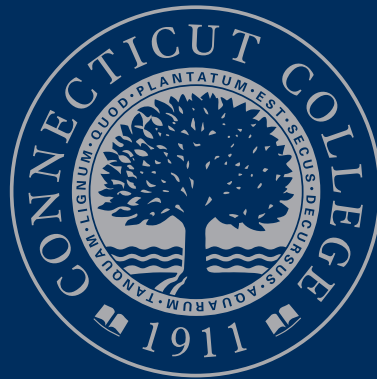


CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

NINETY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT



SUNDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL . . . Selected Marches	The Manchester Regional Police and Fire Pipe Band Rick Beaulieu, <i>Pipe Major</i> Joseph Long, <i>Lead Drummer</i>
A CALL TO ORDER	Ann Sloan Devlin <i>May Buckley Sadowski '19 Professor of Psychology and College Marshal</i>
A CALL TO COMMUNITY	The Rev. Claudia Highbaugh <i>Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life</i>
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL	Micaela L. Tepler '15 Constitution Brass Quintet
REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT	Katherine Bergeron <i>President of the College</i>
SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER	Caroline Francesca Lazar '15
PRESENTATION OF OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE	Abigail A. Van Slyck <i>Dean of the Faculty</i> <i>Dayton Professor of Art History</i>
PRESENTATION OF ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL	Marc Zimmer <i>Interim Dean of the College</i> <i>Jean C. Tempel '65 Professor of Chemistry</i>
CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE	President Bergeron Dean Van Slyck Pamela D. Zilly '75 <i>Chair, Connecticut College Board of Trustees</i>
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Eric Schlosser
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	President Bergeron Dean Van Slyck Dean Zimmer Elisabeth S. Labriola <i>Registrar</i> Ann Sloan Devlin
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME	Kenneth R. Kabel '76 P'12 <i>President, Board of Directors, Connecticut College Alumni Association</i>
ALMA MATER	Leila R. Teitelman '15
A SPECIAL THANK YOU	President Bergeron
BENEDICTION	Rabbi Susan Schein <i>Director of Zachs Hillel House</i>
RECESSIONAL	Constitution Brass Quintet

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE'S ELEVENTH PRESIDENT

KATHERINE BERGERON

Katherine Bergeron became the 11th president of Connecticut College on Jan. 1, 2014.

Bergeron is a passionate teacher, an award-winning scholar and a talented administrator with a record of successful innovation in liberal education. Bergeron has led Connecticut College during a period of forward momentum and growth. The College's endowment now stands at the highest level in the institution's history. The Charles E. Shain Library has undergone a \$10 million renovation to support new forms of collaborative teaching, learning and research. Grants and fellowships in support of faculty have grown to more than \$3 million. And the Princeton Review ranked Connecticut College among the top 20 in North America for career preparation – the only liberal arts college in New England to achieve this recognition.

From the first year of her presidency, Bergeron has supported an ambitious plan to design a new liberal arts curriculum for the 21st century. The project, called Connections, is a model of integrative education wherein critical problem-solving across the disciplines, practical work in the world, and a deepened commitment to equity and inclusion combine to produce a new generation of thinkers, doers and leaders, prepared for the challenges of an ever more complex and dynamic future.

Before coming to Connecticut College, Bergeron served

as Brown University's dean of the college, the chief academic officer for undergraduate education. Trained as a music historian, she has held academic appointments at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Tufts University, University of California at Berkeley and Brown. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wesleyan University, and earned master's and doctoral degrees in music history from Cornell University. She is the author and editor of numerous scholarly articles and books, including two prize-winning monographs, *Decadent Enchantments* (1998), and *Voice Lessons* (2010).

Throughout her career, Bergeron's teaching and research have been enlivened by performance. A singer of eclectic tastes, she has performed Gregorian chant, the blues, the court music of central Java, contemporary pop music, experimental music and French art song. Bergeron and her husband, Joseph Butch Rován, a composer and multimedia artist who chairs the music department at Brown, performed Rován's experimental work "Vis-à-vis" at the 2003 biennial symposium of Connecticut College's Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology.

She is currently a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of "Liberal Education," the flagship journal of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, and is a member of the board of directors of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra.

HONORARY DEGREE

ERIC SCHLOSSER

Eric Schlosser's career has been exemplified by a singular commitment to exposing issues ignored by mainstream media – from the fast-food industry to the plight of migrant workers to the possibilities of nuclear disaster. As an award-winning journalist, author, playwright and filmmaker, he has shed light on worlds too often hidden, opening the eyes of Americans to critically important areas.

