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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
COMMENCEMENT

Friday

May 16, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Alumni Arena

North Campus

Suzanne N. Rosenblith
Dean and Professor

Senior Associate Dean

X. Christine Wang

Associate Deans

Sam Abramovich
Nathan Daun-Barnett

Assistant Deans

Charlie Baxter
Elisabeth Etopio
Wil R. Green
Ryan Taughrin
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

Processional

Selections from
Pomp and Circumstance
By Edward Elgar

Herald

Dan E. Albertson
Chair, Information Science

Opening Declaration

Amanda Nickerson
*SUNY Distinguished Professor
Department of Counseling, School and
Educational Psychology*

National Anthem

Julia Pitarresi
BFA, Music Theatre '25

Greetings

President Satish Tripathi

Remarks

Suzanne Rosenblith
Dean, Graduate School of Education

University at Buffalo President's Medal

X. Christine Wang
*Senior Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary
Research and Director of the Fisher-Price
Endowed Early Childhood Research Center*

Student Speaker

Courtney Copeland
*Counseling Psychology and
School Psychology PhD '25*

Excellence in Community Outreach and Engagement Award

Presented by: Suzanne Rosenblith

Excellence in Inclusion and Belonging Award

Presented by: Suzanne Rosenblith

Excellence in Research Award

Presented by: Suzanne Rosenblith

Conferring of Degrees

President Tripathi

Alumni Welcome

William Bohlen PhD'17
*President
Graduate School of Education
Alumni Association*

UB Alma Mater

Julia Pitarresi

Closing Declaration

Amanda Nickerson

Recessional

Triumphal March from Aida
by Giuseppe Verdi

Readers

William Barba
Nathan Daun-Barnett

Marshals

Blythe Anderson
Samuel Dodson
Simone Fried
Michele Shanahan
Paris Wicker

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 serves on the board's Executive Committee and co-chairs

the Student Life Committee. She also serves on 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.

In 2024, Lewin was named chair of the Buffalo Urban League Board of Directors, dedicating herself to its mission of ensuring African Americans and others in underserved communities achieve their highest true social parity, economic self-reliance, power and civil rights.

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

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

Jerry Jacobs Jr.

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy "Jerry" M. Jacobs Jr. is the chief executive officer of Delaware North, a role he shares with his brothers, Lou and Charlie. He also serves as an alternate governor to the Boston Bruins.

As CEO, Jacobs oversees the company and its operating subsidiaries, focusing on strategic growth, corporate governance and financial management. He joined Delaware North in 1986 and held progressive leadership roles before becoming CEO in 2015.

Jacobs is actively involved in numerous philanthropic, civic and business organizations in Buffalo and across the country. His current board positions include The Corps Network, Mimivax and the Jacobs Institute. He is also a member of the U.S. Travel Association's CEO Roundtable and the Partnership for New York City.

Jacobs was a founding board member of Say Yes Buffalo, and he has dedicated more than two decades of service to the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, including past chairmanships of the board of directors and the annual fundraising campaign. He is a past member of the Board of Regents at Georgetown University and past chair of the Nichols School's Board of Trustees. He also served three terms on the University at Buffalo Foundation board.

Jacobs holds an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and a BA from Georgetown University.

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 a professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven as department chair.

In 2024, Tripathi was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A fellow of IEEE and AAAS, he has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised more than 30 doctoral and postdoctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from the University of Alberta and BHU. He has received honorary doctorates from Maharaja Surajmal Brij University, the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University.

Tripathi co-chairs the Association of American Universities (AAU) Task Force on Expanding U.S.-India University Partnerships, serves on the College Football Playoff Board of Managers and the boards of University Innovation Alliance and Internet2. Previously, he chaired the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and Internet2 and served on the boards of the AAU, NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

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, providing leadership across the academic enterprise including research, scholarship and

creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; inclusive excellence initiatives; and university libraries. Weber is leading the implementation of the university's vision to be recognized among the top 25 public research universities in the nation, focused on building on UB's strengths to achieve new levels of excellence in research, scholarship, education, clinical care and engagement.

