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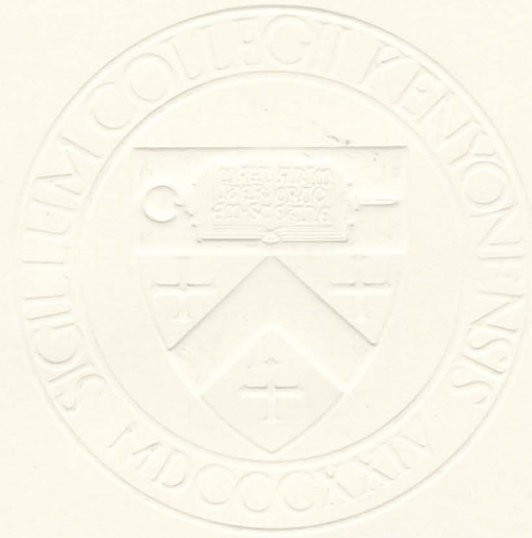
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Kenyon College



The
One Hundred Eighty-Third
Commencement

Samuel Mather Lawn
Ten Thirty O'clock, May Twenty-First
Two Thousand Eleven



Program

S. Georgia Nugent, *President, presiding*
Laurie A. Finke, *Faculty Marshal*
Joan L. Slonczewski, *Secretary of the Faculty*

Processional

Scioto Brass Ensemble

Invocation

Elizabeth B. Keeney
*Director, Board of Spiritual and Religious Life,
Kenyon College*

Welcome

S. Georgia Nugent
President of Kenyon College

Remarks

Introduction by Henry P. Toutain
Dean of Students

Rachel Rose Berger
President of the Class of 2011

Conferring of Honorary Degrees and Remarks by the Recipients

Martha Craven Nussbaum
Presented by Jeffrey A. Bowman

Jonathan Franzen
Presented by Sergei Lobanov-Rostovsky

Announcement

Members of the Class of 2011 elected to membership
in Beta Chapter of Ohio of Phi Beta Kappa

Pamela G. Camerra-Rowe
Associate Professor of Political Science

Ringling 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 2011

Nayef H. Samhat
Provost

Dean Toutain

Conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Awarding of the Diplomas of the College

President Nugent

Joan L. Slonczewski
Professor of Biology

Ellen K. Harbourt
Registrar

A. Chris Kennerly
*Associate Dean of Students and Director of Multicultural
Affairs*

Closing Words to the Class of 2011

President Nugent

Benediction

Marc W. Bragin
Director, Kenyon College Hillel

Recessional

Scioto Brass Ensemble

Senior Class Committee

Rachel Rose Berger, *President*
Alice Adeola Adebisi
Christine Ann Bonomo
Michael Scott Clayton
Mathew James Cowlin
Kyle Davis
Philippa Cunningham Essig
Jennifer Clare Fitzgerald
Chauncey Rachael Sherwood Harrison
J. Alexander Sarokin Kaplan
Joy Marie Leaman
Emily Elizabeth Lewandowski
Brianna Dorothea Parry
Rachael Anne Polton
Sarah N. Relich
Juan Alberto Solis
Nicholas Lee Sprague
Meredith Hope Tyma

Other Participants

Faculty Marshals

Laurie A. Finke, *Senior Marshal,*
Professor of Women's and Gender Studies
Ivonne M. Garcia,
Assistant Professor of English
William R. Melick,
Bruce L. Gensemer Professor of Economics
Kimmarie A. Murphy,
Associate Professor of Anthropology
Jami E. Peelle,
Faculty Grants and Fellowships Coordinator
Wade H. Powell,
Associate Professor of Biology

Admissions and Student Affairs Marshals

Adrienne A. Amador '09,
Assistant Director of Admissions
Erin B. Ciarimboli,
Director of New Student Orientation and Community Programs
B. Noble Jones '97,
Associate Director of Admissions
Erin Farrell Salva '79,
Coordinator of Disability Services
Marjorie A. Trueblood-Gamble,
Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs and Admissions
Tobias W. Uecker,
Assistant Director of Housing and Residential Life

Hood Marshals

James A. Steen P'01,'04,
Head Men's Swimming Coach
Elizabeth Ransom Forman '73,
Senior Associate Director of Admissions
Venetta "Tacci" Smith,
Associate Dean of Students
Samantha J. Hughes,
Director, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Flagbearers

Lelia Bachelder Bullitt, Class of 2013
Margaret Jean Higby, Class of 2012
Emily Elizabeth Rapp, Class of 2012
Gregory Douglas Stark, Class of 2013
Megan Julia Sutter, Class of 2013
Eliza Alexandria Weeks, Class of 2013

Kenyon Pealers

Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Humane Letters

Martha Craven Nussbaum
Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics,
University of Chicago

Presented by Jeffrey A. Bowman
Professor of History

Martha Nussbaum: Drawing inspiration from classical philosophy, you have become a leading advocate of the transformative promise of liberal education and an inspiring proponent of innovative approaches to global development. In essays and books, you have matched erudition with bracing clarity of purpose. You have reinvented traditional disciplines by showing us how to bridge the study of ethics and literature, philosophy and politics, classics and law. You have felt the moral seriousness of fiction, describing the manifold ways in which novels cultivate our sympathies and move us beyond the limits of our own experience. You have argued that humanities must inform the ideals and practices of citizenship as the forum where meditation on our interior lives enriches reflection on our collective responsibilities. Fully to assess the "quality of life" at stake in our projects for development and social justice, you have joined with Amartya Sen and others to pioneer the "capability approach," which recognizes the diverse ways we thrive as human beings. As you have taught us, liberal education demands that we ask ourselves the enduring Socratic question: What does it mean to lead a good life? Your wide-ranging answers to this question gently master ancient thought and urge us to see the distinctive challenges and opportunities of the current moment. The demands of Socratic self-reflection, compelling in ancient Athens, are perhaps even more urgent in a world where the contours of citizenship are increasingly transposed to a global scale. Imbued with a moral urgency, your writings reflect an imagination that is, in Henry James's words, "finely aware and richly responsible." For your contributions as a classicist, philosopher, public intellectual, and, not least, Socratic gadfly, we honor you today.

