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## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

**RENU KHATOR**

President



May, 2012

Dear University of Houston Graduate:

Congratulations on one of the happiest, most memorable, and most important days of your life – the day of your graduation!

The University of Houston – celebrating its 85th anniversary this year – is a very special place. It is the place that welcomed you, helped you grow intellectually, and encouraged you on your journey. It is the place that, thanks to our incredible diversity, has provided you with the life experiences to work, feel at home, and succeed *anywhere* in the world.

You are graduating at a time of great triumphs for UH, from the Tier One designation by the Carnegie Foundation, to our inclusion by The Princeton Review on its list of best colleges in the nation, to admission into the Big East Conference.

Several factors contributed to your success. The support of your parents and families and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors, and staff played a significant part. But the most important factor is *you*, and the motivation, determination, and drive that brought you to this day and will continue to serve you as you make your mark on your community and the world.

As you leave here today – proud alumnus or alumna – know that you are a member of the *best* prepared, *best* educated, and *best* equipped class the University of Houston has ever produced.

With my best wishes for a successful career and a bright future,

*Renu khator*

Renu Khator

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# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

## BOARD OF REGENTS

Nelda Luce Blair (J.D. '82), *Chair*  
Michele "Mica" Mosbacher, *Vice Chair*  
Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D. '93), *Secretary*

Spencer D. Armour III ('77)  
Nandita V. Berry (J.D. '95)  
Tilman J. Fertitta  
Tamecia Glover Harris (J.D., MBA '12)  
Jacob M. Monty (J.D. '93)  
Roger F. Welder  
Welcome W. Wilson Jr.

# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## PRESIDENT

Renu Khator

## PRESIDENT'S CABINET

John J. Antel  
*Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*

Carl Carlucci  
*Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance*

James E. Anderson  
*Executive Associate to the President for Community Relations*

Rathindra N. Bose  
*Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer*

Grover Campbell  
*Vice President for Governmental Relations*

Karen Clarke  
*Associate Vice President for University Relations*

Dona Hamilton Cornell  
*Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel*

Elwyn C. Lee  
*Vice President for Community Relations and Institutional Access*

Dmitri Litvinov  
*President, UH Faculty Senate*

Michael Pede  
*President and Chief Executive Officer,  
University of Houston Alumni Association*

Richard D. Phillips  
*Associate Vice President,  
University of Houston Sugar Land Campus*

Mack B. Rhoades, IV  
*Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics*

Marshall Schott  
*Associate Vice President for University Outreach*

Eloise Dunn Stuhr  
*Vice President for University Advancement*

Richard Walker  
*Vice President for Student Affairs*



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# UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

## DEANS

John T. Bowen  
*Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management*

Ira C. Colby  
*Graduate College of Social Work*

William E. Fitzgibbon III  
*College of Technology*

Robert McPherson  
*College of Education*

William Monroe  
*The Honors College*

Raymond T. Nimmer  
*UH Law Center*

Patricia Belton Oliver  
*Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture*

F. Lamar Pritchard  
*College of Pharmacy*

Latha Ramchand  
*C.T. Bauer College of Business*

John W. Roberts  
*College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*

Dana C. Rooks  
*University Libraries*

Earl L. Smith III  
*College of Optometry*

Mark A. Smith  
*College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics*

Joseph W. Tedesco  
*Cullen College of Engineering*

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# THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



## THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston's proud heritage dates back to its founding in 1927. In the beginning, UH was known as Houston Junior College. Classes for the first 230 students were held at San Jacinto High School and were taught by a faculty of eight. Over the years, the junior college grew and prospered, officially becoming the University of Houston in 1934. Two years later, the institution acquired land for a permanent campus and its first building, the Roy G. Cullen Building, opened in 1939. The university became a state institution in 1963.

Today, the University of Houston is a Carnegie-designated Tier One public research university, serving nearly 40,000 students with more than 300 undergraduate and graduate programs. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service with more than 40 research centers and institutes and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. UH public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small-business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast Region complement and enrich the university's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities. UH has awarded more than 250,000 degrees, and approximately 80 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, teaching centers offering University of Houston degrees and classes opened in Clear Lake, downtown Houston and Victoria. Over time, these teaching centers became free-standing universities, offering education and opportunity to their communities. The University of Houston System was legally established in 1977. Today, the UH System is the region's largest provider of comprehensive university services from the baccalaureate to the doctorate. The UH System plays a primary role in meeting the higher education needs of the Houston metropolitan area and Texas. It is comprised of four universities and six teaching centers. The accredited universities in the UH System are: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, UH-Clear Lake and UH-Victoria. The teaching centers are UH Sugar Land, UHS at Cinco Ranch, UH Northwest, UHD Northwest, UHCL Pearland and UHS at Texas Medical Center.

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# COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costumes of today have a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skullcaps were worn on the head and the hoods became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelors (apprentices of the arts), masters (teachers) and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back. The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master's degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe, they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

### GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

#### **Master's Degree**

Hood: CITRON  
Tassel: BLACK

#### **Doctoral Degree**

Hood: CITRON  
Tassel: RED

### COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

#### **Master's Degree**

Hood: GOLD  
Tassel: BLACK

#### **Doctor of Philosophy Degree**

Hood: ROYAL BLUE  
Tassel: RED

#### **Doctor of Optometry Degree**

Hood: SEAFOAM GREEN  
Tassel: RED

### COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

#### **Bachelor's Degree**

Tassel: OLIVE

#### **Master's Degree**

Hood: OLIVE  
Tassel: BLACK

#### **Doctor of Philosophy Degree**

Hood: ROYAL BLUE  
Tassel: RED

#### **Doctor of Pharmacy Degree**

Hood: OLIVE  
Tassel: RED

### UH LAW CENTER

#### **Master's Degree**

Hood: PURPLE  
Tassel: BLACK

#### **Doctoral Degree**

Hood: PURPLE  
Tassel: RED

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# CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS



## THE SEAL

Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston's and UH System's seals both bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from his noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal – consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is placed above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto "In Tempore," meaning "In Time." The greyhounds indicate speed of giving aid. The UH seal was first adopted in 1938 as the present campus was established. Although the look of the seal has evolved over the years, the first version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.



## UNIVERSITY MACE

The Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the university's authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president's symbol of authority.

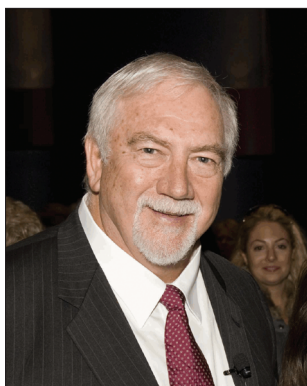
## THE ALMA MATER

All hail to thee,  
Our Houston University.  
Our hearts fill with gladness  
When we think of thee.  
We'll always adore thee  
Dear old varsity.  
And to thy memory cherished,  
True we'll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942

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# HONORARY DEGREE



## **BRIEN A. HOLDEN, B.APP.SC. PH.D., D.SC., O.A.M.**

Dr. Brien Holden has been a world-renowned figure in international eye health and vision care for nearly 40 years. He is CEO of Australia's Brien Holden Vision Institute, the Vision Cooperative Research Centre and the International Centre for Eyecare Education, as well as Executive Chair of Optometry Giving Sight.

