



# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

2021 COMMENCEMENT  
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# Order of Exercises

## National Anthem

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Francis Scott Key (1779–1843)

Vocal performance by *Grace Victoria D’Haiti*

Barnard College, 2021

## Mace Bearers

Representing all healthcare and essential workers keeping our community safe, healthy, and operational

*Melanie J. Bernitz*

Senior Vice President for Columbia Health  
Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the  
Columbia University Irving Medical Center

*Wafaa El-Sadr*

University Professor and Dr. Mathilde Krim-amfAR Chair of Global Health  
Director of Columbia World Projects  
Founder and Director of ICAP

*Donna Lynne*

Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
of Columbia University Irving Medical Center  
Chief Executive Officer, ColumbiaDoctors  
University COVID Director

## Commencement Address

*Lee C. Bollinger*

President and Seth Low Professor of the University

## “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

James Weldon Johnson (1871–1938) and  
John Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954)

Vocal performance by *Grace Victoria D’Haiti*

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## Alma Mater: “Stand, Columbia!”

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

Text by Gilbert Oakley Ward, Columbia College, 1902

Vocal performance by the *Columbia Clefhangers*

Featuring the *Columbia University Glee Club* (1952 archival recording) and

*Dunia Albertine Habboosh*, Columbia College, 2021

## Conferring of Degrees in Course

Presented by *Ira Katznelson*

Interim Provost and Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History

*James J. Valentini*

Dean of Columbia College

Vice President for Undergraduate Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS

*Mary C. Boyce*

Dean of The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE

DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING SCIENCE

*Sian Leah Beilock*

President of Barnard College

BACHELOR OF ARTS

*Lisa Rosen-Metsch*

Dean of the School of General Studies

BACHELOR OF ARTS

*Troy J. Eggers*

Interim Dean of the School of Professional Studies

MASTER OF SCIENCE

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

*Carol Becker*

Dean of the School of the Arts

MASTER OF ARTS

MASTER OF FINE ARTS



*Merit E. Janow*

Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs  
MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*Melissa Begg*

Dean of the School of Social Work  
MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Christian S. Stobler*

Dean of the College of Dental Medicine  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

*Costis Maglaras*

Dean of Columbia Business School  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Stephen W. Coll*

Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Thomas R. Bailey*

President of Teachers College  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MASTER OF EDUCATION  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

*Amale Andraos*

Dean of the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning  
and Preservation  
MASTER OF ARCHITECTURE  
MASTER OF SCIENCE

*Gillian Lester*

Dean of Columbia Law School  
JURIS DOCTOR  
MASTER OF LAWS  
DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF LAW



*Anil K. Rustgi*

Interim Executive Vice President and Dean of the Faculties of  
Health Sciences and Medicine  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE  
DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

*Lorraine Frazier*

Dean of the School of Nursing  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

*Linda P. Fried*

Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health  
MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

*Carlos J. Alonso*

Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY  
DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**“Oh, Columbia”**

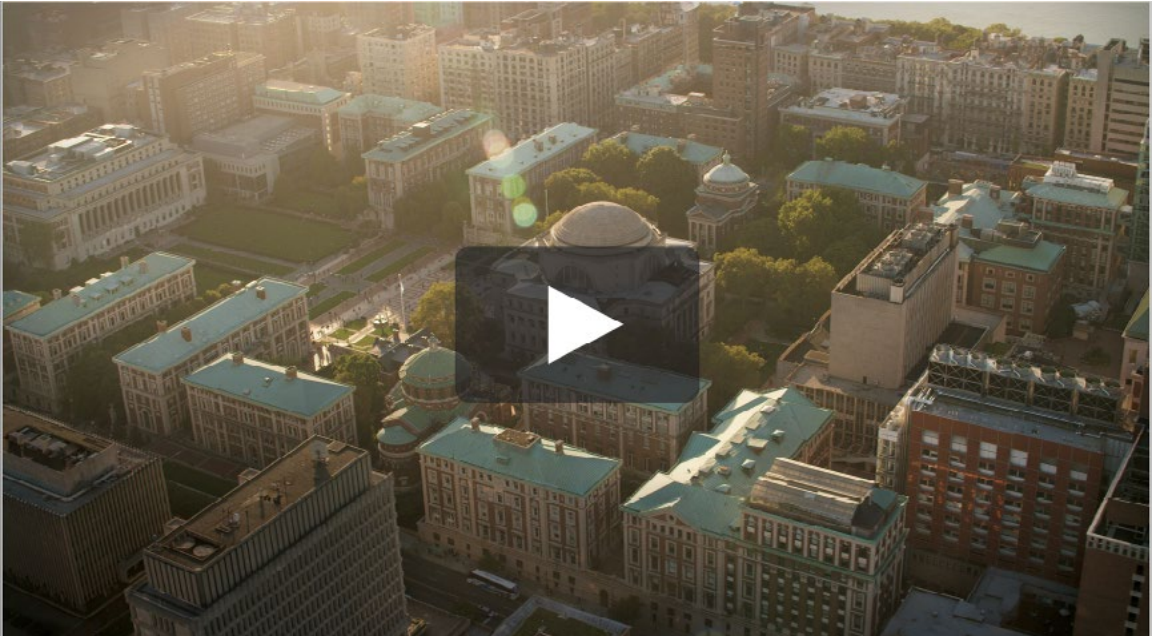
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Composed by Tom Kitt, Columbia College, 1996

Reimagined for the Class of 2021  
Vocal performance by *Notes and Keys*





# Presidential Awards for Outstanding Teaching



## Faculty Award Recipients

Denise Cruz  
*Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature*  
*Department of English and Comparative Literature*  
*Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Jeremy Dodd  
*Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of Physics*  
*Department of Physics*  
*Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Jasmine A. McDonald  
*Assistant Professor of Epidemiology*  
*Department of Epidemiology*  
*Mailman School of Public Health*



