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Friday
May 14, 2021
9:00 A.M.
UB Stadium
North Campus

Suzanne N. Rosenblith
Dean and Professor

Associate Deans
Janina Brutt-Griffler
Claire E. Cameron
Catherine Cook-Cottone
Raechele L. Pope

Assistant Deans
Elisabeth Etopio
Ryan Taughrin
Amanda Winkelsas
Amber M. Winters



Baird Point is an outdoor, Greek-style amphitheater located on the southern shore of Lake LaSalle. It was a gift to the University from the Baird Foundation and the Cameron Baird Foundation. The marble columns on the concrete platforms were once part of the old Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Buffalo. Following their relocation to the lake, the columns were dedicated as a memorial to servicemen and servicewomen.

Program

Pomp and Circumstance

by Sir Edward Elgar

Herald

Daniel E. Albertson

Reader

Julie Gorlewski

Marshals

Samuel Abramovich
Amanda Nickerson
Amy Reynolds
Corrie Stone-Johnson

Opening Declaration

Robert S. Miletich
*Mace Bearer, Chair of the Faculty Senate
and Professor of Nuclear Medicine and
Neurology*

National Anthem

Anna Fernandez, BFA '21

Greetings from the President

Satish K. Tripathi
*President
University at Buffalo*

Greetings from the Dean

Suzanne N. Rosenblith

Presentation of GSE Dean's Service Award

Dean Rosenblith

Presentation of GSE Distinguished Alumni Award

Dean Rosenblith

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Raven Baxter
*Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of
Learning, PhD*

Delbert Mullens "Thinking Outside the Box" Award

Christiana Kfoury
*Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of
Learning, PhD*

Edwin D. Duryea Jr. Higher Education Memorial Award

Heather Hagenbuch
Higher Education, PhD

Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

Alumni Welcome

John McKenna
President
*Graduate School of Education Alumni
Association*

UB Alma Mater

Anna Fernandez, BFA '21

Closing Declaration

Professor Miletich

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance
by Sir Edward Elgar

SUNY Trustee and UB Officials

Eunice Ashman Lewin

Member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees



President and co-founder of Impacto Consulting Associates, Eunice Ashman Lewin joined the SUNY Board of Trustees in February 2010. She helped reinstate the Student Life Committee, on which she is co-chair. In that capacity,

she spearheaded the creation of the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. Earlier this year, she was named to the Western New York Health Equity Task Force to coordinate vaccine distribution for the region's counties.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, Lewin is a champion for STEM education.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, then-Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with customers in the United

States, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and fine dining.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

Satish K. Tripathi

University President



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004-2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California-Riverside from 1997-2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. A fellow of the IEEE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he holds honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

A leader in the national higher education community, Tripathi serves as chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and on the boards of the NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors and College Football Playoff Board of Managers. A member of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Reimagine NY Commission, he has served on the boards of the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. In 2011, Gov. Cuomo appointed Tripathi inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council, a position he held until 2017.

A. Scott Weber

*Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs*



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, responsible for leading the development and implementation of the

university's academic vision. Weber provides leadership across the academic enterprise including research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, where he helped establish UB's transportation engineering program and oversaw the department's significant rise in national rankings among U.S civil engineering programs. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber's research focuses on biodegradation of chemicals in water and soil and the reclamation of environmentally impacted brownfield sites. He earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Suzanne N. Rosenblith

*Dean and Professor
Graduate School of Education*



Suzanne N. Rosenblith, PhD, was appointed the ninth dean of the Graduate School of Education in July 2017.

Since her arrival at UB, Rosenblith has focused on establishing strong collaborative relationships

with area school districts. Rosenblith's vision for a research-intensive school of education includes utilizing faculty research to improve opportunities for individuals and communities. This emphasis on research-practice partnerships has led to \$4 million in grants to support a Teacher Residency program in partnership with Buffalo Public Schools.