A UB faculty member since 1983, Weber is an innovative scholar, teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering. Prior to his appointment as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Weber held several other senior administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber serves on New York's Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board for Chemical Waste Management. He is a former board member and current advisory committee member of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

Weber 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 University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education in July 2017. Since her arrival at UB, Rosenblith has focused on establishing strong

collaborative relationships with school districts in Western New York. Her vision for a research-intensive school of education includes utilizing faculty research to improve opportunities for individuals and communities. This vision has contributed to GSE's partnerships with schools and districts across the region. Rosenblith is the principal investigator on a Federal Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, which has established a teacher residency program within Buffalo Public Schools. She is also a member of the board of directors for the National Federation of Just Communities and Buffalo Prep. A prolific scholar, Rosenblith is 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.

University at Buffalo President's Medal

X. Christine Wang

Professor, Department of Learning and Instruction

Senior Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary Research

Director, Fisher-Price Endowed Early Childhood Research Center



X. Christine Wang, PhD, is a professor of learning and instruction in the Graduate School of Education, senior associate dean for interdisciplinary research and director of the Fisher-Price Endowed Early Childhood Research Center. She is a world-renowned scholar in early education and learning sciences, and her research focuses on technology and children's learning and development, computational thinking and literacy, and early education in international contexts.

Wang's research has been supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), the Spencer Foundation, the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the International Reading Association. Her current projects include several major federally funded initiatives: the IES-funded national Center for Early Literacy and Responsible AI, the NSF/IES-funded National AI Institute for Exceptional Education and the NSF-funded research advancing an AI literacies framework for children. Together, these interdisciplinary projects represent over \$30 million in federal investment and are transforming early literacy, special education and responsible AI practices at scale. She also leads UB's PlayfulAI Learning and Design Lab and launched the "AI + Education Learning Community Series" to explore AI integration in K–12 education.

A recipient of AERA's Jan Hawkins Award for contributions to humanistic research and scholarship in learning technologies, Wang has authored over 100 publications in journals such as Early Childhood Research Quarterly (ECRQ), AERA Open, Early Education and Development, Journal of Research on Technology in Education and Reading Psychology. She has delivered more than 40 keynote and invited talks and over 100 conference presentations worldwide. Wang actively contributes to AERA, the International Society of the Learning Sciences, the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Association for Childhood Education International, and she has served as an associate editor of ECRQ (2016-2023) and the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Research in Childhood Education (2017-2019).

UB President’s Medal Recipients

1990	Charles M. Fogel	2015	John T. Ho
1992	William B. Hoyt*		Gerald S. Lippes
1993	Northrup R. Knox	2016	Paras N. Prasad
	Robert Wilmers		Claude E. Welch Jr.
	John L. Hettrick Sr.	2017	Margarita L. Dubocovich
1994	Robert H. Rossberg		Francis M. Letro
1995	George C. Lee	2018	Michael E. Cain
1996	Irving Freedman		Laura E. Hubbard
1997	Philip B. Wels		Cristanne Miller
1998	Lawrence P. Castellani	2019	Amit Goyal
2000	Mary E. Randolph		Amanda B. Nickerson
	John N. Walsh III	2020	Jean Wactawski-Wende
2002	Robert J. Wagner	2021	Dexter Johnson
2003	Reginald B. Newman II		Peter A. Rogerson
2007	Stephen C. Dunnett	2022	Sargur N. Srihari*
2008	Robert Genco	2023	Oren R. Lyons
2010	Robert G. Shibley	2024	Deborah Duen Ling Chung
2012	Angelo M. Fatta		Venu Govindaraju
	Bruce D. McCombe		Timothy F. Murphy
2013	Diane R. Christian		
	Edmond J. Gicewicz		
2014	Robert D. Gioia		
	Nancy H. Nielsen		

* Awarded posthumously

Graduate School of Education Awards

Dean’s Service Award

Angela Cullen
Principal
Research Laboratory High School for
Bioinformatics & Life Sciences

Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Heather Jenkins
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Literacy Lab

Dr. Edwin D. Duryea, Jr. Higher Education Memorial Award

Kavitha Muralidhar
Higher Education PhD ‘25

Excellence in Community Outreach and Engagement Award

Yun Liang
Educational Culture,
Policy and Society PhD ‘24

Excellence in Inclusion and Belonging Award

Dabralis Garmon
Spanish Education- Adolescence EdM ‘24

Excellence in Research Award

Cara Monaco
Curriculum, Instruction and
the Science of Learning, PhD ‘25

PhD Excellence Award

Julianna Casella
Counseling/School Psychology PhD ‘25

PhD Mentorship Award

Seong Won Han
Associate Professor
Educational Leadership and Policy

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 15, 2025, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (August 2024, February 2025 and June 2025).

