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Kenyon College



The
One Hundred Eighty-First
Commencement

Samuel Mather Lawn
Ten Thirty O'clock, May Sixteenth
Two Thousand Nine



Program

S. Georgia Nugent, *President, presiding*
Laurie A. Finke, *Faculty Marshal*
Fred E. Baumann, *Secretary of the Faculty*

Processional

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

Invocation

The Reverend Suzanne N. Smitherman P'09
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Welcome

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

S. Georgia Nugent
President of Kenyon College

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

Michael Jay Evans
Presented by Bruce L. Kinzer

Perry Carlton Lentz
Presented by P.F. Kluge

Roger Rosenblatt
Presented by David H. Lynn

Linda M. Smolak
Presented by Michael P. Levine

John Kazuo Lutton
Presented by James S. Keller

Remarks

Introduction by Tammy M. Gocial
Dean of Students

Sarah Anne Zukowski
President of the Class of 2009

Address

Roger Rosenblatt
Essayist, Novelist, Playwright; Distinguished Professor of English, Stony Brook University

Announcement

Members of the Class of 2009 elected to membership
in Beta Chapter of Ohio of Phi Beta Kappa

Sarah J. Heidt
Assistant Professor of English

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 2009

Howard L. Sacks
Interim Provost; Professor of Sociology

Dean Gocial

Conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Awarding of the Diplomas of the College

President Nugent

Fred E. Baumann
*Harry M. Clor Professor of Political Science 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 2009

President Nugent

Benediction

Marc W. Bragin
Director, Kenyon College Hillel

Recessional

The Scioto Brass Ensemble

Senior Class Committee

Sarah Anne Zukowski, *President*
Japhet Wilson Charles Balaban
Charles Baldwin
Allen Jemond Bediako
Eric Malcolm Dunn
Yancy Donald Edwards Jr.
Leah Rachel Finn
Jennifer Lynn Howard
Nicholas Elliott Margolies
Alexis Jacqueline Marino
Sarah Elizabeth Masel
Jacob Matson Miller
Emily Jean Ostergaard
Sarah Kelley Ott
Allyson Rachel Quinby
Samantha Ward Schoeny
Karl Underwood Stark
Olivia Clare Watkins
Alexandra Jayne White
Elizabeth Chelsea Wiener
Rebecca Leigh Yarbrough

Other Participants

Faculty Marshals

Laurie A. Finke, *Senior Marshal,*
Professor of Women's and Gender Studies
H. Abbie Erler,
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Christopher M. Gillen,
Associate Professor of Biology
Haruhiko Itagaki,
Professor of Biology
William R. Melick,
Bruce L. Gensemer Professor of Economics
Jami E. Peelle,
Faculty Grants and Fellowships Coordinator
Wade H. Powell,
Associate Professor of Biology

Student Affairs Marshals

Erin B. Ciarimboli,
Assistant Dean for Academic Advising
Alicia Gilbert Dugas,
Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life
Erin Farrell Salva,
Coordinator of Disability Services
Brent D. Turner,
Director of Student Activities

Hood Marshals

James A. Steen,
Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach
Elizabeth Ransom Forman,
Senior Associate Director of Admissions
Venetta "Tacci" Smith,
Associate Dean of Students
Samantha J. Hughes,
Judicial Affairs Coordinator

Flagbearers

Jazz Sarah Anderson Glastra '11
Nirajan Mandal '10
Martin Marcinko '10
Christian Alejandra Martinez-Canchola '12
Isabel Alden Plourde '10
Robert Dennis Toth '10

Pealers

Lukas John Moe '11
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Myers '10
Kayleigh Edith Truman '11

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Humane Letters

Michael Jay Evans
Professor of History and Humanities
Presented by Bruce L. Kinzer
Professor of History

Michael J. Evans, your forty-four years of service as a Kenyon faculty member still leave quantity trailing a long distance behind quality. The quantity appears to have left scarcely a trace on your person; the quality has left an indelible mark on the academic community you have served with distinction. Students walking across this dais during the last decade know you principally as the director of the College's renowned Integrated Program in Humane Studies. In the audience today are individuals who remember you as the chair of Kenyon's Department of History between 1973 and 1980, and others still, including the first women to graduate from this college, for whom experience of your honors seminar on the history of historical thought proved a formative intellectual moment. No measure can be taken of the cumulative impact of your powerful mind, your passion for ideas, your acute and searching engagement with seminal works in the Western tradition, and your intense dedication to generations of Kenyon students. A citizen of the world, you have traveled widely, enriching your understanding of the past and the substance of your teaching. Some of your journeys, however, have been of another kind: the Richmond, Virginia, wedding of two former students; the London, England, birthday celebration of a former student whose elder son is a member of this morning's Commencement class. Your legacy lives in the many you have taught at the College and in the splendid new seminar room that bears your name. Michael J. Evans, your Kenyon career has done honor to the College that now takes pleasure in honoring you.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Perry Carlton Lentz
Charles Pettit McIlwaine Professor of English
Presented by P.F. Kluge
Writer-in-Residence

Perry Lentz: to contemplate your career is to voyage through space and time. From Birmingham, Alabama, to Chicago, from Chicago to Mount Vernon, Ohio, you traveled by train in 1960 to your freshman year at Kenyon College. Since then, your life has been tied to this place, and this place to you. You came to a small college, gender-challenged, obscurely located, proud and poor and sometimes magical. That college is a memory, lost to all but a handful of today's audience. Yet its best qualities, its rigor and challenge, its underlying belief in the moral importance of literature have lived on in you. You have worked hard, committed to year-long courses, open enrollments, classes that meet at 8:00 a.m. You took on unpopular jobs, hiring searches, academic infractions, tenure and promotion. We cherish the memory of your guerilla campaign against the promiscuous abuse of

apostrophes in headlines, advertisements, and student writing. With all this, it was easy to forget your two early, well-regarded novels. Yet in recent years you have produced an impressive study of Stephen Crane and, just lately, *Perish From the Earth*, a fictional contemplation of war and peace that, in its ambition, and weight, rivals Tolstoy. Now you leave and that is a hard thing to confront, saying goodbye in sight of Ascension Hall, where the great Denham Sutcliffe taught you Freshman English a half century ago, where you gave your last class—in Milton's *Paradise Lost*, just two weeks ago. Like all great performers, you have left us wanting more. We will miss you, this place will miss you. Saying that, there is only this to add, old friend: thank you.