Rosenblith is a member of the board of directors for the National Federation of Just Communities, and Buffalo Prep. Rosenblith is also a prolific scholar widely known for her research on the relationship between religion and public schooling. Her work is grounded at the intersections of educational policy, philosophy of education and educational identity, where she seeks to examine the relationship between religion and education in democratic, pluralist schools.

Dean's Service Award



Nekia Kemp

*Executive Director for the
Police Athletic League of Buffalo*

Nekia Kemp, executive director of the Police Athletic League of Buffalo, has had a 25-year career leading nonprofits with a focus on mentoring and innovating. This included pandemic-era success in Buffalo neighborhoods this past year when she oversaw programming that reached 4,000 young people with safe, socially-distant activities. She wants to ensure that young people have opportunities to expand their growth and learning to figure out what they want to be in life.

Kemp, a Buffalo native, started her academic journey in the local public school system. A graduate of Kensington High School, now Frederick Law Olmstead High School at Kensington, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in health and human services from UB and a master's degree in executive leadership from Daemen College. She also completed the certificate program in nonprofit management from the Harvard Business School Club of Buffalo.

Her volunteer work includes board memberships that range from GSE's new Youth Alliance in Education to the After-School Network of Western New York, the New York State Network for Youth Success, the Johnnie B. Wiley Amateur Athletic Sports Pavilion and Project Play Western New York.

She has also been recognized for her community contributions by Daemen College, which gave her its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019. In 2017, she won the Black Achievers' Mayor's Youth Award and in 2015 Buffalo Business First put her on its "40 Under 40" list.

Kemp, now raising two daughters, has held leadership positions at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo and Concerned Ecumenical Ministry. She continues to focus her career on mentorship for young people because of her own experience growing up as the daughter of a single mother with support from adults in her community.

Distinguished Alumni Award



Dr. Catherine Fisher Collins

*Regent
New York State Board of Regents*

Catherine Fisher Collins, EdM '79, EdD '90, represents the counties of the 8th Judicial District on the New York State Board of Regents. Appointed in 2015 and reappointed in 2020, she is the first female and the first Black person to serve this district on the board, which oversees the state university system.

She has focused her personal and professional life on health and education, with an emphasis on underserved young people and women. She has advocated for greater public understanding of related issues as host of the Women's Health radio show on WWWS-AM and FM since 2011. Professionally, she has been a nursing professor and vice president of the Buffalo School Board. She is author and editor of more than a dozen books, including her latest *"Black Girls and Adolescents: Facing the Challenges."*

At Erie Community College, she was assistant academic dean for Allied Health Education Programs and chair of the Registered Nursing Program.

She was executive director of the Offices for University Preparatory Programs at UB, where she also did her graduate work, completing the School of Nursing's Nurse Practitioner program.

At GSE, she earned a master's degree in health education and a doctorate in education administration. She presented her research about Black women in prison at the International Round Table Symposium in Oxford, England and at the University of South Africa's Law School.

Her honors include the City & State media organization's 2021 Above & Beyond Award, given to 40 women for their notable contributions to society. State governors have recognized Collins' work -- from the Attica Prison Health Initiative in New York to commendations for public service in Connecticut, Kentucky and New Jersey. In 2015, she received the Arthur O. Eve award from the state Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators for her contributions to public schools and higher education.

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence



Raven Baxter

*Curriculum, Instruction and
the Science of Learning, PhD*

Raven Baxter graduates with a doctorate in Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning from UB's Graduate School of Education. Baxter is both a science communicator and educator with an academic and professional background in molecular biology. She is a recipient of UB's prestigious Arthur A. Schomburg Fellowship. Baxter founded STEMbassy, a science advocacy organization and web series and Smarty Pants Clothing line featuring STEM-themed apparel and accessories with a portion of the proceeds going to college scholarships. She gave the opening keynote at SciComm 2020, a conference dedicated to effective communication of science to diverse audiences. She was also published in Mother Jones magazine and included in Fortune magazine's "40 Under 40" list of emerging leaders in 2020.