Recommending Candidates for Degrees

Suzanne N. Rosenblith
Dean

Kara Cottrell
Early Childhood/Childhood
Education

Angela Davis
Early Childhood/Childhood
Education

Master of Education

August
Alyssa Agro
Music Education

Delsia Delvalle
Spanish Education –
Adolescence

Rhianna Baker
Music Education

Lynette DePonceau
Education Studies

Bicampaka Bashizi
English for Speakers of
Other Languages

Andrew Dietmann
Music Education

Emma Booth
Mathematics Education –
Adolescence

Jessica Ellis
English Education –
Adolescence

Frederick Caso
Mathematics Education –
Adolescence

Amanda Ferraro
Literacy Education

Mary Kathryn Caulfield
Early Childhood/Childhood
Education

Danielle Ferruggiari
Literacy Education

Chor Kim Cheong
Literacy Education

Lauren Fogle
Biology Education –
Adolescence

Natalie Chojnacki
Literacy Specialist

Dyllon Gartley
Literacy Specialist

Megan Cloen
Literacy Specialist

Spencer Glinski
Music Education

Katie Goodrich
Literacy Education

Clarissa Hanson
Literacy Specialist

Jaime Lyn Steinberg Herbeck
*English for Speakers of
Other Languages*

Cierra Hernandez
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Katie Hurley
Literacy Education

Abdeel Jaime
*Spanish Education –
Adolescence*

Kiara Johnson
Education Studies

Matthew Kaye
Education Studies

Tori Kelly
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

John Kersten
*Social Studies Education –
Adolescence*

Christina King
Music Education

Kimberly King
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Jennifer Landis
Music Education

Meg Maxwell
*English Education –
Adolescence*

Sarah Monnat
Music Education

Brianne Musacchia
Literacy Specialist

Onikea Oxley
Literacy Specialist

Tierra Purdue
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Melissa Ray-Schaefer
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Michael Roman
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Natalie Schinsing
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Breanna Shannon
Literacy Specialist

Ilana Shapiro
Literacy Specialist

Natalie Skobjak
Literacy Education

Tasha Vega
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Jared Wangelin
Literacy Specialist

Ashley Weiskopff
Literacy Specialist

Katelin White
Literacy Specialist

Lauren White
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Jason Wright
Literacy Specialist

February
Muhammad Awwad Ahmad
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Lauren Anasky
Music Education

Gina Artieri
Childhood Education

Lauren Beneat
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

David Bevilacqua
Music Education

Maya Brambs
Literacy Education

Ivy Carey
Literacy Specialist

Kimberely Collins
*Higher Education and
Student Affairs*

Gwendolyn Cunningham
*Childhood Education –
Reading and Literacy*

Nicholas Hager
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Kristianna Jancef
Literacy Education

Patrick Kane
Education Studies

Erik Kroll
Music Education

Julia Lebenson
Early Childhood Education

Emily Marchitte
*Mathematics Education –
Adolescence*

Jessica Massiah
Literacy Education

Jessica Mattioli
*Spanish Education –
Adolescence*

Areej Mullick
*Biology Education –
Adolescence*

Amanda Parry
Literacy Specialist

Becky Robbins
Childhood Education

Martin Safford-Cameron
*Early Childhood/Childhood
Education*

Mary Jo Sicurella
Education Studies

Dan Silver
Science and the Public

Brooke Strade
*English Education –
Adolescence*

June
Nasser Mohammed
Alhubayshi
*Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages*

Michael Almontaser
*Higher Education and
Student Affairs*

Candidates for Degrees

Sal Argento
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Josh Armstrong
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Emma Arthur
Mathematics Education - Adolescence

Justin Baginski
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Brieanna Bailey
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Akbar Baksh
School Counseling

Joel Banegas
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Russel Bassarath
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Lily Bayley
School Counseling