Doctor of Letters

Roger Rosenblatt
Essayist, Novelist, Playwright; Distinguished Professor of English, Stony Brook University
Presented by David H. Lynn
Professor of English; Editor, The Kenyon Review

Although successful as a playwright and novelist, you are perhaps more widely appreciated, Roger Rosenblatt, for your brilliant, often quirky essays. Whether in print for *Time* and other magazines or on the air for the PBS "NewsHour," you have brought new life to that ancient and noble form. Your wit and canniness have often pried the lid off received "wisdom." William Safire recognized this when he wrote in the *New York Times* that your work represents "some of the most profound and stylish writing in America today." Likewise, *Vanity Fair* noted that your essays "set new standards of thought and compassion." And the *Philadelphia Inquirer* cited them for "unparalleled elegance and wit." You have been an honored teacher from the time you were the youngest house master in the history of Harvard, to your current position as Distinguished Professor at Stony Brook University. Yet you have never been limited to an academic horizon. Your essays have carried you too far into and about the larger world, a world so often freshly illumined through your language. Having spoken with humor and warmth about your old friend Edgar Doctorow at the dinner honoring him with the first Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement, you were prevailed upon to offer remarks the following year—and every November after. Happily since then, your stories, plays, and short essays have graced the *Kenyon Review*, eliciting more enthusiasm from readers than most anything else in our pages. By chance, by brilliance, you have thus become an indispensable part of our community. For that and for your myriad other accomplishments we are delighted to honor you today.

Doctor of Science

Linda M. Smolak
Samuel B. Cummings Jr. Professor of Psychology
Presented by Michael P. Levine
Samuel B. Cummings Jr. Professor of Psychology

Linda Smolak, first woman in the "herstory" of Kenyon's Department of Psychology to receive tenure and to become a full and chaired professor: your teaching, research, advising,

and leadership have provided life-changing experiences for uncountable students and many faculty members. Your work has also been a model for legions of undergraduate, graduate, and advanced researchers in psychology, psychiatry, public health, and social work in North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia, and Australia who are investigating how eating attitudes and body-image notions are shaped by human development, gender roles, and sociocultural factors. We marvel at your ability to combine outstanding teaching and a long and distinguished record of service to the College with research and publication in a breathtaking array of areas: the psychopathology of normative cultural influences, developmental transitions, race and ethnicity, athletics, sexual abuse and other forms of trauma, the history of anorexia nervosa, body image and its relationship to steroid and supplement use in middle-school boys, research methodology, and the prevention of negative body image and disordered eating. And all the while the door to your office (and its legendary and illusory disorganization) was open to students seeking advice about research and about life; open to colleagues needing help with their research; and open to anyone willing to talk about your beloved Philadelphia sports teams or your apparently incurable Chronic Equine Infatuation Disorder. Linda Smolak, today Kenyon College honors you as it recognizes nearly three decades of inspirational excellence in teaching, scholarship, advising, and service.

Doctor of Science

John Kazuo Lutton
Professor of Chemistry

Presented by James S. Keller
Associate Professor of Chemistry

John K. Lutton, your twenty-nine years of service as a Kenyon faculty member started in 1980 and ended too soon. Born in Tokyo, Japan, you lived in Germany, California, and Washington but adopted Gambier, Ohio, as the place where your considerable intellect and eternal good humor could thrive. You had a great passion for chemistry and a natural gift for teaching. What generations of students remember most about you is your big heart—a big, weak heart—that first won them over and then gave them confidence to excel in their college lives. John, you were an early leader in developing the College's neuroscience program and the first faculty member on campus to pursue computational chemistry. Your work in computational biochemistry, enzyme mechanisms, and pharmacokinetics spurred the interdisciplinary interests of fellow faculty members and a great many students. A lover of gadgets, you experimented with technology in the classroom well before it was in vogue. Indeed, today's heavily networked, computerized campus was the natural result of one spectacular fall night when you crawled through a maze of steam pipes with the wiring in hand needed to connect the Kenyon mainframe to Philip Mather Hall. Later, you developed the first departmental Web site on campus and connected your department to it via the first "rogue" wireless network. You were always the center of activity, whether troubleshooting a spectrometer, designing a new building, or mentoring new faculty members. Your years at the College have done much to set a solid course for the future of Kenyon.

We will greatly miss your advice, your humor, and, most of all, your company along the way.

Professor Lutton's degree, which is being awarded posthumously, will be accepted by his son, J. Michael Lutton.

Editor's note: John Lutton, who came to Kenyon as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1980, died suddenly on May 9, 2009.

A magna cum laude graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, Lutton went on to earn a doctorate in biochemistry from Purdue University. He conducted postdoctoral research in biochemistry and pharmacology at the medical schools of the University of Colorado and the University of North Carolina before joining the College's faculty.

Also a member of the faculties of Kenyon's programs in biochemistry and molecular biology as well as neuroscience, Lutton pursued research interests in biochemistry and computational neurochemistry. He was a popular mentor to students participating in the College's Summer Science Scholars Program.

Lutton, a Japanese-American himself, was a special friend to Kenyon's Asian and Asian-American students. He was an early and continuing supporter of the group Asian Students for International Awareness.

Lutton is survived by his wife, Roberta; their son, J. Michael Lutton; and a granddaughter. Other survivors include his father, John B. Lutton, two brothers, a stepbrother and step-sister, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bachelor of Arts