A Princeton graduate with a bachelor's degree in American history, Schlosser went on to earn a Master of Philosophy from Oxford University. His books, "Fast Food Nation," "Reefer Madness" and "Command and Control," have been national best-sellers; "Command and Control" was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for history in 2014. Essays written by Schlosser have appeared in numerous publications, including *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Nation*, *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone* and *Vanity Fair*. His work has won acclaim across the political spectrum. William F. Buckley praised "Reefer Madness" for the clarity with which it illustrated the complexity, contradiction and futility of existing drug laws. *Fortune Magazine* named "Fast Food Nation," which helped start a revolution in how Americans think about the way they eat, the best business book of 2001. *The New Yorker* stated "Command and Control" is "how nonfiction should be written."

In addition to investigative journalism, Schlosser has

written plays and worked for an independent film company. He served as executive producer and co-wrote the feature film adaptation of "Fast Food Nation." He was also executive producer of "There Will Be Blood," co-producer and co-narrator of the documentary "Food, Inc.," and executive producer on the documentaries "Food Chains" and "Hanna Ranch."

Through his work, Schlosser has become a passionate advocate for the rights of migrant workers. He has encouraged large purchasers of fruits, vegetables and meats to pay slightly more for these goods and then pass the revenues along to these workers. He has challenged the American public to support the increase. As he has said, "People have to be aware. They have to care. They have to realize how they're connected to this every time they take a bite. If people demand a change, it will happen."

Schlosser understands the lifelong value of education and has a special appreciation for Connecticut College, where his parents met when his mother, Judith Gassner Schlosser '52, was a student. His ideals and accomplishments are an inspiration to the extended community of the College, an institution that teaches students to think creatively, communicate effectively, become socially engaged and use what they have learned to make the world a better place. The College is proud to confer upon him the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

THE ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL

Anna Lord Strauss, a remarkable woman, was national president of the League of Women Voters, held five presidential appointments to national and international committees and missions, and served Connecticut College as a trustee for the extraordinary term of 32 years. The Anna Lord Strauss Medal is presented in her honor to the graduating senior who has done outstanding work in public or community service, including service to the College.

ANDREA LUNA '15

The 2015 Anna Lord Strauss Medal is awarded to Andrea Luna, a deeply thoughtful scholar-activist whose passion for the well-being of youth and profound desire for them to reach their full potential inspire her to deeply engage her academic pursuits with social justice work. She is a critical educator who sought out mutually beneficial learning opportunities in local, national and international communities, and pursued collaborations in teaching and combating structural inequalities in the public education system.

A Posse Foundation Leadership Scholar, Luna majored in Hispanic and Latin American Studies and earned the Elementary and Secondary Teaching Certification. Her commitment to children in the community went beyond the requirements of her education: She worked with early learners as a classroom aide in the Connecticut College Children's Program. She tutored students at Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School and Jennings Dual Language Elementary School, where she completed her student teaching. In addition, she interned with Higher Edge, New London's college access and success program, researching education policy and advising New London high school students and families about colleges, essays and applications.

Luna was a student coordinator of education and mentoring partnership programming in the Office of Volunteers for Community Service. In that role, she worked with public school teachers and wrote and taught an engaging curriculum, incorporating several different Spanish dialects and indigenous Spanish languages into each lesson. And she served as a team leader in the Expanded Learning Time partnership program at the Jennings School, training and supervising college student mentors and tutors and leading classrooms throughout two academic years.

As a teacher and catalyst for social justice, Luna motivates students to be serious about their education, explore possibilities, engage in creative endeavors and use their voices to impact positive change. She is a role model, sharing from her own experiences while understanding that students bring their own irreplaceable backgrounds into the classroom environment. She works hard to respect and foster that unique sense of identity.

The same can be said of Luna's efforts and activities on campus. She was selected as a student representative on the College's Diversity Council and explored issues of full participation and inclusivity with staff and faculty. She was active in Unity House, the College's multicultural center, and served as a coordinator in the center's African American, Latino/a, Asian American and Native American (ALANA) Program, working to ensure first-year students have the support and resources to succeed. Luna was a leader in the student club La Unidad and promoted awareness of political, cultural, racial and social justice issues impacting Latinos.

When Luna studied away in Chiapas, Mexico, she was immersed in a transformative academic and activist experience that deepened her commitment to local and global engagement, particularly with indigenous populations. She interned with Centro Autónomo in Chicago, where she created critical lesson plans to engage adult students and worked on policy to reduce evictions and foreclosures and improve affordable housing. With these engagements, along with her work on the Connecticut College campus and in the city of New London, Luna honors Anna Lord Strauss with her deep activism and scholarship to improve our systems and communities and make them more just.

