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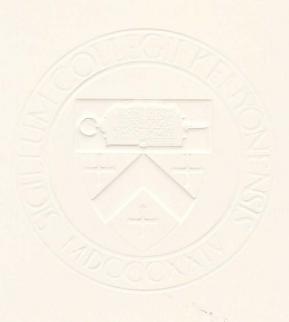
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Kenyon College



The One Hundred Seventy-Ninth Commencement

Samuel Mather Lawn Ten Thirty O'clock, May Nineteenth Two Thousand Seven



Program

S. Georgia Nugent, President, presiding Haruhiko Itagaki, Faculty Marshal Adele S. Davidson, Secretary of the Faculty

Senior Class Committee
Jeffrey Michael Delozier, President

Joseph Daniel Gavin, Jonathan M. Geffen, David Booth Herrero, Michael Roger Krantz, Colin Michael O'Brien, Sahadeo Ramharrack, Sarah Page Teczar, William West Terry, Phillip General Waller Jr.

THE PROCESSIONAL The Scioto Brass Ensemble

THE INVOCATION

The Reverend Karl P.B. Stevens Episcopal Chaplain to Kenyon College

WELCOME

William E. Bennett '68 P'96,'00,'07 Chair of the Kenyon College Board of Trustees

> S. Georgia Nugent President of Kenyon College

THE CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

REMARKS

Introduction by Tammy M. Gocial

Dean of Students

Jeffrey Michael Delozier President of the Class of 2007

THE ADDRESS

David Gregory Chief White House Correspondent for NBC News

ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of the Class of 2007 elected to membership in Beta Chapter of Ohio of Phi Beta Kappa

> Pamela G. Camerra-Rowe Associate Professor of Political Science

RINGING OF THE CHAPEL BELLS

Kokosing Farewell
Old Kenyon, we are like Kokosing
Obedient to some strange spell
Which urges us from all reposing;
Farewell, Old Kenyon, fare thee well.

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2007

Gregory P. Spaid Provost

Dean Gocial

THE CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

AWARDING OF THE DIPLOMAS OF THE COLLEGE

President Nugent

Adele S. Davidson Associate Professor of English and Secretary of the Faculty

> Ellen K. Harbourt Registrar

Kim Stapleton Smith Assistant Registrar

A. Chris Kennerly Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Multicultural Affairs

CLOSING WORDS TO THE CLASS OF 2007 President Nugent

THE BENEDICTION
The Reverend Mr. Stevens

THE RECESSIONAL
The Scioto Brass Ensemble

HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Letters

Robb Forman Dew Novelist

Presented by Sergei Lobanov-Rostovsky Professor of English

Robb Forman Dew, novelist, chronicler of the rural Ohio landscape and those who give it meaning by the lives they make here, you are more like family than a guest in this place that has grown so fertile in your imagination. Born "by an accident of timing" in Mount Vernon, Ohio, you were the child of a prominent southern literary family that found itself transplanted to this hill in Ohio when your grandfather, John Crowe Ransom, came to the College to launch the Kenyon Review. Raised and educated in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, you have described yourself as "deeply, gratefully, and inescapably Southern." Yet it is to Ohio that you have returned again and again in your fiction, from your first novel, Dale Loves Sophie to Death, which took its title from graffiti still faintly visible on a bridge in Centerburg, Ohio, and which subsequently won the American Book Award for a first novel in 1982, to your ongoing trilogy of critically acclaimed novels including The Evidence Against Her and The Truth of the Matter—about the Scofield family of Washburn, Ohio. We know you as an almost mythical figure in these parts, beloved sister of Liz Forman, senior associate director of admissions, and daughter of Helen Forman, mistress of the dark arts of filthy limericks and combat croquet. But we know you more fully by your words: five brilliant novels, including The Time of Her Life and Fortunate Lives, and a memoir aptly entitled The Family Heart. "I've always felt that the only way we can define our history is through stories," you've written. Your stories have brought our history to life, and we honor you now in this place where so many of your stories have their origin. Welcome home.

Doctor of Letters

David Michael Gregory Chief White House Correspondent, NBC News

Presented by John M. Elliott Professor of Political Science

Starting with a summer job as a television reporter in Tucson, Arizona, at the age of eighteen, David Gregory, you have moved from hot spot to hot spot to stand at the pinnacle of your profession: chief White House correspondent for NBC News. Since the 2000 presidential election, you have been NBC's specialist in covering George W. Bush. You have traveled with the president from Ground Zero to the Middle East to Crawford, Texas, in the process becoming a premier reporter and interpreter of the Bush Presidency. The job of the White House reporter is to ask questions, to pull information out of a tight-lipped institution, to get policy on the record; your reputation in Washington is that of an exceptionally crisp and challenging questioner, perhaps the most aggressive member of a White House press corps not known for shyness. We have also seen you often as a guest host on the Today show and most recently as a back-up dancer on the stage at

the White House correspondent's dinner; reviews of that last performance suggest you are likely to keep your day job. You like to say that you are "in the business of getting information—as much of it as possible," and that at the White House this can be a tense struggle. Your job requires persistence and a loud voice, as well as intelligence and a shrewd understanding of American politics. You uncover the workings of the presidency and use the power of television to communicate a sense of the essential machinery of our democracy to the American people. For your excellence in the vital work of journalism, David Gregory, Kenyon College is proud to honor you today.

