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*Doctoral Commencement Ceremony*



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## HISTORIA DE LA UNIVERSIDAD ESTATAL DE FLORIDA

La Universidad Estatal de Florida, una de las instituciones de educación superior más grandes y antiguas de las 12 que conforman el Sistema Universitario Estatal de Florida, fue establecida mediante una ley de la Legislatura de Florida el 24 de enero de 1851, bajo el nombre de *Seminary West of the Suwannee River* (Seminario al Oeste del Río Suwannee), también conocido como el *West Florida Seminary* (Seminario del Oeste de Florida).

Las clases se impartieron en el *West Florida Seminary* desde 1857 hasta 1863, año en que la Legislatura cambió su nombre a *The Florida Military and Collegiate Institute* (Instituto Militar y Universitario de Florida). Tras la Guerra Civil, la institución entró en un periodo de crecimiento y desarrollo. Para 1897, se había convertido en la primera universidad de artes liberales del estado y, en 1901, pasó a llamarse *Florida State College* (Universidad del Estado de Florida). En 1905, la Legislatura reorganizó el sistema educativo de Florida; la institución se transformó entonces en una universidad exclusivamente para mujeres y fue rebautizada como *Florida State College for Women* (Universidad del Estado de Florida para Mujeres). Al finalizar la Segunda Guerra Mundial, los veteranos que regresaban del conflicto requerían recursos educativos adicionales, por lo que, en 1947, el gobernador firmó una ley de la Legislatura que restableció la Universidad del Estado de Florida para Mujeres como una institución mixta y la renombró como Universidad Estatal de Florida.

## EN CADA DÉCADA SUBSIGUIENTE, LA UNIVERSIDAD

Estatal de Florida (FSU por sus siglas en inglés) ha fortalecido su labor académica y actualmente es reconocida como una destacada universidad nacional de investigación. La Legislatura de Florida y la Junta de Gobernadores de Florida designaron a FSU como una de las universidades preeminentes del estado en 2013, y desde 2019 la universidad se ha posicionado entre las 25 mejores universidades públicas de la nación. Hoy en día, la universidad se compone de 17 facultades, sirve a más de 46.000 estudiantes y ofrece 206 títulos de licenciatura, maestría y especialización, así como 64 doctorados y cuatro títulos profesionales.

Desde sus orígenes, en apenas unos pocos acres con un puñado de edificios, la universidad se ha expandido hasta incluir 390 edificios distribuidos en más de 1.800 acres. En la actualidad, la Universidad Estatal de Florida comprende el campus de Tallahassee, con una extensión de 487,1 acres; el Laboratorio Costero y Marino en la Costa del Golfo; un campus en Panama City, Florida; y una presencia global que incluye un campus en la República de Panamá y centros de estudio en Florencia (Italia), Londres (Inglaterra) y Valencia (España). A lo largo de generaciones, FSU ha ampliado las oportunidades para la comunidad, ha hecho avanzar el conocimiento y ha preparado a sus estudiantes para liderar y servir. En 2026, la Universidad Estatal de Florida celebra su 175º aniversario, honrando su rico legado y su audaz visión de futuro.

## LA TRIBU SEMINOLE DE FLORIDA

La tribu Seminole de Florida y la Universidad Estatal de Florida mantienen una estrecha relación basada en la amistad, el respeto y el apoyo mutuo. La tribu Seminole de Florida es un pueblo valiente, tenaz y decidido que, contra grandes adversidades, luchó con éxito para preservar su cultura y vivir de acuerdo con sus tradiciones y creencias. Desde 1947, FSU se ha identificado con orgullo con esta tribu heroica. El uso que FSU hace del nombre de esta tribu honra su fuerza y valentía, ya que nunca se rindieron y finalmente perseveraron.