His expertise spans science, research and development, professional and academic education, public health and advocacy for the profession of optometry. His contributions have been acknowledged through a host of national and international awards and honors – most recently through the renaming of Australia's Institute for Eye Research as the Brien Holden Vision Institute.

Dr. Holden's research focus has been in the area of ocular health with contact lenses, surgery and other forms of vision correction. With collaborators around the world, he is working to slow the growth of myopia, a condition that affects more than 1.6 billion people worldwide. And, he has supported global initiatives to address avoidable blindness and vision impairment through his involvement with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and the World Health Organization.

His contributions to optometry and vision science have been recognized with prestigious international awards, including Honorary Doctor of Science degrees conferred by the State University of New York, Pennsylvania College of Optometry, City University London, University of Durban-Westville, South Africa and Ohio State University. In 1997, he received the Medal of the Order of Australia.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne with a bachelor's degree in Applied Science in 1964. After completing his Ph.D. in corneal and contact lens research at London's City University in 1971, he returned to Australia to take up a position at the University of New South Wales. During his tenure, he contributed to research on contact lenses and eye health, contact lens design and investigations into a wide range of ocular devices, procedures and solutions. He has also contributed to the establishment of numerous enterprises that deliver breakthrough research and innovative products, with over a \$1 billion a year in sales, as well as contributing to professional education and vision care delivery.

Dr. Holden's activities and achievements are a result of partnerships he has established around the world, including the UH College of Optometry, where he has made a \$1 million pledge to help establish the Brien Holden Vision Institute.

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# HONORS

Academic honors are based on the requirements of the catalogue year students entered the university. The final designation for honors is determined by the Provost's Office upon final completion of all degree requirements.

## PRE-FALL 2010 CATALOGUE

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under any catalogue prior to Fall 2010 will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last sixty-six (66) hours completed at the University of Houston.

- 3.75 to 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
- 3.50 to 3.74 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
- 3.25 to 3.49 Cum Laude (with Honors)

## FALL 2010 CATALOGUE

Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under the Fall 2010 catalogue will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (54) hours completed at the University of Houston.

- 3.90 to 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
- 3.70 to 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
- 3.50 to 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 · 9:00 A.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

## OPENING PROCESSION

### Commencement Marshals

Barbara Lewis  
*Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs*

Louis Williams  
*Associate Professor*

### Golden Cougars Class of 1962

Kenneth E. Burrows Jr.  
Harold Carson  
Julius Hochstein  
Jay M. Ignatoff  
John Eli Kiser  
John Jasper Lovoi  
Michael John O'Neill  
Walter Leighton Stallones  
Eddie C. Talley  
William E. Watson

### Graduates

### Platform Party

## WELCOME

F. Lamar Pritchard  
*Dean*

## GREETINGS

Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D., '93)  
*Secretary, University of Houston System Board of Regents*

## ADDRESS TO STUDENTS

Richard E. Wainerdi, P.E., Ph.D.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer  
Texas Medical Center*

## PRESENTATION OF PH.D. GRADUATES

Dean Pritchard

## CONFERRING OF PH.D. DEGREES

Regent Hollingsworth

## PRESENTATION OF M.S. GRADUATES

Dean Pritchard

## CONFERRING OF M.S. DEGREES

Regent Hollingsworth



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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## RECOGNITION OF HONORS

Shara Zatopek  
*Associate Dean for Operations*

## PRESENTATION OF PHARM.D. GRADUATES

Dean Pritchard

## CONFERRING OF PHARM.D. DEGREES

Regent Hollingsworth

## RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN COUGARS CLASS OF 1962

Dean Pritchard

## OATH OF THE PHARMACIST

Andrea Smesny  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

### OATH OF A PHARMACIST

*I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:*

*I will* consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

*I will* apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

*I will* respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

*I will* accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

*I will* hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

*I will* embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

*I will* utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

*I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.*



# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### SPRING 2012

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Baojian Wu

*Experimental and Computational Approaches to Predict Glucuronidation of Phenolics*

Advisor: Dr. Ming Hu

Zhen Yang

*Improvement of Oral Bioavailability of Ginsenosides via Mechanism-based Biopharmaceutical Approaches*

Advisor: Dr. Ming Hu

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Odelia Yuh Ngala Bongmba

*The Role of Rac1 in Synaptic Plasticity, Learning and Memory*

Advisor: Dr. Maria Tejada-Simon

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Amrita S. Chabria

*Analysis of Pharmacy Technician Workflow and the Identification of Opportunities for Improvement*

Advisor: Dr. Rajendar Aparasu

Aily Liem

*The Impact On 30-day Readmission Rates Using a Community Pharmacy Discharge Medication Bedside Delivery within an Acute Care Setting*

Advisor: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Co-Advisor: Dr. Santhi Masilamani

Michael J. Meldrum

*Impact of Clinical Pharmacy Services in a Veterans Affairs Medical Center Emergency Department*

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

Ali-Reza Shah-Mohammadi

*Analysis of Perceived Barriers Encountered by Management within Pharmacy Workflow Due to Intermittent Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave at a Governmental Teaching Hospital*

Advisor: Dr. James Essien

Alexander James Stearns

*Impact of CMS Designated Hospital Acquired Condition (HAC) Regulations Compared to a Currently Non-CMS Regulated Hospital Acquired Infection – Clostridium difficile*

Advisor: Dr. Kevin Garey

#### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Rabia Ahmed <sup>2</sup>