Doctor of Letters

Donald Joseph Omahan Student Affairs Administrator

Presented by Jonathan E. Tazewell Associate Professor of Drama

Donald J. Omahan, you served for nineteen years in principal roles as an administrator and architect of student life at Kenyon. Indeed, we can close our eyes and still see you at your desk in the Student Affairs Center. After your graduation from the College in 1970, you left briefly to earn your master's degree, only to return in 1972 until 1975 to serve as director of student housing. Your passion for learning ever more about student affairs sent you away again, but you came back to us, this time with your doctorate in hand, to serve as dean for academic advising from 1983 until 1988 and then, from 1988 to 1989, as acting dean of students. At the end of that year, you left Kenyon to accept the position of vice president and dean for student affairs at Albion College. Despite an enviable record there, you returned to your alma mater in 1996, still obedient to some strange spell, to serve as Kenyon's dean of students for a decade, until your departure last June. Each time you returned to this place, you enriched the College with your deep sense of integrity, your steadfast loyalty to the students and to your staff, your evenhanded willingness to listen, your quiet courage in the face of campus tragedies, and your profound love for this institution. As your predecessor and mentor, Dean Thomas Edwards, once said, you are a son of Kenyon, the kind who has given as much to the College as it has given to you. We thank you for all you have done, and with this degree reaffirm that Kenyon will always welcome you home.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Reed St. Clair Browning Roy T. Wortman Professor of History

Presented by Roy T. Wortman Professor Emeritus of History

Reed Browning, for four decades you taught at Kenyon with diligence and creativity. A specialist in eighteenth-century British and European history, you found that your calling to the teaching profession was driven by a deep inner obligation to those whose minds were entrusted to you. Your prolific scholarship extended into biography, diplomatic and military

history, and your passion for baseball. Always, you moved from strength to strength, from research and writing, to teaching, to serving as the history department's chair and the College's provost and acting president. In both your writings and your classrooms, whether addressing the history of the Habsburg Empire, Ireland, Tudor and Stuart England, Victorian and twentieth-century Britain, or colonial and Revolutionary America, among other topics, you orchestrated complicated historical issues into coherent patterns, amplifying both the grim realities and humane values of the West. Students in your classes were treated to exquisitely organized and rivetingly executed presentations. Your enthusiasm for music is legendary; Her Majesty's Empire marched on in Gambier, with mirth echoing from the Hill, thanks to your biannual productions of Gilbert and Sullivan operas, which you accompanied on piano. Your scholarship, recognized with major fellowships, was always connected to your teaching, which has been marked by clarity of purpose, innovative assignments, and concern for student welfare. For your extraordinary dedication to teaching and to your students, you were recognized with the Senior Cup, the Trustee Teaching Excellence Award, and an appointment to an endowed chair. Kenyon shall miss your presence, but the College takes heart in this opportunity to celebrate your many contributions. May you continue to bat .300 in your future endeavors.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Richard James Trethewey Professor of Economics

Presented by Kathy J. Krynski Himmelright Professor of Economics

Richard Trethewey, after earning your bachelor's degree and doctorate at the University of Washington, where you worked with Nobel laureate Douglass North, you left the rugged landscape of your native Northwest for the rolling hills of Ohio. You came to Kenyon in 1969 because of its commitment to classroom excellence and your passion for teaching undergraduates. Over the years, you have stimulated and challenged thousands of students in courses on economic principles, micro- and macro-economic theory, international economics, the economics of law, American and Russian economic history, the history of economic thought, and public policy. Your students were challenged to think rigorously and to make connections between classroom theories and real-world events, leading an alumnus to say that the most valuable course at the College was "anything taught by Professor Trethewey." A voracious reader on current affairs, you could always be counted on to pose topical questions on exams and in discussions with colleagues and students, not only in your classroom and office but also on

the basketball and racquetball court and at dinners in your home. You have been a thoughtful mentor to scores of students, especially those you thought were not working up to their potential; one of them has said, "Professor Trethewey awakened an interest and understanding that has helped shape everything in my life." Another former student captures your objectives in teaching economics by observing, "Professor Trethewey taught me the importance of facts and figures, not just emotions, in policy-making. Also, I learned from him to have faith in market forces." Dick Trethewey, Kenyon honors you today in recognition of almost four decades of inspired teaching.