Doctor of Letters

Jonathan Franzen
Writer

Presented by Sergei Lobanov-Rostovsky
Professor of English

Jonathan Franzen, we honor you today not for who you are: bestselling novelist, essayist, journalist, and critic, National Book Award winner, literary celebrity whose cultural importance has been sanctified by the cover of *Time* and, not once but twice, by Oprah's Book Club, object of a whole new form of literary envy—*Franzenfreude*. Instead, we honor you for what you *do* each day: create fictions that capture us with their wit and then enlarge us with their compassion and humanity. As a reader, I'd honor you just for the beauty of a few perfect sentences. But what is most striking about your novels is the way that they reveal to us small characters on a broad canvas. You don't hesitate to take on the grand themes—a culture in a crisis of anxious prosperity, the mysterious ways in which happiness eludes us, the reduction of human emotions to diagnosable, treatable, and highly profitable forms of chemical imbalance, in short, *the way we live now*—but each of these themes emerges in your novels through the fine details of closely examined lives. A brilliant social satirist, you are merciless to your characters ("Julia wore the heads-up look of a squirrel convinced that somebody has stale bread in his pocket"), revealing their self-deceptions and their consuming despair, but only to solicit our recognition and our sympathy. We see them as we see ourselves in our moments of greatest honesty. Jonathan Franzen, you've shown us the beauty of complexity in characters and culture, syntax and human sympathy. We honor you today for that challenge to our understanding, that ambition and stunning accomplishment, that carefully wrought and hard-won grace.

Bachelor of Arts

Jeremy Rabinowitz Abrams, *Political Science*
Haley Elyse Adcox, *Molecular Biology*
Alice Adeola Adebisi, *Neuroscience*
Ayesha Akhtar, *English*
Nathan Lawrence Allen, *cum laude, High Honors in English**
Margaretta Lammot duPont Andrews, *Psychology**
William Austin Arbery, *cum laude, Drama*, English**
Jillian Marie Arenz, *Psychology*
James Dean Asimes, *Economics*
Jonah Salvatore Auteri, *Anthropology*
Elizabeth Anne Aznar, *cum laude, Psychology*
Jennifer Lynn Baker, *magna cum laude, Studio Art*
Timothy Keithly Baker, *cum laude, Political Science*
Nicole Stevenson Barab, *French, in absentia*
Miguel Enrico Barrera, *Psychology*
Michael Joshua Beck, *Economics*
Samantha Miriam Beckerman, *Anthropology*
James Daniel Beckett, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Chemistry**
Richard Franklin Benes, *magna cum laude, Neuroscience**
Rachel Rose Berger, *Political Science*
Nora Katherine Bergin, *cum laude, High Honors in American Studies, Music*
Sara Elizabeth Berman, *cum laude, Spanish*
Adam Victor Bielecki, *Psychology**
Julia Ruth Billings, *International Studies*
Emilia Wu Chien Birdsall, *Psychology**
Kathleen Miller Bires, *cum laude, Art History*
Ellen Elizabeth Biscotti, *Biology*
Danielle Elaine Bishop, *magna cum laude, English*, Spanish**
Charles N. Bittermann, *Political Science*
Christopher Jordan Black, *History*
Zachary Lambert Blitzer, *cum laude, Mathematics*
Christopher Nicholas Bobby, *magna cum laude, Philosophy**
Seth Andrew Bohstedt, *Economics*
Logan Andrew Bolinger, *magna cum laude, English*
Brandon Patrick Bollinger, *Sociology*
Katharine Halsey Bonadies, *cum laude, Psychology*
Christine Ann Bonomo, *summa cum laude, High Honors in English**
Jesse Elias Boomsma-Gold, *Economics**
Alexander Hampton Boote, *cum laude, High Honors in Economics**
Caitrian Boucher, *Mathematics*
Lauren Mary Brady, *Biology*
Matthew Nuri Bright, *History*
Laura Aileen Briskman, *English*
Caroline Williams Brody, *English*
Jonathan Emmanuel Brown, *Music*
Benjamin West Browning, *Psychology*
Rachel Agnes Bucey, *cum laude, English*
Christine Lauré Bullock, *Economics, English*
Kristina Lynn Buschur, *Mathematics, Molecular Biology**
Andrew James Butler, *Biology*
Tyren Darnell Bynum, *English, in absentia*
Susanna Nelson Byrd, *cum laude, International Studies**
Beau Robert Calcei, *cum laude, Biology*
Claire Marie Cameron, *French*
Eric Michael Cameron, *summa cum laude, English**
Elana Beatrice Carlson, *cum laude, Psychology**
Stephanie Carlson-Flynn, *International Studies*
Macpherson Charles Bingham Carroll, *Economics*
Claire Marjorie Chapman, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Anna Caffee Childs, *American Studies**
Jaemin Cho, *Art History*
Robert Victor Cicetti, *English*
David Joseph Clarke, *Music*
Michael Scott Clayton, *History*
Arden Harsch Colley, *Classics*
Peter Michael Collins, *cum laude, Political Science*
Abby Grayson Comstock-Gay, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures*
Kerri-Lynn Amber Conrad, *Molecular Biology**
Ian Timothy Cook II, *Economics*
Sarah Brittany Cook, *Biology**
William David Andrew Cooper, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Mathew James Cowlin, *Sociology*
Brendan Kyle Coyne, *American Studies**
John Schuyler Crain, *History*
Trevor Paul Criswell, *History*
Caroline Elizabeth Anne Crowell, *magna cum laude, English*
Matthew Patrick Crowley, *Drama, English*
Alexander Nelson Cultice, *English*
Brittany Lee Currey, *High Honors in Psychology, Molecular Biology*
O'Neill Andrews Cushman, *cum laude, Philosophy*
Cole Anthony Dachenhaus, *cum laude, Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures, German*
Sophia Mayo Daly, *International Studies*
Kyle Davis, *Mathematics*
Reena Michelle de Lanerolle, *Anthropology*
Lucy Winter Dearborn, *English*
Diana Deoki, *English*
Patrick Tyson DePriest, *International Studies*
Philip Neil DiGiacomo, *History, Political Science*
Andrew Raymond Ding, *Philosophy*
Brigid Aileen Donahue, *Anthropology*
Max Ian Doshay, *Psychology*
Sarah Grace Dougherty, *English*
Sarah Elizabeth Dowling, *Studio Art*
Megan Colleen Duffy, *Religious Studies**
Lauren Elizabeth Duran, *magna cum laude, Psychology**
Jonathan Jordan Edwards, *magna cum laude, Mathematics, Physics*
Caroline Anderson Eichler, *summa cum laude, Music*, Political Science**
Sarah Katharine Reveley Embick, *cum laude, International Studies*
Maeread Caitlin Erskine, *cum laude, Political Science*
Philippa Cunningham Essig, *Political Science*
Peter Nathaniel B. Eustis, *History*
Sasha Pauline Fanny-Holston, *Political Science*
Camille Isabelle Farey, *cum laude, Art History*
Emma Catherine Farnsworth, *magna cum laude, Drama*, English**
Jonathan Lee Fasano, *Studio Art*
Katherine Hynes Fee, *International Studies**

