



COLLEGE OF INFORMATION STUDIES



WINTER 2020 COMMENCEMENT

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear iSchool graduates,

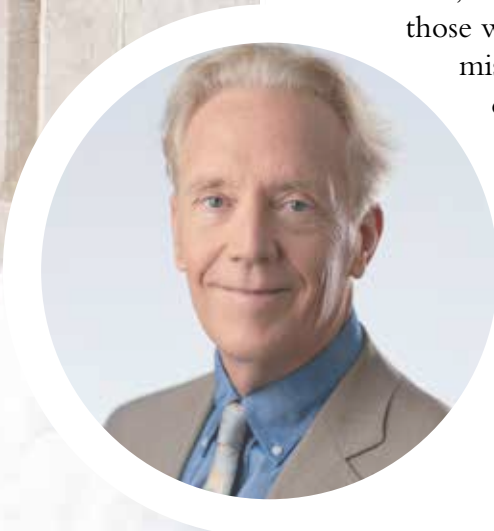
Congratulations! I'm proud of all of you for having graduated in this uniquely challenging academic year. Despite all that was thrown at you – classes moving online, concerns about health, and great uncertainty about the future – you've participated in our academic programs, and have graduated. This is a great accomplishment.

This is also a time when the skills of our students and alumni have never been more needed. As iSchool graduates, you have a unique understanding of how to apply information and technology to solving problems and helping people. You are changemakers with a shared passion to serve and do good.

Today you join the ranks of iSchool alumni who are changing the world... Jamuna Sundararajan, a MIM graduate and the President and CEO of Cyberbahn, which provides technology consulting on topics like Machine Learning and Blockchain. Nancy Groves, MLS alumna, who leads Social Media for the United Nations. Julius Jefferson, also an MLS graduate, who is the president of the American Library Association... and so many more.

Now it is your turn to go out and make the world a better place. This is a time of great uncertainty and challenges. We need graduates like you now – graduates who know how to use information and technology to connect people, create new opportunities, and improve lives.

In 1963, in a speech in Germany in the context of the deepening Cold War, President Kennedy said "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." **Look forward to the future. We're all counting on you.**



Dr. Keith Marzullo

Professor and Dean
University of Maryland
College of Information Studies

STUDENT SPEAKERS



Graduate Student Speaker: Owen Henry

Owen graduated from Oberlin College in 2012 with a degree in political science, after which he embarked on a career in various aspects of political technology, and returned to school to receive his Master's in Information Management. He now works for the Library of Congress. Owen is a native Washingtonian, but now lives in Baltimore, MD with his wife and two cats.



Undergraduate Student Speaker: Isabeau Rea

Isabeau graduates Magna Cum Laude today with a Bachelor of Science in Information Science. During their undergrad, Isabeau served as a data science fellow at the National Institutes of Health, and as a co-designer of the iSchool's official Structured Query Language (SQL) curriculum. Their interest in blending technology and the humanities sparked research with a team of PhDs constructing the Persian Digital Library as well as a National Science Foundation-funded exploratory machine learning project with the Pervasive Data Ethics for Computational Research (PERVADE) cohort. Following graduation, they eagerly anticipate joining Appian's technical consulting team and teaching their dog, Lizard, how to skateboard.



Undergraduate Student Speaker: Nicholas Stewart

Raised in Glenn Dale, Maryland, Nicholas Stewart graduates as a Banneker/Key Scholar with degrees in Economics and Information Science, a minor in Statistics, and unforgettable interdisciplinary learning experiences. In his freshman year, he contributed to the preservation of the legacy of African American culture through art historical research as an Undergraduate Assistant at the Driskell Center.

Representing the University overseas, he studied abroad — first as an Honors College scholarship recipient in Leiden, Holland and second as one of two iSchool students selected to attend the 10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium (USLS) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

During his time at the University, Nicholas also committed to civic engagement. As a Team Leader for College Success Scholars (CSS), he personally mentored freshmen and sophomores in developing professional and academic skills. While in the Honors Humanities LLP, he co-developed College Access Project (CAP), an initiative providing college admissions guidance to over 50 high school students from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods and schools. Leading mentoring sessions, he also tutored at the Gossett Center for Academic & Personal Excellence. For his leadership and campus involvement, he received the ODK Top Ten Freshman Award and the Mark D. and Tracye C. Turner Scholarship.

Applying his knowledge gleaned in courses and organizations, Nicholas worked as a Student Intern at the Federal Reserve Board, Forensic Analytics Intern at Deloitte, and Data Scientist Intern at Optimal Solutions Group, LLC. Following graduation, Nicholas will be joining Deloitte as an Advisory Analyst in the firm's Forensic Analytics group.