Emil Beckford
Education Studies

Britney Benthien
School Counseling

Ashley Berrell
Music Education – Adolescence

Christina Billittier
Childhood Education

Haley Boehnlein
Early Childhood Education

Grace Borrelli
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Sara Bowen
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Lauren Brady
Literacy Education

Julia Brodsky
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Mary Broudscheidel
Early Childhood Education

Faith Brown
English Education – Adolescence

Allison Brunner
Mathematics Education – Adolescence

Emma Buckley
Educational Administration

Dejanay Burke
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Henry Burkert
English Education – Adolescence

Caitlyn Burns
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Grace Burns
English Education – Adolescence

Maria Cacho
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Gabriella Cama
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Grace Canty
School Counseling

Gianna Canzone
Early Childhood Education

Kati Carcaterro
Educational Administration

Alexandra Carr
Early Childhood Education

Joseph Carroll
Education Studies

Stephanie Castro
English Education – Adolescence

Ming Chen Deng
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Eric Chen
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Alison Chmielewski
Early Childhood Education

Julia Cook
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Louis Corrente
Mathematics Education – Adolescence

Matthew Cress
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Sean Cronin
English Education - Adolescence

Isabel Cubillo
Early Childhood Education

Natalie Davis
Educational Administration

Cameron Defendorf
Social Studies Education - Adolescence

Kayleigh DeGonzague
French Education - Adolescence

Sara Derrick
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Montana Desabio
Social Studies Education - Adolescence

Emily DeVore
Early Childhood Education

Luke Di Fato
Physics Education – Adolescence

Eligia Dilan
Education Studies

Joey DiPanfilo
Biology Education – Adolescence

Jillian Dombrowski
Literacy Education

Dalton Doolittle
Music Education

Daniel Eakes
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Jacob Egelhoff
Education Studies

Liam Elinski <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Dabralis Garmon <i>Spanish Education – Adolescence</i>	Mikayla Hinkson <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Hilola Kholikova <i>Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</i>
Min Fang <i>Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</i>	Jack Gehlhoff <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Dayna Holding <i>Higher Education and Student Affairs</i>	Danae Kinkad <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>
Harrison Fedro <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	John Graber <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Susana Hoque <i>School Counseling</i>	Kendall Klosko <i>Higher Education and Student Affairs</i>
Ilana Feinstein <i>School Counseling</i>	Teagan Graham <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Matthew Hufnagel <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Nathan Knight <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>
Alec Feldstein <i>Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</i>	Allison Harford <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Sherry-Ann Hussain <i>English Education</i>	Thomas Kolasny <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>
Lexie Ferrentino <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	Ava Hartmann <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Teresa Izzo <i>Music Education</i>	Emma Kulik <i>Spanish Education – Adolescence</i>
Matthew Finch <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Brian Hayes <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	Renee Jaenecke <i>School Counseling</i>	Alysia Kwiatkowski <i>Education Studies</i>
Katherine Fiorilli <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Brett Hayes <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Jillian Johnson <i>Literacy Education</i>	Felecia LaMantia <i>Early Childhood/Childhood Education</i>
Melissa Fitzgerald <i>Educational Administration</i>	Leon He <i>Mathematics Education - Adolescence</i>	Maya Johnson <i>Early Childhood/Childhood Education</i>	Aidan Jurofcik <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>
Liza Friedland <i>School Counseling</i>	Talema Heath <i>Education Studies</i>	Zach Kaplan <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Marianne Lagutaine <i>Education Studies</i>
Dahlia Frier <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Adonai Helm <i>Literacy Specialist</i>	Marissa Kasper <i>Music Education</i>	Taylor Laubenheimer <i>English Education - Adolescence</i>
Elle Fulton <i>Spanish Education – Adolescence</i>	Jaclyn Henderson <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Derrick Lemon <i>Higher Education and Student Affairs</i>	Kendree Lent <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>
Ksenia Galitzine <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Caroline Herr <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Kaylee Kellerman <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	
		Brianna Kern <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	

Candidates for Degrees

Melissa Levin
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Taylor Lewis
English Education – Adolescence

Anna Liddle
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Alyssa Lina
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Jessica Lisi
Early Childhood Education

