

PROGRAM:

WELCOME

Satish K. Tripathi, *President, University at Buffalo*

Merryl H. Tisch, *Acting Chairman, SUNY Board of Trustees*

PRESENTATION OF SUNY HONORARY DEGREE

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, *Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States*

Acting Chairman Tisch

Kristina M. Johnson, *Chancellor, State University of New York*

President Tripathi

DISCUSSION

Justice Ginsburg

Aviva Abramovsky, *Dean, School of Law, University at Buffalo*

SUNY HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS—UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

1981

David Harker (Science)

1983

Alan E. Gottlieb (Laws)

1984

William C. Baird (Humane Letters)

Jacques Genest (Science)

Wilson Greatbatch (Science)

Seymour H. Knox Jr.

(Humane Letters)

1985

Erich Bloch (Science)

Pierre Dejours (Science)

Edwin F. Jaeckle (Laws)

1986

Willard A. Genrich (Humane Letters)

Gregory B. Jarvis* (Science)

Brian MacMahon (Science)

John B. Slaughter (Science)

1987

George Hatem (Science)

Robert E. Rich Sr. (Laws)

Amos Tversky (Science)

1988

Louis J. Gerstman (Science)

Claude Lenfant (Science)

1989

John M. Coetzee (Humane Letters)

Philip Glass (Music)

1990

Alonzo Church (Science)

Ira Michael Heyman

(Humane Letters)

Wynton Marsalis (Music)

1991

James P. Comer (Humane Letters)

John W. Gardner (Humane Letters)

Theodoor C. van Boven (Laws)

1992

Marisol Escobar (Fine Arts)

1994

Burt P. Flickinger Jr.

(Humane Letters)

Robert V. Pound (Science)

Milton Rogovin (Fine Arts)

1995

Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot

(Humane Letters)

Ishmael Scott Reed (Humane

Letters)

George Widmer Thorn (Science)

1996

Max B. E. Clarkson (Humane Letters)

Saxon Graham (Science)

Jeremy M. Jacobs (Humane Letters)

Florence S. Jacobson (Humane Letters)

Gaynor I. Jacobson (Humane Letters)

Northrup R. Knox (Humane Letters)

Seymour H. Knox III* (Humane Letters)

Helen M. Ranney (Science)

1997

William Christie (Music)

James Holland (Science)

Franklyn G. Knox (Science)

Thomas Tomasi (Science)

1998

James W. McLernon

(Humane Letters)

1999

Wolf Blitzer (Humane Letters)

Lucille Clifton (Humane Letters)

Clifton A. Poodry (Science)

2000

Thomas Buergenthal (Laws)

2001

Alison Des Forges (Humane Letters)

Jane Goodall (Science)

H. William Lichtenberger

(Humane Letters)

William H. Siemering (Humane Letters)

Hafim A. Tyabji (Humane Letters)

2002

Ellen Shulman Baker (Science)

Erma Hallett Jaeckle (Laws)

Tom Toles (Humane Letters)

2003

Joseph P. Allen (Science)

Arthur O. Eve (Laws)

Brad Grey (Humane Letters)

Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Ross

(Science)

2004

John Walsh (Humane Letters)

Robert G. Wilmers (Humane Letters)

2005

Jack Dangermond (Science)

Henry A. Panasci Jr.*

(Humane Letters)

2006

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

(Humane Letters)

Steven B. Sample (Science)

2007

Warren Bennis (Humane Letters)

Terry Gross (Humane Letters)

2008

Michael Batty (Humane Letters)

Maxine Hayes (Science)

Jean Malaurie (Humane Letters)

2009

J. Mason Davis Jr. (Laws)

Herbert A. Hauptman (Science)

Irene Zubaida Khan (Laws)

Alan M. Zweibel (Humane Letters)

2010

Mata Amritanandamayi Devi

(Humane Letters)

Barry Glick (Science)

Steve Reich (Music)

Robert Vince (Science)

2011

Ronald I. Dozoretz (Science)

Arthur E. Levine (Humane Letters)

2012

Paula Allen-Meares (Humane

Letters)

Ronald H. Coase (Humane Letters)

2013

Calyampudi R. Rao (Science)

Charles Wuorinen (Music)

2014

Ira Flatow (Humane Letters)

Jack N. Lightstone (Humane Letters)

Norman R. McCombs (Science)

2015

Christopher J. Scolese (Science)

David L. Shire (Music)

2016

Leslie G. Ford (Science)

Helene D. Gayle (Science)

2017

Marc A. Edwards (Science)

Seong-Kon Kim (Humane Letters)