Doctor of Science

Daniel Benson Temple Vice President for Library and Information Services

Presented by Pamela Jensen Professor of Political Science

Dan Temple, as vice president of the College's Library and Information Services Division, you have proven to be a great leader and a visionary. When you came to Kenyon ten years ago, you were given the freedom to reshape the way library and information technology services are provided here. The results speak for themselves. Your innovative integration of library and information services which established the standard by which such efforts are judged has put us on the leading edge of academic library management and earned us national recognition. Throughout, you have kept an unswerving focus on serving the needs of students, faculty members, and administrative departments. You designed the position of library and technology consultant as the lynchpin of your plan and supervised the recruitment of diverse and excellent LTCs with an unmatchable eye for individual potential and team spirit. You have taught and empowered the College's faculty, encouraging us to re-envision our curriculum and assisting us and our students in new avenues of research. Above all, you have introduced an unprecedented collaboration within LBIS, breaking down cultural barriers between librarians and experts in information technology. As a generous mentor to your staff, you have transformed lives by your ability to discern leadership potential in others and to enable people to grow into themselves. Your management philosophy is simple: set good people free to do their best work. The future clearly promises abounding joys and time to indulge to the full your love of your fifteen grandchildren and your passions for literature, opera, and riding the rails on American trains. When you look back on your decade at Kenyon, it should be with a deep sense of accomplishment. Your legacy here is a monument of durable excellence, dedication, and immense generosity.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Kirby Scott Adams, Political Science Megan Ahearn, magna cum laude, International Studies Kaelin Brian Christopher Alexander, magna cum laude, High Honors in English*, Women's and Gender Studies* Emily Anne Allen, cum laude, Art History Lindsay Marie Allen, cum laude, High Honors in History, Psychology Rebecca Louise Allison, cum laude, History Mara Beth Alperin, cum laude, English Emily Rose Atkinson, History Leah Andrea Moore Bachmann, cum laude, English Carly Brenner Baird, Religious Studies Christopher Chierichetti Basile, Drama Jane Alden Becker, cum laude, Honors in Neuroscience Willow Allegra Belden, summa cum laude, Highest Honors in International Studies* Melinda Meredith Bennett, cum laude, Art History Katharine Lacy Bente, magna cum laude, Chemistry Page Eleanore Berry, International Studies Kelly Michele Bielen, Modern Languages and Literatures* Adam Francis Birka-White, English Elizabeth Capen Bitting, Political Science Stephanie Marie Black, cum laude, Political Science Caitlin Doyle Blake, American Studies* Elizabeth Adele Blake, Classics Michael David Block, Economics, Music Robert Thomas Blum, Studio Art Julie Lynn Boddorff, Sociology Diana Lauren Boer, cum laude, English Peter Jackson Bogard, English Laura Marie Bomar, Biology Loren Christopher Bondurant, Political Science Adrienne Drew Boris, cum laude, Drama, English Edward Anderson Bowman, English Julia Abigail Stockda Boyer, Art History Kendall John Brady, Political Science Brittain Hall Brantley, Anthropology, Spanish Sarah Elizabeth Brieschke, cum laude, International Studies Anne Ruth Brobst, Spanish Henry Felton Brown, Studio Art* Joseph Charles Brown, magna cum laude, English* Kimberly Joy Brown, Economics Ryan Jay Burden, English Sara Elizabeth Burns, Biology Adam Collins Bursi, summa cum laude, Classics* Cassandra Marie Calabrese, Biology Christopher John Caldemeyer, English William Rios Calhoun, Political Science Rose Mary Calnin, magna cum laude, Honors in International Studies, Spanish* Miranda Marie Canterbury, Psychology Nora Carlson, cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures Ashley McFall Carpenter, Art History Christopher Sean Carroll, cum laude, Classics Lisa Martin Carroll, magna cum laude, Neuroscience* Edward Alexander Ceaser, Mathematics Allison Marina Chapman, Neuroscience Cortland Patrick Cheney, Biology Leah Gleaves Chodroff, cum laude, Chemistry David Doyle Cicetti, History

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Anna Liese Zimmermann, summa cum laude, Highest Honors in

Physics

Davis Zarins, Honors in Economics

Languages and Literatures

Josh Jiaxi Zhang, Biochemistry

and Literatures, Philosophy*

Katherine Elizabeth Zdrojeski, cum laude, English

Lauren Elisabeth Zenner, cum laude, High Honors in Modern

Kimberly Louise Ziegler, summa cum laude, Modern Languages

* Senior Exercise passed with distinction

Honors at Graduation

The degree with collegiate honors is achieved by attaining a cumulative grade-point average within the following ranges:

3.45-3.64, cum laude;

3.65-3.84, magna cum laude;

3.85 and above, summa cum laude.

Students showing exceptional scholarship may be accepted by their major department to read for the degree with departmental honors. The three major classes of departmental honors, based on work in the major, are *Honors*, *High Honors*, and *Highest Honors*, as determined jointly by an outside examiner and the members of the student's department.

A senior exercise must be satisfactorily completed by each

graduating senior. While each department determines the nature of its exercise, the purpose in general is to promote coherence of the student's major program. Each department reports a grade of Pass, or Pass with Distinction, for this exercise.

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Chapter of Ohio. Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest Greek-letter fraternity in the country, was founded in 1776. The Kenyon chapter was organized in 1858 as an honorary society dedicated to the recognition of scholarly achievement. It is the fourteenth in age of 270 chapters. Elections to membership are made from the best scholars in the junior and senior classes who have shown achievement through grades and an intellectual disposition.