Paige Littman
Early Childhood Education

Keira Loccisano
Early Childhood Education

Madison LoTempio
Early Childhood Education

Shahnaz Mahmud
English for Speakers of Other Languages

Dennis Majdandzic
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Valerie Mancuso
Early Childhood Education

Katherine Marigiotta
Education Studies

Maksuda Manik
Early Childhood Education

Maria Marinaccio
Literacy Education

Abby Martin
Biology Education – Adolescence

Joseph Martin
Mathematics Education – Adolescence

Alayna Marziale
Mathematics Education – Adolescence

Haseeb Memon
Education Studies

Joli Messinger
School Counseling

Karen Meyers
Early Childhood Education

Grace Miller
Early Childhood Education

Jackson Miller
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Sara Miller
Educational Administration

Celina Molik
English Education – Adolescence

Melanie Moulin
Early Childhood Education

Victor Morales
English Education - Adolescence

Benjamin Morley
Physics Education - Adolescence

Kerri Mugavero
Earth Science Education – Adolescence

Ryan Myers
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Heidi Ness
Education Studies

Jennie Newins
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Jennifer Newman
Physics Education – Adolescence

Damien Nguyen
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Alex Novak
English Education – Adolescence

Kelly O'Neill
Early Childhood Education

Jacob Orlando
Educational Studies

Kayla Pacheco
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Tatum Padilla
Early Childhood Education

Zoe-Dai Pedraza-Ferraro
Educational Culture, Policy and Society

Danielle Petko
Educational Culture, Policy and Society

Izzy Pezouvanis
Early Childhood Education

Christina Pfohl
Educational Administration

Chase Radecki
Social Studies Education – Adolescence

Jocelyn Ramirez
English Education – Adolescence

Gabrielle Ramirez-Green
School Counseling

Noah Reed-Eason
Music Education

Hannah Ries
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Kindra Robinson
Higher Education and Student Affairs

Rachel Rosenthal
Early Childhood Education

Caroline Rossi
School Counseling

Lindsey Rounds
English Education – Adolescence

Lauren Russell
English Education – Adolescence

Brooke Salazar
School Counseling

Hannah Sands
Early Childhood/Childhood Education

Samantha Sands
Early Childhood Education

Matthew Schrlau <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Jenna Spaulding <i>Education Studies</i>	Emma Terry <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Jake Whitehouse <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>
Elliot Seminario <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Gianna Stancarone <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Nick Tibollo <i>Earth Science Education – Adolescence</i>	Laney Wieclaw <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>
Evan Shampine <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	Sarah Stanz <i>Early Childhood/Childhood Education</i>	Abdelhamid Touti <i>Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</i>	Savani Wijekoon <i>Education Studies</i>
Marquise Short <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	Brian Strohm <i>Chemistry Education – Adolescence</i>	Hannah Tudor <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Mimi Willis <i>Educational Administration</i>
Sammy Siegel <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Jake Stromberg <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Abby Tweedy <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	Erin Witek <i>School Counseling</i>
Samantha Slomin <i>Music Education</i>	Maria Strycharz <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Melanie Vasquez <i>Higher Education and Student Affairs</i>	Ian Wollman <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>
Camden Smith <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Sienna Sulecki <i>Literacy Specialist</i>	Sarah Wack <i>Higher Education and Student Affairs</i>	Jessica Yacco <i>Literacy Education</i>
Key Smith <i>Higher Education and Student Affairs</i>	Mary Surriel <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Mikayla Walters <i>Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</i>	Zayba Yasin <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>
Molly Smith <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Amanda Swatling <i>Early Childhood/Childhood Education</i>	Jingyan Wang <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	Cassius Young-Mandiak <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>
Taylor Smith <i>English for Speakers of Other Languages</i>	Nick Tai <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Abigail Webb <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>	Justin Zhang <i>Mathematics Education – Adolescence</i>
Tina Soliday <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Julia Tarantino <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Kyle Weir <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>	Lin Zheng <i>Social Studies Education – Adolescence</i>
Carolynn Sozen <i>Childhood Education</i>	Emma Taylor <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Liberty Wendt <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Laurel Zinlinghaus <i>Music Education</i>
Ed Spangenthal <i>English Education – Adolescence</i>	Molly Tent <i>Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages</i>	Meghan Whalen <i>Biology Education – Adolescence</i>	

