

*Summer
Commencement
Exercises*

College of Humanities Convocation

Brigham Young University
August 15, 2014
11:00 a.m.
Marriott Center

Program

University Representative	Janet S. Scharman Student Life Vice President
Organ Prelude and Processional	Jeffrey S. Turley Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese
Conducting	John R. Rosenberg Dean, College of Humanities
Invocation	Thomas Craig Corless BA American Studies
Remarks	Dean Rosenberg
Talk by Student Representative	Christopher Larson BA Russian
Musical Number Nocturno, Op. 7 By Franz Strauss	Emilia Gayle Williams BA English Rachel Turnbow Harris BA English
Graduation Speaker	Dr. Susan Howe Associate Professor of English
Presentation of Master's Degrees	
Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees	
Benediction	Paul Christian Bills BA English
Recessional	Jeffrey S. Turley

Scholastic Recognition

Candidates for Summa Cum Laude

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.

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Paul Christian Bills
Heidi Davis McConkie

Candidates for Magna Cum Laude

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.

Emily Rose Bean
Thomas Craig Corless
Lauren Fine
Jordan Benjamin Jones
Christopher Larson
Jessica Ann Livingston
John P Rhoden
Emily Elyse Smith

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Krystal Sabrina Bailey
Enoch White Hunsaker
Amanda Laurel Leavitt
Morgan James Lyons
Sarah Victoria Pusey

Candidates for Cum Laude

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.

Phoebe Romney Cook
Melissa Hart
Tanisha Kia Hosman Jensen
Whitney LaMay Menser
Nina Katherine Penovich
Lindsay P Sandberg
Marianna Janett Thurston

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Eliza Jane Culverwell Blank
Tania Marie Brown
Melissa Edelgard Günter
David Burton Tate, Jr.
Natalie Catherine Taylor
Tessa Marie White

Graduates with University Honors

In addition to their major studies, all honors graduates have completed a comprehensive program in general education. University Honors is a distinction reserved for those few who have excelled in the university's most rigorous course of general and major education. Typically, those students have completed at least six honors general education courses, maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher in both honors and all other courses, demonstrated proficiency in mathematics and a foreign language, completed a reading list, and written an honors thesis in their major field.

Phoebe Romney Cook
Lauren Fine
Michelle Mary Gessel
Marianna Janett Thurston

Graduating Members of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Emily Rose Bean
Thomas Craig Corless
Lauren Fine
Jordan Benjamin Jones
Christopher Larson
Jessica Ann Livingston
Whitney LaMay Menser

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Leah Jane Anderson
Melissa Edelgard Günter
Heidi Davis McConkie
Sarah Victoria Pusey
David Burton Tate, Jr.

Graduate Programs

MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREES

Creative Writing

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Brooke Downs
Allison Kai Hymas

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES

English

Christa Baxter
Katie Fredrickson
Hillary Gamblin
Kelsey Brooke Smith
Jacqueline Teusch

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Marinda Quist
Anne Tiffany Turner

Humanities, Classics, and Comparative Literature

COMPARATIVE STUDIES

Tyler Alan Creer
Julie Anne Kohler
Rachel Elizabeth Meyers
Claire Warnick

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Ruth Ellen Covington

Linguistics and English Language

LINGUISTICS

Peter Lindes
Cory Stacy Robinson
David Matthew Savage
Karl Olaw Christian Wagner

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Amanda Kae Fronk

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Carlos Eduardo dos Santos
Jae Song Lee Yamaguchi

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Meredith Gravett
Angela Shelley

Second Language Teaching

Yu-Fang Liao
Olga Iongkhionovna Ookhara

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Olga V. Maletina
Elizabeth Christel Todd

Spanish and Portuguese

Alexander Charles Aldrich
Carolina Benito Cox
M Susy Bird
Liege Christiane Pradera

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Rebecca Leigh Brazzale
Cristina Adriano Cowley
John Scoville Evans
Grant Perry Stotts