DEGREES AND AWARDS CONFERRED AT HONORS DAY, APRIL 10, 2007

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members, along with two alumni and a former associate provost and faculty member, were recognized at the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 10.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Rita Smith Kipp, for her distinguished career as an academic administrator and anthropologist; to Leopoldo Lopez '93, for his achievements as mayor of the Chacao municipality in Caracas, Venezuela, and as a political leader; and to Neal M. Mayer '63, for his

accomplishments in the field of maritime administrative law and his long service as an alumni leader and volunteer.

In addition, two faculty members at the College were awarded \$5,000 each as recipients of the 2007 Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Assistant Professor of Classics Adam C. Serfass in the junior faculty category and Professor of Drama Thomas S. Turgeon in the senior category.

Unless noted, winners are members of the Class of 2007.

Fellowships and Awards

Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies Emily Hope Margolis

Fulbright Fellowship
Willow Allegra Belden
Katharine Lacy Bente
Rose Mary Calnin
Rebecca Lynn Dash
Andres Ezeqiel Millan
KimberlyLouise Ziegler
Anna Liese Zimmermann

Barry M. Goldwater Excellence in Education Scholarship Joel Stanley Beckett, Class of 2008 Priscilla Ashley Erickson, Class of 2009 Maxin Olegovich Lavrentovich, Class of 2008 William Goddeyne Stanton, Class of 2008

Elmer A. Graham Scholarship Elliot Patrick Forhan, Class of 2008

Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship Christopher Peter Santagate, Class of 2008

Departmental Prizes

Anthropology
The Margaret Mead Award
Megan Lynn Maurer

Art

Margaret E. Leslie Prize in Art Whitney Elizabeth Klann

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History Carolyn Gordon Lewis

The Peterson Prize in Art Nicole Yana Forney

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art Stefan Gunn

Biology

The Biology Award for Outstanding Service to the Department Geetha Kannan

The Biology Independent Study Prize Alexandra Gavin Lodge

The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize Ellen Rebecca Herbert Jennifer Lynn Zangmeister

The Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jegla Prize Patricia Ashley Erickson, Class of 2009 Devon Marie Fitzgerald, Class of 2009 The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize Anna Liese Zimmermann

Chemistry

The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award Helen Virginia Harley, Class of 2010

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry Katharine Lacy Bente

The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize in Chemistry Amy Elizabeth Thurber Katherine Elisabeth Wetzel

Classics

The George L. Brain Prize Rebecca Rose Eckart

The Carl Diehl Prize Elizabeth Katherine Segelken, Class of 2010, Latin Genevieve Rose Viner, Class of 2010, Greek

Economics

The Paul Titus Economics Prize Megan Louise Mellard O'Neil

English

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship Philip Stewart Babcock, Class of 2008 Kirsten Elizabeth Reach, Class of 2008 Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award Kaelin Brian Christopher Alexander Kathryn Jane Van Arendonk

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Freshman Award Allison Pauline Moore, Class of 2010

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Scholarship Leigh Elizabeth Barkley, Class of 2008 Joel Nathaniel Sherman, Class of 2008

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize Joseph Charles Brown Anthony Stephen Fischer James Alexander Taylor

History

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize Caitlin Elizabeth Lundberg

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize Benjamin James McIntyre Christopher Nash Fennell Keith William Caniano, Class of 2008

The Curtis A. Seichter Memorial Award Melina Karsten Moe

Integrated Program in Humane Studies The Richard F. Hettlinger Award Aaron Robertson Hatley

Mathematics

The Reginald B. Allen Prize Matthew Curtis Zaremsky

The J.R. Butz Mathematics Prize William Goddeyne Stanton, Class of 2008

The Solomon R.S. Kasper Prize Lee Thomas Kennard

Modern Languages and Literatures The Edward Harvey Prize Katelyn Elizabeth Pepper

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French Jessica Lynn Tindira Lauren Elizabeth Zenner

The Spanish Prize Caitlyn Lucille O'Grady Jesse Michael Lewin

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize Katharine Lacy Bente Eileen Elizabeth Ryan

The Italian Prize Kimberly Louise Ziegler

The Russian Prize
Jason Andrew Cieply

The Chinese Prize
Jonathan Frost Thorndike, Class of 2009

The Japanese Prize Nora Carlson

Musi

The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance
Anne Finnan Gianakos
Sean Michael Hoffman
Ira McClurg Ochs
Christopher Michael Gray, Class of 2006
Laura Christine Jumper, Class of 2006

The David B. Perry Community Service Music Prize Stephen Robert Dowling, Class of 2008

The David B. Perry Senior Award in Music Tiffany Jeng

Neuroscience

The Jon L. Williams Award for Excellence in Neuroscience Lisa Martin Carroll

Philosophy
The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize
Charles Michael Djordjevic
Andres Ezegiel Millan

Physics
The Elbe H. Johnson Prize
Thomas Michael Linz

Political Science
The John Chesnut Memorial Prize
Jeremy Christopher Kushner

The Diamond-Storing Prize Amanda Kimberly Lewis

Psychology
The Psychology Prize
Ryan Thomas Lacy

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study Robert Raymond Warnock IV