Carling Morgan FitzSimmons, *magna cum laude, English*, Music**
Jennifer Clare Fitzgerald, *Economics*
Catherine Mary Flanagan, *cum laude, International Studies*
Mary Margaret Fletcher, *English*
Rachel Rose Fletcher, *English*
Erin Michele Ford, *Physics*
Shelley Fort, *Drama*
Dara Kimberly Frank, *magna cum laude, Political Science*
Eric Thomas Franzen, *cum laude, International Studies*
Danielle Maria French, *magna cum laude, Studio Art*, English**
Richard Koopman Freund, *Philosophy*
Meredith McKinley Ganz, *cum laude, Art History**
Jennifer Lea Garbett, *cum laude, Mathematics**
Lucy Downing Gardner, *Art History*
Kristy Ann Gausman, *magna cum laude, High Honors in English**
Pedro de Magalhaes Geri, *Economics*
Kevin Charles Gerstle, *magna cum laude, Mathematics, Psychology*
Alexander DeBerry Gibson, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Michael Patrick Gilligan, *History*
Jazz Sarah Anderson Glastra, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Religious Studies**
Katherine Elizabeth W. Goldbaum, *Psychology*
Analise Nicole Gonzalez, *cum laude, Synoptic Major: Comparative Global Identities*
Emily Anne Grady, *cum laude, Women's and Gender Studies*, in absentia*
Zachary Stuart Grant, *Chemistry*
Ashley Grace Gray, *summa cum laude, English**
Rachael Anne Greenberg, *cum laude, Highest Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures, Spanish*
Elizabeth Kali Greff, *Psychology*
Matthew Jonathan Grier, *Political Science*
Hannah Franklin Grisham, *High Honors in American Studies*, History*
Daniel Alexander Groberg, *Sociology*
Joshua Jeffrey Gross, *magna cum laude, Classics**
Savannah Leigh Guernsey, *cum laude, English*, French**
Claudia Paulina Gutierrez Lopez, *Dance*
Kodey Matthew Haddox, *cum laude, Economics**
Evan Stephens Hall, *English*
Chauncey Rachael Sherwood Harrison, *cum laude, Dance, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Mary Jeanne Blackburn Harwood, *cum laude, Honors in Economics*
Matthew David Heimerdinger, *Mathematics, Physics*
Amanda Nicole Henderson, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Biology**
Edwin Adlam Herod, *English*
Mary Clare Higgins-Luthman, *summa cum laude, High Honors in Biochemistry**
Phoebe Elizabeth Hillemann, *Art History*
Ai Binh Thi Ho, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in English**
Avril Wenying Ho, *magna cum laude, Psychology**
Andrew Scott Hoffman, *cum laude, Political Science*
Felix Hoffmann, *Anthropology, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Kevin James Holloway, *Drama*
Flora Horvath, *cum laude, English**

Marcus Andre Hough, *Sociology*
Elizabeth Ashley Hubin, *cum laude, Biochemistry*
Margaret Lucile Hughes, *English**
Alexander Ross Hull, *English**
Sarah Loise Hunt, *magna cum laude, Anthropology*
Ryan Michael Hunter, *magna cum laude, International Studies**
Tracey Dale Hutchings-Goetz, *magna cum laude, High Honors in English**
Joseph Bryant Hutton, *Studio Art, Political Science*
Matthew Caldwell Innes, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Rachel Joelle Israel, *History*
Erin Kristina Ivanoff, *Biochemistry*
Ellen Catherine Jabbour, *cum laude, Studio Art**
Henry Braun Jackson, *English*
Ian Benjamin Jacobs, *Psychology*
Grant Klarich Johnson, *cum laude, Studio Art, English**
Alicia Brooke Johnston, *magna cum laude, French**
Kathleen Elizabeth Jordan, *English**
Andrew Jurado, *Philosophy*
Michael Thomas Kalis, *Political Science*
Patrick Ryan Kanaley, *cum laude, Economics*
J. Alexander Sarokin Kaplan, *Political Science*
Conner Robert Karakul, *Political Science*
Walter I. Kartman, *cum laude, English*
Rebecca Fried Katz, *Women's and Gender Studies*
Emily Margaret Kay, *English*
Avery Alexandra Kaye, *Art History*
Katharine Dennis Keene, *English**
Scott Alexander Keith, *Biology*
William Lindstedt Kessenich, *cum laude, Economics*
Nicholas Allen Cox Kessler, *Studio Art, English*
Wesley James Keyser, *Economics*
Prita Priswarestu Kidder, *cum laude, Sociology**
Alexandra Calvert Kirsch, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Psychology**
Laura Rebecca Kirschenbaum, *History*
Jimmie Knight III, *Biology*
William Edwin Koehler, *magna cum laude, Physics**
Gabrielle Lynn Koenig, *International Studies*
Benjamin Emanuel Kolb, *History, in absentia*
Gretchen Louise Konrath, *History*
Hannah Jennifer Mogul Kramer, *cum laude, Political Science*
Katherine Dakota Kremer, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in English*, Spanish**
Maxine Jenna Krenzel, *cum laude, Philosophy**
Monica Lynne Kriete, *magna cum laude, Biochemistry*
Kevin Charles Kristensen, *Philosophy**
Ivona Kronja, *Philosophy*
Kirk William Kumbier, *Mathematics*
Chad Michael Kurylo, *cum laude, High Honors in Biology, Molecular Biology*
Brianna Christine LaChusa, *Psychology*
Abby Beth Lagrow, *cum laude, English*
Gillian Sellers Lambert, *Studio Art*
David Andrew Landers, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in History*, Economics**
Amelia Hart Lavin, *Psychology*
Ann Robie Lawlace, *Mathematics*
Alice Campbell Lawson, *English*
Alexandra Milbert Lawyer, *cum laude, French*
Joy Marie Leaman, *International Studies, Spanish*
Victoria Lederer, *Chemistry*

