

*Summer  
Commencement  
Exercises*

**College of Humanities Convocation**

Brigham Young University  
August 14, 2015  
2:00 p.m.  
Marriott Center

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## Program

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University Representative	James D. Gordon III Assistant to the President for Planning and Assessment
Organ Prelude and Processional	Christian R. Clement Associate Professor of German Studies
Conducting	J. Scott Miller Dean, College of Humanities
Invocation	Marissa Deane Compton BA English
Remarks	Dean Miller
Talk by Student Representative	Emily Maude Snow Davis BA Art History and Curatorial Studies
Musical Number "Hero," Spanish version (Mariah Carey and Walter Afansieff)	L. Fernando Vazquez, vocal MA Hispanic Linguistics Denisse Avena-Williams, piano
Graduation Speaker	Cecilia Peek Associate Professor of Classics and Comparative Studies
Presentation of Master's Degrees	
Presentation of Baccalaureate Degrees	
Benediction	Kempton John Cox MA Hispanic Literatures
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 those students receiving bachelor's degrees who have earned at least 45 hours of credit at Brigham Young University.

Carter D Durrant  
Matthew Spencer Phillips\*

### 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 Young University.

Marissa Deane Compton\*  
Emily Kay Furner  
Whitney Grace Hansen\*  
Elizabeth Kaye Nielsen\*  
Tara Morgan Pearce\*  
Nathaniel Brent Pribil

### 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.

Kimberly Jean Asay\*  
Brennen Scott Clement\*  
Madeline Greenhalgh\*  
Mikaela Rose Kemsley  
Jason Jeremie Miller\*  
Shane Russell Peterson

### Graduates with University Honors

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Students graduating with University Honors have completed several interdisciplinary General Education courses, performed educational service or studied in a foreign setting, written an interdisciplinary essay and a thesis, and defended their theses in their major discipline.

Sarah Marie Decker\*  
Emily Kay Furner

Shane Russell Peterson

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

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Robert Christoph Cusick  
Emily Kay Furner  
Nathaniel Brent Pribil

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## Graduate Programs

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### MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

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#### Creative Writing

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Lauren Shurtleff  
Todacheenie\*

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### MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES

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#### Comparative Arts and Letters

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#### ART HISTORY AND CURATORIAL STUDIES

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Christine Heathcote Hale  
Annie Hartvigsen  
Camille JaNae Jacobsen  
Keri Erdmann Rowe

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#### COMPARATIVE STUDIES

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Justin Asay Barney  
Bert Fuller  
Adriana Pinegar  
Anna Kristine Daines  
Rennaker\*  
Camille Kathryn Richey

### English

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Jared Michael Pence

### Linguistics and English Language

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#### LINGUISTICS

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Mary Elizabeth Jouett  
Bonham  
Rebekah Atkin Hoopes\*  
Brent Logan Laing\*  
Sara Diane Smith\*  
Tyler A. Snow\*

### TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

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Gyusuk Yang\*

### Second Language Teaching

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Traci Tomi Andreason  
Jordan Wilson

### Spanish and Portuguese

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Debra Taylor Banov\*  
Ross James Cairns  
Kempton John Cox\*  
Sonia Pereira Homolka\*  
Jordan Benjamin Jones\*  
Giselle Gimenez Meiling\*  
Newell Douglas Porter  
Rebecca Ann Proper  
L. Fernando Vazquez  
Alejandro López Villegas

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## Baccalaureate Degrees

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### American Studies

*Kristin L. Matthews, Director*

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Andrea Barnett Barry\*  
Erin Kathleen Greenwood  
Erin Iris Jones  
Francisco Jesus Rodriguez

### Asian and Near Eastern Languages

*Dana Bourgerie, Chair*

#### CHINESE

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Carter D Durrant  
Jacob Daniel Ensign  
Tia Aika Hayashi  
Stephanie Holm  
Westin Smith Leavitt\*  
Michael Thomas Morrise\*  
Matthew Scott Nance

#### JAPANESE

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Alyssa Nicole Cheek  
Christopher-Kent Ohara  
Johnson\*  
Jessica Stephenson\*

### Comparative Arts and Letters

*Carl Sederholm, Chair*

#### ART HISTORY

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Cassandra Sue Belliston  
Madeline Jeanne Marie  
Crawley  
Emily Maude Snow Davis  
Kufre Ini Ekpenyong\*  
Natasha Ruth Hinton Moon  
Lauren Judy Pass\*

#### CLASSICAL STUDIES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sara Rose Myers\*  
Margaret Elizabeth O'Brien  
Nathaniel Brent Pribil

#### COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Spencer Owen Nance

### HUMANITIES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Zoë Marie Brimhall\*  
Hannah Marie Cole  
Kathryn Fay Jones  
Whitney Kay Diehl  
Montenegro  
Patricia Zuleine Nuñez\*

#### INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Anita Hung English\*  
Lindsay Hayes Matthews\*  
Katherine A McGregor  
Rachel Christine McLaws\*  
Jenessa Rose Van Buren

### English

*Phillip A. Snyder, Chair*

#### ENGLISH

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bryn Elizabeth Adams  
Kimberly Jean Asay\*  
Jordan Marie Baker  
Lindsey Elise Baldridge  
Shelisa Marcella Baldwin  
Madison Marie Bess  
Heidi Joy Billy  
Sharlin Nikele Bird  
Daniel Glen Braithwaite  
Amanda Breanne Jewkes  
Chapman  
Audra Rose Coleman  
Marissa Deane Compton\*  
Sarah Marie Decker\*  
Camilla Jane Dudley\*  
Brittney L Durfee  
Alexandra Grace Elieson\*  
Melinda Joyce Fox\*  
Melanie Liana Grieder\*  
Mark Thomas Hales  
Nicholas Grant Hardy  
Jordan Matthew Harmer  
Carolyn Marie Hellberg\*  
David Thomas Hilton  
Chelsea Renee Jamison\*  
Ariel Elizabeth Jensen  
Ammon Robert Jones\*  
Linea Lee Kemsley  
Mikaela Rose Kemsley  
Sophie Mirra Lefens\*  
Dane Eric Lystrup\*  
Janelle Arianne McCune\*  
Sarah Rebecca Anne Morris  
Courtne Reist Nielsen\*  
Chelsea Karina Nunez\*

Abigail Lauren Pace\*

Ariel Elizabeth Peterson  
Jenna Rachelle Peterson  
Shane Russell Peterson  
Jessica Shae Porter  
Leah Jean Robinson  
Rachel Elizabeth Ross  
Emily Hoggard Smith\*  
Jonathan Cameron Smith  
Jackson Thrash Tetmeyer  
Tesia Tsai  
Wesley James Turner  
Heidi Voss  
Alyssa White  
Nicole Whitworth\*  
Eliza Cathryn Woolley

#### ENGLISH TEACHING

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ashley Rowe Barrett  
Ann-Marie Boswell  
Didericksen\*  
Whitney Grace Hansen\*  
Dalen Reed Howard\*  
Mary Elizabeth Probst\*  
Lindsey Maureen Self\*  
Matthew Richard Smith\*  
Whitney Sommerville

### French and Italian

*Corry L. Cropper, Chair*

#### FRENCH STUDIES

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lauren Elizabeth Bezzant  
Daniel Edward Cutler  
Abraham Stone McKay\*

### Germanic and Slavic Languages

*Michelle S. James, Chair*

#### GERMAN

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Philip Monson Thomas

#### RUSSIAN

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Clarissa Michelle Larsen\*  
Daniel A Manor  
Halden D. Nielsen\*  
Julia Catherine Pace

## **Linguistics and English Language**

*Diane Strong-Krause, Chair*

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### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Jasmine Dawn Carignan  
James Marshall Costello  
Emily Kay Furner  
Madeline Greenhalgh\*  
Rebecca Hamson  
Joanna Alice Franciska  
Wagner  
Allen Russell Warner

### **LINGUISTICS**

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BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Holly Astle\*  
Braden Derrick Bolton  
Jeffrey Brian Hunsaker  
William Abbott Lane\*  
Zachary Scott Martin\*  
Elizabeth Kaye Nielsen\*  
Audrey Ann Paxton  
Hilary Price  
Jeffrey Del Robins\*  
Rachel Angeli Rubio  
Jared Benjamin Sell  
Krystal Lynn Zander

## **Philosophy**

*Travis T. Anderson, Chair*

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### **PHILOSOPHY**

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BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Zachariah Edward Holub\*  
Alex Carter Theobald  
Michael Wiederhold

## **Spanish and Portuguese**

*David P. Laraway, Chair*

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### **PORTUGUESE**

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BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Matthew Wilson Hall\*  
Elliot Michael Harrison  
David Evan Jarvis  
Taylor Blain Larsen  
Andrew Joseph Tyler\*