Baxter earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biology at Buffalo State College. While pursuing her master's, she worked as a substitute teacher in Buffalo Public Schools. She went on to work in drug discovery for AMRI. She has also been an assistant professor of biology at Erie Community College.

In 2017, Baxter began publishing science education videos under the moniker "Raven the Science Maven." Her popularity expanded after releasing "Big Ole Geeks," a parody of Megan Thee Stallion's hit "Big Ole Freak." Her next song, "H.B.I.C. (Head Boss in Charge)," was released for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2020.

"Wipe It Down," Baxter's music video parody of Lil Boosie's "Wipe Me Down," highlighted information, science and safety tips related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It received nearly 27,000 views in its first three months. Baxter has reached more than 4 million viewers with over 200,000 followers world-wide sharing best practices in science and education. She has been instrumental in educating the community about the facts related to COVID-19 and what needs to be done to keep safe.



Candidates for Degrees

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 7, 2021, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2020, February 2021 and June 2021).

Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Suzanne N. Rosenblith
Dean

Master of Education

August

Mikhaila Ackerbauer
Literacy Education

Rachel Adel
Literacy Specialist

Glenda Alvarez
Literacy Education

Kristen Leigh Anderson
Literacy Education

Clinford Anglade II
School Counseling

Samantha Capobianco
School Counseling

Amanda Casco
Education Studies

Joelle Elizabeth Crean
Literacy Specialist

Laura Donnelly
Educational Administration

Melanie Eldred
Literacy Specialist

Sydney Favors
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Jack Thomas Frisicaro
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Stephen George
School Counseling

Margaret Grady
Education and Technology

Jaleah Greene
School Counseling

Meghy Gulino
School Counseling

Aryeh Hoffman
Science and the Public

Bingzheng Ji
Education Studies

Jessica Jones
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Ashley LaRotonda
Literacy Specialist

Mary Carmen Lopez
*English for Speakers
of Other Languages*

Patrick Maher
Science and the Public

Steven Mason
School Counseling

Cristina Mata
*Spanish Education –
Adolescence*

Kathleen Louise McCabe
Literacy Specialist

Emily Beth McClemon
Literacy Specialist

Erin McFarland
School Counseling

Steven McIlwain, Jr.
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Miriam Monfiston
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Kelsey Jae Nelson
Science and the Public

Heather Melissa Newton
Educational Administration

Caitlin Orgek
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Daniel Patrick Palumbo
Educational Administration

Melanie Ressa
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Sara Rodriguez Martinez
Science and the Public

Rachel Lynn Ross
Educational Administration

Leonardo Sabatino
Music Education

Joanna Saintil
School Counseling

Angelique Crystal Santiago
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Tara Nicole Strade
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Emily Sussman
Education Studies

Michelle Lynn Tomei
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Colt Tooley
Education and Technology

Jenine Tulledge Wolff
Education Studies

Brianna Tuma-Marcella
Science and the Public

Hailey Wageman
*Spanish Education –
Adolescence*

Emily Waldron
School Counseling

Emma Warner
Literacy Education

John Lawrence Wasielewski
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Harrison Watkins
*Biology Education –
Adolescence*

Shareese Worrell
School Counseling

February

Noelle Abdallah
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Katherine Perry Adams
Music Education

Michael Alessi
Music Education

Fatama Attie
Education Studies

Regina Baker
Mathematics Education

Cassandra Nicole Buckhout
Music Education

Kelsey Leigh Butkiewicz
Education Studies

Matthew Cato
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Christian Joseph Cognetto
*Biology Education –
Adolescence*

Roni Ann Ehlert
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Saina Gao
Education Studies

Joseph Stanford Gibson
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Michael Giordano
Higher Education Administration

Louise Maria Gormanly
Science and the Public

Sonia Grant
Higher Education Administration

David Internicola
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Josef Edward Kovalovsky
Music Education

Adam Latty
Science and the Public

Jacob Krieger Leverett
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Stephen Matos
Education Studies