Jack King Lee, *Economics*
Taylor Dana Lenci, *Sociology*
Zerlina Leung, *cum laude, International Studies, Sociology*
Emily Elizabeth Lewandowski, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Biology*
Siri Elise Lindquist, *English*
Abigail Marie Lochtefeld, *magna cum laude, History, Psychology*
Hannah Marion Lodi, *International Studies, Spanish*
Eliza Jane Logan, *Drama, English*
Katherine Merrill Loomis, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Nicholas Philip Loud, *Synoptic Major: Psychology in Film*
Alexandra Christine Lowe, *cum laude, International Studies, Spanish*
Delaney Blair Lowman, *cum laude, Dance, English*
Benjamin Anthony Lucas, *cum laude, Mathematics, Physics*
Griffin Scott Luke, *History, in absentia*
Alison Rebecca Lynn, *Sociology*
Christopher Russell MacColl, *cum laude, Economics**
Stephen Jason Mack, *High Honors in Art History**
Lauren Michelle Maggart, *magna cum laude, English**
James Garth Martin, *Economics*
Rachel Ann Martin, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures*
Samantha Pauline Herron Mashaw, *cum laude, English*
David Frederick Masnato, *Studio Art**
Keiko Pridgen Matsuno, *cum laude, International Studies, Philosophy*
Elizabeth Christine McBean, *Modern Languages and Literatures*
Ian Elliott McCarthy, *Anthropology*
Cloie Elizabeth McClellan, *cum laude, High Honors in Economics*
Kevin Michael McConnell, *Sociology*
Evan Edward McCulley, *History*
Gavin Brock McGimpsey, *Philosophy*
Kate Marie McGuire, *Anthropology, in absentia*
Casey Elizabeth McKone, *Anthropology*
Katherine Ann McLean, *magna cum laude, Anthropology*
Benjamin Ethan McMillan, *Honors in Art History*
Lauren Marie Collins McNulty, *English*
Kathryn Leigh Meagley, *Biochemistry*
Lindsay Claire Means, *English**
Kaitlyn Waln Meirs, *Biology*
Daziah Shawnice Merideth, *Sociology*
Ariane Faye Messerman, *magna cum laude, Biology**
Lauren Marie Metzger, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Psychology**
James David Miller, *cum laude, Political Science*
Laura Tiffany Miller, *cum laude, Dance*, Psychology**
Russell Alexander E. Miller, *Economics*
Sean Patrick Millett, *Economics*
Christa Arianna Minardi, *Drama, English*
Vibha Mishra, *Psychology*
Graham Benson Mitro, *Classics*
Lukas John Moe, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in English**
Gloria Angela Fancy Mogie, *Molecular Biology*
Nicholas Kelley Mohar-Schurz, *English**
Francisco Neal Morales Jr., *Biology*
Pamela Elaine Moriarty, *magna cum laude, Biology, Mathematics*
Michael George Mpitsos, *Psychology*
Lawrence Lee Mulcahy IV, *cum laude, Economics*

Jonathan Riley Myers, *English, Political Science*
Sara Hilton Nash, *Art History*
Saul Benjamin Nathan-Kazis, *cum laude, High Honors in American Studies*
Peter Francis NeCastro, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Political Science*, in absentia*
Remy Elyse Nelson, *English*
Rebecca Lynne Neubauer, *Psychology*
Timothy Carlin Newlin, *International Studies, Spanish*
Andrea Blair Newman, *Psychology*
Lynne M. Niemiec, *Art History, awarded posthumously*
John Peter Nolan, *cum laude, Economics*
Thomas Quinn Nolan, *Political Science*
Emma Elizabeth Novins, *English*
Ryan Patrick O'Connor, *Biology*
Andrew Francis Oates, *cum laude, Anthropology*
Camila del Mar Odio, *summa cum laude, Highest Honors in Biology, Molecular Biology**
Collin Richard Ohning, *Biochemistry*
Nathaniel Louis Oldach, *Political Science*
Catarina Miragaia Oliveira, *Classics*
Rachel Nora Oscar, *History*
Alexander David Ostrom, *cum laude, Political Science*
Christine Marie Ostrowski, *summa cum laude, High Honors in Economics*, Mathematics*
Murat Oztaskin, *English*
David Armstrong Pantaleoni, *cum laude, Anthropology*
Melanie Joan Papai, *cum laude, High Honors in History*
Brianna Dorothea Parry, *magna cum laude, Drama*
Laura Anne Paul, *Economics*
Briana Simonne Payne, *English, Psychology*
Evan Keller Pease, *summa cum laude, High Honors in Physics**
Kara Gilpin Pellegrino, *Anthropology, in absentia*
Ananda Rose Plunkett, *summa cum laude, Music**
Ryan Joseph Poh, *Economics*
Jeremy Lewis Polster, *Economics*
Rachael Anne Polton, *International Studies*
Katharine Cecily Powers, *Neuroscience*
Marina Nieves Prado-Steiman, *cum laude, English*
Mengfei Qi, *Studio Art, Economics*
Sarah Elizabeth Queller, *English*
Shaakira Olabisi Raheem, *International Studies*
Robert Fraser Reach, *cum laude, Studio Art*
Samantha Caitlin Reichenbach, *cum laude, Psychology*
Michael Diedrich Reilly, *cum laude, English*
Sarah N. Relich, *cum laude, Philosophy*, Spanish**
Katrina Schermerhorn Rennie, *French*, International Studies*
Maida Jean Riess, *English*
Riley Morgan Roche, *cum laude, International Studies*
Margaret Pierce Rodgers, *English*
Suzanne Elizabeth Rohrbach, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Biochemistry**
Anna Story Roosevelt, *English*
Lauren Prince Rose, *cum laude, English**
Rebekah Helen Rosenberg, *International Studies*
Giorgia Bianca Rosenbluth, *Philosophy*
Jared Hillary Ruark, *Highest Honors in Religious Studies*, Economics*
Edward Alexander Rubin, *magna cum laude, Mathematics**
Marco Antonio Saavedra, *cum laude, Sociology*
Sylvi Lempi Otilia Sareva, *cum laude, English**
Rachel Denise Sattler, *Political Science, in absentia*