Olayinka-Mutiati Debbie Alimi

Dylan Craig Austin

Justin W. Babin <sup>3</sup>

Kimber Dawn Bailey

Kristine Joy Brito

Nhi Truc Bui <sup>2</sup>

Amanda Christina Canales

Jessica Carreno <sup>3</sup>

Katherine Seleng Chu <sup>3</sup>

Shih-yi Chu <sup>2</sup>

Cory Scott Clendening

Katherine Amanda Clouser <sup>1</sup>

Aaron Jacob Cook

Jessica Lauren Davis <sup>3</sup>

Avani Suresh Desai

Disha Desai <sup>3</sup>

Amy Van Dinh

Jimmy H. Do

Victoria Do <sup>3</sup>

Vi Phuong Doan <sup>3</sup>

Jana Beth Downing

Amin Esmaily-Fard <sup>2</sup>

Joel Lee Figueroa <sup>3</sup>

Aaron Heath Goins

Stacey Michelle Gordon <sup>1</sup>

William Benjamin Gray

Tam Minh Ha <sup>2</sup>

Derek Ross Harvick

Matthew Jude Hebert <sup>3</sup>

Eleanor Claire Hobaugh <sup>2</sup>

Wei Yen Hsu <sup>1</sup>

Benny Kuo-Wei Hwang <sup>2</sup>

Candice Leanne Jenke <sup>3</sup>

Elizabeth Ann John

Lauren Christine Johnsen <sup>3</sup>

Irma Christina Johnston <sup>1</sup>

Tiby Baby Joseph

Reema Kahtan Kaissi

Rusul Gazwan Karralli <sup>2</sup>

Anna Un Un Kit <sup>1</sup>

Ashley Ann Kovar <sup>2</sup>

Allison Arlene Lau

Sarah Leanne Lazenby

Natalie Renee Lee <sup>2</sup>

Omar A. Leon <sup>2</sup>

Julie Evonne Liska

Andrew Lok <sup>3</sup>

Dirk Edward Lorimier

Jessica Marie Lozano

Wenya Ruan Lu <sup>1</sup>

Jade Ravina Manansala <sup>2</sup>

Michelle McElhanev

Ashley Nikole McFalls <sup>3</sup>

Michelle Castro Mellon <sup>3</sup>

Adam David Metcalf

Carmel Sana Misaqi <sup>3</sup>

Shanobar H. Momin

April Dawn Morgan

Dan Jacob Morpurgo

Jordan Jack Murray

Farzana R. Nazarali

Jason Ng <sup>2</sup>

Angeline Hoang Ngo <sup>2</sup>

Christine Vu Nguyen <sup>3</sup>

Duyen Tran Nguyen

John Nguyen

Joseph Kha Nguyen

Nam Tran-Khoa Nguyen <sup>3</sup>

Ngoc Chau Nguyen

Quynh Nhi Nguyen <sup>2</sup>

Thuy T. Nguyen <sup>3</sup>

Tran Veronica Nguyen <sup>2</sup>

Christopher James Noel <sup>3</sup>

Ogechukwu Nwamaka Okonkwo <sup>3</sup>

Christabel Ogechukwu Orabile <sup>3</sup>

Sarah Christine Ortega <sup>2</sup>

Kevin Paul Osmer <sup>3</sup>

Donette Reyne Paige <sup>3</sup>

Niti Patel <sup>1</sup>

Pratikumar J. Patel <sup>1</sup>

Romil Satishbhai Patel

Cynthia Laura Perez

Denise Perez

Anjulie Pham <sup>1</sup>

Yen Thanh Phan

Kady Phe <sup>1</sup>

Achsah Samuel Philip <sup>3</sup>

Tracy Xinyu Protich <sup>3</sup>

Ghazaleh Moayedhi Ranjbar <sup>1</sup>

Jonathan Craig Rekieta <sup>3</sup>

Michelle McQuirk Roberts <sup>3</sup>

Shabnam Ava Roozbehani

Brady Seth Shimek

Leshawn T. Smith <sup>3</sup>

Jesse Raymond Snyder

L'Anna Michele Sterling <sup>3</sup>

Christy Peggy Su <sup>3</sup>

Christina Lane Santos Tan <sup>1</sup>

Shuk-Chun Tang

Elizabeth Ashley Taylor

Sheela James Thachet <sup>3</sup>

Tara Nicole Thompson <sup>3</sup>

Shan Lee Tieu

Leslie Ann Tompkins

Angel Poon Trieu <sup>3</sup>

Thu Truong

Amir Uddin

<sup>1</sup> Summa Cum Laude - <sup>2</sup> Magna Cum Laude - <sup>3</sup> Cum Laude - \* Banner Bearer (highest GPA in college)

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Sheresa Ung  
Timothy Kevin Van Delden II  
Cristina Brioso Villamor <sup>2</sup>  
Quynh Nhu Thi Vo

Andrea Michele Walker <sup>3</sup>  
Sue Ann A. Wang  
Sara Louise Wattari <sup>2</sup>  
Kyle Jameson Wilcox

Eric Ho-See Wong  
Tiffany Chyvyonne Wright  
Denise Lindsey Yeung <sup>2</sup>  
Jonathan Abraham Zoha

## GRADUATES

### DECEMBER 2011

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Mohamed M. Ismail Nounou  
*Novel Lysine-Based Reducible Copolymers for  
Intracellular Gene Delivery*  
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Eikenburg

Wen Jiang  
*Mechanisms of Interplay Between UGTs and  
Efflux Transporters in Flavonoid Disposition*  
Advisor: Dr. Ming Hu

#### DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Chinonyerem Ngozi Igboagi

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Amber D. McCloud

## GRADUATES

### AUGUST 2011

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACEUTICS

Roland A. Ako  
*Pharmacokinetics/Dynamics (PK/PD) of Oral  
Diethylstilbestrol (DES) in Recurrent Prostate  
Cancer and PK/PD of Oral Dissolving Film (ODF)-  
DES in Animal Model*  
Advisor: Dr. Diana Chow

Munder A. Zagaar  
*Regular Treadmill Exercise Prevents Sleep  
Deprivation-Induced Impairment of Hippocampal-  
Dependent Memory and Synaptic Plasticity*  
Advisor: Dr. Karim Alkadhi

Anthony Cass Luparello  
*Economic Outcomes of Pharmacist Run Primary  
Care Clinics in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes*  
Advisor: Dr. Rajendar Aparasu

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHARMACOLOGY

Siddhartha Bhatt  
*Role of Vascular Oxidative Stress in Development  
of Hypertension*  
Advisor: Mustafa F. Lokhandwala

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION

Ruchika Agrawal  
*Impact of Pharmacist Based Intervention on  
Improving Outcomes of Diabetic Patients*  
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sangsri

Sonam Mehta  
*Comparative Effectiveness of Mood Stabilizers  
versus Atypical Antipsychotics Mono-Therapy in  
the Treatment of Bipolar Disorder in Children and  
Adolescents*  
Advisor: Dr. Hua Chen

Anita Mohite  
*Effect of Selective Upregulation of Prostacyclin  
Synthesis on Its Signaling and Vascular Protection*  
Advisor: Dr. Ke-He Ruan

Rituparna Bhattacharya  
*Obesity and Mental Health Disorders: A Causal  
Relation*  
Advisor: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Cody Wayne Meuth  
*Impact of Pharmacist Run Primary Care Clinics  
on Attainment of Clinical Goals in Patients with  
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus*  
Advisor: Dr. Rajender Aparasu

Rifat Sabuhi  
*Role of Angiotensin II Type 2 Receptors in  
Oxidative Stress and Inflammation*  
Advisor: Dr. Tahir Hussain

Prajakta G. Bhounsule  
*Predictors of Smoking Cessation in India*  
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sangsri

Shivani Kamalakar Mhatre  
*Perspectives of the Elderly on Relationships with  
Providers, Beliefs in Medicines and Polypharmacy*  
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sangsri

Kaustuv Saha  
*Changes in GRK3 and Norepinephrine  
Responsiveness in Locus Coeruleus Neurons  
are Associated with Learned Helplessness After  
Repeated Forced Swim Stress*  
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Eikenburg

Pooja Anil Chopra  
*Prevalence and Costs of Chronic Obstructive  
Pulmonary Disease (COPD)*  
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sangsri