Margaret Hempling McGlynn

(Science)

Bernard Rands (Music)

2018

Gordon L. Amidon (Science)

Robert Peter Gale (Science)

Abbe Raven (Humane Letters)

Margaret W. Wong (Laws)

2019

Julio M. Fuentes (Laws)

Rebecca J. McCormick-Boyle

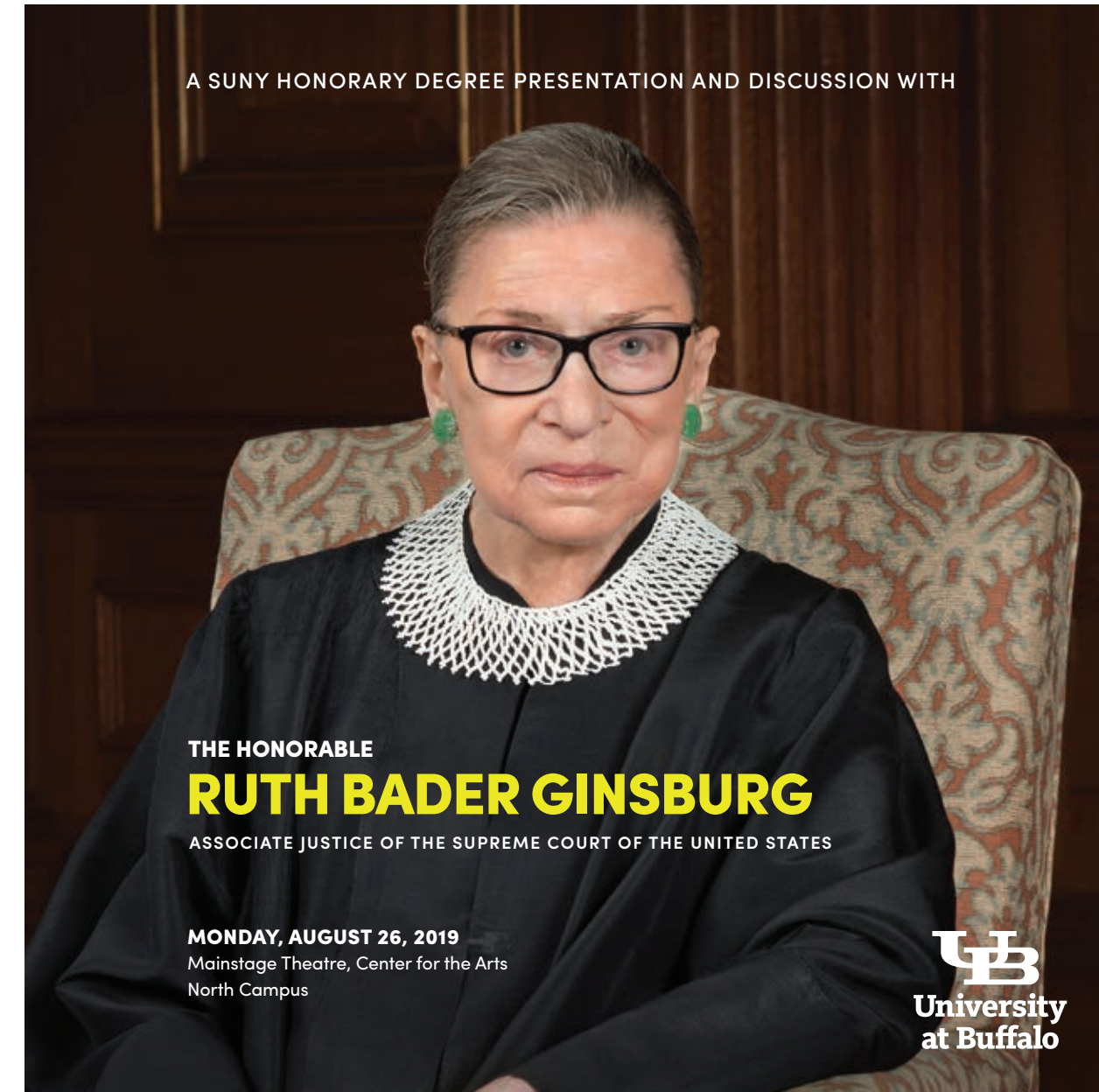
(Science)

Donald Pinkel (Science)

Ashutosh Sharma (Science)

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A SUNY HONORARY DEGREE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH



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RUTH BADER GINSBURG
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Mainstage Theatre, Center for the Arts
North Campus





RUTH BADER GINSBURG

*Associate Justice,
Supreme Court of the United States*

The second woman appointed to serve on the United States Supreme Court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has had a profound impact on society as a highly accomplished academic and scholar, a renowned jurist, and an influential advocate for gender equality and women's rights.