Charles Tucker Sayre, *cum laude, Economics**
Erin Roth Schaff, *Political Science*
Riley Kyle Scheid, *Political Science*
Charles Russell Schneider, *cum laude, Philosophy*
Kelly Marie Schorling, *magna cum laude, Neuroscience*
Samuel Edward Schuessler, *Economics, Political Science*
Andrew Pierce Scott, *Studio Art, Classics*
Harrison Scott, *Economics*
Adam Bannister Sendor, *Biochemistry*
Nicholas Theodore Severyn, *cum laude, Biochemistry*
Timothy Richard Shadyac, *Political Science*
Shoshana Shapiro-Baruch, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in Political Science*
Tricia Marie Shimamura, *cum laude, Sociology*
Justin Cole Shipley, *cum laude, Drama*
Daniel Joseph Shorr, *English*
Matthew Gregory Siewny, *summa cum laude, Physics**
Anna Kennard Simpson, *cum laude, Psychology*
Samantha Clara Sims, *Economics*
Baljit Dhillon Singh, *Economics*
Todd Andrew Skinner, *Mathematics, Physics*
Emily Clair Smith, *Anthropology*
Gaither Gouaux Smith, *cum laude, Psychology**
Julia Marie Smith, *magna cum laude, Highest Honors in History**
Nathaniel Allen Smith, *History*
Roxanne Margaret Smith, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Art History*
Grant Carter Smith-Gary, *Philosophy*
Laura Michelle Snoddy, *magna cum laude, Mathematics*
Juan Alberto Solis, *cum laude, Sociology**
Jesse Mark Sorrell, *Psychology*
Patricia Lawton Sponaule, *Art History*
Nicholas Lee Sprague, *cum laude, Political Science*
Diane Alexandra Staats, *summa cum laude, History*
Tyler Stearns, *magna cum laude, Philosophy**
David Elliot Sterling, *English*
Jeremy Andrew Stern, *cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures*, Political Science*
Marta Elsbeth Stewart-Bates, *cum laude, Classics*
Reed Robert Stokes, *High Honors in Modern Languages and Literatures, French**
Bryn Tore Stole, *cum laude, Highest Honors in History, Modern Languages and Literatures*
Lucy Elizabeth Stoll, *magna cum laude, Economics*
Claire-Elizabeth Paige Strom, *English*
Rohit Sudarshan, *Political Science*
David Brian Sullivan, *Economics, in absentia*
Mark Patrick Sullivan Jr., *summa cum laude, Biology*
Michael Jeffrey Suna, *cum laude, Mathematics*
Eric James Sutton, *History*
Steven Brian Suway, *magna cum laude, Neuroscience**
Margaret Graham Taylor, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Biochemistry**
Margaret Graham Taylor, *magna cum laude, High Honors in Chemistry, Biochemistry**
Lindsay Barlow Thomas, *International Studies, in absentia*
Marenka Rita Thompson-Odlum, *magna cum laude, Anthropology*
Leslie Lee To, *Psychology*
Ayako Tokuyama, *magna cum laude, Psychology**

Joanna Christine Tomassoni, *cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures*
MaryElise Topp, *magna cum laude, Psychology, Spanish*
Benjamin Louis Trachtenberg, *History*
Kayleigh Edith Truman, *Anthropology, Drama*
Nancy Nguyen Truong, *magna cum laude, Psychology*
Phan Trieu Truong, *High Honors in Biochemistry**
Sophie Brett Tsairis, *International Studies*
Samuel Franklin Tyler, *Political Science*
Meredith Hope Tyma, *Anthropology*
Joseph Henry Pasteur Valentine-White, *English*
Abigail Rose Van Wassen, *cum laude, Chemistry**
Brittany Anne Vanegas, *Mathematics*
Daniel Antonio Vargas, *Studio Art*
Lisa Engelhardt Vaughan, *Art History*
Ian Thomas Joseph Veitch, *Biology*
Kanmani Venkateswaran, *cum laude, Biology*
Brandon Michael Ventling, *Economics*
Dhruv Kumar Vig, *Molecular Biology*
Jennifer Anne Villanueva, *Psychology*
Russell Avery Wallack, *Philosophy*
Hilary Lael Wallis, *English*
Kevin Gregory Wand, *Economics, in absentia*
Peyton Lawrence Ward, *summa cum laude, History*
Margaret Johnson Wardrop, *International Studies*
Katherine Conn Warther, *magna cum laude, Spanish**
Joshua James Weber, *Molecular Biology*
James Raybould Weeks, *magna cum laude, Drama, Psychology*
Jonathan Weil, *magna cum laude, Biochemistry*
Evan Allen Weiss, *English*
Anna Bonner West, *Psychology*
Laura Bethany Wett, *magna cum laude, Modern Languages and Literatures, Psychology*
Douglas Leo Wieand, *Philosophy*
Dain Stephen Williams, *Studio Art**
Kathleen Elyse Williams, *Studio Art*
Stephen Hays Winick, *English*
Hannah Blythe Withers, *cum laude, English**
Craig Edward Wocł, *Economics*
Emily Rachel Wolfe, *cum laude, Highest Honors American Studies**
Hally Jet Wolhandler, *English*
Stephen Matthew Wood, *Psychology*
Taylor Austin Woods, *Modern Language and Literatures*
Richard Christian Wylde, *English*
Lindsey Marie Yonk, *cum laude, Classics, English*
Caroline Evans Young, *cum laude, Biology*
Yinan Yu, *magna cum laude, Economics, Mathematics*
Said Zaghera, *cum laude, English*
Laszlo Alexander Zala, *International Studies*

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.

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 Day 2011

Outstanding Kenyon students and faculty members, along with two distinguished alumni and a distinguished parent, were recognized at the College's annual Honors Day Convocation on April 12.

Honorary degrees were awarded to William Bennett '68 P'96,'00,'07, for his achievements as a businessman, civic leader, and Kenyon trustee; to Janette Thomas Greenwood '77, for her accomplishments as an author, historian, and professor, currently at Clark University; and to William Hitchcock '86, for his achievements as an author, historian, and professor, currently at the University of Virginia.

In addition, two faculty members were awarded \$5,000 each as recipients of the 2011. Trustee Teaching Excellence Awards. Recognized for their superior work were Assistant Professor of English Ivonne Garcia in the junior-faculty category and Associate Professor of Political Science Pamela Camerra-Rowe in the senior category.

Unless noted, winners are members of the Class of 2011.

Fellowships and Awards

Henry G. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies
Hannah Franklin Grisham

Fulbright Fellowship
Danielle Elaine Bishop
Claire Marjorie Chapman
Abby Grayson Comstock-Gay
Cole Anthony Dachenhaus
Elizabeth M. Gottmer, Class of 2010
Ai Binh Thi Ho
Laura Anne Paul
Shaakira Olabisi Raheem
Robert Fraser Reach
Sarah N. Relich
Riley Morgan Roche
Diane Alexandra Staats
Bryn Tore Stole
Maia E. Stone, Class of 2010
Taylor Austin Woods

Barry M. Goldwater Excellence in Education Scholarship
Nathan William Huey, Class of 2013
Joseph Daniel Murphree, Class of 2012

Elmer A. Graham Scholarship
Adrienne Elyse Wolter, Class of 2012

Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Jean Bailey, Class of 2012

Departmental Prizes

Anthropology

The Margaret Mead Award
Marenka Rita Thompson-Odlum

Art

The Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art
Sarah Elizabeth Dowling
David Frederick Masnato

Margaret E. Leslie Prize in Art
Danielle Maria French
Ellen Catherine Jabbour

The Richard Kingan Liggitt Memorial Award in Art History
Camilla Isabella Farey

The Peterson Prize in Art
Dain Stephen Williams

Biology

The Biology Award for Outstanding Service to the Department
Graham Harris Sorenson, Class of 2012
Aaron Justin Yeoh, Class of 2012