Baccalaureate Degrees

American Studies

Kristin L. Matthews, Director

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Heather Dawn Bailey
Thomas Craig Corless
Andrew S. Darowski
Sarah A. Flinders
Irene F. Parker
Aaron Stephens Taylor
Darren James Woodland

JUNE 2014 GRADUATE

Amanda Laurel Leavitt

Asian and Near Eastern Languages

J. Scott Miller, Chair

CHINESE

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Seth Michael Carter
Eric Scott Hansen
Benjamin Thomas Jones
Andrew R Lancaster
Joshua Pratt Stewart
Benjamin Martin Trueman

JUNE 2014 GRADUATE

James Robert Greenwood

JAPANESE

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bradford Lloyd Melliush

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Darin Christopher Brinley
Brittany Anne Woodard

KOREAN

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Stephen Hopkins Baker
Daniel Peter Corotan

JUNE 2014 GRADUATE

Robert Jaison Holley

English

Phillip A. Snyder, Chair

ENGLISH

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Caitlin Colvin Allsop
Katherine Evelyn Frances
Anderson
Jill Elaine Bickham
Ashley Nicole Brocius
Andrea Louise Brunken

Mele Pule Bryant

Sara Ann Butler

Ashley Lauren Call

Janae Elisabeth Clark

Elizabeth Cole

Derrick Scott Craven

Estée Tekiah Vienna Arts
Crenshaw

Tracy Anne Daley

Kaitlyn Dixon

Lauren Fine

Lauren Elizabeth Fowler

Joshua Michael Fulton

Angela Jean George

Thomas Hamilton Graham II

Sara Noelle Guggisberg

Kristina E Gunby

Rachel Turnbow Harris

Bryan Ordell Hirschi

McKenna Ainsley Johnson

Jordan Benjamin Jones

Mary Kathryn Kremer

Ladd Arthur Laulusa

Elizabeth Atkins Mayes

Ashley Miller

Erika Rae Nelson

Shannon Angela Nelson

Natalie Eliza Oakes

Katie Elizabeth Parker

Rachel Marie Peters

Newell Scott Porter

Alexandra Markette Rose

Lisa Kay Roylance

Lindsay P Sandberg

Emily Elyse Smith

Jeffrey Jay Snider

Tracy Spencer

Jessica Leigh Stewart

Nicholas Blake Thompson

Emilia Gayle Williams

Adam Kendall Wright

Elizabeth Rae Young

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Krystal Sabrina Bailey

Paul Christian Bills

Taylor Stuart Campbell

Michelle Joanne Christensen

Lauren McKell Coleman

Cassandra Alyse DeMille

Julie Grace Eccles

Katrina Lynn Hawkins

Alice Mae Johnson

Bryce Parker Johnson

Catharine Hope Legro

Kaylee Joy Mason

Rhianna Alexis McGaughey

Erin Rogers McMullin

Bryan Jeremy Mulkern

Adrienne R Steinhorst

Michael Christopher Tolman

Lindsey Diane Webb

Keli Dawn Wright

ENGLISH TEACHING

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Whitney Shalyn Lewis

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Leah Jane Anderson

Mary Carlisle Bates

Eliza Jane Culverwell Blank

Madeline Bragg

Madison Gene Bramwell

Miki Siauana Brewster

Tania Marie Brown

Christopher Hughes Busath

Amanda Gwen Childs

Amy Camille Connelly

Janelle Kay Frossard

Kassandra Linn Hammer

Kaylee Lynn Herrick

Enoch White Hunsaker

AdriAnne Davis Larsen

Molly Jane Larsen

Michaelanne Kathleen

Laurent

Megan Elizabeth Miller

Jenna Lynn Norr

McKenzie K Powell

Jade Ellen Weinheimer

Tessa Marie White

Jessica Asay Zimmerman

French and Italian

Corry L. Cropper, Chair

FRENCH STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Samantha Michelle Buckhave

Travis Grant Frazier

Jennifer Dawn Hanson

Jillian Jackson Vogelsang

German and Russian

Michelle S. James, Chair

GERMAN

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anne Aikaterini Williams

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES

Melissa Edelgard Günter

William Seth Tjaden

RUSSIAN

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Iryna Sergejevna Hall

Logan R. Larkin

Christopher Larson

Tyler Dalton Mower

Cassandra Nicole Perry
Chelsea Nicole Quinn
Tierre Sanford
Morgan Floyd Williams

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Christopher Jae Baxter
David Burton Tate, Jr.