Religious Studies
The Simpson Prize
Deanna Jeannine Lesht
Amyna Jenna Esmail

Sociology The George Herbert Mead Award Katherine Ann White

Women's and Gender Studies The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Women's and Gender Studies Kaelin Brian Christopher Alexander

College Prizes

The Academy of American Poetry Prize Lucie Norton Alig, Class of 2010

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize Joel Nathaniel Sherman, Class of 2008

The George Gund Award Patrick Forsythe Shaw

The Propper Prize for Poetry Emma Catherine Perry, Class of 2009

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize Ashley Kate Lamb

The Paul Newman Trophy
Stephen MacGregor Ellis, Class of 2008

Honor and Science Scholarships
Competitive merit scholarships awarded
by Kenyon College to entering students.
Honor Scholars represent excellence in
the liberal arts, while Science Scholars
show promise to excel in the natural
sciences.
Samantha Lynne Bernecker
Daniel Elliott Franz
Samuel Aaron Hunter
Basil Michael Kahwash

Leah Veronica Missik

Trustee Opportunity Scholarships Competitive merit scholarships awarded by Kenyon College to top entering students from underrepresented backgrounds, including first-generation students. Kafui Carldwell Akakpo Katherine Mei Crowell Alexander Gregory Dowell Kenneth Thomas Farabaugh Samantha Mary Goodin Daniel Vore Iwamoto Andrea Lynn Kidd Vincent Nadeau Lu Gabriel David Martinez Dominique Adrian McKoy Justin Lovell Morgan Glenn Anthony Palaia Jehan Singh Sandhu Morgan Lee Scudder-Davis Pratima Ramesh Shanbhag Megan Rae Smith Laurel Ashlev Stokes Justin Sunell Talwar

The Joanne Woodward Trophy Kate Armstrong Ross, Class of 2009

The Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics Jeffrey Nils Gardner

The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting Patick Forsythe Shaw

The Dance Prize Brenna Jean Gallagher

The William A. Long Memorial Award J. Thomas Lockard, Class of 1967, and Mary Lou Lockard

Scholarships

The Mastin Scholarship Laura Elizabeth Clark Audrey Camille Eisenberg Juliana Miriam Kunz Joshua Morrison Mitchell

The James P. Storer Scholarship
Kelly Michele Bielen
Emma Franciska Hierman
Emily MacLean Burns, Class of 2008
Shea Miller Davis, Class of 2008
Robert John Gyenes, Class of 2008
Aaron Robertson Hatley, Class of 2008
Ariel Oscar Helfer, Class of 2008
Irina Ivan, Class of 2008
Zornitsa Georgieva Kalibatseva,
Class of 2008
Jacqueline Li, Class of 2008

John W. Adams Summer Legal Studies Scholars for 2007 Jeffrey Benjamin Force, Class of 2008 William N. Johnston, Class of 2008 David Alexander Rinehart, Class of 2008 Molly Elizabeth Schlemmer, Class of 2008

Summer Science Scholar Program for 2007
Awards, based on a competition among student-faculty proposals, to support student-faculty research in the laboratory sciences during the summer vacation.
Joel Stanley Beckett, Class of 2008
Sara Joy Brinda, Class of 2008
Laura Elizabeth Czarnecki,
Class of 2008
Pushkar Rat Dahal, Class of 2008
Ann Nicole Downer, Class of 2008

The Jess Willard Falkenstine Award Albert Augustus Coombs III Davis Zarins Jessica Ann Connors Ashley Danielle Morrison

The Humanitarian Award Matthew David Huber

The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award Traci Erin Gau, Class of 2008

The Doris B. Crozier Award Elizabeth Ann Lewis

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup William Francis O'Keefe

Elisa Belen Garcia, Class of 2008 Thomas J. Gonyea, Class of 2008 Stephanie Leah Hemmingson, Class of 2008 Sarah Alexandra Holzman, Class of 2008 Joey R. Konieczny, Class of 2008 Michael Jeffrey Northcutt, Class of 2008 Katherine Callier Sanders, Class of 2008 Michael Aaron Schnapp, Class of 2008 Carlin Joseph Shoemaker, Class of 2008 Ellen Christine Thompson, Class of 2008 David Michael Black, Class of 2009 James Thomas Boston, Class of 2009 Elizabeth Davis Carlton, Class of 2009 Sarah Howell Cleeton, Class of 2009 Allegra Marcella Fety, Class of 2009 Stuart Benoit Fety, Class of 2009 Hilary Clarke Franke, Class of 2009 Anna Elizabeth Frutiger, Class of 2009 Thomas M. Geiger, Class of 2009 Allison Margery Goldsmith, Class of 2009 Amy Elizabeth Kessler, Class of 2009 Kaleb Isaac Keyserling, Class of 2009 Leo Booker Laub, Class of 2009 Thomas Michael Linz, Class of 2009 Rex Lorenzo Rodriguez, Class of 2009 Shaina Nicole Stewart, Class of 2009 Alexandra Jayne White, Class of 2009 Elizabeth Ruth Hansen, Class of 2010 Christian James Hinderer, Class of 2010 Nirajan Mandal, Class of 2010 Andrew Joseph Pohlman, Class of 2010