Kelly Ann Adams, *cum laude*, Sociology
Yann-Erik Knud Adams, *summa cum laude*, Drama*
Hannah Jane Ahern, *magna cum laude*, International Studies
Robert Alexander Alef, *Political Science*
Anthony Slade Brewer Alexander, *Biology*
Benjamin Robert Brewer Alexander, *Biology*
Adrienne Ann Amador, *Mathematics*
Corrine Danielle Anderson, *magna cum laude*, Drama, Music*
Hannah Margo Anderson, *cum laude*, Art History
Jim Lorenzo Arce, *Economics*, *Political Science*
Stephen Norris Badgley, *Mathematics*
Japhet Wilson Charles Balaban, *magna cum laude*, Drama*
Charles Baldwin, *Psychology*
Carolyn Marie Barer, *Economics*, *French*
Gilad Samuel Barlev, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Physics*
Abigail Tracy Barnes, *International Studies*
Katherine Alexandra Barnhart, *Psychology*
Ryan Paul Cannon Batie, *American Studies**
Dayne Michael Baughman, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Victoria Anne Baumann, *cum laude*, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Rowan Eagle Beaird, *cum laude*, *Honors in English**
Daniel Xavier Becker, *cum laude*, *History*
Allen Jemond Bediako, *Psychology*
Frederick Evan Benz, *cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures*, *French*
Benjamin Corash Berdan, *Economics*
Steven Scherer Bertozzi, *magna cum laude*, *English**
Alison Greene Beyrle, *magna cum laude*, *Drama**
David Michael Black, *Chemistry*, *History*
Elizabeth Mayhew Blackey, *Economics*, *Political Science*
Christopher James Blaine, *summa cum laude*, *High Honors in Political Science**, *Economics**
Daniel Dixon Blaine, *Political Science*
Meredith Renz Blake, *History*
Mary Olivia Bloom, *cum laude*, *Honors in English**
Leah Marie Boersig, *English*, *Women's and Gender Studies**
Paul John Bogonis, *Psychology*
Alexander Weston Boivin, *History*
Geoffrey Robert Bollier, *cum laude*, *Economics*, *Philosophy**
James Thomas Boston, *cum laude*, *German*
Thomas Liam Boucher, *Psychology**
Chelsea Renee Bowling, *summa cum laude*, *International Studies**
Emmett Todd Brady, *cum laude*, *Anthropology*
David Lindley Brand, *American Studies*
Alexander Charles Broder, *magna cum laude*, *Religious Studies**
Julie Justine Buckner, *Drama*
Allison Jeanne Burket, *summa cum laude*, *International Studies*
Ryan Christopher Burns, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in History*, *Political Science*
Melanie Audra Butcher, *cum laude*, *International Studies*, *Political Science*
Daniel Robert Butters, *International Studies*
Hannah Mary Buzicky, *English*
Jacob Giovanni Calcei, *cum laude*, *Biology*
Aileen Claire Caldwell, *History*
Daniel Noah Caplan, *cum laude*, *Classics*
Elizabeth Mary Caringola, *cum laude*, *Anthropology*
Elizabeth Davis Carlton, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Biology**
Richard Francis Carroll, *History*
Sarah Elizabeth Carter, *magna cum laude*, *Anthropology*, *International Studies*
Avery Devin Catlin, *cum laude*, *Music*
Olivia Micou Cerf, *Dance*
Jingwan Chen, *magna cum laude*, *Economics*, *Mathematics*
Lucas Troy Christian, *cum laude*, *Philosophy*
Rebecca Lebo Cleeton, *cum laude*, *Biology*
Sarah Howell Cleeton, *magna cum laude*, *Biology*
Nora Ruth Cole, *Psychology*
Courtney Earnestine Coleman, *Sociology*
Margaret Megan Eileen Connolly, *magna cum laude*, *Synoptic Major: Social Justice*
LaDean Miles Cooley, *cum laude*, *Biochemistry*
Clara Cooper-Mullin, *Biology*
Evan Casson Coutts, *Political Science*
Benton Hart Coveney, *English*
Justin Matthew Cox, *English*
Charles Allin Cromer, *cum laude*, *Religious Studies**
Sophie Sarah Davis-Cohen, *International Studies**
Daniel Adler Dierenfeld, *History*
Julia Christina Diskint, *Sociology*
Kristen Erin Dolan, *cum laude*, *Honors in American Studies*
Robert Emmet Duff, *Studio Art*, *Psychology*
Michael Robert Dunford, *English**
Eric Malcolm Dunn, *Economics*
Maximilian Paul Dunn, *cum laude*, *Economics*
Christine Marie Dutko, *summa cum laude*, *International Studies**, *Spanish**
Mary Hannah Dzedzic, *Art History*
James Maitland Eaton, *Chemistry*
Marielle Lodge Ebersol, *Drama*
Katherine Rebecca Edelson, *Anthropology*, *Women's and Gender Studies*
Philip Loring Edmunds, *English*
Yancy Donald Edwards Jr., *Sociology*
Blake Ellis, *cum laude*, *International Studies*
Priscilla Ashley Erickson, *summa cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Molecular Biology**
John Taylor Harrison Ewing, *History**
Austin Michael Faught, *Physics*
Jason Peter Fazio, *History*
Nathan Davis Fedor, *Economics**
Ilana Beth Feldman, *Psychology*
Hannah Louise Fenlon, *cum laude*, *Drama**
Sarah Kristen Fernquest, *magna cum laude*, *Classics*
Allegra Marcelle Fety, *Anthropology*
Stuart Benoit Fety, *cum laude*, *Biology*
Cari Danon Ficken, *Biology*
Philip Duncan Fine, *English*
Leah Rachel Finn, *cum laude*, *American Studies**
Rebecca Groban Fischman, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in History**
Devon Marie Fitzgerald, *High Honors in Molecular Biology*
James Lee Flaherty, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in English**

Cooper Caputo Fleishman, *cum laude*, English*
Mark Richard Flick, *cum laude*, Highest Honors in Economics, Political Science
Athena Smith Ford, Political Science
Jack Robert Forgrave, Psychology
Jessica Elizabeth Francois, *magna cum laude*, Religious Studies
Hilary Clarke Franke, *cum laude*, Biology
Anna Elizabeth Frutiger, Molecular Biology
Brett Frederick Fuller, History
Daniel Adam Gajewski, Psychology
Jay Henderson Galbraith, *cum laude*, Biology
Alison M. Gallagher, Art History
Kathryn Emily Gallagher, *magna cum laude*, Sociology, Spanish
Robert Mork Galloway, *magna cum laude*, Honors in English*
Brooke Rebecca Gates, Honors in English*
Prabhat Gautam, Economics, International Studies*
Thomas Michael Geiger, Psychology
Meghan Elaine Goins Gibson, English
Taylor Samuel Gittin, Drama, Political Science
Alexander Aeschbach Gladstone, International Studies*, Political Science
Jack William Goldenberg, Philosophy
Allison Margery Goldsmith, *magna cum laude*, Biochemistry*
Emily Cousins Goldwasser, English
Clayton Charles Goodgame, International Studies*
Amy Marie Goshe, *summa cum laude*, Biochemistry
Elizabeth Katherine Gottschalk, *cum laude*, Classics
Lesley Anna Green, *cum laude*, Modern Languages and Literatures
Justin Garrett Greenlee, Art History, English*
Risa Jean Griffin, *cum laude*, Honors in Women's and Gender Studies
Elizabeth Victoria Grubbs, International Studies
Rafael Jose Gude, *cum laude*, High Honors in Anthropology*
Anne Lee Haden Guest, American Studies, Dance
Kate Elizabeth Gunby, *cum laude*, High Honors in Sociology
Ariela Ivy Haber, *cum laude*, Mathematics
Korey Michael Haddox, *magna cum laude*, Chemistry
Caroline Michele Haggerty, International Studies
Sarah Rose Hall, *cum laude*, Neuroscience
Kate Elizabeth Hamilton, Music
Margaret Lynn Hammond, Art History
Algis Haney, Economics
Lisa Harn, *cum laude*, High Honors in Biology, English
Emma Suzanne Harper, *cum laude*, Modern Languages and Literatures
Matthew Laird Harris, English
Philip James Hartger, *cum laude*, Anthropology
Louisa Sass Hartigan, Art History
Thomas Edgar Hawkins, Anthropology
Anna Wurmbrand Heintzelman, Political Science
Katia Marie Heinzman, Anthropology
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Samantha Mae Hoefler, International Studies

