#### ITALIAN

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Carsen Robert McDaniel  
Dylan Rowe McKinnon  
Bradley Sky Wege  
Aaron Jules Woodall

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Jared Layton Tate

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### Germanic and Slavic Languages

*Michelle S. James, Chair*

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#### GERMAN

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Kelley Anne Manning

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#### RUSSIAN

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Michael James Carter  
Philip Ian Crawford  
Tyson L Eckersley  
Tiffany Pamela Gale  
Iryna Sergejevna Hall  
Amanda Doty Harrison  
Neils Christian Hazen  
Andrew Kennedy Hodges  
Benjamin Carl Larsen  
Trevor Frank Okoren  
Joshua Adrian Punderson  
Daniel Christian Wahlgren  
Morgan Floyd Williams

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Taylor James Henderson VI  
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Aaron John Luddington  
Ryan Philip Ricks  
Kelsey Simons

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### Humanities, Classics, and Comparative Literature

*George B. Handley, Chair*

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#### CLASSICAL STUDIES

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Clara Carnahan  
Olivia Maria Gallegos  
Joseph Leland Heywood

#### DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE

Robert Charles Anthony  
Starling

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#### HUMANITIES

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Jessica Nicole Reschke  
Emily A Steinbeigle  
Kathryn Adele Driggs Stubbs

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Cynthia Rebecca Evans  
Jenelle Kauilani Howard  
Shonda Lynelle Phillips  
Rebekah Elizabeth Westrup

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**INTERDISCIPLINARY  
HUMANITIES**

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Allison Pinegar Busico  
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Marc David Oslund  
Rachel Sherman  
Griffin Sutherland Taylor  
James Andrew Wilde  
Abigail Letisha Willis

**DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE**

Adam Craig Lloyd

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**Linguistics and  
English Language**

*Diane Strong-Krause, Chair*

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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Bonnie Claire Brown  
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Richard Mark Melville  
Vallerie Afton Mott  
Kyra McKinzie Nelson  
Jacob Andrew Newman  
Mack Charles Robins  
Carly Michelle Springer  
E. Marie Stirk  
Brooke Amelia Towns

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Stephanie Kristine Hengen  
Kelsey Beatrice Nielsen Hibbs  
Alexis Catherine Mendenhall  
Caitlin Eve Metzger  
Emilee Elizabeth Morrill  
Jennifer Rowe Severson

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**LINGUISTICS**

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Sydnee Marie Bowler  
Matthew Stephen Boyd  
Lauren Brooke Brady  
Diane Elizabeth Cardon  
Deidra Sage Chamberlain  
Jared Cooper

Robert Nishan Crapo  
Scott Clifton Divett  
Lauren Nicole Dyas  
Morgan Dwayne Ence  
Stephanie Lyn Fiso  
Bonnie Clair Hansen  
Jordan Derek Johnson  
Marlyn Andrew Kyle  
Jarrett Finlinson Lever  
Colton Beck Mayberry  
Jordan Elaine Radford  
McDowell

Alison Anne Mercer  
Ammon Johnson Pike  
Christopher James Pope  
Jessica Elysse Sagers  
Spencer Johnson Styles  
Melanie Tirrell  
Sara Margaret Townsend  
Hailey Walker  
Michelynah Crystabelle  
Winebrenner

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Vincent James Inglima  
Meghan Marra Jashinsky  
Stephanie Marie Laabs-  
Prestwich  
Steven Robert Lindsley  
Stephen Andrew Mortensen  
Hillary Olsen  
Ashley Rackham  
Joshua Lobark Robison  
Jessica L Stewart  
Austin David Taylor  
Daniel Kenneth Toy  
Liesl Marie Warkentin  
Stephanie Lynn Wilson

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**Philosophy**

*Travis T. Anderson, Chair*

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**PHILOSOPHY**

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Trent Richard Nydegger  
Brandon Packard  
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Trevor Adrian Alexander  
Evans  
Kenna Arlene Flanders-  
Young  
Stephen Alexander Nickle  
Patrick Stephen Taylor

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**Spanish and Portuguese**

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*David P. Laraway, Chair*

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**PORTUGUESE**

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Nicholas Ryan Rutman  
Meghan Summerhays

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Serena Rachele Johnson  
Vanessa Menezes Petersen

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**SPANISH**

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Andrew Michael  
Cunningham  
Mercedes Stott Dunn  
Kenneth Jerome Hainsworth  
Patrick Kevin Hervey  
Shane Struan Jensen  
Jordan Tracy Kennard  
Leah Marie Leach  
Luke James Leishman  
Anson Kimball Papa  
Thomas Rex Peterson  
Carina Sanchez  
Paul Jared Schmidt  
Peyton McKay Simpson  
Erik Vernon Wells

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Jordan Douglas Bobo  
Charles Sherman Bush  
Derek Shane Cason  
Dayna Lee Christensen  
Jason Jeffrey Dean  
Krystle Marguerite Forester  
Daniel Warner Johnson  
Zachary Thomas Loughton  
Stuart Christian Mauer  
Kyle Jordan Reber  
Jeffrey Michael Ringwood  
Michael Andrew Shouse  
Luke Benjamin Smith  
Marcus Lou Vranes

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**SPANISH TEACHING**

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Joseph Bryan Leatham  
Kristen Lynn Michaelis  
Collin Eric Nicholas  
Thomas Steele Pavlovsky

**DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES**

Victoria Rose Miller Garrido  
Michelle Emily Hawkins  
Laura Leeann Keith  
Tiffany Nicole Pino  
Nicholas Kim Taylor  
Sandra Jane Wilding

**SPANISH TRANSLATION**

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Josue Alexander Garcia  
Cody Spencer Phillips  
Hunter Johnathon Shelton  
Chirstin Stephens  
Benjamin Kenneth Walters  
Diane Lizette Zarco

**DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES**

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Leticia Murillo Galan  
Larry Mychal Miller

**General Studies**

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**BACHELOR OF**

**GENERAL STUDIES**

Mark Turner Anderson  
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Ryan William Daknis  
Jenna Orilla Donaldson  
Laura Ann Pattillo  
Marilyn Porter  
Bethany Lynne Powell

**DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES**

Sheila Hronek Alt  
Susan C Anderson

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## Convocation Participants

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**Olivia Jean Corey** grew up in Plain City, Utah, and is the daughter of Nathan and Jean Corey. She is graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in English language with a minor in editing. She participated in various groups at BYU including Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, STET: The Editors' Network, and the Freeride Academy. Olivia has received several recognitions and scholarships, including the dean's list, Highest Academic Graduate in the Linguistics and English Language Department, Carl and Betty Moyes' Academic Scholarship, and the New Century Scholarship. Olivia has also worked with the *Schwa* student journal as an editor and designer, and her original work was published in the winter 2014 edition of the journal. Olivia worked with the *BYU Prelaw Review*, volunteered as a teaching assistant, and interned with The Dream Press, a crowd-sourced publishing house. She has finished her undergraduate degree at BYU in two years and, after graduation, will attend graduate school to gain more experience in the publishing world.

**Madalyn Kate Kitchen** was born in Boston, Massachusetts, to Nile and Candi Davis. She was raised in Mesa, Arizona, as the second of five daughters. With her mother and grandmother as singers and voice teachers, she began to sing at a young age and has loved singing ever since. She is studying choral education and will finish her degree in December. She has sung with the BYU Concert Choir and BYU Singers and performed her recital last semester. Through her choir experiences she met her husband, Todd David Kitchen, who graduated last April from BYU in music composition and is pursuing a master's degree in music composition at Brandeis University in Boston. Madalyn will join her husband in Boston this fall and complete her student teaching there. For the past two and one-half years, Madalyn has been a valued student assistant in the Humanities Advisement Center.

**Kristen Nicole Reber** was born in Provo, Utah, to Jason and Suzie Danner and raised in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She married James Reber in the Manti Utah Temple on May 4, 2013. The couple is expecting their first child in July. Kristen has enjoyed receiving her education from BYU and plans to use her degree in English to do freelance editing and writing. She has been playing the harp since her sophomore year at BYU, working hard to advance quickly with encouragement from her teacher, Mallory Wright. Her husband has supported her through long hours of practice to prepare for today's performance.

**Benjamin Kylan Rice** is graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in English. The oldest of three children, he was raised in southern Oregon by Jeffrey and Karen Rice. At BYU he has worked as a writing tutor and *Inscape* editor in chief, a position he received after several semesters of volunteer work with the publication. He has received several grants and awards, including two ORCA Grants, a Harold B. Lee Library research grant, first place in the Phi Kappa Phi Writing Contest, second place in the Vera Hinckley Mayhew Poetry Contest, and second place in the Hart-Larson Poetry Contest. He has published numerous pieces of creative and academic writing and has presented scholarly research at regional and international conferences. Since his freshman year Kylan has worked with BYU Radio and KBYU-FM as a radio producer. After graduation he will attend the master of fine arts program at Colorado State University, studying poetry.

**Chirstin Stephens** is graduating with a bachelor of arts in Spanish translation and a minor in TESOL. Her parents are Corbett and Claudia Stephens, and she is from Spanish Fork, Utah. She served in the Texas Houston Mission before starting the translation program at BYU. She worked extensively with the international students both on campus and at BYU's English Language Center (ELC), and she enjoyed her experiences as a Writing Fellow, as an intern with ESL 302, and as a practicum student at the ELC. She is graduating with her Spanish Language Certificate and her TESOL certificate and will begin the TESOL master's program at BYU this fall. In the middle of her translation program Chirstin was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She says she has learned through her experience that God helps His children do hard things and that opposition is not a flaw in His plan. She treasures the beautiful gift that life is.

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## Graduation Speaker

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**V. Stanley Benfell III** grew up in New Jersey and did his undergraduate work at BYU, a location that seemed exotic to his East Coast friends. After serving a mission in Paris, France, he worked through several majors before settling on comparative literature, which enabled him to study French without giving up his love for other literatures. He went back to the East Coast for graduate school at New York University, where he earned a master's and doctorate in comparative literature, studying Italian and Latin as well as French and English. He spent the academic year of 1991–92 in Italy on a Fulbright Scholarship while conducting research for his dissertation. He returned to BYU in 1993 and has been teaching comparative literature here ever since. His research focuses on European literature of the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, and he is particularly interested in the relationship between literature, religion, and philosophy. His book, *The Biblical Dante*, was published by the University of Toronto Press in 2011. He has served as department chair and as the coordinator for European Studies. Stan and his wife, Leslie, have three children: Jacob, a BYU student serving in the Germany Berlin Mission; Matthew, who will be a freshman at BYU this fall; and Frances, who will graduate from Wasatch Elementary (across the street from BYU) in May.