The Biology Independent Study Prize
Arianne Faye Messerman

The Robert Bowen Brown, Jr. Prize
Camila del Mar Odio

The Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jegla Prize
Jackson Joseph Cabo, Class of 2013
Kari Nicole Wells Deininger,
Class of 2013
Nathan William Huey, Class of 2013

The Maxwell Elliott Power Prize
Amanda Nicole Henderson

Chemistry

The Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award
Andrew Thomas Chevalier,
Class of 2014

The Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry
Victoria Lederer

The Gordon L. Johnson Research Prize in Chemistry
Margaret Graham Taylor
Phan Trieu Truong

Classics

The George L. Brain Prize
Graham Benson Mitro

The Carl Diehl Prize
Ann Colomer, Class of 2013
Martha Mae Gavinski, Class of 2014

Economics

The Paul Titus Economics Prize
Alexander Hampton Boote
Christine Marie Ostrowski

English

The Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship
Susan Maria Livermore, Class of 2012
Samantha Jean Kettering, Class of 2012

Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Award
Katherine Dakota Kremer
Lukas John Moe

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake First-Year Award
Winifred Abigail Andersen,
Class of 2014

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Junior Prize
Thea Melissa Goodrich, Class of 2012

The Philip Wolcott Timberlake Memorial Prize
Christine Ann Bonomo
Ashley Grace Gray

History

The Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize
Diane Alexandra Staats

The Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize
Ethan Watts Bernstein, Class of 2012
Peyton Lawrence Ward

The Curtis A. Seichter Memorial Award
Diane Alexandra Staats

Integrated Program in Humane Studies

The Richard F. Hettlinger Award
Nathan Lawrence Allen
Rachael Anne Greenberg

International Studies

International Studies Award
Susanna Nelson Byrd

Mathematics

The Reginald B. Allen Prize
Jennifer Lee Garbett
Matthew David Heimerdinger

The J. R. Butz Mathematics Prize
Christine Marie Ostrowski
Henry Sherman Smith, Class of 2013

The Solomon R. S. Kasper Prize
Kevin Charles Gerstle
Pamela Elaine Moriarty

Modern Languages and Literatures

The Edward Harvey Prize
Rachel Ann Martin

The Sigrid Lanzrath Memorial Prize
Cole Anthony Dachenhaus

The Charles Singer Williams Prize in French
Alicia Brooke Johnston
Reed Robert Stokes

The Arabic Prize
Liliana Esther Martinez, Class of 2013

The Chinese Prize
Rachel Leigh Gorsky, Class of 2013

The Italian Prize
Katherine Halsey Bonadies

The Japanese Prize
Yereem Sonia Park, Class of 2013
Feng Qian, Class of 2013

The Russian Prize
Jeremy Andrew Stern
Alisa Vereshchagin, Class of 2012

The Spanish Prize
Rachael Anne Greenberg

Music

The Thomas B. and Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance
Evan Louis Axelbaum, Class of 2010

The David B. Perry Community Service Music Prize
Joseph de Varon Lerangis, Class of 2012

The David B. Perry Senior Award in Music
Caroline Anderson Eichler

Neuroscience

The Jon L. Williams Prize
Richard Franklin Benes
Steven Brian Suway

Philosophy

The Virgil C. Aldrich Prize
Christopher Nicholas Bobby

Physics

The Elbe H. Johnson Prize
Jennings Tate Deskins

Political Science

The John Chesnut Memorial Prize
Peter Francis NeCastro
Shoshana Shapiro-Baruch

The Diamond-Storing Prize
Shoshana Shapiro-Baruch

Psychology

The Psychology Prize
Lauren Marie Metzger

*The Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award
for Integrative Study*
Ayako Tokuyama

Religious Studies

The Simpson Prize
Jazz Sarah Anderson Glastra

Sociology

The Jane Addams Award
Mathew James Cowlin
Tricia Marie Shimamura

The George Herbert Mead Award
Prita Priswarestu Kidder
Juan Alberto Solis

Women's and Gender Studies

*The Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Women's
and Gender Studies*
Christine Ann Bonomo

College Prizes

The George Gund Award
Eliza Alexandria Weeks, Class of 2013

The George B. Ogden Award
Hannah Louise Kingsley-Ma,
Class of 2013

The Academy of American Poetry Prize
Grant Klarich Johnson

The Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize
Holly Nicole Anderson, Class of 2013

The Propper Prize for Poetry
Frederica Van Horne Hill,
Class of 2013

The John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize
Thea Melissa Goodrich, Class of 2012

The Paul Newman Trophy
Kevin James Holloway

The Joanne Woodward Trophy
Eliza Jane Logan

*The Ashford Memorial Award
for Excellence in Dramatics*
Brianna Dorothea Parry

The James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting
William Austin Arbery

The Dance Prize
Claudia Pauline Gutierrez Lopez

*The Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship
Prize*
Reilly McGuire Brock, Class of 2012
Jordan Garrett Rhyne, Class of 2013

The Jess Willard Falkenstine Award
Lauren Mary Brady
Collin Richard Ohning
Mark Patrick Sullivan Jr.

The Humanitarian Award
Marco Antonio Saavedra

*The Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian
Award*
Marco Antonio Saavedra

The Doris B. Crozier Award
Erin Roth Schaff

The E. Malcolm Anderson Cup
J. Alexander Sarokin Kaplan

Scholarships

Honor and Science Scholarships

Competitive merit scholarships awarded by Kenyon to entering students. Honor Scholars represent excellence in the liberal arts, while Science Scholars show promise to excel in the natural sciences.

Honor Scholars: Class of 2014
Simon Mathias Hoellerbauer
Maxwell Sperry Kalifut
Chenery Louise Turtle Lowe
Alexander Stephen New
Olivia Lauren Sabik
Aaron Jon Stone
Elisabeth Louise Thoreson-Green
Elizabeth Anne Whittlesey
Jackson MacLeod Wolf

Science Scholars: Class of 2014
Alexander Lu Beckwith
Neil Gribben Campbell
Andrew Thomas Chevalier
Daniel Lawrence Druffel
Marissa Lynn Hartman
Paul Joseph Hoehn
Sarah Jane Kahwash
John P Mershon
Catherine Mary Weitzel
Jacob Zane Williams

Trustee Opportunity Scholarships

Competitive merit scholarships awarded by Kenyon College to top entering students from underrepresented backgrounds, including first-generation students.