National Council on Undergraduate Research

The following students have been selected by the National Conference on Undergraduate Research to present papers, spring 2007.
Brittain Hall Brantley

Kristin Vivienne Kvernland

Christopher Bryant Laco

Jesse Michael Lewin

David Paul Lewis

Carolyn Gordon Lewis

David Alexander Long

Caitlyn Elizabeth Lundberg

Robert James McGuire Jr

Benjamin James McIntyre

Emily Hope Margolis

Andres Ezequiel Millan

Kristin Elizabeth Hinma Moe

Alexis Nicole Minana

Melina Karsten Moe

Hillel Ofek

Claire Elizabeth Navarro

Lauren Brittani Newland

Caitlin Lucille O'Grady

Elizabeth Speer Neustaetter

Charlotte Elizabeth Nugent

Jessie Erin Menzel

Christopher Campbell Hanawalt David Booth Herrero Sophie Elizabeth Northway Taylor Marcella Watson Katherine Elisabeth Wetzel Thomas Harry Au, Class of 2008 Wileyda Merced Cardona, Class of 2008 Catherine Dominica Norbeck, Class of 2009 Ryotaro Tashiro, Class of 2009

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Chapter of Ohio Megan Louise Mellard O'Neil (Liberal Arts and Sciences) Lauren Clarke Ostberg Megan Ahearn Iulia Christine Plonowski Kaelin Brian Christopher Alexander Eileen Elizabeth Ryan Willow Allegra Belden Patrick Forsythe Shaw Katharine Lacy Bente Madeline Elizabeth Sylvia Adam Collins Bursi Jeremy Samuel Spater Rose Mary Calnin Emily Lilly Dillman Stolper Lauren Nicole Cozart Stubbs Lisa Martin Carroll Amy Elizabeth Thurber Iulia Katherine Dale Stephen Francis DeSanto Katherine Elisabeth Wetzel Rebecca Rose Eckart Kathryn Jane VanArendonk Anthony Stephen Fischer Tatiana Sergeyevna Volochkovich David Thomas Flaherty Jennifer Lynn Zangmeister Brenna Jean Gallagher Matthew Curtis Zaremsky Ionathan M. Geffen Kimberly Louise Ziegler Sarah Beth Goldstein Anna Liese Zimmerman Lauren Elizabeth Hauser David Booth Herrero Pi Mu Epsilon Kelly Marie Henry (Mathematics) Edward Alexander Ceaser Lee Thomas Kennard Elizabeth Ann King Kelly Marie Henry Emily Anne Kolarich Kjersten Louise Hild Michael Roger Krantz Reka Horvath Juliana Miriam Kunz Lee Thomas Kennard Jeremy Christopher Kushner Iuliana Miriam Kunz

> Chad Richard Rothschild Tatiana Sergeyevna Volochkovich Matthew Curtis Zaremsky Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science) Loren Christopher Bondurant William Rios Calhoun Ian Wolfe Dagg Molly Elizabeth Flanagan Brenna Jean Gallagher Laura Mary Griffith Timothy Nettleton Hatfield John Ives Hungerford Michael Roger Krantz Jeremy Christopher Kushner Amanda Kimberly Lewis Kristopher David Magnuson

Jeffrey Scott Lanz

David Alexander Long

Ashley Danielle Morrison

Joel Scott McCance

David Steven Major Robert Davis McMillan Hillel Ofek Julia Christine Plonowski Stephen Robert Proctor Jr. Loren Justin Rotner Shana Rachael Scogin Jason Christopher Smith Jeremy Samuel Spater John Nolan Trujillo

Sigma Xi (Scientific Research) Thomas Harry Au, Psychology, Class of 2008 Jane AldenBecker, Neuroscience Katharine Lacy Bente, Chemistry Lisa Martin Carroll, Neuroscience John Alexander Compton, Anthropology, Classics Audrey Camille Eisenberg, Biochemistry Ellen Rebecca Herbert, Biology Erlend Magnes Johnson, Anthropology Geetha Kannan, Molecular Biology Jennifer Man-Ning Kao, Molecular Biology Lee Thomas Kennard, Mathematics Elizabeth Ann King, Molecular Biology Alexandra Gavin Lodge, Biology David Alexander Long, Chemistry Megan Lynn Maurer, Anthropology, Music Jessie Erin Menzel, Psychology Margaret Mary Niehaus-Sauter, Molecular Biology Jenna Lee Rose, Biochemistry Jesse Clayton Rosenbluth, Biology David Robert Slochower, Physics Diana Marie Spahlinger, Molecular Biology Amy Elizabeth Thurber, Biochemistry Emily Anne Vaughn, Biology Katherine Elisabeth Wetzel, Chemistry Jennifer Lynn Zangmeister, Biology Matthew Curtis Zaremsky, Mathematics, Physics Anna Liese Zimmermann, Biology

COMMENCEMENT 2007

David Gregory, chief White House correspondent for NBC News, will present the Commencement address at Kenyon's one hundred seventy-ninth graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 19. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the lawn of Samuel Mather Hall. (The rainsite is the Kenyon Athletic Center.)