Ayush Vijay Patel  
*Paediatric Bipolar – Maintenance Treatment*  
Advisor: Dr. Hua Chen

Manish Taneja  
*Association of GRK3 with Stress Resilience and  
Susceptibility: Behavioral and Pharmacological  
Evidence*  
Advisor: Dr. Douglas Eikenburg

Rodney Cox  
*The Effect of Computerized Physician Order Entry  
on Efficiency and Workflow for Pharmacists in a  
Hospital Setting*  
Advisor: Dr. Sujit Sangsri

Dhaval Suhas Patil  
*Role of Physician in Adoption of New Genomic  
Technologies in Breast Cancer*  
Advisor: Dr. Amalia Issa

Aditi Rajesh Kadakia  
*Renal and Cardiac Toxicities Caused by  
Chemotherapeutic Agents Used to Treat Breast  
Cancer*  
Advisor: Dr. Suja Rajan

Shahana Perveen Quadri  
*Evaluation of Generic Dispensing Ratios and  
Mail-Order Pharmacy Costs for Health Plan  
Participants in A 340B Institution.*  
Advisor: Dr. Rajendar Aparasu

Ankit Jayeshbhai Shah  
*Impact of Diabetes on Costs of Dementia*  
Advisor: Dr. Michael Johnson

# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Juhi Divyang Shah

*Prevalence of Lifestyle Modifications and Pharmacotherapy and Determinants of Their Utilization in Patients Who Have Previously Suffered From an Acute Myocardial Infarction and the Impact of These Secondary Prevention Measures on the Health Related Quality of Life.*  
Advisor: Dr. Michael Johnson

I-Hsuan Wu

*Correlates of Tobacco Use Among Taiwanese Adults*  
Advisor: Dr. James Essien

Yuping Yu

*Obesity and Prescribing of Smoking Cessation Medication.*  
Advisor: Dr. Susan Abughosh

## DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Brian Harold Jonathan  
Lauren Beth McCoy-Maddox<sup>3</sup>  
Survam Mahendra Patel  
Timothy Potts  
Vanessa Marie Rivera  
Hsiang-Chun Wen<sup>3</sup>

## PHARMACY HONOR AND LEADERSHIP SOCIETIES



**The Rho Chi Society**, pharmacy's academic honor society, was established in 1922 to encourage and recognize excellence in intellectual achievement, foster fellowship among its members, encourage high standards of conduct and character and advocate critical inquiry in all aspects of pharmacy. The fundamental objective of Rho Chi is to promote the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences through the encouragement and recognition of sound scholarship by bringing professional students, graduate students and faculty members together in fraternal and helpful association. High standards of intellectual and scholarly attainment have been demanded for election to membership.

The Society's insignia, the Greek letters, Rho and Chi, were originally selected because, when placed in the relative position in which they are found on the Rho Chi Key, they are emblematic of the prescription sign. The colors attached to the seal of membership were chosen to indicate the royalty of purple and the loyalty of white. The eight sides of the key represent chemistry, biology, physiology, pharmaceuticals, pharmacology and the biomedical, social/administrative and clinical sciences.



**Phi Lambda Sigma**, pharmacy's leadership society, was established in 1965 to honor and promote the development of leadership qualities, especially among pharmacy students. Members are selected by peer recognition. No greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one's peers. Such recognition instills and enhances self-confidence, encourages the less active student to a more active role and promotes greater effort toward the advancement of pharmacy.

The insignia of the Society is the key pin, which bears a mortar and pestle and the Greek letters of Phi, Lambda and Sigma. A wreath of laurel surrounds the mortar and pestle. The colors of the Society are green and gold.

### RHO CHI GRADUATING MEMBERS

Ruchika Agrawal  
Rituparna Bhattacharya  
Pooja Anil Chopra  
Shih-yi Chu  
Katherine Amanda Clouser  
Rodney Cox  
Stacey Michelle Gordon  
Tam Minh Ha  
Eleanor Claire Hobaugha  
Wei Yen Hsu  
Benny Kuo-Wei Hwang  
Irma Cristina Johnston  
Aditi Rajesh Kadakia  
Anna Un Un Kit  
Ashley Ann Kovar  
Natalie Renee Lee  
Omar A. Leon  
Andrew Lok  
Wenya Ruan Lu  
Anthony Cass Luparello  
Sonam Mehta

Cody Wayne Meuth  
Shivani Kamalakar Mhatre  
Angeline Hoang Ngo  
Quynh Nhi Nguyen  
Thuy T. Nguyen  
Sarah Christine Ortega  
Ayush Vijay Patel  
Niti Patel  
Pratikkumar J. Patel  
Dhaval Suhas Patil  
Anjolie Pham  
Kady Phe  
Achshah Samuel Philip  
Tracy Xinyu Protich  
Ghazaleh Moayedi Ranjbar  
Ankit Jayeshbhai Shah  
Juhi Divyang Shah  
Christina Lane Santos Tan  
Sara Louise Wattari  
Hsiang-Chun Wen  
Baojian Wu  
Zhen Yang  
Munder A. Zagaar

### PHI LAMBDA SIGMA GRADUATING MEMBERS

Avani Suresh Desai  
Disha Desai  
Vi Phuong Doan  
Jana Beth Downing  
Amin Esmaily-Fard  
Aaron Heath Goins  
Wei Yen Hsu  
Rusol Gazwan Karralli  
Cynthia Laura Perez  
Shahana Perveen Quadri  
Leshawn T. Smith  
Christy Peggy Su  
Christina Lane Santos Tan  
Tara Nicole Thompson  
Angel Poon Trieu  
Hsiang-Chun Wen  
Kyle Jameson Wilcox  
Denise Lindsey Yeung

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# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

F. Lamar Pritchard  
*Dean*

Mustafa F. Lokhandwala  
*Executive Vice Dean for Research*

Shara Zatopek  
*Associate Dean for Operations*

Andrea Smesny  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Nancy Ordonez  
*Assistant Dean for Experiential Programs*

Barbara Lewis  
*Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs*

Elizabeth Coyle  
*Assistant Dean for Assessment*

Shaki Commissariat  
*College Business Administrator*

## DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

Kevin Garey  
*Clinical Sciences and Administration*

Doug Eikenburg  
*Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences*

## COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Barbara Lewis  
Louis Williams

## COMMENCEMENT COORDINATORS

Barbara Lewis  
Betty Hassell

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012 · 1:00 P.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

## OPENING PROCESSION

### WELCOME

Ira C. Colby, D.S.W.  
*Dean and Professor*

### GREETINGS

Jarvis V. Hollingsworth (J.D., '93)  
*Secretary, University of Houston System Board of Regents*

### AWARDS

Nena Chima and Kelle' Martin  
*GCSW Student Association Awards Presenters*

### SPEAKER

Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez  
*Representing Illinois' Fourth District in the U.S. House of Representatives*

### FIELDS OF PRACTICE RECOGNITION

Paul R. Raffoul, Ph.D.  
*Associate Dean for Administration and Information Technology*

### PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

Dean Ira C. Colby

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Tilman J. Fertitta  
*Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents*