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John Mallan Hornick, *cum laude*, Molecular Biology
Christopher James Houser, *magna cum laude*, Anthropology
Brice Patrick Howard, Economics*
Jennifer Lynn Howard, Biology
Shelley Kay Howard, *cum laude*, Biology
Joseph Martin Hultzen, Economics
Dennis Smith Hume, Anthropology, History*
Brittany Mekel Hurd, History
Matthew Harold Jacobson, History
Kari Elizabeth Jennings, *magna cum laude*, English
Laura Elizabeth Johnson, Economics
Terrence Allan Johnson, Biology
David Allan Jolson, History
Sacha Shiori Jowise, History
Hunter Romeyn Judson Jr., Economics
Anne MacLeod Kaiser, English
Shrochis Karki, *magna cum laude*, Highest Honors in International Studies, Political Science
Zachary David Keshner, Sociology
Amy Elizabeth Kessler, *cum laude*, Biology
Kaleb Isaac Keyserling, *magna cum laude*, Biology
Melissa Ann King, *cum laude*, High Honors in Economics
Jordan Donald Kircher, History
Samuel John Miller Kling, *cum laude*, High Honors in History*
Dylan Benjamin Knewstubb, Psychology
Lauren Rebecca Koffler, Religious Studies
Paul Adam Kraemer, English
Christina Marie Kucher, *cum laude*, Neuroscience
Joshua William Kumpf, International Studies
Andrew David Kurland, English
Nicole Mendoza La Fetra, *summa cum laude*, Anthropology
Natalie Allyson Larew, Chemistry
Alexandra Mae Lastowski, Political Science
Adam Greenbaum Latek, Sociology
Leo Booker Laub, *magna cum laude*, Highest Honors in Biology*
Jonathan Northway Lawrence, English, History
Elizabeth Robertson Lee, Drama
Grace Evelyn Lee, *magna cum laude*, Molecular Biology
Zachary David Lee, Honors in Anthropology
Samuel Myles Leeds, American Studies
Frances Perrin Legg, Spanish
Catriona Martha Lennox, *magna cum laude*, Art History
Nicholas J. Lerangis, Music
Sasha Isaac Letchinger, *cum laude*, Psychology
William Morris Levine, American Studies
Sarah Michelle Lewin, Women's and Gender Studies
Thomas Chappell Lewis, *cum laude*, Highest Honors in Religious Studies*
Edward Paul Liebmann, *cum laude*, Sociology
Daisy Alexandra Linden, *magna cum laude*, Psychology
Maika Chelsea Lindsay, International Studies
Thomas Michael Linz, *magna cum laude*, High Honors in Physics
Chester R. Liwosz, Honors in Anthropology
Nicholas Michael Lyons, Psychology
Michael Lindley Machala, *magna cum laude*, Synoptic Major: Chemical Physics
Maria Teresa Magana, Art History

Nicholas Gee-Hung Mahowald, Political Science
Anita Mallya, Neuroscience
Vito Joseph Mantese, Mathematics
Nicholas Elliott Margolies, History
Alexis Jacqueline Marino, Biology
Paige Lee Markham, International Studies
Hannah Halpin Markley, *magna cum laude*, Honors in English*
Sarah Elizabeth Masel, *magna cum laude*, Art History
David William Mastrangelo, Political Science
William Walker Matteson, English
Sarah Joyce May, *magna cum laude*, Psychology
Kyle Murrell McBurney, History*, Political Science
Meghan Anne McClincy, English
Robin Arrington McCoy, *summa cum laude*, International Studies*
Heather Alison McDonagh, *cum laude*, Chemistry
Eric Andrew McEver, *summa cum laude*, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Elaine McFarlane, *cum laude*, Sociology
Molly Caldwell McGannon, *magna cum laude*, Honors in Political Science*
Kelly Yvonne McGrath, *cum laude*, Art History
Andrew Thomas McInerney, *cum laude*, English
Colleen Mairin McLellan, *cum laude*, Dance, English
Daniel Patrick McLennon, Mathematics
Tracy Anna Menzel, *magna cum laude*, Women's and Gender Studies*
Toni Janette Metcalf, Political Science
Elizabeth Whitaker Meyers, *magna cum laude*, English*
Sasha Elizabeth Milam, *cum laude*, International Studies
Jacob Matson Miller, International Studies
Kimberly Ann Miller, Biology
Philip Hisanori Miller, *cum laude*, Classics
Sasha Cyrelle Minium, Biology
William Vincent Misslin III, Religious Studies
Grace Katherine Montgomery, *cum laude*, Art History
Suzanne Perrine Montgomery, *magna cum laude*, Modern Languages and Literatures
Kathryn Diane Moore, American Studies
Jennifer Lynn Morrison, *summa cum laude*, High Honors in American Studies*
Margaret MacKinnon Morrow, *cum laude*, History
Emma Lee Mueller, English, Spanish
Sophie Marion Munoz, Psychology
Owen Ames Murphy, Drama, Spanish*
Jessica Rae Murray, English
Christopher Hamilton Myers, *magna cum laude*, High Honors in History*
Tila LeteRupheal Neguse, English*
Jennifer Kathryn Newman, *magna cum laude*, Studio Art, English
Catherine Dominica Norbeck, *magna cum laude*, Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures
Jillian Lee Olsavsky, Political Science
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George Perry, History
Nicholas William Petricca, *cum laude*, Music
James Seymour Phillips-Farley, *cum laude*, Political Science
Erin Josephine Pienciak, Neuroscience
Lucia Gabriella Pizzo, *magna cum laude*, English
Daniel Theodore Prager, Psychology, Sociology
Rauf Firdausi Prasodjo, *magna cum laude*, Economics, International Studies
Sarah Ann Prendergast, Mathematics
Samantha Sara Quest-Neubert, *magna cum laude*, Studio Art
Allyson Rachel Quinby, American Studies
Maia Lynn Raber, *cum laude*, English
Jessica Lauren Radowitz, Drama
Kaitlin Ann Rafferty, *cum laude*, Mathematics
Kate Ono Rahel, *magna cum laude*, International Studies, Spanish*
Johanna Marie Ralsten, *magna cum laude*, High Honors in English*
Stephanie L. Reiches, English
Max David Reisman, English
Rebecca Brook Riddell, *summa cum laude*, High Honors in Political Science*
Edward Butler Righter Jr., Political Science
Paige Rebecca Roberts, Biology
Patricia Michele Robinson, *cum laude*, Honors in English*
Paula Anne Robinson, *cum laude*, Anthropology
Stephen Joseph Robishaw, Political Science
Joseph Rukshan Rodriguez, Economics, Mathematics
Rex Lorenzo Rodriguez, Biology
Leah Alexandria Rogers, *cum laude*, American Studies*
Alexandra Leona Pougiales Roland, Biology
Kate Armstrong Ross, *cum laude*, Drama
Caleb Shotwell Ruopp, Drama
Diana Beth Ruskin, *cum laude*, Psychology
Anna Nicole Salzberg, *cum laude*, English*
Piero Sanfilippo, *cum laude*, Highest Honors in Molecular Biology
Andrew Michael Saygers, *cum laude*, English
Michael Sandeford Schaeffer, *magna cum laude*, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Elizabeth Clare Scheltens, *cum laude*, High Honors in Political Science
Amanda Carroll Schermer, Psychology
Kathryn Ann Schlosser, *cum laude*, English
Dustin Charles Schneider, Mathematics, Physics
Samantha Ward Schoeny, Political Science
Rita Cantillon Seabrook, *magna cum laude*, Highest Honors in Psychology
Caitlin Jane Sellnow, *cum laude*, English
Danielle Jay Seltzer, English
Zachary Charles Sharrow, *magna cum laude*, Psychology*
Natalie Ann Shaw, International Studies
Keith Jeffrey Shayon-Nowlan, Sociology