In addition to presenting diplomas to graduating seniors, the College will confer honorary degrees on Gregory and on novelist Robb Forman Dew. Honorary degrees will also be conferred upon retiring faculty members Reed S. Browning, the Roy T. Wortman Professor of History, and Professor of Economics Richard J. Trethewey, as well as former Dean of Students Donald J. Omahan '70 and retiring Vice President for Library and Information Services Daniel B. Temple.

The Baccalaureate speaker this year was Professor of Anthropology David N. Suggs. Chosen by the senior class, Suggs delivered an address entitled "A Dedication to Tolerance." The speech explored the need for tolerance not simply as an acceptance of difference but as the will to listen to and learn from others.

A cultural anthropologist completing his twentieth year on the Kenyon faculty, Suggs has long been an engaging figure on campus, known for his personal warmth, sense of humor, and Texas twang as well as for his high expectations as a teacher and research mentor. In courses covering topics from ethnomedicine, to the cultures of Subsaharan Africa, to human sexuality, he presses students to broaden their perspectives and question their assumptions. He may impress upon them, as well, the finer points of barbecue and country guitar.

A good deal of Suggs's research has been devoted to the African nation of Botswana, where he has studied the anthropology of sexuality and gender and the culture of alcohol consumption. In recent years, he has also examined normative (as opposed to abusive) collegiate alcohol consumption, using data gathered at the College to understand how age, gender, and friendship figure in the culture of drinking.

Suggs also delivered the Baccalaureate address in 1990, and he received the Senior Cup in 2005. He holds a bachelor's degree in comparative religions and a master's degree in sociology from Texas Christian University and a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the University of Florida.

With a broadcasting career spanning more than twenty years, Commencement speaker David Gregory has earned a reputation as one of the best and most influential journalists working in Washington, D.C. As NBC's chief White House correspondent, he traveled with George W. Bush throughout the 2000 and 2004 presidential campaigns, on all of his major foreign trips, and to Ground Zero, where he was the only network correspondent with the chief executive.

While his relationship with President Bush is amiable enough to have garnered him the presidential nickname "Little Stretch" an allusion to his six-foot, five-inch frame Gregory has often been one of the most challenging questioners in the White House press corps. He was also famously taken to task by President Bush for speaking fluent French in a briefing with French president Jacques Chirac.

Gregory, who joined NBC News in 1995, covered stories ranging from the criminal and civil trials of O.J. Simpson, to the Oklahoma bombing trials, to the impeachment of President Bill Clinton. As White House correspondent, he

has covered not only the presidency but also the war on terror and the war in Iraq. Gregory was one of the few journalists to travel with Vice President Dick Cheney on a 2002 mission to twelve Middle Eastern countries as the administration laid the groundwork for the invasion of Iraq.

Since 2005, Gregory has taken on the role of regular substitute for cohost Matt Lauer on NBC's morning show, *Today*. In addition, he serves as a substitute anchor for the weekend editions of *Today* and *Nightly News* and a substitute moderator of *Meet the Press*. Gregory also contributes political commentary to *Meet the Press* and the syndicated *Hardball with Chris Matthews*.

Gregory earned a bachelor's degree in international studies from American University, where he now serves as a member of the advisory council to the dean of the School of International Service. He was named the school's alumnus of the year in 2005. A native of Los Angeles, California, and a current resident of Washington, D.C., Gregory is married to Beth Wilkinson, executive vice president and general counsel of Fannie Mae, the guarantor and purchaser of home mortgages that is now one of the largest financial services companies in the nation.

Robb Forman Dew is the author of the novel Dale Lovés Sophie to Death, for which she won the National Book Award (then known as American Book Award) for a first novel. Her other novels are The Time of Her Life, Fortunate Lives, The Evidence Against Her, and The Truth of the Matter, published in 2005. Dew's nonfiction work includes a memoir, The Family Heart, and A Southern Thanksgiving: Recipes and Musings for a Manageable Feast. Born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Dew often draws upon small-town central-Ohio life and culture for the themes and settings of her fictional work. She is a granddaughter of poet and critic John Crowe Ransom, founder of the Kenyon Review and longtime member of the College's faculty.

Donald Omahan held various administrative positions at Kenyon over the course of nineteen years, including director of student housing, dean for academic advising, and, for a decade, dean of students. His career also includes service as vice president and dean for student affairs at Albion College. A 1970 graduate of Kenyon, he holds a master's degree from Fairfield University and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Reed Browning, retiring after forty years on the history faculty, has also served as the College's provost and acting president. A recipient of Kenyon's Trustee Teaching Excellence Award and the Senior Cup, he is the author of five books exploring topics from European history to baseball. Browning is a graduate of Dartmouth College with a doctorate from Yale University.

Richard Trethewey retires after teaching an unusually broad range of economics courses at Kenyon for thirty-eight years, emphasizing the connections between classroom theories and real-world events. He earned both his B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Washington.

Daniel Temple, who has been the College's vice president for library and information services for ten years, led Kenyon's innovative effort to integrate traditional library functions with information services and became a national leader in the process. He holds a bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech and a master's degree from the University of Illinois.