Class of 2014
Nicholas Edward Anania
Anna Marie Bammerlin
Mary Julia Bank
Grayson Marie Donley
Keith Dalton Jones
Chelsey Lorynn Kanipe
Zachary Taylor Morrow
Maria Jose Narvaez
Ikenna Christopher Nwadiibia
Benjamin Chetha Ros
Aubrey Mikel Wride
Joseph Say Yeen Wun
Raquel Zanon

Davis United World College Scholars

Funded by Gale L. and Shelby M.C. Davis, the Davis United World College (UWC) Scholars Program offers scholarship support for graduates of UWC schools who are accepted on merit and demonstrate need.

William Jefferson Bowman,
Class of 2013
Marcela Janet Colmenares,
Class of 2013
Abhishek Dhawan, Class of 2013
Philisile Dube, Class of 2013
Anabel Yahuitl Garcia, Class of 2014
Darko Gligorovski, Class of 2014
Claudia Paulina Gutierrez,
Class of 2011
Poorva Jalan, Class of 2014
Palista Kharel, Class of 2013
Adrian Kwong, Class of 2013
Ville Matias Lampi, Class of 2013
Zerlina Leung, Class of 2011
Sonam Lhaki, Class of 2012
Kotiba Adnan Malek, Class of 2013
Yukiha Maruyama, Class of 2012
Kristina Miklavic, Class of 2014
Gloria Angela Fancy Mogie,
Class of 2011
Anu Nael, Class of 2014
Linh Bao Nguyen, Class of 2014
Sandro Aravena Perez, Class of 2014
Tove Charlotte Pousette, Class of 2013
Madli Rohtla, Class of 2012
Katia Madelin Roque, Class of 2012
Laurin Ruben Alexander Schoenemann,
Class of 2012
Nosiku Mwangi Siyumbwa,
Class of 2013
Melek Yildiz Spinel, Class of 2014
Maja Johanna Stilling, Class of 2012
Darya Tsybalyuk, Class of 2013
Tatenda Uta, Class of 2012
Kanmani Venkateswaran, Class of 2011

Scholarships Awarded for the Current Academic Year

The Mastin Scholarship
Katheryn Patricia Connell, Class of 2013
Ann Robie Lawlace, Class of 2011
Dai Shen, Class of 2013

The James P. Storer Scholarship
Eric Michael Cameron, Class of 2011
Mallory Brenda Ewer-Speck,
Class of 2012
Edward Alexander Rubin, Class of 2011
Stella Rae Ryan-Lozon, Class of 2013
Abigail Leanne Scribner, Class of 2013

John W. Adams Summer Legal Studies Scholars for 2011

Competitively selected awardees work with faculty mentors to design and execute collaborative socio-legal research projects. Adams Scholars conclude the program with public presentations on their work.

Robert Joseph Bosilovic III,
Class of 2013
Gillian Denise Gualtieri, Class of 2012
Brittany Meryl Grabel, Class of 2012
John Thomas Huelskoetter,
Class of 2012
Christian Alejandra Martinez-Canchola,
Class of 2012
James Corvin Whitacre, Class of 2012

Summer Science Scholar Program for 2011

Awards, based on a competition among student-faculty proposals, to support student-faculty research in the laboratory sciences during the summer vacation.

Snow Adler, Class of 2013
Ian Michael Bakk, Class of 2012
Andrew Thomas Chevalier,
Class of 2014
Hillary Lyn Child, Class of 2013
Julian Lynn Cohen, Class of 2012
Katheryn Patricia Connell, Class of 2013
Jennings Tate Deskins, Class of 2013
Clifford Mahdi Eberhardt III,
Class of 2013
Andrew Joseph Ebner, Class of 2013
Clara Josepha Fischman, Class of 2013
Gian Matthew Garduque, Class of 2012
Kaitlin Ashley Graff, Class of 2012
Kathryn Jane Haller, Class of 2013
Nina Irene Hamilton, Class of 2012
Kelly Ann Heilman, Class of 2012
Nathan William Huey, Class of 2013
Kendra Joan Lechtenberg, Class of 2013
Nicholas William Lehn, Class of 2013
Amanda Leigh Maxfield, Class of 2012
John Patrick Mershon, Class of 2014
Patrick Michael Meyers, Class of 2012
Kate Elizabeth Moore, Class of 2012
Stephen James Raithe, Class of 2013
Ian Payne Richardson, Class of 2014
Daniel Patrick Riggins, Class of 2012
Andrew Michael Schwartz, Class of 2012
David Andrew Somers, Class of 2012
Graham Harris Sorenson, Class of 2012
August James Steigmeyer, Class of 2012
Julian Louis Tancredi, Class of 2012
Alyssa Newman VanDenburg,
Class of 2012
Kelly Nicole Wahl, Class of 2012
Sally Ann Wilson, Class of 2012

Kenyon Educational Enrichment Program

The Kenyon Educational Enrichment Program (KEEP) is a selective four-year program that provides academic, intellectual, and social encouragement and support for its participants. Twelve scholars from diverse ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds are selected from each incoming class to participate in this program. Those listed below are members of this year's graduating class, KEEP's first.

Tyren Darnell Bynum
Brittany Lee Currey
Diana Deoki
Ai Binh Thi Ho
Briana Simonne Payne
Juan Alberto Solis
Marenka Rita Thompson-Odlum
Phan Trieu Truong

Honor Societies

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

James Daniel Beckett
Richard Franklin Benes
Danielle Elaine Bishop
Christopher Nicholas Bobby
Christine Ann Bonomo
Eric Michael Cameron
Abby Grayson Comstock-Gay
Caroline Elizabeth Anne Crowell
Jonathan Jordan Edwards
Caroline Anderson Eichler
Emma Catherine Farnsworth
Carling Morgan FitzSimmons
Kristy Ann Gausman
Jazz Sarah Anderson Glastra
Ashley Grace Gray
Mary Clare Higgins-Luthman
Ai Binh Thi Ho
Avril Wenying Ho
Alexandra Calvert Kirsch
William Edwin Koehler
Katherine Dakota Kremer
Monica Lynne Kriete
David Andrew Landers
Rachel Ann Martin
Katherine Ann McLean
Lukas John Moe
Pamela Elaine Moriarty
Peter Francis NeCastro
Camila del Mar Odio
Christine Marie Ostrowski
Evan Keller Pease
Ananda Rose Plunkett
Suzanne Elizabeth Rohrback
Shoshana Shapiro-Baruch
Matthew Gregory Siewny
Roxanne Margaret Smith
Diane Alexandra Staats
Mark Patrick Sullivan Jr.
Margaret Graham Taylor
Ayako Tokuyama
Peyton Lawrence Ward
Jonathan Weil

Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics)