### HOODING OF PH.D. CANDIDATES

Dissertation Advisors

### PRESENTATIONS OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES

Dean Colby

### CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Regent Hollingsworth

### HOODING OF M.S.W. CANDIDATES

Sandra Lopez, M.S.W.  
*Clinical Professor*

### CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Colby

### RECESSIONAL

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Tawana D. Cummings

*Stress and Coping: Factors That Influence the Health Status of Black Men*  
Dr. Sheara Williams

David V. Flores

*Drug Use in Aging Mexican-American Men: The Role of Culture and Social Capital*  
Dr. Luis Torres

Nadia G. Kalinchuk

*Cervical Dysplasia Among Latinas: Understanding the Barriers and Benefits of Screening*  
Dr. Maxine Epstein

Kara S. Lopez

*Managing Digital Identities: A Grounded Theory of Mental Health Professionals' Online Experience*  
Dr. Susan Robbins

Grace A. Loudd

*Condom Use Among U.S. Black Women: An Integrated Cognitive Approach*  
Dr. Maxine Epstein

Thang D. Luu

*Variables Impacting Depressive Symptoms in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Asian and Pacific and Pacific Islander Americans*  
Dr. Patrick Leung

Alexis Rose

*Factors that Predict Condom Use Self-Efficacy in Postmenopausal Women*  
Dr. Andy Achenbaum

Lisa Thompson-Caruthers

*After-School Programs and School Day Measures of Success: Assessment of Program Quality on School Connectedness Outcomes*  
Dr. Patrick Leung

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

### DECEMBER 2011

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Chelsy Alexander  
Chelsea Batchelder  
Mitzi Coleman  
Mary Davis  
Odette Elliston  
Amy Everett  
Beth Eversole

Elizabeth Gonzalez  
James Gonzalez  
Ryan Johnson  
Meshalini Khan  
Shannon Manning  
Ashlee Marshall  
Roxana Mayer  
Ashley Reeder

Timothy Reeves  
Amy Rodriguez  
Miguel Angel Romero  
Monica Gabriela Salinas-Osuna  
Charlene Sanuade  
Kamilah Thomas  
Christine Underwood  
Miesha Walker

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

MAY AND AUGUST 2012

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Frances Akhtari  
Luz Macias Alquicira  
Desiree Alvarado  
Kenneth Anderson  
Victoria Argueta  
Tyler Asman  
Melanie Becker  
Lauren Boe  
Nathan Bradley  
Michelle Tesarek Breen  
Heather Marie Broussard  
Ashley Bryant  
Latticia Buckholtz  
Tira Burford  
Veronica Campos  
Maria Cano  
Alma L. Carrillo  
Elena Casella  
Tristesse Casimier  
Natasha Shonté Colbert  
Kayla Cooper  
Ivy Crank  
Cappreese Crawley  
Deysi Crespo  
Lindsey Cruse  
Cicely M. Davis  
Jamie Davis  
Ana DeJesus  
Ti-Tinisha S. Dillon  
Analyn Durham  
Adaugo Glenda Duru  
William Lee Edlund  
Christen Egge  
Adenike Falaye  
Cristina Flores

Zakiya Fortune  
Tameka Frazier  
Priscilla Rodriguez Gilbert  
Allison Glenney  
Irma Glueck  
Clara Glueck  
Sarah Goldman  
Dayana Gomez  
Karen Rochelle Greenberg  
Amanda Harris  
Sylvia Hatter  
Caroline Hendrix  
LaShana Mims Hernandez  
Cedric Hill  
Louis Honore  
Randryia Houston  
Barbara Hudson  
John Michael Hubbell  
Celeste Ige  
Rachel Jackson  
Victoria Lynn Jones  
Iram Khan  
Sharon Knox  
Ana Luisa Laws  
Antonella Lazzaro  
Kathy Kidd  
Rita Kronfeld Loeb  
Sara Luong  
Loretta Manjarrez  
Synnove Marlow  
Karina Martinez  
Yuliana A. Medina  
Anthony Minter  
Abdul Hussain Narejo  
Miryam Nessim  
Lisa Newhouse  
Jana Poehl Norwood

Linda Obinani  
Olanike Oluwole  
Ann Otto  
Melanie Espinosa Pang  
Margot Perkins  
Claire Poff  
Denise Ramos  
Tara Reed  
Michelle Reescano  
Ashley Nicole Rene  
Jaime Rene Rivera  
Kira Ruben  
Melinda Rushing  
Cornesia Russell  
Ashleigh Scinta  
Diana Scroggins  
Samrawit Sium  
Grace Smith  
Alicia Thomas  
Stacy Thompson  
Shelley Townsend  
Caroline Trowbridge  
Ling Tsui  
Connie Villasmil  
Joseph Von Furstenberg  
Maria Von Furstenberg  
Cheryl Lynn Vetter †  
Laurel Wagner  
Chloe Louise Walker  
Rachel Watson  
Sarah Whitman  
Kenya Whittington  
Elissa Wilke  
Kimberly Willis  
Jaclyn Young



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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & STIPEND RECIPIENTS

### AGENCIES FOR GERONTOLOGY INTERCULTURAL FIELD TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS (AGIFT)

Kenneth Anderson  
Melanie Becker  
Sylvia Hatter  
Sharon Knox  
Karina Martinez

### ALVIN N. LONDON SCHOLARSHIP

Chloe Walker

### BARBARA WINSTON IN HONOR OF KATHERINE WHITE SCHOLARSHIPS

Desiree Alvarado  
Cappreese Crawley  
Beth Eversole  
Clara Glueck  
Meshalini Khan  
Jana Poehl  
Kamilah Thomas  
Rachel Watson  
Kimberly Willis

### BROWN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Ivy Crank  
Lisa Newhouse  
Cornesia Russell  
Ashleigh Scinta

### C. F. REIBENSTEIN ENDOWMENT FOR SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Ti-Tinisha Dillon  
Priscilla Gilbert

### CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION PROJECT STIPENDS

Alma Carillo  
May Davis  
Ana Dejesus  
Amanda Harris  
Loretta Manjarrez  
Shannon Manning  
Ashlee Marshall  
Tara Reed  
Melinda Rushing  
Diana Scroggins  
Margaret Grace Smith

Stacy Thompson  
Christine Underwood  
Jaclyn Young

### DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

Chelsea Batchelder  
Ivy Crank  
Roxana Mayer  
Lisa Newhouse  
Cornesia Russell  
Ashleigh Scinta  
Chloe Walker

### FRANCES "SISSY" FARENTHOLD SCHOLARSHIP

Priscilla Gilbert

### GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP TUITION FELLOWSHIPS

Luz Macias Alquicira  
Victoria Argueta  
Cappreese Crawley  
Deysi Crespo  
Tawana Cummings  
Christine Egge  
David Flores  
Randryia Houston  
Nadia Kalinchuk  
Karina Martinez  
Melanie Pang  
Alexis Rose  
Ashleigh Scinta  
Sam Sium  
Sarah Whitman

### THE GEORGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Luz Macias Alquicira

### GULEN INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

Mitzi Coleman

### GEORGE W. MAGNER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN SOCIAL WORK

Ashley Reeder

### HOGG FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BILINGUAL STUDENTS

Maria Cano  
Yuliana Medina

### ISLA CARROLL TURNER FELLOWSHIPS IN GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK (IN MEMORY OF BERT F. WINSTON, JR.)