THE OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE

The Oakes and Louise Ames Prize, named for a president emeritus of the College and his wife, is given to a graduating senior who has completed the year's most outstanding honors study. The prize is offered by the trustees in recognition of the quality of academic achievement that Oakes and Louise Ames fostered during their fourteen years of service to Connecticut College.*

DANIEL J. EVANICH '15

Daniel J. Evanich, a botany major and chemistry minor, is awarded the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for his honors thesis, "A whole-plant approach to identifying sites of auxin biosynthesis in *Populus*." Evanich's thesis challenges dogma in the field of plant physiology regarding the plant hormone auxin and is the product of six major experiments conducted over three years at Connecticut College.

Auxin is a critically important plant hormone that dictates when and where plants will form branches, determines where new veins will grow, and allows plants to grow toward the sun. Most work in plant physiology is conducted on small herbaceous plants, but Evanich's thesis examines the role of auxin in the growth of woody plants, which are important sources of fuel and building materials and form the foundation of many ecosystem processes in forests.

Combining sophisticated techniques in analytic chemistry and molecular biology, Evanich found evidence for novel sites of auxin biosynthesis in woody plants, thus adding a surprise twist to our understanding of auxin

movement at the whole plant level. Chad Jones, associate professor and chair of the Botany Department, praises Evanich's "amazing capacity to develop questions and then figure out how to answer them. He approaches unexpected answers as a chance to ask new questions. As evidenced in his thesis, he has also used a number of different approaches. This ability and willingness to learn new techniques will enable him to move forward in research based on the questions he wants to answer rather than the techniques he knows how to use – which is not the case for many scientists."

Assistant Professor Rachel Spicer, Evanich's thesis adviser in the Botany Department, notes, "I've worked closely with Dan for over three years now, and I can say without hesitation that his engagement with the material – the experimental system, the broad research themes, the literature both historical and current – is unprecedented at an undergraduate level. Working with Dan has been like having a colleague and a collaborator, and our weekly meetings have become the highlight of my time here."

Caroline Francesca Lazar '15

Caroline Francesca Lazar is awarded the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for her honors thesis, a collection of stories titled "The Thrill of the Chafe and Other Tales of Stubborn North Americans." Lazar's brilliant short fictions unsettle, amuse and horrify her readers as she explores what she refers to as the new wave of the American dream: her generation's belief in instant and everlasting fame for all, an aspiration which, she also points out, is contradictory in its very nature.

Lazar, an English major with a Concentration in Creative Writing, is a master of the riveting opening line: "There was a time when I communicated with my mother through eulogy," she begins, as she spins an exquisitely painful story about a young woman whose dying mother insists that she overcome her extreme stutter and recite at her mother's funeral without using adverbs, goading her into practicing draft after draft while making remarks like "Have you been slacking with your relaxation exercises, Kath?" Stylistically

and structurally, Lazar is, as her thesis adviser, Roman and Tatiana Weller Professor of English and Writer-in-Residence Blanche McCrary Boyd, wrote, "wildly unafraid. She braves many formal risks, not least among them her annotated list of alternative thesis titles, which is both a demonstration and an exegesis of the creative process."

Lazar's characters fight desperately to hold on to their sparks of creativity. A disciplined young gymnast is betrayed by her body; a paunchy, washed-up Billy Joel tries to figure out how to live past his Lifetime Achievement Award; an elderly Southern lady with an incestuously conceived grandchild still kisses the wall where her mirror had once hung. These characters do not give up on what William Wordsworth might have called "intimations of immortality" but become, in Lazar's world, the thrill of the chafe, the urge to matter, the creative itch itself. And like her characters, Lazar is driven and relentless, setting higher and higher standards for herself. She will be, in Boyd's words, "a literary star."

**The Oakes and Louise Ames Prize selection committee was so impressed by two exemplary theses that this year's award is shared.*

CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

Chelsea Amanda Adams	Maria Lucia Brunette	Hailey Alexandra Crust
Alexis Avery Adams-Clark	Sarah Elizabeth Bunting	Anna Tower Curtis-Heald
Blake D. Alessandrone	Brendan William Burns	Cecily Noyes Cushman
Adan Mohamed Ali	Léa Louise Bushnell	Danielle Alice Cyr
Amanda Amoh	John Alexander Cangelosi	Kirk Joseph Czelewicz Jr.
Melanie Argueta	David Canon	Louis D'Amanda III ^{1,3}
Christine Pearson Asher	Alexandra Danielle Capelin ⁶	Jimmy Minh Dang
Molly Rose Ashmore	Karen Dayanna Cardona	Sara Mae D'Arpino
James William Assif	Victoria Ashley Caruso	Jamie Louise Davidian
James Parsons Auchincloss	Margaret Rose Cavanaugh	Alexa Ione de la Guardia
Matthew Starbuck Ayres ^{1,2}	Priscilla Enis Centeno	Christopher Allen Dean
Brian Timothy Kahn Bakkala ⁶	Connor Joseph Chan ¹	Robert Raymond DeBevoise
Toren Harlow Ballard ⁵	Olivia Sovann Chap	Sophia DeLevie-Orey
Isabelle Renee Simone Baneux	Cody C. Chase	Wyatt Willis Delomba
Katrina Sidney Bantis	Christopher Michael Chen	Jefferson Deng
Jared Scott Barbaresi	Adam Baer Chilton	Patrick Edward Dermody
William Edmund Barnes	Hannah Grace Chmura	Cassandra Taylor Desjourdy
David B. Barton ⁵	Zoe S. Chodosh	Christophe William Desorbay
Jeffrey Saul Basch	Kyle Patrick Clark ⁴	Timarie Meghan Diehl
Elizabeth Ann Beato	Morgan Everette Clark ⁵	Sophie Dietz
Hannah June Beazley	James Marston Boland Clay	Nicholas Tyler DiLeo
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Edmund Evans Beckwith	Michael John Clougher	Tianna Maria DiMare
Maya Belgrade	Starla Donielle Coffee	Amelia Riedel Dineen
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Laura Kathleen Bernier	Anna Leah Morgenstern Cogan	Michael Lawrence Doyle Jr.
Grace Marie Bilodeau	Andrew Flaherty Cohen	Lucy Drayson
Josephine Alania Usdin Bingler	Joseph Colasurdo	Edward James Driscoll
Amanda Elizabeth Bogue	Amanda M. Coletti	Elizabeth Anne Dubovik
Kimberly Suzanne Bolick ⁶	Caroline Whitley Collins	Olivia Jasmyn Dufour
Antonino Barbacci Boornazian	Elizabeth Anne Connolly	Squadra Pharat Dumay
Jordan Charles Bothwick	Maureen Terra Connors	Caleb James Duvoisin
Shelby Lynne Bourgault	Lindsay Evans Cook	Elizabeth Anne Eddings
Patrick James Bourlett	Thomas Halsey Cope	Jesse Craig Edwards
Sarah Hotchkiss Bradford ⁶	Randy Louis Coplin Jr.	Terilyn Elise Eisenhower
Adam M. Bratin	Lucas Raymond Corrubia	Ikbel El Amri
Ari Benjamin Brenner	Michael Corbett Coscarelli	Jessica Jasmín Enríquez
Maxwell Parker Brown	Hunter Louis Cote	Daniel J. Evanich
Samantha Shanley Brown ⁶	Kaitlyn N. Cresencia	Jake Thomas Faris

Elisabeth Rose Fernandez	Nadiya Hafizova	Astrid Kempainen
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Will Tucker Fetchko	Michael Samuel Haims	Dillon Patrick Kerr
Ines Patricia Finol	Heidi Lorillard Halsted	Haley Anne Kerrigan
Tim Firestone ¹	Jason Booth Hamburger	Maeve NiConnor Kidney
Sarah Rebecca Fishman ⁶	Eleanor Grace Hardy	Ellie Minhae Kim
Michael Brandon Flippin	Taylor Joan Havican	Shayne Patrick Kinsella
Colin Scott Forsyth	Christopher Parker Hayden	Brian Kirshenbaum
Kelsie Marie Fralick	Sarah Emily Mack Herman	Amy Leigh Klopp
Michael Brown Fratt	Julia Marie Hillbrand	Amanda Jordan Kloth
Alexandra Sloan Friedman	Jeannette Ussa Hoets	Kelley Anne Kobak ^{4,6}
Carter John Funkhouser ⁶	Richard L. Hogoboom II	Melissa S. Kohl
Emma Katherine Galante	Anelise Kathryn Hohl ⁶	Mallory P. Kosow
Sarah Elizabeth Galinat	Ariann Nicole Holden ^{1,4}	Corinne Elizabeth Kraemer
Douglas James Garabedian	Julia Elizabeth Hooker	Jocelyn Granger Kratzert
Kaitlyn Roth Garbe	Emma Louise Houser	Justin Scott LaFrenier
Jose Luis Garcia Jr.	Katrina Lowe Huber	Aurianna M. Lajaunie
Mitchell Raymond Garrett	Victoria Jean Iannarone	Emily Irene LaRochelle
Max Reading Gebhardt	Alexandra Michelle Jazzi	Caroline Francesca Lazar
Justina Rae Germano	Emily Corinne Impellitteri	Patrick Leary
Leigh Valentine Getz	Brian Anthony Ingrassia	William Joseph Leedy
Sara Catherine Gildersleeve	Meaghan Reilly Irvine	Andrea M. Levinsky
Alexander Anthony Giordano	Alix Sara Israel	Jonathon Matthew Litt
Christopher John Giri	Nataliya Ivanyk	Alexander Berry Lloyd
Sara Alexandrine Gleason	Jennifer Jackson	Molly Brennan Longstreth
Sarah Ahnna Glover	Myra Safiya Jacobs	Mara L. Lookabaugh
Julia Rose Goldman	Daniel Gahre Jacobsen	Gabriela Carolina Lopez
Shira Rachel Goldsmith	Kathryn Elizabeth Jacobson	Andrea Luna
Angelica-Rose Miclat Gonzales	Nicolle Jasbon	Madigan Elizabeth Lyden
Stephanie Cahill Gorman	Nora Arlene Jefferies	Zoe Althea Lynch
Asa Andrew Gosnell ⁶	Zully Jimenez	Lindsey Rose MacDonald
Renna Sophia Gottlieb	Sarah Frances Joelson	Sean P. Mackey
Benedikt Immanuel Gottwald	Cameron Walsh Johnson	Sara Ann Maclean
Rachel Hannah Grasfield	Margit Shepherd Johnson	Jae Anthony Majors
Joseph Collier Gray	Chloe Elizabeth Jones	Dennis Moran Maloy
Cara Elizabeth Green	Zachary Charles Jones	Wren Teresa Manly
Mitchell Andrew Green	Michael Ryan Joyce	Winona Lauren Mantelli
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Patricia Rose Guay ⁴	Joseph Miles Keeney	Andrew Jonathan Marsh ⁶
Caroline Lauren Gummo	Jasmine Linnea Kelekay	Samantha Lee Marshall