## OFICIALES ADMINISTRATIVOS DE LA UNIVERSIDAD ESTATAL DE FLORIDA

Richard McCullough, Ph.D.  
*Presidente*

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*Preboste y Vicepresidente Ejecutivo de Asuntos Académicos*

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*Vicepresidenta y Jefa de Gabinete*

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El Honorable Peter Collins, Presidente

El Honorable Maximo Alvarez

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Vicepresidenta

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El Honorable Justin Roth

El Honorable Tim Weisheyer

## COMISIONADO DE EDUCACION

El Honorable Anastasios Kamoutsas

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El Honorable Ray Rodrigues

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El Honorable Alan Levine, Presidente

La Honorable Ashley Bell Barnett

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La Honorable Ashley Lukis

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El Honorable Michael Okaty

El Honorable Keith Perry

El Honorable Nick Sinatra

## DECANOS ACADÉMICOS

Dedman Colegio de Hospitalidad  
Dr. Donald Farr

Jim Moran Colegio de Emprendimiento  
Dra. Susan Fiorito

Colegio de Estudios Aplicados  
Dr. Randall Hanna

Colegio de Medicina  
Dra. Alma Littles

Colegio de Artes Cinematográficas  
Sr. Reb Braddock

FAMU-FSU Colegio de Ingeniería  
Dr. Suvranu De

Colegio de Bellas Artes  
Dr. James Frazier

Colegio de Comunicación e Información  
Dra. Michelle Kazmer

Colegio de Ciencias Sociales  
y Políticas Publicas  
Dr. Tim Chapin

Colegio de Ley  
Dra. Erin O'Hara O'Connor

Colegio de Enfermería  
Dra. Jing Wang

Herbert Wertheim Colegio de Negocio  
Dr. Michael Hartline

Colegio de Criminología  
y Justicia Penal  
Dr. Thomas G. Blomberg

Colegio de Trabajo Social  
Dr. David W. Springer

Colegio de Música  
Dr. Todd Queen

Anne Spencer Daves Facultad de Educación,  
Salud y Ciencias Humanas  
Dr. Damon Andrew

Colegio de Artes y Ciencias  
Dr. Sam Huckaba

La Escuela de Posgrado  
Dr. Stephen McDowell  
Interim Dean

Estudios de Pregrado  
Dr. DeOnte Brown

Biblioteca Universitaria  
Dra. Carrie Zebrowsky Cooper

## ORDEN DE LA CONFERENCIA DE TÍTULOS

El orden en que se otorgan los títulos ha sido establecido por tradición. Comenzando con el colegio más nuevo de la universidad, los títulos se otorgan en sucesión procediendo hacia el colegio más antiguo. Por lo tanto, en La Universidad Estatal de la Florida, el Colegio Dedman de Hospitalidad es el primero y el Colegio de Artes y Ciencias es el último en otorgar títulos.

Colegio Dedman de Hospitalidad

Colegio Jim Moran de  
Emprendimiento

Colegio de Estudios Aplicados

Colegio de Medicina

Colegio de Artes Cinematográficas

FAMU-FSU Colegio de Ingeniería

Colegio de Bellas Artes

Colegio de Comunicación e  
Información

Colegio de Ciencias Sociales y  
Política Pública

Colegio de Enfermería

Herbert Wertheim Colegio de  
Negocio

Colegio de Criminología y Justicia  
Penal

Colegio de Trabajo Social

Colegio de Música

Anne Spencer Daves Facultad  
de Educación, Salud y Ciencias  
Humanas

Colegio de Arte y Ciencias

## CEREMONIA DE GRADUACIÓN OFICIALES Y SUBCOMITÉS

### OFICIALES PRINCIPALES

James Hunt

Mark Zeigler

### OFICIALES DE DOCTORADO

William Woodyard

Debra Fadool

Jennifer Farinella

Keith McCall

Emily Leventhal

Lynn Hogan

William Hogan

### COMITÉ EJECUTIVO DE LA ASAMBLEA:

Kim Barber, Jim Clark, Jimmy Cole, Julie Decker, Taylor Gomez,  
Marissa Langston, Joe O'Shea, Dennis Schnittker