Melanie Becker  
Heather Broussard  
Iram Khan  
Sharon Knox  
Sara Luong  
Linda Obinani  
Sarah Whitman

### THE MAKE A DIFFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Ashley Reeder

### MOLLIE NADELMAN BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Ashley Reeder

### NATIONAL HISPANIC COUNCIL ON AGING – HOUSTON CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Dayana Gomez

### PFLAG/HATCH YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Melanie Pang

### PHI ALPHA HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Whitman

### SCURLOCK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPANISH SPEAKING STUDENTS

Deysi Crespo  
Dayana Gomez

### JOSEPHINE STEWART SCHOLARSHIP

Alicia Thomas

### UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Roxana Mayer  
Chloe Walker



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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

### **BARBARA JORDAN INTEGRITY AWARD**

This award is in the name of the first black woman elected to the Texas Senate and the first W. S. Representative for Houston's 18th District, known for her tenacity and perseverance. The recipient of this award is a part-time or Advanced Standing student who has demonstrated discipline, determination, and a high standard of excellence.

### **JANE ADDAMS UNITY AWARD**

This award is named for one of the Social Work profession's founders and examples of conviction put into practice. This award is given to the student who best demonstrates service to the GCSW, professionalism, scholastic achievement, leadership and the ability to establish and maintain faculty-student support and rapport.

### **MAHATMA GANDHI PEACE AWARD**

Gandhi provides the inspiration for the GCSW's un-official motto, "We must become the change we want to see" and this award is given to the student who most exemplifies the power of this principle. This student is innovative in leadership style, thought and character and is known as someone who embodies the change they work to achieve.

### **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD**

This award is named for one of society's greatest contemporary examples of advocacy, empowerment and the championing of social justice and is given to the student who embodies these same principles. As a leader, this award recipient has shown the power to cooperatively determine goals and unite others behind their causes.

### **MARY RICHMOND SERVICE AWARD**

This award is given in honor of one of the Social Work profession's community practice pioneers. The student who receives this award has performed exceptional community service beyond employment or field practicum. Additionally, the recipient of this award represents the epitome of social work values and ethics and supports a traditional casework philosophy.

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND CHANGE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FACULTY AWARD**

This faculty member has demonstrated dedication to building a movement of vulnerable population by working with the people to affect change. Through education this faculty member has engaged students and inspired commitment and action to attain social justice.

### **OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD**

This award was initiated by the Student Association to honor and recognize a member of the GCSW faculty who demonstrates exceptional class performance, supportive student interaction, professional role modeling and advocacy on behalf of students. The faculty member chosen for this award will have the honor of placing Master's degree hoods on candidates for graduation at today's ceremony.

### **OUTSTANDING STAFF AWARD**

This award is given to honor a staff member who has provided outstanding friendship and support to students throughout the academic year. Although this person may not have instructional interaction with students, he/she is chosen based on their commitment to the GCSW and the promulgation of social work education, values and ethics.

### **HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

This award is given to an individual from the community that exemplifies social work through their dedication and efforts to promote social justice and equality. This community leader embodies the core components of social work by promoting the well-being of individuals and communities through social change, and honors people's right to self-determination.

Immediately following the Convocation, the GCSW Student Association will hold a reception in honor of all 2011 December graduates, and all 2012 May and August graduation candidates at the

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
HOUSTON ROOM, UNIVERSITY CENTER**

All graduates and their guests are cordially invited.

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# GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

## ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

Samantha Ary  
*MSW Advising Assistant*

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*NLA Program Director*

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*Director of VRCRL & CFCIR*

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*Ph.D. Academic Advisor*

Marsha Christ  
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Monit Cheung  
*CWEP Principal Investigator*

Kathy Clark  
*CWEP Field Coordinator*

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*Ph.D. Program Director*

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*CWEP Director*

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*Director of Recruitment and Admissions*

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*IT Support Manager*

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*CWEP Program Assistant*

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*MSW Academic Advisor*

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*Associate Dean for Administration & IT*

Virginia Robbins  
*Director of Field Education*

Cache Steinberg  
*OCP Senior Researcher*

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Rosalind Walker  
*Admissions Assistant*

Connease Warren  
*Communications Manager*

Yolanda Williams  
*Assistant Business Manager*

Brunessia Wilson  
*CWEP Student Affairs Coordinator*

## FACULTY

W. Andrew Achenbaum, Ph.D.  
*Professor*

Dale Alexander, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

Steven R. Applewhite, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

Patrick Bordnick, Ph.D.  
*Professor*

C. Brene Brown, Ph.D.  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Social Work*

Monit Cheung, Ph.D.  
*Professor*

Ira Colby, D.S.W.  
*Professor*

Maxine Weinman Epstein, Dr. PH  
*Professor*

Dennis Kao, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Jean K. Latting, Dr. PH  
*Professor*

Rev. William Lawson  
*Distinguished Community  
Scholar in Residence*

Patrick Leung, Ph.D.  
*Professor*

Mary R. Lewis, Ph.D.  
*Professor Emerita*

Sandra A. Lopez, M.S.W  
*Clinical Professor*

Danielle Parrish, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Suzanne Pritzker, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Paul Raffoul, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

Susan P. Robbins, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

Virginia Cooke Robbins, M.S.W. – A. P.  
*Clinical Professor*

McClain Sampson, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Ellen S. Steven-Roseman, D.S.W.  
*Associate Professor*

Isabel Torres, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Luis Torres, Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

Jody Williams, Ph.D.  
*Distinguished Professor of Social Work  
Nobel Laureate for Peace, 1997*

Sheara Williams, Ph.D.  
*Associate Professor*

## ADJUNCT FACULTY

Melanie Barr-Fitzpatrick  
Jennifer Battle  
Ada Cheung  
Travis Courville  
Tawanna Cummings  
Will Dickey  
Jacqueline Duron  
Robert Fleming  
Amanda Ford  
Gayle Klaybor

Alicia LaChapelle  
Roberta Leal  
Lynn Lenert  
Jan Leger  
Brent LoCaste-Wilkins  
Marki McMillan  
Amber Mollhagen  
Brett Needham  
Rhonda Patrick  
Cynthia Reibenstein

Alexis Rose  
Kay Schiller  
William B. Schnapp  
Cache Steinberg  
Michael Taylor  
Patricia Taylor  
William Taylor  
Mark Trahan  
Michelle Washburn  
Brunessia Wilson

UNIVERSITY of  
**HOUSTON**

**Graduate College of Social Work**  
Alumni Association

May 11, 2012

Dear 2012 GCSW Graduate,

Today is a remarkable milestone in your life, characterized by not only all of your hard work and dedication but as also the beginning of the next chapter in your life. It is my extreme pleasure to congratulate you on this incredible accomplishment! As President of the UH Graduate College of Social Work Alumni Association, it is an honor to welcome you to the social work community as an alumnus of the Graduate College of Social Work. You are joining the ranks of a prestigious group of individuals.