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Kadeem O'Shane McCarthy	Kevin John O'Brien	Colby M. Reed
Kaitlin Patricia McDonagh	James Stephen O'Connor	Abigail Julia Reich
Patrick Riley McGinnis	Ashling Gabrielle O'Donnell ⁶	Kurt William Reinmund
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Hannah Rose McKittrick	Gideon Henry Olshansky	Andrew Tyler Rich
Grace Elizabeth Medley	Matthew Allen Orenstein	Rachel Jeanne Richard
Esther Elizabeth Mehesz	Ashley M. Pacelli	Margaret Frances Robbins
Daniel Aaron Meiselman	Molly Kathleen Pachay	Heather Ann Rochford
Ryan Christopher Melvin	Louisa Goff Pajolek	Hannah Claire Rochman
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Eleanor Hall Merrell	Issara Paoluengtong ⁵	Alexandra Romagnoli
Benjamin Abbott Meyers	Sean Eunshik Paquette	Marc Russel Roper
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Gracie Miller	Adam Scott Patel	Anne Lorey Rusk
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Qing Min	Dakota Austin Peschel	Daniel Marco Sandoval
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Caroline Lindsay Moore	Michael Edward Picard	Bria Bijan Sawyer
Shelley Jane Moore	Jyneva Wynona Pickel	Chad Seebeck Sawyer
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Jennifer Lee Morgan ⁵	Zachary Thomas Piserchia	George Domenico Scarles
Kieran Paul Morris ⁵	Jenna Grace Pittleman	Lillie Simone Schachter ^{5,6}
R. Monica Moszczyc	Marc David Polanik	Ann Bishop Scheer
Izamar Moya Ramirez	Shanna Maari Polzin ⁴	Nicholas Frank Edgar Schultz
Brian Patrick Mullen	Charlotte Ann Powning	Nicole Marie Sears
Michael James Murchison ⁵	Leah Silverman Puklin	Lauren Harding Shaker
Michael Anthony James Murgo	Zachary Douglas Punt	Zachary Joseph Shapiro
Eric R. Naclerio	Hailey Elizabeth Quercia	William George Sheehan
Neta Nakash	Conor B. Quilty	Ripley Brooke Shiarella
Rebecca Kristine Napolitano	Shannon Rosalie Quinn	Gabriel Gerard Shlager
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Connor D. Stephenson
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Julia Stitely-Moore
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Ellie Nan Owens Storck
Connor Holford Storms
Telayah Anyea Sturdivant
Valeriya Svystun
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Michael Patrick Sweeney Jr.
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Jules Aurele Tamagnan⁵
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Katherine Paden Theiss
Jordan Leigh Thomas
Taylor Jane Thomas
Zakiya Ameen Thomas
Kaleigh Christa Tierney
Ellis Watson Mackay Tonissi
Mindy C. Toro
Katherine Ariel Torrey
Sophie Elizabeth Traficonte
Peter John Tresnan
Daniel Edward Tripolsky
Migmar Tsering
Reed L. Tyson
Ethan Stewart Underhill
James N. Utton
Gregory Scott Vance
Emily Anne Verschoor-Kirss
Steven Peter Victor
Francesca Dewitt Volpe
Claire Marie von Loesecke
Lauren Ann Vunderink
Victoria Lynne Wade
Noam Shai Waksman
James Colin Walsh
Kenan Wan