Alec Miller
Music Education

Amy Miu
*Latin Education –
Adolescence*

Dylan Murphy
Music Education

Istanto Aldy Nugroho
Educational Administration

Christina Catherine Olechnowski
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Natasha Primayanti Pharmasetiawan
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

James Vincent Punzone
Literacy Education

Jessica Marie Scates
Education Studies

Fawn Schmidt
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Candidates for Degrees

Victoria Rose Tomasulo
Music Education

June

Mustafa Ali Abdo
Education and Technology

Mackenzie April
Student Affairs Administration

Daniel Joseph Arnold
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Brian Bartosik
Literacy Education

Jared Belcher
Student Affairs Administration

John Biringner
Student Affairs Administration

Casey Lynn Bishop
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Katharine Anne Braeuner
Educational Administration

Christina Briggs
Education and Technology

Dae'Quan Brown
Higher Education Administration

Elizabeth Marie Canella
Educational Administration

Ashley Catherine Cannon-Zelasko
Higher Education Administration

Erin Tessey Caughel
*Earth Science Education –
Adolescence*

Alexandra Celeste
Educational Administration

Madeline Chiarella
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Ariana Cocucci
Literacy Education

Linda Melissa Cruz Velasquez
*Childhood Education
with Bilingual Extension*

Liam Cullen
Music Education

Ryan Cummings
Literacy Education

Elizabeth DiCanio
Educational Administration

Nicholas DiGesare
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Matthew Dobbs
Literacy Education

Ashley Danielle Elliott
Educational Administration

David John Patrick Elmer
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Nofar Elmer
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Patrick Enser
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Caroline Farrell
Educational Administration

Natasha Fatta
Educational Administration

Margaret Ruth Foley
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Julie Marie Fumanti
Educational Administration

Lisa Gagnon
*English for Speakers
of Other Languages*

Frank Joseph Garcia
Childhood Education

Sharon Garofanello
Educational Administration

Cassidy Louise Goodemote
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Pantea Goshtasb
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Erin Maeve Graham
Literacy Education

Danielle Marie Gray
Educational Administration

John Robert Gunerman
Education Studies

Michael Francisco Gutierrez
Music Education

Randall Gyergyek
Literacy Specialist

Amelia Hallac
Literacy Education

Matthew Henninger
Education Studies

Rachael Herbst
Higher Education Administration

Steven Thomas Hernacki
English Education

Lauren Kathryn Hooven
Student Affairs Administration

Sarah Elizabeth Hooven
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Sumaiya Hoque
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Jaklin Idris
Education and Technology

Nicholas Charles John
Education Studies

Jennifer Johnson
Music Education

Jonathan Isaac Kalman
*English for Speakers
of Other Languages*

Erica Kenna
Music Education

Boston Kistka
Higher Education Administration

Cassidy Klaybor
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Amanda Marie Klimek
Education Studies

Katerina Maria Koutsandreas
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Melissa Kudel
Educational Administration

Victoria Kwitowski
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Kayla Michelle Laurey
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Li Ting Lin
Education Studies

Tommy Hassler Linares
Student Affairs Administration

Lindsay Marrero
Literacy Education

Heather Mataraza
Education Studies

Matthew Jack Meyer
Higher Education Administration

Paige Christine Miller
Student Affairs Administration

Nathan James Milroy
Higher Education Administration

Andrea Nicole ModicaAmore
*English for Speakers
of Other Languages*

Leanna Patricia Mohr
Education and Technology

Erica Grace Mucci
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Jennifer Lynn Nesbitt
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Grace Nina Odum
Higher Education Administration

Michael James O’Gara
Education and Technology

Nathaniel Michael Orlowski
*Biology Education –
Adolescence*

Elizabeth Palmer
*Chemistry Education –
Adolescence*

Quinn Pastor
*Childhood Education –
Reading and Literacy*

Courtney Paulus
Childhood Education

LeeAnn Penz
Higher Education Administration

Madeline Elizabeth Peters
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Michael Peters
Education Studies

Matthew Plant
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Lilia Elise Poppendeck
*Earth Science Education –
Adolescence*