Jena Ireland Shellito, *cum laude*, English*
 Jeremy Jacob Todd Sher, *Political Science*
 Seungeun Shin, *cum laude*, English, *Political Science*
 Adam Michael Shoop, *Molecular Biology*
 Jacob Dean Simmons, *English*
 Jenna Lee Simpson, *cum laude*, *International Studies*
 Helle Annette Slutz, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in English**
 Chad Bradley Smith, *Political Science*
 Jessica Lynn Smith, *cum laude*, *Psychology*
 Madeline Irene Smith, *summa cum laude*, *Anthropology*
 Stacy Letrice Smith, *Dance*, *Sociology*
 Eleanor Smitherman, *magna cum laude*, *Art History*
 Patrick Brendan Smyth, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in English**, *German*
 Benjamin Joseph Spialter, *Studio Art*
 Laura Mary Spring, *English*
 Karl Underwood Stark, *Economics*, *Political Science*
 Andrew Charles Stein, *International Studies*
 Emma Caroline Stendig, *Religious Studies*
 Anna Louise Stern, *cum laude*, *Neuroscience**
 Jerry Lee Stewart III, *magna cum laude*, *Religious Studies*
 Shaina Nicole Stewart, *cum laude*, *Biology*
 Kara S. Stiles, *cum laude*, *Political Science*
 David Thomas Still, *Economics*
 Ashley Lauren Stone, *magna cum laude*, *Sociology*
 Suzanna Andreevna Stroganova, *summa cum laude*, *Honors in Economics*
 Hannah Selene Szlyk, *cum laude*, *International Studies*, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Rachel Fae Szymanski, *cum laude*, *American Studies*, *Drama*
 Daniel Alexander Takacs, *cum laude*, *Drama*, *English*
 Ryotaro Tashiro, *cum laude*, *Honors in Economics*
 Samantha Nicole Tett, *magna cum laude*, *Highest Honors in English**
 Karen Thompson, *International Studies*
 Jonathan Frost Thorndike, *cum laude*, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
 Catherine Ann Ulman, *magna cum laude*, *Chemistry**
 Sivan Schon Vainer, *cum laude*, *Psychology*
 Michael Thomas Sun Vanacore, *magna cum laude*, *Modern Languages and Literatures*, *Religious Studies**
 William Edward Verman, *Biology*
 Ryan Kristopher Volsen, *Philosophy*
 Clay Nolan von Carlowitz, *Drama*
 Emily Nicole Wagner, *Economics*, *Studio Arts*
 Lovey Hazel Mailekaluhea Walker, *summa cum laude*, *Psychology*
 Zachary Stephen Wallace, *Economics*
 Emma Kathleen Wampler, *magna cum laude*, *High Honors in Neuroscience*
 Matthew Alexander Ward, *Political Science*
 Rebecca Mae Warren, *cum laude*, *Highest Honors in Anthropology*
 Olivia Clare Watkins, *Anthropology*, *English**
 Katharine Grace Watson, *Studio Art*, *International Studies*
 Matthew Sinclair Weeks, *Drama*
 Jonathon Byron Welsh, *cum laude*, *Drama*
 Alexandra Jayne White, *High Honors in Molecular Biology*
 Mark James Wicks, *cum laude*, *Economics*
 Elizabeth Chelsea Wiener, *Economics*
 Justin Maurice Wiesenfeld, *Economics*

Anna Maria Williams, *magna cum laude*, *Chemistry**
 Emily Mae Wilt, *magna cum laude*, *Religious Studies*
 Noah Lukas Winterer, *Economics*
 Jessica Lauren Wise, *magna cum laude*, *Classics**
 Riley Liberty Witte, *cum laude*, *English*, *Modern Languages and Literatures**
 Emily Susan Wolf, *International Studies*
 William Neil Wong, *cum laude*, *Sociology*
 Kathleen Michelle Woods, *Mathematics*, *Music**
 Elizabeth Anne Woolley, *cum laude*, *Honors in English**
 Mackenzie Adam Worrall, *Drama*, *English*
 Jacob Michael Yandura, *cum laude*, *Music*
 Rebecca Leigh Yarbrough, *Political Science*
 Bryan Clinton Yelvington, *Economics*, *Political Science*
 Tova Michelle Yoast-Hull, *cum laude*, *Physics*
 Sarah Anne Zukowski, *Biology*
 Lauren Elders Zurbrugg, *magna cum laude*, *Psychology*

Notes

A student completing a double major has met all the requirements for the major in two departments and passed a Senior Exercise in each. A synoptic major, individually designed by the student to meet his or her special interests, includes work in two or more departments and requires satisfactory completion of one Senior Exercise. An asterisk (*) denotes that the student passed the Senior Exercise with distinction.

Honors at Graduation

The degree with collegiate honors is achieved by attaining a cumulative grade-point average within the following ranges:
 3.50-3.69, *cum laude*;
 3.70-3.89, *magna cum laude*;
 3.90 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 276 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.

Honors Day 2009

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members, along with three distinguished alumni, were recognized at the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 7.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Robin L. Bennett '81, for her achievements as senior genetic counselor at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle; to Pierce E. Scranton Jr. '68 P'97, for his accomplishments as an orthopaedic surgeon, humanitarian, and author; and to Barrett A. Toan '69, for his achievements as a human-services administrator, as a corporate chief executive officer, and as a Kenyon trustee.

In addition, two faculty members were awarded \$5,000 each as recipients of the 2009 Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Associate Professor of Biology Robert A. Mauck in the junior-faculty category and Charles Pettit McIlvaine Professor of English Perry C. Lentz '64 P'88 in the senior category.