Xinzhu Wang
Casey Ann Watkins⁶
Luke Shepardson Watson
Audrey Rose Wayman
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Victoria E. Weigold
Shelter Deedra Wein
Benjamin Marc Weinstein
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Blake A. Wiczorek
Margret Fleming Wiggins
Olivia Grace Wilcox
Neil S. Williams
Rudolf Huber Wilson
Margot Heneberry Wilsterman
Madison Clark Rudack Winey
Abigail Spencer Woodward
Kue Xiong¹
Jier Yang
Sarah Katherine Young
Kimberly Yim Yu
Olivia Rogers Ziegler
Paige Meredith Ziplow
Benjamin Louis Zonon
Ayla Jane Zuraw-Friedland

¹ In Absentia ² Class of 2012 ³ Class of 2013 ⁴ Class of 2014

⁵ Completion of degree requirements expected Summer 2015

⁶ Diploma presented by alumni/faculty/staff/trustee relative

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Shelby Lynne Bourgault
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Maureen Terra Connors
Louis D'Amanda III
Cassandra Taylor Desjourdy
Daniel J Evanich
Kaitlyn Roth Garbe
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Noam Shai Waksman
Avery Rebekah Whitlock
Madison Clark Rudack Winey

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Jared Scott Barbaresi
Jeffrey Saul Basch
Emily Amber Becker
Kimberly Suzanne Bolick
Brendan William Burns
Olivia Sovann Chap
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Sophia DeLevie-Orey
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Matthew Duffy Safian
Erin Sigoloff
Leila R Teitelman
Katherine Ariel Torrey
Emily Anne Verschoor-Kirss
Claire Marie von Loesecke
Kenan Wan
Audrey Rose Wayman
Bettina Bates Weiss
Jessica L Weldon
Abigail Spencer Woodward
Olivia Rogers Ziegler

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James William Assif	Kaitlin Patricia McDonagh
Savannah Elizabeth Berger	Ryan Christopher Melvin
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Olivia Jasmyn Dufour	Connor Holford Storms
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Margit Shepherd Johnson	Matthew Jay Whiman
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for excellence in leadership and service	Lillie Simone Schachter
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RETIRING CONNECTICUT COLLEGE FACULTY

EUGENE GALLAGHER

Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies

Eugene Gallagher earned a B.A. from La Salle University and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He joined the Connecticut College faculty in 1978. Gallagher was the founding director of the Joy Schechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching & Learning in 1996 and was a faculty fellow at the center from 2002-2010.

Gallagher's interests focus on new religious movements with a comparative and historical perspective, shaping how he teaches a series of case studies that have included courses on understanding global religions, cults and religious conversion in modern America. Courses such as "The Study of Religion" and "Theories of Religion" use the development of the early Christian movement in the Greco-Roman world as a paradigm of how an initially obscure and suspicious movement can enter the social mainstream and achieve a position of power and respectability.

Gallagher's writing has been featured in numerous publica-

tions, and he has authored several books of his own, on both religion and teaching. He serves on the editorial board of *Teaching Theology and Religion*, and has been active in offering workshops on teaching and in consulting with more than 40 colleges and universities.

In 2004, Gallagher was named Connecticut Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He has also been honored with the American Academy of Religion's Excellence in Teaching Award; the 2015 Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Research Award, given to an outstanding and highly-regarded member of the College faculty; the Helen B. Regan Faculty Leadership Award, which recognizes faculty members who exemplify the College's commitment to shared governance; and the John S. King Memorial Faculty Teaching Award, awarded by the College for high standards of teaching excellence and concern for students.

JOHN GORDON

Professor of English

John Gordon received his B.A. from Hamilton College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He joined the Connecticut College faculty in 1980, teaching introductory courses in English in addition to courses on modern poetry and contemporary literature.

Most of Gordon's work has been on the writing of James Joyce. He has published two books on the author, "James Joyce's Metamorphoses" and "Finnegans Wake: A Plot Summary," as well as numerous articles, papers and reviews. He is an elected member of the International James Joyce Society.