# CEREMONIA DE GRADUACIÓN

Richard McCullough, Presidente



Procesional  
"Pomp and Circumstance"

Señor Edward Elgar  
La Escuela de Música de FSU comienza los instrumentos de viento  
Sr. Caleb Miller, Director de Orquesta

(Se ruega que los que puedan levantarse permanezcan en pie cuando entre la Procesión y mientras dure la Guardia de Color de la Tribu Seminola de Florida, la Promesa de Lealtad, y el Himno Nacional)

Bienvenida y Comentarios

Presidente McCullough

Bienvenida

Sr. Carson Dale  
2025-2026 Presidente del Cuerpo Estudiantil

**VIERNES POR LA MAÑANA**  
Discurso de graduación

Dr. James J. Clark  
Preboste y Vicepresidente Ejecutivo de Asuntos Académicos

Concesión de Títulos Académicos

Presidente McCullough

Himno Final  
Hymn to the Garnet and Gold

J. Dayton Smith  
Arreglos de Charles Carter  
FSU College of Music Comienza los instrumentos de viento  
Sr. Miller, Director de Orquesta  
Sra. Caitlin Ecuyer, Vocalista

(Aquellos que puedan, permanezcan en pie durante el himno final)

## VESTIMENTA ACADÉMICA

Siguiendo las costumbres universitarias medievales, actualmente, la vestimenta académica refleja el estatus, el logro y la disciplina académicos del estudiante. Los colores de los adornos de las togas de doctorado, los ribetes de las capas y las borlas de los birretes usados por los candidatos de pregrado universitario reflejan el área de estudio académico del estudiante.

Los colores vistos en una ceremonia de graduación de FSU son tradicionales e incluyen el blanco para artes y humanidades, marrón para las bellas artes, amarillo dorado para la ciencia, azul claro para la educación, rosado para la música, amarillo limón (cítrico) para el trabajo social, marrón claro para negocios, morado para las leyes, naranja claro para enfermería, marrón rojizo para las ciencias humanas y el verde para la medicina.

El título del candidato universitario está reflejado en su toga y capa. Una toga abrochada en la parte superior y con las mangas largas puntiagudas es usada por quienes tienen un título universitario de bachiller. La toga de maestría, que se usa abierta, tiene mangas largas cinceladas con una abertura cerca a la parte superior del brazo. La toga de doctorado, que se usa también abierta, tiene una amplia franja de terciopelo que tiene barras transversales de terciopelo en cada manga. Las franjas pueden ser de terciopelo negro o de terciopelo de colores que indican la disciplina del título y coincidirá con el ribete de la capa.

Las capas son usadas por los que tienen un título de postgrado. La capa de doctorado es más larga y elaborada que la capa de maestría. En FSU, el revestimiento de la capa es granate y dorado, que representan los colores de la Universidad. Sin embargo, un miembro de la facultad que tiene un título de otra escuela o universidad usa una capa que esta revestida con los colores de su alma mater, con ribetes que representan su disciplina académica.

El color de la borla del birrete del candidato de pregrado universitario indica el título del candidato. Los candidatos a obtener un título de postgrado usualmente usan borlas negras; sin embargo, el birrete de doctorado puede tener una borla de hilo dorado. En el momento que se otorga el título universitario de bachiller, la borla se cambia del lado derecho al lado izquierdo del birrete. A partir de entonces, permanece en el lado izquierdo del birrete.

La continuidad de estos símbolos académicos se remonta a la Edad Media, y la tradición dicta que se deben cambiar lo menos posible, no sólo para preservar el simbolismo del modelo y el color, sino también por su utilidad.

## EL MAZO

Con orígenes en la Edad Media, el mazo es un bastón ornamental que simboliza la autoridad del presidente de la Universidad. El mazo de FSU, creado de nuez negra nativa de la región y plata dorada, fue diseñada por Ivan Jonson, Profesor de Arte de FSU. El trabajo en madera es el esfuerzo de James C. Smith, Profesor Distinguido de Psicología de Lawton de 1992-1993, y el trabajo en metal es producto del exalumno de FSU, Donald Vodicka.