Timothy Mitchell

*William B. Ransford Professor of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies  
Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Katherine E. Reuther

*Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of Design, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship  
Department of Biomedical Engineering  
The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science*

## Graduate Student Instructor (TA) Award Recipients

Daniella Cádiz Bedini

*Graduate Teaching Fellow and Ph.D. Candidate  
Department of English and Comparative Literature  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*

Miguel Ángel Garrido

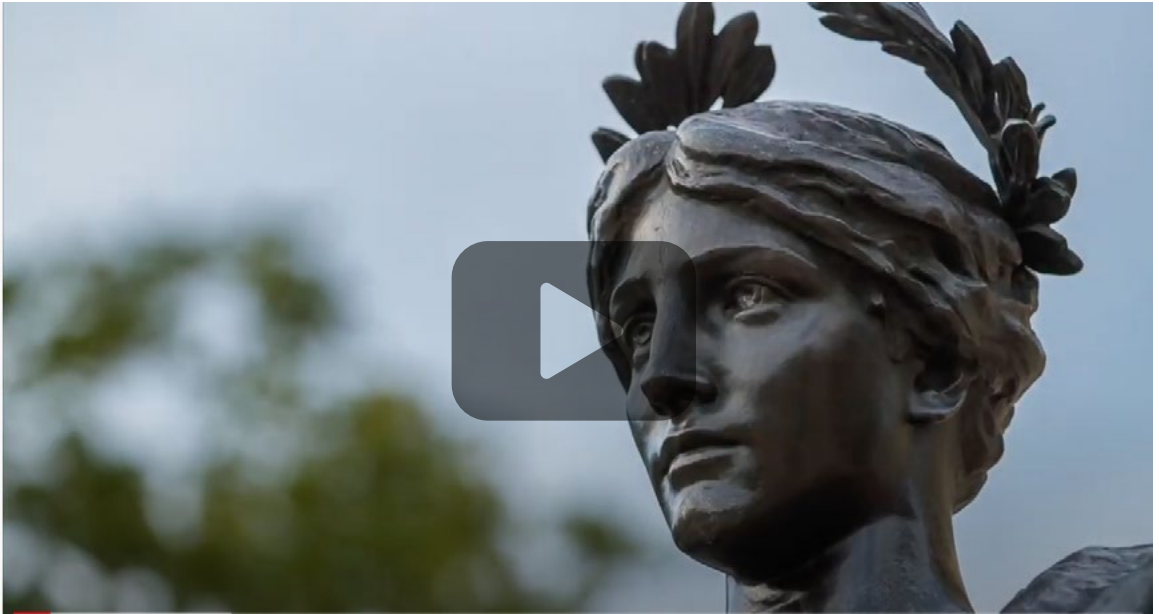
*Graduate Teaching Fellow and Ph.D. Candidate  
Department of Statistics  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*

Christopher Medina-Kirchner

*Graduate Teaching Fellow and Ph.D. Candidate  
Department of Psychology  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*



## Faculty Mentoring Award Recipients



Rachel Adams

*Professor of English and Comparative Literature  
Department of English and Comparative Literature  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Nabila El-Bassel

*University Professor and Willma and Albert Musher Professor of Social Work  
School of Social Work*

Virginia Page Fortna

*Harold Brown Professor of U.S. Foreign and Security Policy  
Department of Political Science  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences*



# Faculty Service Award Recipients



Marcel Agüeros  
*Associate Professor of Astronomy*  
*Department of Astronomy*  
*Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Casey N. Blake  
*Mendelson Family Professor of American Studies*  
*Director of Center for American Studies*  
*Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Geraldine Downey  
*Niven Professor of Humane Letters*  
*Department of Psychology*  
*Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Cristiane Duarte  
*Ruane Professor for the Implementation of Child Mental Health for Child & Adolescent Mental Health at Columbia University Irving Medical Center*  
*Department of Psychiatry*  
*Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons*



Jean E. Howard

*George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities*

*Department of English and Comparative Literature*

*Faculty of Arts and Sciences*

Jamal Joseph

*Professor of Professional Practice*

*Department of Film*

*School of the Arts*



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## Alumni Medalist Award Recipients

Michelle Estilo Kaiser

*1987 B.A. Columbia College*

*1992 M.P.H. Mailman School of Public Health*

*1997 M.D. Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons*

Ralph S. Kaslick

*1956 B.A. Columbia College*

*1959 D.D.S., 1962 CERT*

*College of Dental Medicine*

Stanley Shih-Chieh Ko

*1999 M.B.A. Business School*

Thomas Lo

*2008 M.D. Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons*

Paul Neely

*1970 M.S. School of Journalism*

*1970 M.B.A. Business School*

Nina Rothschild

*1986 B.A. Barnard College*

*1990 M.A. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*

*1992 M.P.H., 2000 Dr.P.H.*

*Mailman School of Public Health*

Yiting Shen

*2001 B.S., 2002 M.S.*

*The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science*

Cynthia S. Stuen

*1987 Ph.D. School of Social Work*

Pavan C. Surapaneni

*2006 B.A. School of General Studies*

Kyriakos Tsakopoulos

*1993 B.A. Columbia College*



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Congratulations, Class of 2021! You are an extraordinary class graduating Columbia University at an extraordinary time. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and we will always be here cheering you on!



# Congratulations to the Class of 2021 from the Columbia Alumni Association



Welcome to the next chapter of your Columbia experience.

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