Gordon has written several additional books, with topics

ranging from Charles Dickens to a college writing guide. His book "Physiology and the Literary Imagination" discusses the medical component of the works of English and American authors. The operating principle has been that an author's work is likely to reflect his or her idea of what is happening inside his or her body and brain at critical moments, and that this idea in turn will reflect contemporary medical theories on the subject.

In 2006, Gordon received the Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Research Award, given to an outstanding and highly-regarded member of the College faculty.

DONALD PEPPARD

Professor of Economics

Donald Peppard received a B.A. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He came to Connecticut College in 1975 and was part of the College's first Study Away Teach Away (SATA) Vietnam program, when he traveled to Hanoi with a group of students in 1999. Since the initial trip, Peppard has led seven more SATA programs and taken two groups of students to conduct research in Vietnam as Travel Research Immersion Programs.

Peppard's interest in Vietnam stems from his time there as a soldier in 1968-69. In 2002, he received a Fulbright Fellowship

to teach economics at Vietnam National University in Hanoi; in 2004, he received a Fulbright Senior Specialist Program grant to return to the institution. Peppard completed a Southeast Asian studies program in the Vietnamese language in 2010.

Peppard's courses have focused on the economies of regions around the world, the public sector, macroeconomics and microeconomics, and he co-taught "Political Economy of American Business" with Professor William Frasure. He was the first recipient of the College's Student Government Association Excellence in Teaching Award in 1989.

RETIRING CONNECTICUT COLLEGE FACULTY

PHILIP RAY

Associate Dean of Studies for Juniors and Seniors
Professor of English

Philip Ray earned a B.A. from Harvard College and an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Yale University. He joined Connecticut College in 1975.

In his role as dean, Ray advised all juniors and seniors, as well as transfer students, assisting them with the selection of their majors and assigning their advisers. He also served as chair of the Committee on Student-Designed Interdisciplinary Majors and Minors, meeting regularly with students interested in designing their own major or minor. Ray was also in charge of scholarships and fellowships, helping Connecticut College become one of

the top producers of Fulbright scholars. In the past six years, 31 graduates of the College have earned the prestigious honor.

Ray taught science fiction and fantasy courses at the College for 25 years. His course "Alien Beings, Alien Worlds" presented fantasy and science fiction as diametrically opposed genres of popular literature that arise at the same time and in the same place, such as the work of Robert Louis Stevenson and H.G. Wells. His courses have also focused on the work of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and T.H. White.

CATHERINE SPENCER

Professor of French

Catherine Spencer earned degrees from École Normale Supérieure and The Sorbonne in Paris, France. She joined Connecticut College in 1985 and has served as chair of the French Department for many years. Spencer has also served on a number of College committees, including the Film Studies Advisory Board.

Spencer's scholarly work includes numerous articles on French literature and French cinema, and she has authored two books. Her second book, "À Corps Perdu: Théâtre, désir, représentation," focuses

on the body as performance, both on the stage and on screen, bringing historical context to the changing conceptions on sexuality and eroticism in performance.

Spencer has lectured extensively in the United States and in France, and has organized major conferences over the past decade. In 2002, she developed a conference in film studies, "Construction Identities: The Place of Film Studies," which brought notable film professors from around the country to the Connecticut College campus.

THE CONSTITUTION BRASS QUINTET

Jamie Marci, *horn* Nancy Brown, *trumpet* Walter Lasley, *trombone*
Ken Bell, *trumpet* Steve Bulmer, *tuba*

THE MANCHESTER REGIONAL POLICE AND FIRE PIPE BAND

The Manchester Regional Police and Fire Pipe Band was formed in 1953 under its formal name, the 53rd Stewart Highlanders. Throughout its existence, the band has been a staple at local parades, civil ceremonies and festivals. In 2001, the band was named Grade 5 Champions by the Eastern United States Pipe Band

Association. More recently, the band has expanded internationally, performing at various Military Tattoos in three trips to Europe taken since 2009. They are scheduled to return to Switzerland in 2016. The Pipe Band is honored to be taking part in today's Commencement celebration.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Procession. The symbolism of the academic procession dates back to the Middle Ages and echoes European religious processions.

Academic Regalia. The robes and colorful hoods of the academic regalia also have a religious origin. The garments worn today date back to the 12th century, when universities were the training grounds for Europe's clergy.

Current academic dress in the United States is based on an intercollegiate code established in 1895. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves, is untrimmed and is worn closed. The master's gown, worn either open or closed, has long, crescent-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves, is worn closed, and has velvet panels down the front, around the neck and on the sleeves.

The customary head covering is either the mortarboard or the Oxford cap. The mortarboard tassel is black for bachelor's and master's degree holders and gold for those with doctoral degrees.