James Dean Asimes
Wesley James Keyser
Cloie Elizabeth McClellan
Laura Anne Paul
Melissa Elizabeth Hart, Class of 2012
Quentin C. Karpilow, Class of 2012
Zoe Elizabeth Burdo, Class of 2013
Mark Joseph Cohen, Class of 2013
Colleen May Damerell, Class of 2013
Tyler James Dierke, Class of 2013
Clifford Mahdi Eberhardt III,
Class of 2013
Stephen James Raithe, Class of 2013
Solomon Heinrich Reisberg,
Class of 2013
Henry Sherman Smith, Class of 2013
Samuel Chong Tay, Class of 2013

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)

Caroline Anderson Eichler
Maeread Caitlin Erskine
Philippa Cunningham Essig
Dara Kimberly Frank
Andrew Scott Hoffman
Hannah Jennifer Mogul Kramer
James David Miller
Peter Francis NeCastro
Alexander David Ostrom
Shoshana Shapiro-Baruch
Nicholas Lee Sprague
Jeremy Andrew Stern
Samuel Franklin Tyler

Sigma Xi (Scientific Research)

Jonah Salvatore Auteri
James Daniel Beckett
Kristina Lynn Buschur
Sarah Brittany Cook
Brittany Lee Currey
Kyle Davis
Jennifer Lea Garbett
Kevin Charles Gerstle
Analise Nicole Gonzalez
Amanda Nicole Henderson
Mary Clare Higgins-Luthman
Avril Wenying Ho
Alexandra Calvert Kirsch
Chad Michael Kurylo
Emily Elizabeth Lewandowski
Arianne Faye Messerman
Lauren Marie Metzger
Pamela Elaine Moriarty
Camila del Mar Odio
Evan Keller Pease
Suzanne Elizabeth Rohrback
Kelly Marie Schorling
Gaither Gouaux Smith
Steven Brian Suway
Margaret Graham Taylor
Ayako Tokuyama
Phan Trieu Truong
Abigail Rose Van Wassen
Dhruv Kumar Vig

Commencement 2011

Kenyon's one hundred eighty-third Commencement ceremony features a renowned novelist, an esteemed philosopher, and the more than four hundred young men and women of the Class of 2011 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 21, starting at 10:30 a.m., on the lawn between two of the College's oldest academic buildings, Ascension Hall and Samuel Mather Science Hall, with the audience facing Samuel Mather. The rainsite is the Kenyon Athletic Center, one of the most recent additions to the campus.

The Baccalaureate service took place yesterday, on Friday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. This year's speaker, chosen by the seniors, was Head Men's Swimming Coach James A. Steen. A member of the College's coaching staff since 1975, he guided the men's team to twenty-nine of its record thirty-one consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) national championships. Although he has now stepped down from his leadership of the women's team, twenty-one of its twenty-three national titles were earned under his tutelage. Steen has won more NCAA national championships than any other coach in any NCAA sport.

Following the Baccalaureate service, the graduating class gathered to partake in a cherished Kenyon tradition, the Senior Sing, which—if the weather cooperated—took place on the steps of Rosse Hall. Commencement Weekend also featured all-campus seminars by Associate Professor of Art History Sarah Blick and Associate Professor of Anthropology Bruce Hardy.

Remarks to the graduating class will be offered by both of today's honorary-degree recipients, Martha Craven Nussbaum and Jonathan Franzen.

Martha Nussbaum, who will be awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree, is a noted philosopher and the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago, a joint appointment among the divinity and law schools and the philosophy department. She is also affiliated with the university's classics and political science departments, Committee on Southern Asia Studies, and Human Rights Program. Nussbaum is the founder and coordinator of the Center for Comparative Constitutionalism at the university.

Nussbaum, who previously taught at Brown, Harvard, and Oxford universities, is a prolific writer. She has written almost two dozen books, many of them prize winners, and edited another fourteen. Among Nussbaum's best known works are *The Fragility of Goodness: Luck and Ethics in Greek Tragedy and Philosophy* (1986), *Cultivating Humanity: A Classical Defense of Reform in Liberal Education* (1997), *Sex and Social Justice* (1998), *Hiding from Humanity: Disgust, Shame, and the Law* (2004), and *From Disgust to Humanity: Sexual Orientation and Constitutional Law* (2010). Her most recent book, *Creating Capabilities: The Human Development Approach*, appeared earlier this year.

The recipient of numerous plaudits for her work, Nussbaum won the Grawemeyer Award in Education in 2002, the Barnard College Medal of Distinction in 2003, the Radcliffe Alumnae Recognition Award in 2007, the American Philosophical Society's Henry M. Phillips Prize in Jurisprudence in 2009, and the Centennial Medal of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University in 2010. And today's honorary doctorate will be far from her first: Nussbaum has been awarded degrees by thirty-seven other institutions here in the United States and abroad.

A native of New York City, Nussbaum graduated from New York University, where she studied classics and theater. She then moved on to Harvard, where her focus switched to philosophy and she earned her master's degree and doctorate.

Jonathan Franzen, who will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree, is one of the leading writers of the twenty-first century. In fact, no less an arbiter of national and international literary fortune than *Time* magazine featured Franzen on the cover of its August 23, 2010, issue with the headline "Great American Novelist." Another literary kingmaker, Oprah Winfrey, chose both of his most recent novels for her book club.

While his first two novels, *The Twenty-Seventh City* (1988) and *Strong Motion* (1992), were warmly received by critics, Franzen became a literary hero with the publication of his third novel, *The Corrections*. Published in 2001, it went on to win the 2001 National Book Award for Fiction and the 2002 James Tait Black Memorial Prize for Fiction. The book was also a finalist for the 2002 PEN/Faulkner Award and the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Hailed as a master of story form, Franzen has been praised by critics for his attempts to revive the American social novel. His books are notable not only for their treatment of contemporary ills, among them rampant consumerism and political ennui, but also for the shrewd humor they exhibit.

Franzen is the author, most recently, of *Freedom*, a novel published in 2010. His works also include several nonfiction books, among them the 2002 collection *How to be Alone*, which contains the well-known essay "Perchance to Dream: In an Age of Images, a Reason to Write Novels," and the 2006 memoir *The Discomfort Zone*. Franzen's translation of Frank Wedekind's *Spring Awakening* appeared in 2007, in part to serve as a corrective to what he saw as an "overpraised" 2006 Broadway musical inspired by the controversial 1891 play.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, where he majored in German, Franzen also studied on a Fulbright Fellowship at the Free University in Berlin, Germany. He counts a nephew, Eric Franzen, among the members of today's graduating class at Kenyon.

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 Kenyon Athletic Center; the Ernst Center was razed in 2009. 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)

College Archivist, 1967-90

Updated by Thomas P. Stamp '73

College Historian, 2008-

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.