Candidates for Degrees

Master of Art

August

Lino Loja
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

February

Michelle Ahart-Bosland
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

Sun Young Lim
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

Kaylee Omahen
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

June

Rachel Gott
School Psychology

Jagmeet Kaur
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

Kristen Kibler
School Psychology

Ryanne McChesney
School Psychology

Ashley Mendola
School Psychology

Haley Peck
School Psychology

Jillian Ribakove
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

Sydney Riedel
School Psychology

Elizabeth Smalley
*Educational Psychology and
Quantitative Methods*

Nicolette Smith
School Psychology

Abigail Wille
School Psychology

Master of Science

August

Caroline Carr
*Information and
Library Science*

Cassandra Dorien
*Information and
Library Science*

Clare Dunn
*Information and
Library Science*

Ryan Grieco
*Information and
Library Science*

Samuel Horstmann
*Information and
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Integrating Course-Based Research Experiences in High School STEM Classrooms: An Examination of Teachers' Experiences, Perceived Barriers and Training Needs
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Educational Administration
Equity in Educational Pathways: An Examination of an AHSEP HSE Referral Process
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Promoting Inclusive Teaching through an Integrated Online Professional Development Program
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Faculty and Program Administrator's Perspective on Cultural Competency Training within Graduate Health Profession Education Curriculum: An Exploratory Case Study
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Improving Scientific Literacy through Enhanced Rigor in the Secondary Science Classroom
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
The Unseen Wound: An Examination of Internalized Racial Oppression Among Middle School BIPOC Students
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Supporting Male Teacher Candidates' Self Efficacy and Belonging through Peer Mentoring
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Root Cause Analysis and Problem Based Learning
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Culturally Responsive and Transformative Social Emotional Learning in the High School Urban Education Classroom
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Readiness Reimagined: A Phenomenological Investigating of How Eight New York City High School English Teachers Conceptualize and Address the High School to College Transition in their Curriculum and Pedagogy
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Examining the Effects of a New York State Master Teacher Program on Science Teachers' Self-Efficacy
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Bridging Math and Meaning: Enhancing Formative Assessment in Project-Based Learning through the Wise Young Builders Program
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Closing the Gap Between Admission and Enrollment: An Investigation of the Most Influential College Choice Considerations for First-Generation, Low-Income and Students of Color at a Catholic University
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Instructional Leadership and the Impact on Equitable Student Outcomes
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Educational Leadership
Equity and Access to Advanced Coursework for Students with Disabilities in High School
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Educational Leadership
High School Practitioners' Transformative Social Emotional Learning Practices and how they Influence High School Students' Sense of Belonging and Responsible Decision-Making
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Perceptions of School Climate: Examining Leadership Styles, Teacher-Leader Relationships, and Organizational Culture in an Elementary School
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
From Skepticism to Confidence: Exploring how Professional Development Transforms Faculty Perceptions and Practices in Online Education
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Laying the Foundation: Exploring the Utilization, Perceptions and Future Integration of Simulation in a Master of Science in Athletic Training Program
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From Rows to Relationships: Examining the Impact of High School Classroom Design on Student Engagement, Performance and Stakeholder Perceptions
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Public School Citizenship: A Case Study
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From Classroom to Clinic: Examining the Lived Experiences of Speech Language Pathology Graduate Students
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Give Me a Reason to Stay: Uncovering Retention Challenges of Early Career World Language Teachers in an Urban District
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Learning Practices in an Occupational Therapy Assistant Program: Supports and Challenges in Managing Perceived Stress
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Ready or not? Pre-Service Teachers and Emergency Preparedness for School Settings
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Education is a Team Sport: Culturally Responsive Family Engagement's Impact on Student Achievement and Outcomes
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Learning and Teaching in Social Contexts
Supporting Chinese Mothers Raising Young Children in San Francisco Bay Area
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Exploring Students' Attitudes Toward Writing: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis of Academic Writing Experiences in an Accelerated Secondary Program
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*Equipping Scholars for Globally Engaged
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Counseling/School Psychology
*Intraracial Bullying, Ethnic Identity
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*Enhancing English Learning Motivation in
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*Assessing DBIR's Role in Applying
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*Exposure to Violence and Aggression in
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*A Qualitative Study of the Psychosocial
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Yoga for Yoga Teachers and Underserved
Individuals in Kakuma Refugee Camp,
