



COLLEGE OF  
INFORMATION  
STUDIES

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Commencement



# Message from the Dean

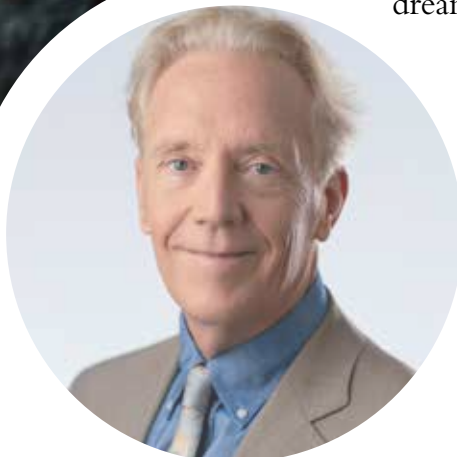
**Dear iSchool graduates,**

Congratulations! I'm so proud of each of you for having graduated in this uniquely challenging time. This is a great accomplishment.

This year we have experienced remarkable disruption and uncertainty. We are living through the devastating impact of COVID-19. The long-festering wounds of racial injustice reached a much needed, but challenging, tipping point. We experienced the most polarizing Presidential election of modern times, resulting in the Capitol being stormed. The Northern hemisphere suffered the hottest summer in recorded history. The challenges we faced – and continue to face – are severe. Through this, you, our graduating class, has persevered.

While troubling, painful and destructive, much of what has happened in the world this past year has also served as a catalyst for positive change – socially, politically, and economically. As we move forward, you, our iSchool graduates, are needed more than ever. You are changemakers with a shared passion to serve and do good. You have a unique understanding of how to apply information and technology to solving problems and improving lives. Many of you will go on to do work that will directly address the challenges of today's world. Some of you will focus on individuals and others on society. All levels are important. This is a time like no other to dream big and follow those dreams.

This graduation is both an ending and a beginning. Hold fast to your dreams. We're counting on you.



**Dr. Keith Marzullo**

Professor and Dean

University of Maryland

College of Information Studies

# Student Speakers



PhD Speaker  
**Priya Kumar**

Priya Kumar is a writer and scholar who studies how privacy operates when family life is datafied. She has earned her PhD from Maryland's iSchool by examining how experts govern parents and their social media use. She holds an M.S. in information from the University of Michigan and B.A.'s in journalism and government & politics from the University of Maryland, College Park. This August, she will join the faculty at Pennsylvania State University's College of Information Sciences and Technology as an assistant professor.



Graduate Speaker  
**Malcom Moore, HCIM**

Malcolm Moore is a designer and researcher from Charlotte, North Carolina. He will be graduating with a Masters in Human Computer-Interaction from the UMD College of Information Studies. Before graduate school Malcolm was a Web developer with the NBA Memphis Grizzlies. During his tenure at UMD he discovered a strong interest in Accessibility, Inclusive design and Speculative design. Outside of school, Malcolm spends his time enjoying live music shows, long walks, cooking, watching sports.



## Undergraduate Speaker College Park **Shima Abdulla**

After transferring from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) in Fall 2019, Shima Abdulla joined the terp community at the University of Maryland as a junior. Since her transfer she has been dedicated to establishing and building connections with her fellow peers and the iSchool staff. With the guidance of her professors Shima has continued to receive high marks all whilst attempting to uncover the secrets hidden within data. As she continues on in her professional career, she aspires to apply her Data Science specialization to an array of fields in order to address areas of concern throughout society.



## Undergraduate Speaker Shady Grove **Matt Mortazie**

Matt Mortazie is a DC-Metro area native. Having grown up in Northern Virginia with family in Maryland meant being comfortable on either side of the Potomac River. A long-time, self-proclaimed information sponge Matt has spent many years in both IT and the automotive industry working both with his hands typing at keyboards and turning wrenches. Both of these professional lives were born in hobbies Matt had as a young adult; and he hopes to utilize his people skills, technical skills, and information science skills to continue in these fields.

# Doctoral Degrees



**Priya Kumar**

From Oversharing To Sharenting: How Experts Judge Parents And Their Social Media Use

Advisor: Jessica Vitak



**Kim Glasgow**

Talking About Justice: Predicting Actor Engagement on Social Media After a Galvanizing Event

Advisor: Jessica Vitak

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Arif Kabir  
Eli Marshak Kramer

Chenxi Liu  
Hayleigh Brianne Moore  
Malcolm Moore  
Debashish Pradhan  
Tripti Rajendra Rajput  
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Matthew Ryson  
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Yohana Yemane  
Jaylin Young  
Cross Zeigler  
Bernie Zhong

★Cum Laude

\*\*Magna Cum Laude

\*\*\*Summa Cum Laude

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Terrence Diko ★★★  
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Gabriel Isaac Feliz ★★★  
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Ted Trabucco  
Ka Wai Audrey Tsang ★★★  
Thinh Vo  
Lyudmyla Volodymyrivna Whalen ★  
Cholpon Zamir ★★★

★Cum Laude

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# Awards

## **Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research Achievement**

Jordan Webster

“Addressing Racial Bias in the American Healthcare System”

## **Dean's Award for an Outstanding iSchool Doctoral Paper**

Emma Dixon

“The Role of Sensory Changes in Everyday Technology Use by People with Mild to Moderate Dementia”

## **Dean's Award for an Outstanding iSchool Project by Graduate Students**

Rebecca McGivney, Tannaz Motevalli, Angela Rodgers-Koukoui, Genevieve Kocienda, Hannah Frisch, Jessica Jeffers

“The David C. Driskell Papers Project”

## **Dean's Award for an Outstanding iSchool Project by Undergraduate Students**

Adam Fiergang, Brigidanna Crews, Gabriel Kamalakis, Patrick Garcia, Sarwat Kazmi “Littertrak”

Jonathan Obenland

UMD Data Challenge 2021 Event Infrastructure

## **Dr. Joan Giesecke Best Student Paper on Health Informatics Awards**

Caroline Ackiewicz, Hannah Frisch, Grace Mandato, Mary McKinley, Phillip Nicholas

“Keep Calm and Manage Dementia: User Group Information Behavior Profile for Caregivers of Dementia Patients”

Zirwah Ahmad, Emily Gazda, Evan Kellner, Agya Rai

“Information Behavior of Homeless Individuals”

## **Gloria Davidson Excellence in School Librarianship Award**

Rachel Mattos

## **Laurence B. Heilprin Award**

Steven Humiston

**Simmona Simmons Best Student Paper on Diversity Award**

Zahra Osman

“A Library Freedom Dream: In Conversation with Fobazi Ettarh”

Emily Frazier, Brittany Heye, Paula Langley, Porter Olsen

“From Reservation Life to College: Resources to aid high school students with the transition”

**Turner Family Optimal Solutions Endowed Scholarship**

Abraham White

Sarah Patrick

**Undergraduate iSchool Excellence Fund Award**

Jesse Anderson

**Undergraduate Student Leadership Award for Academic Peer Mentorship**

Jesse Anderson

Andrew Ferguson

# Faculty/Staff Awards

**Student’s Choice Teaching Award**

Undergraduate: M.R. Sauter

Graduate: Ryan O’Grady

**Instructional Innovation Award**

Stacy Surla

**William G. Wilson Staff Excellence Award**

David Baugh

Sarah Grun



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