El Mariscal de la Universidad lleva el mazo ante el presidente de la Universidad cuando la procesión académica entra y se retira de las convocatorias académicas.

## EL MEDALLÓN

El medallón, cual tiene el sello de la Universidad, fue presentado por primera vez al presidente de la Universidad, Bernard Sliger, por la Asociación de exalumnos en la Convocatoria de Otoño del 1988. Richard McCullough es el séptimo presidente en usar el medallón de bronce como símbolo de la oficina en funciones académicas formales.

## EL ESTANDARTE

El Estandarte es el rango más alto de las insignias de armas, tipos de bandera con significado heráldico, que data de la época medieval. Un caballero que había mostrado una conducta particularmente valerosa se hizo conocido como Caballero Banneret y se le permitió mostrar su escudo de armas en una bandera cuadrada o una bandera llevada en su lanza. El Banner marcaba la posición del portador en la batalla, en una ceremonia o en un torneo.

Al igual que el mazo, la bandera es uno de los dispositivos heráldicos medievales adoptados por las facultades de las universidades en Escocia en el 1400 para embellecer las ceremonias académicas. Hoy los utilizamos para identificar los colegios que participan en convocatorias académicas formales.

## SOCIEDADES DE HONOR A NIVEL UNIVERSITARIO

FSU apoya los capítulos de varias sociedades de honor académicas y de liderazgo que reconocen a los estudiantes que se han destacado académicamente o mediante el liderazgo y el servicio a la Universidad y la comunidad. A continuación, se muestra una lista del cordón, estola o medallón proporcionado como reconocimiento de membresía:

### Sociedades de Honor Académicas

Phi Beta Kappa- cordón rosa y azul claro

Phi Kappa Phi- cordón azul claro

Golden Key International Honor Society- cordón azul y amarillo

Phi Eta Sigma- cordón negro y dorado

National Society of Collegiate Scholars- cordón granate y dorado

Tau Sigma National Honor Society- cordón burdeos y dorado

### Sociedades de Honor de Liderazgo

The W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society- cordón rojo, verde, amarillo y negro

Omicron Delta Kappa- cordón azul y blanco

Mortar Board- cordón amarillo y blanco

Garnet Key Honor Society- cordón blanco

The Hispanic Honor Society- estola burdeos

Garnet and Gold Key- cordón granate y dorado



## COLLEGE OF APPLIED STUDIES

Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
With Major In

**Ijeoma Anyanwu** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Stacey VanDyke

**Karina Lynn Atienza** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Stacey VanDyke

**Corey P. Bemis** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Dalton Gregory Bradley** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Scott Stewart

**Jacob Bryant** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Stacey VanDyke

**Stacey Lynn Carey** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Kyle Hodgen

**Matthew Robert Couch** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Lonnie Hodges

**Felecia Cottrell Dukes** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Lonnie Hodges

**Lauren Elizabeth Emfinger** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Jason Smith

**David Joseph Ertle** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Scott Stewart

**Seth Allen Forehand** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Kyle Hodgen

**Kaitlin Elizabeth Gallagher** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Antoine Martavious Gavin** – Learning Design and Performance Technology  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Dustin Ryan Gunther** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Jerry Jacob** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Stacey VanDyke

**Caela Jernigan** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Jason Smith

**Philip Burton Townsend Jung** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Kyle Hodgen

**Minna Anh Thy Nguyen** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Scott Stewart

**Kayleigh Pauly** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Stacey VanDyke

**Angela Erin Petche** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Lonnie Hodges

**Hannah Ries** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Tara Ashley Shaw** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Stacey VanDyke

**Zachary A. Shiver** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Jason Smith

**Elena Chang Smith** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Jason Smith

**Kristin Lee Sneed** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Scott Stewart

**James Cade Sparks** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Kyle Hodgen

**Lindsey Ann Thorpe** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Blake Ames Timothy** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Lonnie Hodges