The hood, which drapes over the back of the gown, also is significant. The length, width, and the color of the trim and the lining of the hood signify the wearer's highest academic achievement and the degree-granting institution. The velvet trim reveals the wearer's major field of study.

Honor cords, sashes or stoles are often awarded to graduating seniors who are members of honor societies or for various academic and nonacademic achievements, awards or honors.

The Alma Mater. "Alma Mater by the Sea" was written in the spring of 1920 by two Connecticut College students, Olive Littlehales Corbin '21 (words) and Edith C. Smith '20 (music). Their composition prevailed over other original student works in a contest to find a College song. Additional stanzas were added in the late 1980s by Jeffrey G. Barnhart '89 MAT '92 and Claire L. Gaudiani '66.

Bagpipe Music. Scottish or Irish bagpipe bands have long been a special feature of American holiday parades. They are sometimes employed by a college or university to lead commencement processions for the same reason that they are so popular in street parades: they add excitement, drama, color and a peculiarly rousing sound to the occasion.

College Motto. "Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum," which means, "Like a tree planted by the rivers of water (that bringeth forth its fruit in its season)." The motto is a Vulgate version of a phrase from the first psalm.

Connecticut College's translation comes from the King James version of the Bible.

College Seal. The College seal is composed of several elements, including two open books, a tree on a background of water and the College's motto. The current seal is based on a design created by Connecticut College's first president (1913-1917), Frederick H. Sykes.

Commencement Saplings. Thanks to the generosity of Athena Tsakanikas-Phillippides '86 through the Konstantinos T. Tsakanikas Memorial Fund, graduates are presented with individual evergreen saplings, which they carry as they march. The sapling represents the tree on the College seal and each student's continuing connection to the College. This tradition began with the Class of 1993.

Laurel Chain. Junior class women dressed in white carry chains of laurel through which the graduating seniors, et al., march. Laurel was traditionally used as a symbol of honor and fame. The ancients presented laurel wreaths to university graduates in rhetoric and poetry. The laurel chain has been part of Connecticut College's ceremonies since the first Class Day in 1919.

The Mace. A mace was originally a weapon consisting of a staff with a ball of steel or brass at one end. The word "mace" comes from the Latin "mateola," meaning mallet. The mace evolved from an instrument of battle to a symbol of authority. Connecticut College's mace was a gift to the College from The Century Council when Claire L. Gaudiani '66 began her presidency in 1988. Designed and fabricated by Richard Scheller '73, it contains brass sleeves with the names of the College presidents.

'Pomp and Circumstance.' The trio section from Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 1 is the most popular musical piece at American graduations. The first of five marches by the composer, the piece is a perfect tune for a graduation because its inspirational quality elicits feelings of promise and optimism, while its stately, wistful quality suggests that a milestone has been reached – that we are bidding farewell to the past.

The Presidential Medallion. Featuring the Connecticut College seal, the presidential medallion is worn on ceremonial occasions as part of the president's regalia. It was created for the Inauguration of the College's 10th president, Leo I. Higdon, Jr., and was a gift of Trustee Emeritus Linda J. Lear, a 1962 graduate of the College.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

Four areas are designated as gathering spaces for faculty and graduates who wish to connect immediately following the ceremony.

Arts – green side of Palmer Auditorium, across from the information tent

Humanities – in front of Blaustein Humanities Center

Social Sciences – green side of Frederic Bill Hall

Sciences – green side of science center at New London Hall

Remote viewing of the ceremony is provided in the Blaustein Humanities Center at the head of Tempel Green.

ALMA MATER

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

OLIVE LITTLEHALES '21

EDITH C. SMITH '20



Al - ma Ma - ter by the sea, Our hearts in love are
nec - ti - cut Col - lege by the sea, Your men and wo - men to
Hail to our col - lege, white and blue. Keep through the years all our
nec - ti - cut Col - lege, li - ber - al arts, You shaped our knowledge, our



lift - ed to thee; We'll car - ry your stand - ard for - ev - er,
geth - er praise thee. Ar - bo - re - tum, Fan - ning, and Hark - ness,
love deep and true, Our Al - ma Ma - ter we love thee,
wis - dom, our hearts. Our ho - nor code we will car - ry,



Loy - al - ty To C. C. Faith, Friend-ship and Love. Con -
There we grew, there we knew Work, shar - ing, and joy.
I - vied walls, C. C. calls To Loy - al - ty true. Con -
To the world, where we'll build Trust, Just - tice, and peace.

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Celebrate the Class of 2015 on social media. We invite you to share your photos and well wishes on Instagram and Twitter. Include the hashtag #ConnColl2015 to join the conversation, which you can follow at www.conncoll.edu/commencement.