Unless noted, winners are members of the Class of 2009.

Fellowships and Awards

Beinecke Scholarship

Janae Anise Peters, Class of 2010

Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies

Kristen Erin Dolan

Fulbright Fellowship

Thomas Harry Au, Class of 2008

Melanie Audra Butcher

Clara Cooper-Mullin

Amy Marie Goshe

Elaine McFarlane

Catherine Dominica Norbeck

Rebecca Brook Riddell

Anna Nicole Salzberg

Elizabeth Clare Scheltens

Stacy Letrice Smith

Patrick Brendan Smyth

Andrew Charles Stein

Kara S. Stiles

Riley Liberty Witte

Barry M. Goldwater Excellence in Education Scholarship

James Daniel Beckett, Class of 2011

Daniel Elliot Franz, Class of 2010

Elmer A. Graham Scholarship

Allen Clay Brown, Class of 2010

Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship

Evan Thomas Ray, Class of 2010

Departmental Prizes

Anthropology

The Margaret Mead Award
Madeline Irene Smith

Art

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art

Jennifer Kathryn Newman

Margaret E. Leslie Prize in Art
Katharine Grace Watson

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History

Emma Catherine Perry
Eleanor Smitherman

The Peterson Prize in Art

Samantha Sara Quest-Neubert

Biology

The Biology Award for Outstanding Service to the Department

Kaleb Isaac Keyserling

The Biology Independent Study Prize

Clara Cooper-Mullin

The Robert Bowen Brown Jr. Prize

Leo Booker Laub

Priscilla Ashley Erickson

The Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jegla Prize

Kristina Lynn Buschur, Class of 2011

Kelly Marie Schorling, Class of 2011

The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize

Piero Sanfilippo

Elizabeth Davis Carlton

Chemistry

The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award

Elizabeth Jean Bailey, Class of 2012

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry

Allison Margery Goldsmith

The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize in Chemistry

Catherine Ann Ulman

Classics

The George L. Brain Prize

Jessica Lauren Wise

The Carl Diehl Prize

Trevor Wayne Ezell, Class of 2012,

Latin

Courtney Elizabeth Cowper,

Class of 2011, *Greek*

Economics

The Paul Titus Economics Prize

Christopher James Blaine

English

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship

Christian Alejandra Martinez-

Canchola, Class of 2012

Grant Klarich Johnson, Class of 2011

Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award

James Lee Flaherty

Anastasia Marie Pedtke

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Freshman Award

Caroline Galen Lindy, Class of 2012

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Scholarship

Rebecca Ann Freedholm, Class of 2010

Helen Virginia Harley, Class of 2010

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize

Cooper Caputo Fleishman

Hannah Halpin Markley

History

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize

Margaret MacKinnon Morrow

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize

Ryan Christopher Burns

Jennifer Olivia Cancian, Class of 2010

The Curtis A. Seichter Memorial Award

Samuel John Miller Kling

Integrated Program in Humane Studies

The Richard F. Hettlinger Award

Christopher Hamilton Myers

Mathematics

The Reginald B. Allen Prize

Hannah Turner Ross, Class of 2010

The J.R. Butz Mathematics Prize

Daniel Elliot Franz, Class of 2010

The Solomon R.S. Kasper Prize

Daniel Elliot Franz, Class of 2010

Modern Languages and Literatures

The Edward Harvey Prize

Reed Robert Stokes, Class of 2011

Alicia Brooke Johnston, Class of 2011

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French

Frederick Evan Benz

The Spanish Prize

Kate Ono Rahel, Class of 2009

Catherine Dominica Norbeck

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize

James Thomas Boston

The Italian Prize

Emma Suzanne Harper

Michael Thomas Sun Vanacore

The Russian Prize

Riley Liberty Witte

The Chinese Prize

Jerry Lee Stewart III

The Japanese Prize

Eric Andrew McEver

Michael Sandeford Schaeffer

Music

The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance

Ziyue Guo, Class of 2010

The David B. Perry Community Service Music Prize

Jacob Michael Yandura

The David B. Perry Senior Award in Music

Corrine Danielle Anderson

Neuroscience

The Jon L. Williams Prize

Nora Georgieva Pencheva

Physics

The Elbe H. Johnson Prize

Matthew Gregory Siewny,

Class of 2011

Joseph Daniel Murphree, Class of 2012

Political Science

The John Chesnut Memorial Prize

Rebecca Brook Riddell

The Diamond-Storing Prize

Christopher James Blaine

Rebecca Brook Riddell

Psychology

The Psychology Prize

Arianna Iness Herman

Rita Cantillon Seabrook

Lovey Hazel Mailekalu Walker

The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study

Christopher James Blaine

Religious Studies

The Simpson Prize

Thomas Chappell Lewis

Sociology

The Jane Addams Award

Kelly Ann Adams

Ashley Lauren Stone

The George Herbert Mead Award

Kathryn Emily Gallagher

Women's and Gender Studies

The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Women's and Gender Studies

Kara S. Stiles

College Prizes

The George Gund Award

Bryn Tore Stole, Class of 2011

The Academy of American Poetry Prize

Emma Catherine Perry

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize

William Austin Arbery, Class of 2011

Cooper Caputo Fleishman

The Propper Prize for Poetry

Margaret Lucile Hughes, Class of 2011

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize

Sarah Michelle Kemp, Class of 2010

The Paul Newman Trophy

Japhet Wilson Charles Balaban

The Joanne Woodward Trophy

Katherine Dakota Kremer,

Class of 2011

The Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics

Yann-Erik Knud Adams

The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting

Yann-Erik Knud Adams

The Dance Prize

Colleen Mairin McLellan

The William A. Long Memorial Award

John R. Knepper, Class of 1962

The Jess Willard Falkenstine Award

Michael Lindley Machala

Tracy Anna Menzel

Karen Thompson

Bryan Clinton Yelvington

The Humanitarian Award

Robin Arrington McCoy, Class of 2009

Hanna Selene Szlyk

The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award

Johanna Marie Ralsten

The Doris B. Crozier Award

Tracy Anna Menzel

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup

Kathleen Michelle Woods

Scholarships

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.

Class of 2012

Elizabeth Jean Bailey

Mary Elizabeth Barker

Dominique Marie Chevalier

Aaron David Edwards

Madeline Lucia Gobbo

Quentin Cameron Karpilow

Sean Michael Morehouse

Joseph Daniel Murphree

Margo Lee Smith

David Andrew Somers

David Liu Sowa

Brooke Jamieson Stanley

Trustee Opportunity Scholarships

Competitive merit scholarships awarded

by Kenyon College to top entering

students from underrepresented back-

grounds, including first-generation

students.