Emily Popple
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Bailey Radel
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Haley Radominski
*Biology Education –
Adolescence*

Tyler Edward Richards
Higher Education Administration

Daniel Peter Riseman
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Russell Rittenhouse
Education and Technology

Brittney Rowe
Literacy Education

Candidates for Degrees

Christina Ruggeri
Educational Administration

Madilynn DeLane Rutherford
Education Studies

Timothy Patrick Ryan
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Jillian Santoro
Educational Administration

Rana Sayici
Music Education

Heather Linn Scharping
Educational Administration

Greg Schultz
Educational Administration

Katherine Colleen Schuster
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Christopher Serra
*Chemistry Education –
Adolescence*

Yanna Aleksandra Shimanskaya
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Denver Smith
School Counseling

Christopher Maurice Spence
Educational Administration

Samantha Emily Stanford
Education Studies

Linda Elizabeth Stricker
Education Studies

Joshua Michael Strzelec
Educational Administration

Samantha Summers
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Eileen Sun
Education Studies

Katherine Margaret Teal
Student Affairs Administration

Kyle Joseph Thaine
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Rosanna Thomas
Educational Administration

Angela Erin Tuchols
Educational Administration

Anthony Vaccaro
Educational Administration

Gillion Cook Vaughn
Science and the Public

Erich Wheeler
Educational Administration

Maureen Williams
Educational Administration

Sophia Wilson
Student Affairs Administration

Amanda Ye
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Jacqueline Anne Zeder
*Biology Education –
Adolescence*

Qiurong Zhang
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Master of Arts