**Andrew Ryan Trainor** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Garrett Vaughn Verkaik** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Kyle Hodgen

**Brendan Stewart Watson** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Gerard Hogan

**Jamie Rogers Wilson** – Nurse Anesthesia Practice  
Major Professor: Dr. Lonnie Hodges



## COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Doctor of Philosophy  
With Major In

**Michelle Crawford** – Neuroscience-BMS  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohamed Kabbaj  
*“The Role of Ten-Eleven Translocation 2(Tet2) in Pair Bonding in Prairie Voles”*



## FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Doctor of Philosophy  
With Major In

**Seyedreza Abazari** – Industrial Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Arda Vanli  
*“Data-Driven Patient and Resource Allocation Under Uncertainty During Public Health Emergencies”*

**Ahmad Assad Alshami** – Civil Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Juyeong Choi  
*“AI-Driven Excavator Guidance System Framework in Demolition: Sustainability and Productivity Improvements”*

**Daniel C. Barzycki** – Chemical Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Raim Ricarte  
*“The Microscopic Origins of Macroscopic Flow: A Study of Polystyrene Vitrimers”*

**Jacob Michael Boykin** – Biomedical Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Ho Young

*“Intentional Molecular Design of Functional Polymer Systems: Biomedical Adhesives, Stimuli Responsive Polymers, and Functional Interface Engineering”*

**Mario Andres Carvajal** – Mechanical Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. William Oates  
*“Fractal Based Diffusion Modeling and Development of Physical Reservoir Computing Performance Metrics”*

**Masahiro Fukuda** – Biomedical Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Jingjiao Guan

*“Development of Engineered  
Microparticles and a Mathematical  
Model for Investigating Phagocytosis”*

**Gary Germanton** – Chemical Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Subramanian  
Ramakrishnan

*“Polymer-Grafted Nanoparticles for  
Advanced Ceramics: Insights into Additive  
Manufacturing Inks via Rheological,  
Thermal, and Scattering Studies”*

**Sarajeen Saima Hoque** – Civil Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Youneng Tang

*“Degradation of Basalt Fiber Reinforced Polymer  
Bars under Aggressive Environmental Conditions”*

**Rhylan Andrew Huss** – Mechanical  
Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Farrukh Alvi

*“Wake Dynamics and Control of  
the Rounded-Edge Afterbody”*

**Mehmet Burak Kaya** – Civil Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Eren Ozguven

*“Advanced Disaster and Transportation  
Resilience Through Spatial Modeling  
and Trajectory Analytics”*

**Ziyue Li** – Civil Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Quianwen Guo

*“Transportation Infrastructure Investment  
Under Uncertainty: Models and Applications  
in Airport Capacity Expansion Decisions”*

**Alireza Moradikazerouni** – Mechanical  
Engineering  
Major Professor: Mark Sussman

*“Reduced Order Modeling for Cryogenic Tanks”*

**Ayobami Aremu Olajube** – Electrical  
Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Moses Anubi

*“Control and Stabilization of Energy Conversion  
Systems Under Quantized Input Constraints”*

**Dayna Leigh Richter** – Biomedical  
Engineering  
Major Professors: Dr. Yan Li and Dr.  
Ayyalusamy Ramaoorthy

*“X-Nuclei and Slow Flow MRI at 21.1T for  
Application in Preclinical Migraine”*

**Yousef Saleh Mohamed Saleh** – Mechanical  
Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Farrukh Alvi

*“Aeroacoustics of Non-Axisymmetric  
Supersonic Jets”*

**Suleyman Soltanov** – Mechanical Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Johnathan Clark

*“Mechanical Intelligence in Bio-Inspired  
Robotics: A Novel Metachronal Mechanism  
for Antarctic Krill Locomotion”*