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*Empowering Novice Mandarin Learners'
Transformative Learning through
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Translanguaging Design*
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*School Counselors as Cultivators of Cultural
Capital for Postsecondary Readiness
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*The Role of Mindful Self-Care in the
Relationship between Psychological
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Curriculum, Instruction and
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*Exploring the Impact of Scenario-Based
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*Identity and Critique in the Figured World of
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*Effectiveness of a Social-Emotional
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Ideologies in the Spanish Classroom: How
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Learning Experience through Participant
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The Impact of Internalized Transphobia on the Sexual Assertiveness and Sexual Satisfaction of Transgender and Gender Diverse Adults
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Do Actions Speak Louder than Words: A Look Into how Elementary Math Teachers Reflect Mindset
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Abandoned Lands: Towards a Critical Race Pedagogy and Framework for Content Analysis of U.S. History Curriculum
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Seeing the Words: An Investigation of the Effects of Visual Arts Integration on Students' Interpretations in a College Introduction to Poetry Class
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Exploring the Experiences of Exploratory Students on Academic Warning: Perceptions of Academic Needs for Success in the First-Semester
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Impact of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy on Black Learners Enrolled in Online Undergraduate Mathematics Classes
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Educational Culture, Policy and Society
Untangling the Enigma of Asian American's Political Participation: Insights from Educational Attainment, Immigrant Status, Political Generations, and Political Trust.
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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Comunidad y Familia as STEM Support: Hispanic Students' Sense of Belonging in Asynchronous Online STEM Courses at a Hispanic Serving Two-Year Community College
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Enacting Cultural Citizenship Practices: Intersectional Counterstories from Somali-Bantu and Bhutanese-Nepali Students Resisting Color-evasive Racists Nativism in Higher Education and Society
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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
The Shared Stories Collective as a Site for Black Joy and Safety: An Ethnographic Study Exploring Critical Literacy Practices in Black Fugitive Spaces
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Educational Administration
STEM Opportunity Structures and Gender Gap in India: A Comparative Case-Study of Premier Institutions
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Language Education and Multilingualism
L2 Writers' Responses to Instructor's Corrective Written Feedback in First-Year Academic Writing Courses: Engaged or Disengaged?
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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science of Learning
Disrupting the Myth of the Lone Wolf: The Rotation Student's Negotiation of Place
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From CLASS to Classrooms: A Case Study of Head Start Teachers and Administrators' Perspectives on Teacher-Child Interaction and CLASS Implementation in their Program
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Situating Sociology Instruction within Students' Lived Realities: A Narrative Study of Teachers' Experiences
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Young Children's Engagement with the Musical Environment of the Black Church
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Lost in Translation: Applying Critical Bilingual Literacies to Foundational Literacy Standards
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An Exploration of the Sense of Belonging and Self-Efficacy amongst African American Male College Students at Predominantly White Institutions
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The Intersection of Race and Gender: A Narrative Study on how Participation in an Opportunity Program Influences Undergraduate Black Women's Experiences and Identity Development at a Predominantly White Institution
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Beyond Intersection: The Experiences of South Asian Indian Women in STEM
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Parents' and Teachers' Beliefs of Preschool Literacy Instruction and the Home Literacy Environment
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Forced to Strategize: Former Refugees Navigate Mobility Within the Opportunity Structure
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*Towards Professional Vision in Early
Childhood Education: An Embedded
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Curriculum, Instruction and the Science
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*"It has to be done, but I'm worried": The
Development and Implementation of a
High School Black History Course*
Committee Chair: Dr. LaGarrett King

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Curriculum, Instruction and
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*"They Need Someone Who Believes
Them": Fostering Equity for Students
with Disabilities*
Committee Chair: Dr. Elisabeth Etopio

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Educational Culture, Policy and Society
*Study Abroad in the Globalization Time:
Lives and Education Trajectories of
Chinese Students in American High
Schools*
Committee Chair: Dr. Jinting Wu

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Curriculum, Instruction and
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*Gesture, Fraction Operations, and Diversity:
Exploring Intersections in Mathematics
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*Music by Walter S. Goodale, MD, 1903.
Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006 for
contemporary use.*



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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