Class of 2012

Vivian Cherng

Anthony Li Pin Chun

Gian Matthew Garduque

Jonathan David Hygh

Andrew Michael Jack

Brigitte Ariel Kemp

Sarah Deane Moseley

Maxwell Tamai Olson

George Christopher Pitsiokos

Emily Elizabeth Ruf

Marika Kent West

Aaron Justin Yeoh

The Mastin Scholarship

Jacob Giovanni Calcei

Justin Keith Rhodes, Class of 2010

The James P. Storer Scholarship

Chelsea Ann Adams, Class of 2010

Yann-Erik Knud Adams

Allen Clay Brown, Class of 2010

Eric Michael Cameron, Class of 2011

Courtney Elizabeth Cowper,

Class of 2011

Edward Alexander Rubin,

Class of 2011

John W. Adams Summer Legal Studies Scholars for 2009

Travis Elliot Cook, Class of 2010

O'Neill Andrews Cushman,

Class of 2011

Martin Marcinko, Class of 2010

Lindsay Marie Stevens, Class of 2010

Raluca Toma, Class of 2010

Desiree Senami Vodounon,

Class of 2012

Summer Science Scholar Program for 2009

Awards, based on a competition among

student-faculty proposals, to support

student-faculty research in the laboratory

sciences during the summer vacation.

Ryan Beck Ackerman, Class of 2010

Haley Elyse Adcox, Class of 2011

Claire Marie Anderson, Class of 2010

Erin Irene Armentrout, Class of 2012

Elizabeth Jean Bailey, Class of 2011

Audrey Faye Bebensee, Class of 2010

Robert Olds Carpenter, Class of 2010

Kelsey Michaela Chapman,

Class of 2010

Brittany Lee Currey, Class of 2011

Jonathan Jordan Edwards, Class of

2011

Khalid Charles Eldahan, Class of 2010

Nora Louise Erickson, Class of 2010

Daniel Elliot Franz, Class of 2010

Jennifer Lea Garbett, Class of 2011

Zachary Stuart Grant, Class of 2011

Amanda Nicole Henderson,

Class of 2011

Mary Clare Higgins-Luthman,

Class of 2011

Ai Binh Thi Ho, Class of 2011

Samuel Aaron Hunter, Class of 2010

Daniel Vore Iwamoto, Class of 2010

Peter Douglas Johnson, Class of 2010

Katerina Dimitrova Karaivanova,

Class of 2010

Benjamin Scott Kester, Class of 2010

Robert Andrew Long, Class of 2010

Arianne Faye Messerman,

Class of 2011

Lauren Marie Metzger, Class of 2011

Patrick Michael Meyers, Class of 2012

Pamela Elaine Moriarty, Class of 2011

Joseph Daniel Murphree, Class of 2012

Kara Gilpin Pellegrino, Class of 2011

Hannah Turner Ross, Class of 2010

Maya Nishimura Schell, Class of 2010

Kelly Marie Schorling, Class of 2011

Katie Elizabeth Sears, Class of 2010

Margaret Graham Taylor, Class of 2011

Phan Trieu Truong, Class of 2011

Kaung Myat Tun, Class of 2012

Kanmani Venkateswaran, Class of 2011

Dhruv Kumar Vig, Class of 2011

Aaron Justin Yeoh, Class of 2012

National Council on Undergraduate Research

The following students were selected by the National Conference on Undergraduate Research to present papers, spring 2009.

Allen Clay Brown, Class of 2010
Courtney Earnestine Coleman
Caroline Michele Haggerty
Daniel Paul Lakin, Class of 2010
Hannah Marion Lodi, Class of 2011
Emma Catherine Perry
Lovey Hazel Walker

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Chapter of Ohio (Liberal Arts and Sciences)

Yann-Erik Knud Adams
Hannah Jane Ahern
Corrine Danielle Anderson
Gilav Samuel Barlev
Steven Scherer Bertozzi
Alison Greene Beyrle
Christopher James Blaine
Chelsea Renee Bowling
Alexander Charles Broder
Allison Jeanne Burket
Ryan Christopher Burns
Elizabeth Davis Carlton
Jingwan Chen
Sarah Howell Cleeton
Christine Marie Dutko
Priscilla Ashley Erickson
James Lee Flaherty
Allison Margery Goldsmith
Amy Marie Goshe
Arianna Iness Herman
Shrochis Karki
Nicole Mendoza La Fetra
Leo Booker Laub
Daisy Alexandra Linden
Hannah Halpin Markley
Robin Arrington McCoy
Eric Andrew McEver
Molly Caldwell McGannon
Tracy Anna Menzel
Jennifer Lynn Morrison
Christopher Hamilton Myers
Catherine Dominica Norbeck
Emily Jean Ostergaard
Mary Patricia Papows
Anastasia Marie Peditke
Nora Georgieva Pencheva
Emma Catherine Perry
Rauf Firdausi Prasodjo
Kate Ono Rahel
Johanna Marie Ralsten
Rebecca Brook Riddell
Rita Cantillon Seabrook

Michael Sandeford Schaeffer
Zachary Charles Sharrow
Madeline Irene Smith
Eleanor Smitherman
Patrick Brendan Smyth
Jerry Lee Stewart III
Suzanna Andreevna Stroganova
Samantha Nicole Tett
Catherine Ann Ulman
Michael Thomas Sun Vanacore
Lovey Hazel Mailekalu Walker
Anna Maria Williams
Jessica Lauren Wise

Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics)

Zachary Lambert Blitzer, Class of 2011
Thomas Harold Brown, Class of 2010
Kristina Lynn Buschur, Class of 2011
Lucas Troy Christian
Jonathan Jordan Edwards, Class of 2011
Daniel David Frastaci, Class of 2011
Amy Marie Goshe
Robert Andrew Long, Class of 2010
Pamela Erin Moriarty, Class of 2011
Dustin Charles Schneider
Elizabeth Katherine Segelken,
Class of 2010
Laura Michelle Snoddy, Class of 2011
Yinan Yu, Class of 2011

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)

Christopher James Blaine
Ryan Christopher Burns
Melanie Audra Butcher
Nina Lander Holmberg
Shrochis Karki
Molly Caldwell McGannon
Jordan Robert Pedersen
Rebecca Brook Riddell
Elizabeth Clare Scheltens
Seungeun Shin

Sigma Xi (Scientific Research)