Today, you received a UH lapel pin during the "Michael Roberts Pinning Ceremony." Michael was a UH GCSW Class of 2002 alumnus, who served on the GCSW Alumni Association board for many years and particularly enjoyed personally congratulating each new graduate. We hope you wear your pin with Cougar Pride!

On behalf of the GCSW Alumni Association Board of Directors, I'd like to personally invite you to join the alumni organization, which was created to strengthen the relationship between the alumni and the Graduate College of Social Work of the University of Houston. The GCSW-AA is a constituent group of the University of Houston Alumni Association (UHAA); therefore, when you pay your membership dues to UHAA, you are automatically accorded membership in the GCSW-AA. Please visit [www.houstonalumni.com](http://www.houstonalumni.com) to join today!

Again, I welcome you as the newest GCSW alumni member! Please feel free to contact me for additional information at [rosalind.rolls@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosalind.rolls@sbcglobal.net) or 713.213.0882.

Best wishes,

Rosalind Rolls, LMSW  
Class of 2009  
President, GCSW-AA

**YOU ARE THE PRIDE**

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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 · 1:00 P.M. · CULLEN PERFORMANCE HALL

## PRELUDE

Classical Arrangement

## PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance  
*by Sir Edward Elgar*

### **Banner Bearer-University of Houston**

Norman Leach, O.D., M.S.  
*Clinical Professor*

### **Banner Bearer-College of Optometry**

Lloyd Pate, O.D.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*

### **Mace Bearer-College of Optometry**

Heather Anderson, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Assistant Professor*

## INVOCATION

Nimesh Patel, O.D.  
*Research Assistant Professor*

## WELCOME

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Dean and Greeman-Petty Professor*

## GREETINGS

Renu Khator  
*UH President*

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

### **Summa Cum Laude**

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Associate Professor*

### **Beta Sigma Kappa**

### **BSK Silver Medal Award**

Lanny Shulman, O.D., Ph.D.  
*Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions and Clinical Associate Professor*

### **Robert William Zipper Leadership Award**

Assistant Dean Shulman

### **Gold Key International Memberships**

Ralph J. Herring, O.D., M.H.A.  
*Clinical Associate Professor*

### **Clinical Excellence Awards**

Nicky R. Holdeman, O.D., M.D.  
*Associate Dean for Clinical Education and Professor of Optometry*

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Dean Smith

### **Distinguished Alumnus for 2012**

H. Doug Barnes, O.D.  
*Class of 1975*

### **Cora and J. Davis Armistead Faculty Teaching Award**

## STUDENT ADDRESS

Joshua William Patrick

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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR HONORARY DEGREE

Dean Smith

## CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

President Khator

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Brien A. Holden, Ph.D., D. Sc., O.A.M.

## PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF CANDIDATES

Dean Smith

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE

Laura J. Frishman, Ph.D.

*Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research and John and Rebecca Moores Professor*

## PRESENTATION OF OPTOMETRY RESIDENTS

Karen D. Fern, O.D.

*Director, Residency Programs and Associate Professor*

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE

Judith Perrigin, O.D.

*Vice-chair of the Faculty and Professor of Optometry*

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE

Associate Dean Boltz

## HOODING OF CANDIDATES

William Miller, O.D., Ph.D.

*Chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences and Associate Professor*

Suzanne Wickum, O.D.

*Clinical Associate Professor*

### Faculty Assisting in Hooding

Professor Perrigin

Anastas Pass, O.D., M.S., J.D.

*Associate Professor*

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Dean Smith

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

President Khator

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

Associate Dean Holdeman

## CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Smith

## BENEDICTION

James Walters, Ph.D., O.D.

*Associate Professor*

## RECESSIONAL

War March of the Priests

*Felix Mendelssohn*

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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

## CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

MAY 2012

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS

Samuel Hanlon  
Houston, TX

B.S., Seattle Pacific University  
O.D., Southern California College of Optometry  
M.S., California State University Fullerton  
**Dissertation:** *Neutrophil Interstitial Migration*

Lin "Jonathan" He

Shanghai, China P.R.  
M.D., Shanghai EENT Hospital, Fudan University, China, P.R.  
Bachelor of Medicine, Shanghai Medical College, Fudan University, China, P.R.  
**Dissertation:** *Accommodation and Presbyopia*

Juan "Jenny" Huang

Guangzhou, China, P.R.  
Bachelor of Medicine, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China, P.R.  
**Dissertation:** *Peripheral Refractive Errors and Ocular Shape in Rhesus Monkeys (Macaca mulatta) with Experimentally Induced Myopia*

Darren Koenig

San Antonio, TX  
B.S., Texas Lutheran College  
O.D., Nova Southeastern University  
**Dissertation:** *Spatial Pooling in Dark Adapted Cone Vision*

Joseph Manarang

Las Piñas City, Philippines  
B.S., University of the Philippines Manila  
M.D., University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines  
**Dissertation:** *The Potential Role of Cationic Antimicrobial Peptides in Tumor Pathogenesis and Treatment of Uveal Melanoma and Retinoblastoma*

Nimesh Patel

Jarpore Pardi, Gujarat, India  
B.S., Augusta State University  
O.D., Southern College of Optometry  
**Dissertation:** *Methodologies for Analyzing Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer Thickness/Area Using Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tomography*

Tihomira "Tia" Petkova

Debeme, Bulgaria  
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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

## THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

**With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:**

- *I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.*
- *I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.*
- *I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.*
- *I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack proper care.*
- *I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.*
- *I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.*
- *I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.*
- *I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow optometrists and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.*
- *I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as an optometrist.*
- *I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.*

## DOCTORS OF OPTOMETRY ARE:

*Primary health care professionals who diagnose and treat eye health and vision problems.*

## OPTOMETRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

*The four-year Post-Baccalaureate Professional Program includes:*

- 3216 hours of lectures and laboratories in optics, advanced human physiology, gross human and ocular anatomy, neuroanatomy, systemic and ocular pathology, general and ocular pharmacology and vision and clinical sciences.
- 500 eye health and vision care experiences in the University Eye Institute's family practice, cornea and contact lens, pediatric, low vision and medical services.
- 1200 eye health and vision care experiences during two externships (32 weeks) at vision and health care centers. These centers include military hospitals, Indian Health Hospitals, community health centers, surgical centers, Veterans Administration Hospitals and multidisciplinary vision care centers and institutes.

## LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING INCLUDE:

- National Board Examinations
  - Basic Science
  - Clinical Science
  - Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease
  - Comprehensive Patient Care and Clinical Examinations
- State Licensure Examination
  - Optometric Jurisprudence Examination

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# COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

## MILESTONES

### 1950s

In 1952, UHCO officially opens. Charles R. Stewart, O.D., Ph.D. is named first dean of the college.