**Derek Alan Vasquez** – Mechanical  
Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Johnathan Clark

*“Model Development for Locomotion  
Design of Underwater Legged Robots”*

**Qi Wang** – Biomedical Engineering  
Major Professor: Dr. Jamel Ali

*“Engineering Wireless Erythrocyte-Based  
Micromotors for Precision Therapeutic Agent  
Delivery in Tumor-Mimicking Systems”*



## COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

Doctor of Philosophy  
With Major In

**Kathryn G. Fuller** – Art Education  
Major Professor: Dr. Ann Rowson Love

*“Embodied Curatorial Strategies  
for Social Justice Exhibitions”*

**Caitlin Mims** – Art History  
Major Professor: Dr. Lynn Jones

*“Reproductive Amulets and Female Health in  
the Middle Byzantium Period (843-1204)”*

**Elaine Hendriks Smith** – Theatre and  
Performance Research  
Major Professor: Dr. Aaron C. Thomas

*“Expressionism’s Anxiety Embrace: The  
Power of Affect in Interwar Germany”*



## COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Doctor of Philosophy  
With Major In

**Lateef Adeshina Ayinde** – Information  
Major Professor: Dr. Charles C. Hinnant

*“Exploring Perceptions and Intention to  
Adopt Generative Artificial Intelligence  
in Medicaid Service Delivery”*

**Shezin Waziha Hussain** – Information  
Major Professor: Dr. Charles C. Hinnant

*“Exploring Consumer Adoption of Smart Home  
Devices: A Study of Data Privacy Concerns  
and Data Privacy Laws in the United States”*

**Sunah Lee** – Communication Theory and  
Research  
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Proffitt

*“Invisible yet Indispensable: A Critical  
Political Economic Case Study of Precarious  
Labor in South Korean TV Newsrooms”*

**Odirile Odin Moja** – Information  
Major Professor: Dr. Marcia Mardis

*“The Machine’s Eye Does Not Tire:  
Experimental Exploration of Synthetic Data  
in Subject Detection of Florida Manatees”*

**Willie L. Smith, Jr.** – Information  
Major Professor: Dr. Michelle Kazmer

*“Exploring Information Poverty Theory  
Through the Lens of First-Generation College  
Students: Navigating the Information Gap  
Between First-Gen and Non-First-Gen”*



**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL  
SCIENCES AND  
PUBLIC POLICY**

Doctor of Philosophy  
With Major In

**Timothy William Arthur** – Sociology  
Major Professor: Dr. Miles Taylor

*"Birth Outcomes and the Carceral State"*

**Joanne Kathleen Connauton** – Geography  
Major Professor: Dr. Tyler McCreary

*"The K'ègit Totem Pole: Restoring  
Witsuwit'en Relations and Restoring  
the Musée du Quai Branly"*

**Tara Henry** – Sociology  
Major Professor: Dr. Patricia A. Homan

*"Looking Healthy, Feeling Beautiful:  
Overlaps Between Wellness- and Aesthetic-  
Oriented Beliefs and Behaviors, and Their  
Implications for Mental Wellbeing"*

**Spencer McCloy** – Economics  
Major Professor: Dr. Shawn Kantor

*"Hospitals, Health, and Growth: The  
Local Impacts of Public Investment  
in Health Infrastructure"*

**Yonghun Song** – Urban & Regional Planning  
Major Professor: Dr. Michael Duncan

*"Dynamics Of Jobs-Housing Balance and  
Commuting Pattern in Shrinking Cities"*



**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

Doctor of Nursing Practice  
With Major In

**Nermin Leanne Awwad** – Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Major Professor: Dr. Allison McHugh

**Carrollann Fernandes** – Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Major Professor: Dr. Jerri Edwards

**Lauren Michele Bilali** – Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Schnippert

**Kennedy Karde Birt** – Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Schnippert

**Shelbi Kaitlin Brown** – Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Schnippert

**Joshua Caleb Calhoun** – Family Nurse  
Practitioner  
Major Professor: Dr. Jennifer Schnippert

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