August

Leah Irene Janikowski
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

February

Mohammad Hassan
*Economics and Education
Policy Analysis*

Yidi Jiang
*Economics and Education
Policy Analysis*

June

Michelle Corieri
School Psychology

Andrew John Farinelli
School Psychology

Nicole Rae Fink
School Psychology

Jacqlynn Anne Halstead
School Psychology

Abby Morgan Lindberg
School Psychology

Edgar Moctezuma Leyva
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

Marilyn Monroy
School Psychology

Sarah Victoria Parish
School Psychology

Chantal Tan
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

Kristin Alexis Tymchak
School Psychology

Megan Elizabeth Ziolkowski
School Psychology

Master of Science

August

Molly Amedio Griffin
School Librarianship

Nathalie Clara Kelly
Rehabilitation Counseling

Vicky Kotula
Information and Library Science

Matthew Connor O'Neill
Information and Library Science

Jennifer Staley
Rehabilitation Counseling

William Veyvoda
School Librarianship

February

Jessica Lynn Aswad
School Librarianship

Katherine Baum
School Librarianship

Samantha Louise Bortle
Information and Library Science

Michael Joseph Bouklas
Information and Library Science

Angelina Viveralli Brodie
School Librarianship

Laura Elizabeth Cernik
Information and Library Science

Caroline Cunningham
Information and Library Science

Kathy Ann Degenfelder
School Librarianship

David Stephen Gerstle
Information and Library Science

Katherine Gonzales
Information and Library Science

Sandra Donnelly Grimm
School Librarianship

Kathleen Patricia Harvey
School Librarianship

Kyle Alexander Herr
Rehabilitation Counseling

Matthew Horan
Rehabilitation Counseling

James Klopp
Information and Library Science

Caitlin Larry
Information and Library Science

Raymond William LeMay III
Information and Library Science

Taylor Marissa Lipiarz
Mental Health Counseling

Samuel Ralph Anderson Lovejoy
School Librarianship

Sharon Luck
School Librarianship

Brittany Maxwell
Rehabilitation Counseling

Ernesto Luis Mercado Irizarry
Mental Health Counseling

Sarah Louise Miller
Rehabilitation Counseling

Amatul Momin
Information and Library Science

Kimberly Nobles
School Librarianship

Mara Rose O'Shei
School Librarianship

Linda-Veronica Pecora
School Librarianship

Tommy Poehnelt
Information and Library Science

Deanna Kathryn Roberts
Information and Library Science

Sarah Elizabeth Ross
Information and Library Science

Chelsie Marie Russo
Information and Library Science

Lizette Russo
School Librarianship

Amy Diane Schaeffer
Information and Library Science

Kimberly Anne Schropp
School Librarianship

Scott Sibilla
School Librarianship

Tina Chay Soliday
Information and Library Science

Brittany Stang
School Librarianship

Amanda Katharine Stewart
School Librarianship

Candidates for Degrees

Erik Steyn
School Librarianship

Samuel Titus
Information and Library Science

Joshua Tremblay
School Librarianship

Megan Anne Valletta
School Librarianship

Keri Wesley
School Librarianship

Emily Julietta Wolf
School Librarianship

Joseph John Zelazny
School Librarianship

Joanna Knecht Ziarnik
Information and Library Science

Jason Sloan Zimmer
Rehabilitation Counseling

June

Samuel Adam
Information and Library Science

Avishai Shalom Afek
Mental Health Counseling

Nicole Albright
Information and Library Science

Matthew Roland Angell
School Librarianship

Bridget Ann Baker
Information and Library Science

Audra Beaujon
Information and Library Science

Brianne Bello
School Librarianship

Dania Bianchi
School Librarianship

Zuzu Boomer-Knapp
Information and Library Science

Cornelius Bradt
School Librarianship

Marilyn Bryant
Information and Library Science

Meredith Ann Burt
School Librarianship

Bridget Butler
Rehabilitation Counseling

Samantha Ann Campanelli
Mental Health Counseling

Allison Chatley
Mental Health Counseling

Laurie Cleveland-Lancto
School Librarianship

John David Cole
Information and Library Science

Luke Conley
Information and Library Science

Blake Curran
Mental Health Counseling

Celia Dehais
Information and Library Science

Marie Drake
School Librarianship

Annamarie Evans
Information and Library Science

Hannah Mairead Floss
Mental Health Counseling

Sioban Gilligan
Information and Library Science

Jing Feng Gooi
Mental Health Counseling

Annemarie Gordon
Information and Library Science

Alison Veronica Harding
Information and Library Science

Dorinda Sue Hardy
School Librarianship

Natalie Hilts
Mental Health Counseling

Elizabeth Huang
Rehabilitation Counseling

Cassandra Johnson
Information and Library Science

Christine Joslyn
School Librarianship

Bijan Roberto Kashani
Mental Health Counseling

Daniel Charles Kenneweg
Mental Health Counseling

Mariya Kleyfeld
Rehabilitation Counseling

Heather Jane Leahey
School Librarianship

Kirsten Marie Learnard
School Librarianship

Hayley Ann Loschiavo
Rehabilitation Counseling

Candyce Mims
Rehabilitation Counseling

Lauren Jenel Moelbert
School Librarianship

Sumyung Moon
Information and Library Science

Lindsey Moses
Information and Library Science

Kindra Mosher
School Librarianship

Tammi Murtha
School Librarianship

David Neth
School Librarianship

Joseph Burton Noody
Mental Health Counseling

Maureen Palleschi
Information and Library Science

Aimee Leigh Parry
School Librarianship

Nina Rabkina
Information and Library Science

Anthony Joseph Reda
Information and Library Science

Charlin Riccio
School Librarianship

Elizabeth Lavine Russell
School Librarianship

Megan Schmieder
School Librarianship

Elizabeth Ann Smith
School Librarianship

Rebecca Ellis Snyder
Information and Library Science

Owen Stewart-Robertson
Information and Library Science

Megan Sullivan
Information and Library Science

Charice Thompson
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Mental Health Counseling

Doctor of Education

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Educational Administration
Curriculum Reform: The Role of
Collaboration as it Relates to Professional
Development
Committee Chair: Dr. Corrie Stone-Johnson

Doctor of Philosophy

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Counseling/School Psychology
Take Care: Experiences with Self-Care
Among Black American Women Working
for Social Change
Committee Chair: Dr. Catherine Cook-Cottone