### **SPANISH**

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BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Brian McNeil Ballard\*  
Haleigh Elizabeth Cole\*  
Elizabeth Anneli Farnsworth  
Rose Elizabeth Hage\*  
Nathaniel Scott Hansen\*  
David Bradley Jackson  
Jason S. Lund  
Jason T Manookin  
Clinton Luke Morris\*  
Austin Richard Mulleneaux\*  
Martin Vincent Starta Jr.  
Ronald Ethan Unklesbay\*  
Ryan James Wilkes\*

## **SPANISH TEACHING**

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BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Jeannette Alicia Fuhriman\*  
Heather Larsen\*  
Eliza Abish Beltrán López  
Florencia Westenskow\*

### **SPANISH TRANSLATION**

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BACHELOR OF ARTS  
Brennen Scott Clement\*  
Matthew Spencer Phillips\*

## **Independent Study**

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### **GENERAL STUDIES**

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BACHELOR OF  
GENERAL STUDIES  
Lilly S. Bond  
Valen Kamaokalani Auna  
Cox  
Kathleen M Davidson  
Rachel Elizabeth Hansen  
Ann Walker Hiatt\*  
Karen Hinton Lyons  
Malia Kalama Siufanua\*  
Eldon Claire Taylor

\*June 2015 Graduate

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## Convocation Participants

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**Marissa Deane Compton** was born in Hawaii to Chad and Cynthia Compton and is graduating with a major in English and a minor in editing. During her four years at college, Marissa worked as an assistant in the English and American studies departments and as a teaching and research assistant. In addition to part-time jobs, Marissa took advantage of extra-curricular activities by editing for several publications, including *Leading Edge*, *Criterion*, and *Mormon Insights*; participating in the American studies and English student councils; and presenting at the BYU English Symposium. She recently returned from London, where she completed a study abroad program and internship. This fall she will begin studying postcolonial literature in the BYU English master's program.

**Kempton John Cox** is an Idahoan. He is one of five children born to John and Donna Cox. He served a mission in Argentina at the same time that his future wife was serving hers in Chile; they met afterward in Idaho, were married in 2010, and now have a son, Isom, and daughter, Addison. His parents and wife have sacrificed to get him here. Kempton received his bachelor's degree in Spanish from BYU and is receiving his master's degree in Hispanic literature, also from BYU. This fall he will begin pursuing his law degree—also from BYU. That is how much he loves BYU. He likes prose when it's short, poetry when it's metered, and opera when it's tragic.

**Emily Maude Snow Davis**, a native of Provo, is graduating with a bachelor's degree in art history and curatorial studies. Her academic focus is the arts and crafts movement—specifically the relationship between William Morris's textile designs and his Icelandic travels, the topic of her senior thesis paper and presentation. This past spring Emily received a grant to visit Iceland and expand her thesis project. Her photography and research will be presented in an educational exhibition in the Harold B. Lee Library later this year. Emily was also selected to attend a summer study course in June at Sotheby's Art Institute in New York City, where she studied the art of New York through the lenses of museums, architecture, and various field experts. In 2012 Emily participated in an art history study abroad program in northern Europe, visiting six countries, 21 cities, 38 museums, and 10 cathedrals in six weeks. She also worked on campus as a graphic designer and art history teaching assistant and completed an internship at the Museum of Art.

**L. Fernando Vazquez** holds a bachelor's degree in Italian and is graduating with a master's in Hispanic linguistics. Fernando was born in Mexico City to Fernando and Edith Vazquez. He served a mission in Sonora, Mexico, from 2005 to 2007. Seven years ago Fernando moved to Provo to start his studies at BYU, where he met the love of his life, a beautiful Italian named Letizia; together they have a four-year-old girl named Aria. Fernando has had the opportunity to teach several introductory and intermediate courses in Italian and Spanish at BYU for the past five years, and for the past year he has been working for the Drug Enforcement Administration as a language analyst. In September of this year he will move to England with his family to pursue a doctorate in linguistics and comparative philology at the University of Oxford.

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## Graduation Speaker

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**Cecilia M. Peek** is an associate professor of classics and ancient history in the Department of Comparative Arts and Letters. Her research interests include Hellenistic history, with particular emphasis on Ptolemaic Egypt (especially Cleopatra VII), Roman imperial history, and classical historiography. Professor Peek teaches courses in Latin and Greek prose literature, Greek and Roman history, classical literature (in translation), and classical civilization. She earned a bachelor's degree in classics with a minor in German from BYU and a master's and doctorate in ancient history and Mediterranean archaeology from the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Peek and her husband, Ken, have four children. She enjoys books, chocolate, walks, chocolate, travel, and chocolate.