A HISTORY OF KENYON COMMENCEMENTS

Kenyon's founder, Bishop Philander Chase, conducted the first Commencement exercises of the College on September 9, 1829, in a large, bare, basement room in the just-completed center section of Old Kenyon, the first permanent building. There were six graduates: G. Dennison, J.B. Chase, A. Blake, S. Chase, P.C. Freeman, and B.B. Sayre.

As soon as Rosse Chapel (later known as Rosse Hall) was completed (about 1840), the ceremonies were moved there; Rosse was the location for all graduation exercises for more than a century. It was in Rosse Chapel on August 3, 1842, that the class valedictorian, Rutherford B. Hayes, a future president of the United States, delivered a Commencement address entitled "College Life."

Until the 1890s, it was customary for each graduating senior to deliver an oration, sometimes in English but often in Latin, Greek, or Hebrew. Since the number of graduates fluctuated from four in 1879 to eighteen in more prosperous years, the programs could sometimes be completed in an afternoon but often took all day, with an hour-and-a-half break for lunch. By 1894, activities connected with Commencement had assumed such large proportions that events started on Sunday and culminated with the graduation exercises on Thursday.

During World War II, the civilian enrollment at Kenyon shrank to about forty students, but President Gordon Keith Chalmers was determined that every Kenyon graduate should still have his moment of glory. So, in December 1943, formal Commencement ceremonies, with the faculty in full academic regalia, were held for two graduates.

The tremendous influx of students coming to Kenyon after World War II under the provisions of the G.I. Bill made graduating classes so large that Rosse Hall could no longer accommodate Commencement audiences. The first outdoor ceremony was held in 1950, in the same location as today's exercises. The rainsite, at first Wertheimer Fieldhouse, became the Ernst Center in 1982. The fieldhouse was demolished in 2003 to make way for the new Kenyon Athletic Center; Ernst will be razed after the completion of the upcoming renovation of Peirce and Dempsey halls. Since 2006, the Kenyon Athletic Center has served as the rainsite.

Every seventeen years, the move outdoors results in exposure to countless millions of uninvited and unwanted visitors—the cicadas that appear on Gambier Hill in late May and early June. The 1965 Commencement was especially plagued by the harmless insects, which dropped from the trees and piled up in great heaps around the tree trunks. The cicadas last returned in 1999, but the onslaught, with its eerie shrilling, didn't peak until after Commencement. Next invasion: 2016.

Kenyon adheres to its classical tradition of conducting the formal part of the Commencement exercises in Latin and printing diplomas in Latin. But it no longer translates the names of the graduates; up until the late 1960s, William became *Guliemus* and Thomas was transcribed as *Thomam*.

Thomas B. Greenslade '31 H'76 (1910-90) Tabularius Collegii (College Archivist, 1967-90)

ACADEMIC COSTUME AND PROCESSION

Academic gowns represent a tradition handed down from the universities of the Middle Ages. These institutions were founded by the Church; the students, being clerics, were obliged to wear the prescribed gowns at all times. Round caps later became square mortarboards. The hood, originally a cowl attached to the gown, seems to have had three uses: it could be slipped over the head for warmth, worn as a shoulder cape, or, when hanging from the shoulder, used as a bag in which alms could be collected. It is believed that when large wigs were worn the cape part of the hood was cut open in front and a narrow neckband inserted. The entire garment, cape and hood proper, was allowed to fall back, producing approximately the effect we see today.

In America, the hood is the most outstanding feature. Much of the American academic costume is derived from regalia worn at British universities. The usual color for academic gowns in the United States is black. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's may be worn open or closed. The shape of the sleeve is the distinguishing mark of the gowns: *bachelor*, long pointed sleeve; *master*, oblong, square cut in back with an arc cut away in front; *doctor*, bell shaped.

Caps are black, as are the tassels for the bachelor of arts (B.A. or A.B.), bachelor of science (B.S. or Sc.B.), and bachelor of engineering (B.E.) degrees. Tassels for the doctor

of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree are gold, while those for other graduate and professional degrees may be of the color corresponding to the trimming on the hoods. Special caps—beefeater caps—are worn at Kenyon by the trustees. This type of cap is also used by some European universities.

Many European universities have distinctive caps and gowns that are different from those commonly used in this country. Some of the gowns are of bright colors, some are embellished with fur. A few of these may be noted in the academic procession today.

The shape and size of the hood marks the college degree of the wearer. The hoods are lined with the color of the institution from which the wearer received his or her degree. The trimming of the collar of the hood is the color that designates the degree: liberal arts, white; fine arts and architecture, brown; science, golden yellow; music, pink; divinity, scarlet; law, purple; engineering, orange; philosophy, blue; medicine, green; public health, salmon; forestry, russet; nursing, apricot. With more than fifteen hundred colleges and universities in the United States, various arrangements of the primary colors are used.

Honorary degree hoods are distinguished as follows: master of arts (M.A.), white; doctor of humane letters (L.H.D.), white; doctor of science (Sc.D.), golden yellow; doctor of divinity (D.D.), scarlet; doctor of laws (LL.D.), purple; doctor of fine arts (D.F.A.), brown.