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Educational Culture, Policy
and Society
The Experiences of Black and Latinx
Graduate Students in STEM: A Critical
Race Perspective
Committee Chair: Dr. Lois Weis

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Curriculum, Instruction and
the Science of Learning
A Study of Grit and Self-regulation in
Students, Instructor Effectiveness, and
Purposeful Course Design of Asynchronous
Online Statistic Courses in Higher Education
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Counseling/School Psychology
Effect of Child Abuse Prevention and School
Climate on Teachers' Reporting
Competencies
Committee Chair: Dr. Amanda Nickerson

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Counseling/School Psychology
Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of
Perceived Beneficial Effects and Potential
Mechanisms of Action of an Online RCT of
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction for
Metastatic Breast Cancer Patients
Committee Chair: Dr. Amy Reynolds

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Foreign and Second Language
Education
Contextual Understanding of Literacy
Skills of Language-Minoritized Bilinguals:
A Cross-Country Comparative Study
Committee Chair: Dr. Janina Brutt-Griffler

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Educational Culture, Policy
and Society
Class Struggle within the Middle-Class:
Academic Competition for Selective College
Admissions among Korean 'Early Study
Abroad' Students in the Globalized Arena
Committee Chair: Dr. Lois Weis

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Counseling/School Psychology
'You Got Five Minutes to be Upset, Then You Gotta Be a Gangsta': A Qualitative Understanding of the Strong Black Woman Phenomenon Through the Lens of African American Acculturation
Committee Chair: Dr. Amy Reynolds

Zehra Kaya
Counseling/School Psychology
Exploring Relations among Perceived Religious Discrimination, Acculturation, Religious Commitment and Collective Self-Esteem in Muslim Americans in the Trump Era
Committee Chair: Dr. Amy Reynolds

Brian Thomas Kline
Counseling/School Psychology
STEM Interest Assessment Validity Among Adolescents in High-Needs Districts
Committee Chair: Dr. Sandro Sodano

Valentyna Mykula
Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Dialogue Within the Context of a Read-Aloud Event: Literacy and Oracy Practices in one Pre-K Community
Committee Chair: Dr. Tiffany Karalis Noel

Amanda Moura Ramia
Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
"It gives me courage to do the same": Exploring the Narrated and Lived Experiences of Refugee Students
Committee Chair: Dr. David Bruce

February

Reem Alsufayan
Foreign and Second Language Education
The Functionality of Code-Switching to Arabic in English as Foreign Language Classrooms at a Saudi Public University
Committee Chair: Dr. Janina Brutt-Griffler

Majed Ibrahim Altamimi
Educational Administration
School Climate Aspects and Student Absence: Understanding the Roles of Transformational Leadership
Committee Chair: Dr. Megan Holland

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Higher Education
Examining Demographic and Environmental Factors that Predict Undergraduate Student Participation in Internships
Committee Chair: Dr. Raechele Pope

Christiana Kathryn Kfoury
Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Sociocultural Home and School Literacy Practices of Syrian Refugee Families Revealed Across Domains, Space and Time
Committee Chair: Dr. Mary McVee

Mingyu Lu
Educational Psychology and Quantitative Methods
The Structural Relationships Among Family-School Partnerships, Parental Involvement, Students' Self-Efficacy, and Students' Math Achievement
Committee Chair: Dr. Sunha Kim

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Examining Student and Faculty Perception of Collaborative Learning in Online Accounting Courses
Committee Chair: Dr. Yunjeong Chang

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Learning at the Boundaries: Considering OER as a Boundary Object in Higher Education
Committee Chair: Dr. Samuel Abramovich

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Educational Culture, Policy and Society
From Two Vantage Points: The Influence of Interpreters' Roles on Deaf Students' Positioning in Mainstream Classrooms
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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Dissonance Between Translingual Practices and Monolingual Ideologies: A Critical Ethnographic Case Study of a Heritage Language Program
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Elementary Education
An Investigation of Consistencies of Music Appreciation Courses at SUNY Community Colleges
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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Investment and Identity: A Qualitative Exploration of Chinese College Students' Perceptions of Learning English Language in Contemporary China
Committee Chair: Dr. Mary McVee