The Foundation for Education and Research in Vision is established to increase and promote awareness of vision and its care.

UHCO graduates its first class with 11 O.D.s entering the optometric profession in 1955.

Mildred Carlile, O.D. is UHCO's first female graduate.

### 1960s

Faculty member Chester H. Pfeiffer, O.D., Ph.D. assumes duties as dean of the college.

The Texas Commission on Higher Education confirms the offering of optometry at UH making the college eligible for state support.

Charles M. Stephens, O.D. becomes UHCO's 100th graduate.

### 1970s

The graduate program is established in physiological optics (vision science) with the MS degree in 1970 and the Ph.D. in 1972. The first MS graduate is Norman E. Leach, O.D., a current UHCO faculty member. The first Ph.D. is awarded to Pierette Dahaw-Barker, a current faculty member at Salus University.

James K. Donovan, O.D. becomes the 500th graduate.

The J. Davis Armistead Building is completed with state and federal assistance. The state-of-the-art, \$9.6 million building remains UHCO's home.

UHCO establishes a formal partnership with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center and on-site optometric services begin.

William R. Baldwin, O.D., Ph.D. becomes UHCO's dean.

The UHCO Reading Room becomes an official UH recognized library.

The Nelson Reber, O.D., Eye Open Golf Tournament is established to raise funds for student scholarships and emergency loans. Dr. Reber died in October 2011, but the tournament tradition continues every fall and is now known as the FERV Fall Classic.

### 1980s

Dan Patterson, O.D. becomes UHCO's 1,000<sup>th</sup> graduate.

UH-Downtown formally names their vision clinic the Herbert H. Moore Vision Care Clinic in honor of the popular UHCO optometry professor.

The Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program (TEXOCOP) is created, with grant funds contributed from the US Department of Health and Human Service Administration.

### 1990s

Karen M. Conway, O.D. becomes the 2,000<sup>th</sup> graduate.

The Weston A. Pettey Library is dedicated to honor Dr. Pettey's tireless efforts on behalf of UHCO and the profession. The Reading Room is named to honor Dr. Irvin M. Borish for his achievements in the profession.

The college building is formally named the J. Davis Armistead Building in recognition of Dr. Armistead's enduring efforts benefitting the college, university and the profession. Dr. Armistead is known for being the optometrist to singer Buddy Holly and had a hand in selecting the famous black frames.

Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., Ph.D. is named UHCO's dean.



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2000s

Seren D. Ngin, O.D. becomes UHCO's 3,000<sup>th</sup> graduate.

UHCO caps off the 50th Anniversary celebration with a gala celebrating Visions of the Past, Present and Future.

Earl L. Smith III, O.D., Ph.D. becomes dean of the College.

UHCO and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society form an official affiliation to establish the MS Eye Care Center. The clinic is dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of MS, to the delivery of comprehensive eye care to patients with MS and to groundbreaking research.

UHCO debuts its Mobile Eye Institute designed specifically to provide eye care to the greater-Houston area. MEI is equipped with the latest in ophthalmic technology and brings comprehensive on-site vision services to patients in need of optometric care.

UHCO hosts a Groundbreaking Celebration on the site that will become the UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center, featuring the UHCO Vision Institute in November 2010.

The Topping Out Ceremony and pillar signing event is held to mark the occasion when construction on the new building reaches the highest point in September 2011.

Bridget Ducote Guidry, O.D. becomes the 4,000<sup>th</sup> UHCO graduate at the May 2012 graduation ceremony.

The UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center, featuring UHCO's Vision Institute, will officially open in Fall 2012.

**The University of Houston College of Optometry's faculty, staff, students and alumni salute the Class of 1962 on the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.**



*\*deceased*

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## ACADEMIC HERALDRY

The academic costume in America consists of three components: a cap, gown and hood. The cap is the beret or mortarboard type with a colored tassel (black or gold) that represents the graduate level of education-the professional doctorate.

The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, as well as three bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The hood design is unique to the profession of Optometry. The velvet trim of the hood is seafoam green, the color that represents the academic discipline of Optometry. The length of the hood depicts the doctoral level of education while the field of the hood is specific for the University of Houston, red with a reverse white chevron.

The hooding ceremony and the formal conferring of the degrees by the Dean or the President represent the final acts of academic endorsement by the faculty of the College and the University.



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# UH LAW CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012 · 2:00 P.M. · HOFHEINZ PAVILION

## PRELUDE

Selection performed by the Houston Lyric Brass

## PROCESSIONAL

Triumphal March from Aida (Verdi)

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by Shari Wilkins ('93)

## WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Dean Raymond T. Nimmer

## GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

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Douglas Moll  
*Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P.  
Law Center Professor of Law*

## WELCOME FROM ALUMNI

Bill Jackson ('92)  
*President, Law Alumni Association*

## CLASS SPEAKER

Tamecia Glover Harris (J.D., M.B.A., '12)  
*Class of 2012  
Member, University of Houston System Board of Regents*

## CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Nimmer

## RECESSIONAL

Rondeau (Mouret)

A reception in honor of the graduates will be held at the Law Center immediately following the commencement. All graduates, their guests, faculty and other distinguished guests are cordially invited to attend.

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MAY 2012

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Dear University of Houston Graduate,

You have succeeded and your mission has been accomplished! Let me start by extending well-deserved congratulations to you, your family and friends who supported you during your time at UH. From this place and time, you will follow the path of more than 220,000 alumni who have walked before you as you pursue new professional and personal goals. In everything you do, in all that you will undoubtedly accomplish, your pride is shared by the entire Cougar Nation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the University of Houston Alumni Association, I encourage you to become a member of the Alumni Association. The cost is only \$20. That's a special discounted rate reserved only for new graduates. To join, visit [www.HoustonAlumni.com](http://www.HoustonAlumni.com).

Joining, however, is only the first step. We need alumni who are active, we need alumni who are involved and we need alumni who take advantage of their many membership benefits: show up to one of our networking events and maybe find a new job or a new client; stop by the alumni tailgate before football games to enjoy free food and drink; submit a class note for publication in UH Alumni Quarterly or use your membership card to purchase discounted tickets to events at the Moores School of Music. Also, as a new grad, you are entitled to short-term medical insurance discounts. We make it easy for you to be an active Cougar.

It's worth noting that your membership also helps UH achieve Tier One status. Alumni participation is one of the categories that the Higher Education Coordinating Board considers when issuing Tier One funding. So not only will you receive the many membership perks, but you'll also help put dollars back into the university – dollars to fund scholarships, dollars to hire exceptional faculty, and dollars to upgrade the image and face of our institution.

Allow me to leave you with this parting advice: Keep your Cougar connection strong! Whether your destiny takes you around the corner or around the world, always remember that you're a Cougar, and always show it. UHAA membership is one of the best ways to do that, and we promise to make you as proud of your alma mater as we already are proud of you.

With Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricky A. Raven'.

Ricky A. Raven ('83, JD '86)  
Chair, Board of Directors  
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