Emmett Todd Brady, *Anthropology*
Elizabeth Davis Carlton, *Biology*
Allegra Marcelle Fety, *Anthropology*
Stuart Benoit Fety, *Biology*
Devon Marie Fitzgerald, *Molecular Biology*
Allison Margery Goldsmith,
Biochemistry
Arianna Iness Herman, *Psychology*
Leo Booker Laub, *Biology*
Grace Evelyn Lee, *Molecular Biology*
Zachary David Lee, *Anthropology*
Daisy Alexandra Linden, *Psychology*
Sasha Cyrelle Minium, *Biology*
Emily Jean Ostergaard, *Psychology*
Daniel Theodore Prager, *Psychology*
Rex Lorenzo Rodriguez, *Biology*
Piero Sanfilippo, *Molecular Biology*
Dustin Charles Schneider, *Mathematics*
Rita Cantillon Seabrook, *Psychology*
Anna Louise Stern, *Neuroscience*
Catherine Ann Ulman, *Chemistry*
Lovey Hazel Mailekalu Walker,
Psychology
Emma Kathleen Wampler, *Neuroscience*
Rebecca Mae Warren, *Anthropology*
Alexandra Jayne White, *Biology*
Tova Michelle Yoast-Hull, *Physics*
Lauren Elders Zurbrugg, *Psychology*

Commencement 2009

Kenyon's one hundred eighty-first Commencement ceremony features an acclaimed writer who will give the address, three retiring members of the College's faculty who will be honored by their students and peers, and the more than four hundred young men and women of the Class of 2009 who will parade down Middle Path one last time before taking themselves and their diplomas out into the world.

The graduation ceremony is being held today, Saturday, May 16, starting at 10:30 a.m., on the lawn of Samuel Mather Hall. The rainsite is the Kenyon Athletic Center.

The Baccalaureate service took place yesterday, on Friday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. This year's speaker, chosen by the seniors, was Charles Pettit McIlvaine Professor of English Perry C. Lentz. Renowned for both his erudition and his wit, Lentz delivered a talk entitled "Dear Past Supposing."

Following the Baccalaureate service, the graduating class gathered to partake in a cherished Kenyon tradition, the Senior Sing. Commencement Weekend also featured all-campus seminars by Professor of French Mary Jane Cowles and Professor of Music Benjamin R. Locke.

In addition to presenting diplomas to graduating seniors, Kenyon will confer honorary degrees on Roger Rosenblatt, the essayist, novelist, and playwright, and three retiring faculty members: Michael J. Evans, history and humanities; Perry C. Lentz, English; and Linda M. Smolak, psychology.

Rosenblatt, a much-admired essayist whose literary gifts also embrace fiction, drama, and memoir, will deliver the Commencement address. While his career has included stints as literary editor and columnist for the *New Republic*, as well as columnist for the *Washington Post*, he is perhaps best known for his essays on the PBS *NewsHour*. Those essays, on topics ranging from the magic of music on a summer evening to the subtle power conveyed by a photograph of civil-rights icon Rosa Parks, earned him Peabody and Emmy awards.

Essays Rosenblatt wrote for *Time* magazine, where he was an editor-at-large, won two George Polk Awards. His work has also appeared in *Esquire*, the *Kenyon Review*, the *New York Times Magazine*, and *Vanity Fair*.

Rosenblatt's twelve books include the bestseller *Rules for Aging: A Wry and Witty Guide to Life*; *Children of War*, winner of the Robert F. Kennedy Book Prize; and the novels *Lapham Rising* and *Beet*. He has also written six off-Broadway plays. His comic one-man show, *Free Speech in America*, was named one of the ten best plays of 1991 by the *New York Times*.

Making Toast, a family memoir, will appear in February. The book grew out of a December 2008 *New Yorker* article in which Rosenblatt, with poignancy and humor, recounts life with his three grandchildren and son-in-law after the sudden death of his thirty-eight-year-old daughter.

A 1962 graduate of New York University, Rosenblatt earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in English and American literature at Harvard University. He is currently Distinguished Professor of English and Writing at Stony Brook University.

Evans, a member of the Kenyon faculty since 1965, retires with one of the longest records of service in the College's history. He earned his B.A. and M.A. in history at the University of Washington in his home state and his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, where his Ph.D. thesis was entitled *Machiavelli: Historian, Comic and Tragic*.

A scholar of European intellectual history, Evans has a special fondness for the Italian Renaissance. He has taught an array of courses focusing on Western culture while also serving on faculty committees, advising several fraternities, and twice chairing the history department and directing the European Urban Team Abroad Program.

In 1975, Evans, Robert Goodhand of the French faculty, and the late Richard F. Hettlinger of the religion department inaugurated the College's first interdisciplinary venture, the Integrated Program in Humane Studies (IPHS). Although Evans continued to teach in the history department as well for many years, he developed an ever-closer relationship with IPHS. For the 2001-02 academic year, he became director of the program, a position he held until 2008.

Last weekend, Evans participated in the dedication of the Michael J. Evans Seminar Room. A newly completed addition to Timberlake House, home of IPHS, the Evans Seminar Room was constructed with gifts from the professor's friends and former students.

Lentz, a 1964 summa cum laude graduate of Kenyon, returned to his alma mater in 1969 as an assistant professor of English after earning his doctorate at Vanderbilt University. The intervening years have seen him become a legendary teacher at the College and the incumbent, since 1993, of the prestigious Charles Pettit McIlvaine Chair. Also an author of both fiction and nonfiction books, Lentz recently published his third novel, *Perish from the Earth*, and a critical work, *Private Fleming at Chancellorsville: The Red Badge of Courage and the Civil War*.

Lentz received the Trustee Teaching Excellence Award, which recognizes those faculty members who are judged by their students and colleagues to be outstanding exemplars of their profession, at the Honors Day Convocation on April 7, 2009. Later in the month, he participated in the dedication of Lentz House, a new College building, named in his honor, that will house classrooms and offices for members of the English faculty.

Smolak, who joined the Kenyon faculty in 1980, was the first woman to be awarded tenure, and later the first to be named to the Samuel B. Cummings Jr. Professorship, in the Department of Psychology. A graduate of Temple University, where she earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D., she has focused her research and teaching in developmental psychology, methodology and statistics, and gender-related topics.

Smolak enjoys a national reputation as an expert not only in the causes of eating disorders but also in defining strategies for their prevention. She has spoken and written broadly on the issue, often in conjunction with a longtime colleague in the psychology department, Michael Levine.

In 2002, Smolak was honored with the Trustee Teaching Excellence Award. The citation for the prize celebrated the lucidity of her lectures, the creativity of her assignments, and the strength of her mentorship of students undertaking independent projects.

Smolak has also been a faculty member in the College's programs in neuroscience and women's and gender studies. In addition to serving on numerous committees, she has been the advisor to the Kenyon Equestrian Team, reflecting her own interest in horses and riding.

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; the Ernst Center will be razed in the near future. 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 *Gulielmus* 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.)* and *doctor of letters (Litt.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.