Born in Brooklyn in 1933, Justice Ginsburg attended Cornell University on a full scholarship. She attended

Harvard Law School—one of only nine women in a class of more than 500 students—and served as the first female member of the Harvard Law Review before transferring to Columbia Law School, where she graduated first in her class.

Following a District Court clerkship, she chose to follow a path in academia. As a professor of law at Rutgers University, she became actively involved in women's rights, co-founding both the ACLU Women's Rights Project and The Women's Rights Law Reporter, the first law journal in the country devoted to issues of gender equality. She later joined the faculty at Columbia University Law School, where she became its first tenured female professor and wrote the first textbook on sex discrimination law.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed Justice Ginsburg to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Thirteen years later, President Bill Clinton announced his nomination of Ginsburg as an Associate Justice to the U.S. Supreme Court. She took her seat on Aug. 10, 1993.

In recognition of her lifelong advocacy for gender equality and women's rights, and in deep appreciation for her moral courage in the pursuit of social justice, the University at Buffalo seeks to confer upon Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg a State University of New York Honorary Doctorate in Laws.



SATISH K. TRIPATHI

President, University at Buffalo

An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, was appointed the 15th president of the University at Buffalo in 2011.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004 to 2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside, from 1997 to 2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as a 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. He holds a doctorate and a master's degree in computer science from the University of Toronto, and two 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 two honorary doctorates.

An active 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, the College Football Board of Managers and Internet2. He has also served on the boards of directors for the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.



MERYLL H. TISCH

Acting Chairman, SUNY Board of Trustees

Meryll H. Tisch, EdD, was appointed a member of the State University of New York Board of Trustees on June 21, 2017; her term on the board expires June 30, 2020.

One of the nation's leading voices on education, she served as chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents from 2009 to 2016. At the helm of the state's governing body for education, Tisch was responsible for setting education policy and overseeing both public and private education throughout New York. She was a member of the Board of Regents for 20 years and vice chancellor from 2007 to 2009.

Tisch currently holds a number of philanthropic and civic positions, including serving on the board of the International Rescue Committee and as co-chairperson of the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, a leading social services agency. In 2008, she founded the Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Tisch earned a bachelor's from Barnard College, a master's in education from New York University and a doctorate of education from Teachers College, Columbia University.



KRISTINA M. JOHNSON

Chancellor, State University of New York

Kristina M. Johnson, PhD, joined the State University of New York as its 13th chancellor in September 2017. Immediately prior to joining SUNY, she was co-founder and CEO of Cube Hydro Partners LLC, a clean energy infrastructure company focused on building and operating hydropower plants in North America. She also previously served as undersecretary of energy at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Johnson served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Johns Hopkins University from 2007 to 2009, and as dean of the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University from 1999 to 2007. She received her bachelor's, master's and doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University. After a NATO postdoctoral fellowship at Ireland's Trinity College, she joined the University of Colorado Boulder's faculty in 1985 as an assistant professor and, later, full professor.

Among her many awards and distinctions, Johnson received the Dennis Gabor Prize for creativity and innovation in modern optics (1993) and the John Fritz Medal (2008), widely considered the highest award in engineering. She is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Inventors and the National Inventors Hall of Fame. She holds 118 U.S. and international patents and has five honorary degrees.



AVIVA ABRAMOVSKY

Dean, School of Law, University at Buffalo

Aviva Abramovsky is the law school's 19th permanent dean and the first woman to hold the position. An expert in insurance law, commercial law, regulation of financial entities, and legal ethics, she has written numerous articles and legal treatises, including McKinney's Uniform Commercial Code forms for New York.

Abramovsky is the editor of LSN Insurance Law, Legislation, & Policy, and she served as the editor and academic adviser for the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal. She contributed to the British Insurance Law Association's 2013 Book Prize winner, Research Handbook on International Insurance and Regulation. Her scholarship has been recognized as a "litigation essential" by LexisNexis.

Abramovsky served as an academic evaluator for the American Bar Association's federal judiciary committees for then-U.S. Supreme Court nominees Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor. She has served as chair and executive board member of the American Association of Law Schools' insurance law section and is chair of the New York State Bar Association's Task Force on Autonomous Vehicles and the Law. Prior to her UB appointment, Abramovsky was the Kaufman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation and an associate dean at Syracuse University College of Law.