June

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Are Time and Order Factors in Choice and Effectiveness? An Evaluation of Multiple Strategies via Factorization of Quadratic Trinomials

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Culturally Responsive Science Communication: The Messengers, Messages, and Voices in Communicating Science through Hip-Hop

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Examining the Effectiveness of Experiential Learning: In a Self-directed TV Broadcast Journalism Environment

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Social Practices of Mobile Technology in Two Families with Young Children: A Comparative Case Study

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Demographic Disproportionality of High School Graduation: What's Service - Learning got to do with it?

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Elementary Education
From Classroom Management to Cultural Responsiveness: Transforming Teacher Perception and Practice to Reduce the Prevalence of Exclusionary Discipline

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Educational Culture, Policy and Society
Hispanic Bachelor's Degree Attainment at Differently Ranked Colleges: The Impact of Segregation on the K-16 Pathway

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Higher Education
Celebrating the First: Improving Outcomes for First-generation College Students

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
John Henryism: Exploration of Physiological Examination of College STEM, Cumulative Trauma, Allostatic Load

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Writing Development as Lived Experience: A Phenomenological Perspective

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Interactional Dynamics and Their Impact on Collaboration: A Micro-analysis of Inclusion Teachers' Discursive Interactions

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Whiteness as a Measurement of Achievement: Redefining Success for Black Boys through Equitable and Culturally Competent K-12 Assessment Practices

Committee Chair: Dr. Noemi Waight

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Educational Administration
Understanding the Operation of Two Forms of Professional Development: School PD and Non-school PD

Committee Chair: Dr. Corrie Stone-Johnson

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Developing a Learning-oriented Formative Evaluation Approach for College Teaching Improvement

Committee Chair: Dr. Xiufeng Liu

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Exploring Definitions and Perceived Value of Experiential Learning at an American University in Asia

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Counselor Education
An Exploration of School Counselor's Actual and Preferred Role Responsibilities: Understanding the Profession through the Lens of Teachers

Committee Chair: Dr. Stephanie Fredrick

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Interprofessional Faculty Members' Knowledge of Occupational Therapy

Committee Chair: Dr. Claire Cameron

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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Negotiating Unfamiliar Genres: A Writing Center Study

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Candidates for Degrees

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*Educational Culture, Policy
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*Diversity Rhetoric Versus the Reality of
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*Curriculum, Instruction and
the Science of Learning*
*Multiliteracies, Multimodalities, and
Mic Drops: An Ethnopoetic Analysis of
Slam Poetry Performance*
Committee Chair: Dr. Mary McVee

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*Foreign and Second Language
Education*
*The Academic English Identity of
International Students in a University First-
Year ESL Academic Writing Curriculum*
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*Potential, Access, Equity: Musical
Interactions of Urban, Low-SES Families in a
Community of Learners*
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*Liberatory Science Education Opportunities
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*Art Making for Non-verbal Students with
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*Curriculum, Instruction and
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*An Investigation of the Onset of, Transition
to, and Longitudinal Constancy of Stabilized
Music Aptitude in Upper Elementary School
Students*
Committee Chair: Dr. Maria Runfola

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*Music by UB students in 1903.
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006
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Verse 1:

The pride of our spirit and tradition,
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.
Celebrate our history and wisdom,
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

Refrain:

To Buffalo all hail to thee,
Noble and strong, it's our university!
To blue and white pledge loyalty,
Singing, I will always remember thee!

Verse 2:

We'll ever keep our standards high,
And sing UB's praises to the sky.
Receiving the finest education,
Our knowledge we impart unto the nations.
(Repeat refrain)

Verse 3:

Our friends we've made with ties that bind,
A union of our spirit, heart and mind.
Together we'll continue life's journey,
O may dear Buffalo forever be.
(Repeat refrain)

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