Humanities, Classics, and Comparative Literature

George B. Handley, Chair

CLASSICAL STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Andrew Hunter Wright

JUNE 2014 GRADUATE
Meghan Elizabeth Sharrar

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Neoma Rae Williams

HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Jessica Ann Livingston
Laura Jane Schopfer
Chrisanne Schraedel
Marianna Janett Thurston

JUNE 2014 GRADUATE
Matthew Ned Campbell

INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Phoebe Romney Cook
Michelle Mary Gessel
Jill Christine Hacking
Natasha Ann Lazarev
Kindal Star McGill
Whitney LaMay Menser
Michelle Young Tobian
Tiffany Marie Willerth

Linguistics and English Language

Diane Strong-Krause, Chair

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Alexandra Tracy Devenport
Melissa Hart
Mary Elisabeth Wright
Layton
Vallerie Afton Mott
Brooke Amelia Towns

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Austin L. Ballard
Morgan James Lyons
Heidi Davis McConkie
Natalie Catherine Taylor

LINGUISTICS

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Emily Rose Bean
Martin Emmanuel de la Rosa
Braxton Max Excell
Whitney Megan Michelle
Gould
Nina Katherine Penovich
Micole Dawn Woyak

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Paige Webster Anderson
Moriann Alyssa Barker
Ivan Israel Bueno Juarez
Megumi T Draper
David Anderson Fallon
Justin Anthony Greer
Krystal Jean Hill
Jason K Lee

Philosophy

*K. Codell Carter,
Representative for the Chair*

PHILOSOPHY

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Bret Eric Von Hauer
Ehrenzeller II
Jordan Soto Gilbert
Ryan W Jenson
Devin Joel Nightingale
Trent Richard Nydegger
Corey Stephen Rusick

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Chanel Naftali Venetië Arts
Brock Michael Mason
Claire Elaine Pennock
Colton Dennis Woodruff

Spanish and Portuguese

David P. Laraway, Chair

PORTUGUESE

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Derek Jay Allen
Natalia Clare Noltemeyer
Meghan Summerhays

SPANISH

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Brianna Grace Beller
Brandon Scott Bennett
Brian Robert Dana
Daniel Dennis Despain
Benjamin Gregory Griffioen
Melissa Andrea Gutiérrez
Tanisha Kia Hosman Jensen
Leah Marie Leach
Rachelle Romney
Cynthia Michelle Sandoval

JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Trevor Knud Andreasen
Kevan Andrew Bills
Cheryl Rachel Taysom

SPANISH TEACHING

BACHELOR OF ARTS
JUNE 2014 GRADUATES
Sarah Victoria Pusey
Ashley Mackay Rasmussen

SPANISH TRANSLATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Rory Adrien Haglund
Mara Azucena Flores Latimer
Katherine May Sherwood

Independent Study

GENERAL STUDIES

**BACHELOR OF
GENERAL STUDIES**
Agnes Kate Anderson
Allison Rae Brown
Jenna Orilla Donaldson
Gisela Holland Hacker
Stephanie Tibbitts Johansson
Wendy Sue Lloyd
Jane Chadwick Payne
John P Rhoden

Candidates listed for graduation will be awarded degrees subject to completion of all requirements.

Convocation Participants

Paul Christian Bills, son of Dale and Becky Bills, grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, with his five siblings. The greatest gift BYU gave him is his wife, Maddie, and their son, due in October. While at BYU Paul served as an officer for the English Society, published a poem in *Inscape*, and presented a paper at the conference of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association. His research focused mainly on the relationship between literature and videogames—an idea he will continue to pursue with the University of Utah's entertainment arts and engineering master's program, starting this fall.

Thomas Craig "TC" Corless was born in Santa Monica, California, to Tom and Christene Corless. His parents currently live in La Crescenta, California, along with his older sister, Lindsay, and younger brother, David. The entire Corless family is or will be BYU alumni. After attending BYU for one year, TC served a mission in Macon, Georgia. He majored in American studies, which included a capstone trip to Hollywood, California, and minored in ancient Near Eastern studies. He participated in two Study Abroad programs while at BYU: the Jerusalem Center and the London Centre. TC interned for a publishing company and a credit consulting company and served as the vice president of articulation on the Humanities College Student Council. He will begin the master's in public administration program at BYU in the fall of 2014. His career goals are to join the U.S. Foreign Service and serve as a U.S. diplomat.

Rachel Turnbow Harris was born and raised in Sandy, Utah. As the youngest of nine children, she has learned self-reliance and the ability to work with others. Highlights of her college experience include singing in BYU Women's Chorus, participating in the C. S. Lewis Society, working for the BYU Honors Program, and gaining a new and deeper appreciation for the beauty of literature. She enjoys studying the Protestant Reformation, the Romantic period, and folklore. Rachel plans to apply for the master's program in English at BYU, attending fall of 2015. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, reading, playing the violin and piano, and cooking. Rachel would like to thank her parents for always encouraging her to do her best and especially her husband, Mitchell, for his constant love and support.

Christopher Larson was raised just south of Denver, Colorado, by his parents Alan and Suzie Larson. At age sixteen he and his mother and twin brother moved to Canada so he and his brother could play competitive hockey. Two years later they moved to Albany, New York, and a year later to Portland, Oregon. At the end of their year in Oregon, he and his brother quit competitive hockey and left for their missions. Christopher served his mission in Armenia. He also has an older sister who lives near their parents in Colorado with her family. Highlights of Christopher's education include many of the internship and educational opportunities he experienced while at BYU. He spent a spring term and a winter semester in Russia and had the opportunity to attend the Olympics in Sochi. Thanks to contacts from BYU, Christopher interned on the Romney campaign in Boston. A Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) scholarship provided funds for him to spend a month in Istanbul, Turkey, improving his Turkish language skills. Christopher completed his education with a summer semester at the University of Cambridge in England. He plans to further his education through either a master's program or law school.

Emilia Gayle Williams is graduating with a bachelor of arts in English and minors in geology and music. She was born in Idaho and raised in Orem, Utah, by Rebecca and Alan Williams. She learned to love reading and the English language through listening to her father read her stories, watching her four older siblings and parents read, and subsequently reading herself. Throughout her years at BYU, Emilia has volunteered on the staff of the student journal *Criterion* and worked as a research assistant in the geology department, presenting her research at the American Geophysical Union Meeting in 2011. She has also played French horn in the BYU Symphonic Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Wind Symphony. After graduation Emilia plans to explore her diverse interests through possibly attending graduate school in a few years, getting a job in a related field, or pursuing certification in order to teach secondary education.

Graduation Speaker

Susan Howe was born in Provo and grew up in Pleasant Grove, Utah. She attended Brigham Young University, graduating in 1971. For the next twenty years she held a variety of positions, working as a junior high school Spanish, French, and English teacher; a library assistant; a legislative aide in the U.S. House of Representatives; a technical writer; the production editor of a Harvard-M.I.T. journal; and a consultant and editor for Houghton Mifflin Company. In 1984 she began a PhD program in English and creative writing at the University of Denver, arriving at the BYU English Department in the fall of 1987. She has been the editor of *Exponent II*; poetry editor of *Literature and Belief* and *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*; and consulting editor of *Tar River Poetry*. Her play, *Burdens of Earth*, about Joseph Smith in Liberty Jail, has been performed at all three Brigham Young University campuses. Her first collection of poetry, *Stone Spirits*, won the publication award of the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies; her second collection, *Salt*, was published last year by Signature Books. With Sheree Bench she compiled and edited the poetry collection *Discoveries: Two Centuries of Poems by Mormon Women*. She is married to retired Snow College professor Cless T. Young. They have three children and six grandchildren and split their time between Ephraim, Utah Valley, and Wayne County.