DOCTORAL DEGREES



Karen Boyd

Understanding and Intervening in Machine Learning Ethics:
Supporting Ethical Sensitivity in Training Data Curation

Advisor: Katie Shilton (Fall 2020)



Joohee Choi

The Effect of Role Specialization And Transactive Memory
Systems On Performance in Data Science Teams

Advisor: Yla Tausczik (Fall 2020)



Gagan Jindal

“It’s too exhausting Googling 50 things!”: Recommendations
for the low-fidelity design of a crowdsourced health
information system with local health-related resources for
individuals who have chronic health conditions

Advisor: Beth St. Jean (Summer 2020)



Ed Summers

Legibility Machines: Archival Appraisal and the Genealogies
of Use

Advisor: Ricky Punzalan (Fall 2020)

CLASS OF 2020

Master of Human-Computer Interaction

Shannon Fitzgerald
John Morabito
Lisa Rogers

Master of Information Management

Bhavesh Bellara
Elif Ecer
Owen Henry
Mehraba Manoochehri Kalantari
Lisa Peterson
Ann Laura Walker

Master of Library & Information Science

Samantha Baldwin
Roxanne Beels
Mary Jeanne Brown
Jenelle Noelani Clark
Benjamin Cooper
Rebecca Curran
Clay Daetwyler
Zeynep Diker
Ivy Donnell
Johanna Christine Doty
Melanie Fitz
Colleen Gardina
Olivia Isaacs
Kana K Jenkins
Keanu Jordan-Stovall

Makea King
Bethany Maenz
Tobias Makowski
Carolyn Martinez-Ross
Keira Martone
Karen Matthias Auchter
Áine McLaughlin
Daniel Millay
Danielle Moler
Danielle Rose Mundhenk
Yitzhak Paul
Michael Poveromo
Jennifer Pruitt
Frances Joyce Raynor
Tamika Sanders

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Master of Library & Information Science

Laura Sarantis
Sonal Tankersley
Victoria Tims
Faith Tydings
Mirielle Elizabeth Vasselli
Cassidy Woodside

History and Library & Information Science Dual-Degree Program

Alan Arellano
Naomi Fritts
Tracee Caitlyn Haupt

Bachelor of Science in Information Science

Haider Abbas★
Afnan Siraje Abdella
Eltayeb Adil Abdelrahman
Abdul-Basir Abdullah
Abdul Rahman Abdullahi
Mahmood Ademola Adebayo
Oluwafunmilayo Modupe Adewole
Oluwatobi Oluwasanya Ajide
Kehinde Akinnuoye
Sudin Amatya
Kofi Ansah-Brew
Jonathan Morris Asher
Richard Ayodele Jr

Rahul Bajaj
Robert Gene Barclay
Samantha Lynn Barlage
Lealena Mekdese Befikadu
Ali Amir Bhatti
Dylan Shashi Bipat
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Colin Michael Bradley
Nick Bramble
Jasmine Sahara Brunson
Sagar Chand
Zenobia Tatiana Charleus★★
ChiaWen Chen

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Alan Chung Cheng
Gwangjin Cho
Eric Pan Choy
Jason Christopher Crews
Christopher Andrew Davis
Carlos Bernard De Leon
Fiona Quinn Dolan
Noah Harry Engelmayer***
Jean Didier Ernest
David Favion
Joy Feng
Sihui Feng
Michael Fenn
Adam Michael Fiergang
Joseph Anton Filla***
Christian Raphael Flores
Kwadwo Boaitey Frimpong
Sodbileg Ganbat
Satya Saiteja Gandham
Patrick Andrew Garcia***
Dylan Grant Gellis
Taylor Marie Green
Ryan Patrick Hackney
Ali Wasseem Hamdan
Tyleigh Jamal Horton
Evan Hulse
Bryan Wonsang Hwang
Dennis Ikechukwu Ihedioha
Md Al Amin Iqbal

Alexey Nikolai Jeffers
Jonathan Jewett
Andrew Paul Johnson
Mitchell Kalbach
Gabriel Omar Kamalakis
Nabieu Yusuf Kamara
Kagan Karakaya
Sarwat Naz Kazmi
Evan Robert Kellner**
Benjamin Douglas Kelly
Darren James Ketchum
Aneeza Rahmat Khawaja
Henley Khranovich
Aisha Mohamed Koroma
Edward Alexander Kostreski
Aiden Rose Kovacs*
Samantha Elizabeth Lacovara
TsunPang Lai
Sandra Lee
Pong Taylor Li
TianYi Li
Peter Jae Lim
Andrew Walter Loftus
Nilo-Ricardo A Lopes
Juan Carlos Lopez-Luna***
Fayben Mulugeta Mamo
Imari Liana Marshall
Simran Mehra
Zi-Xin Miao
Jefferson Leonel Montano

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Nuku George Monu
Muhtasim Muhib
Musab Muhie
Ryan Tanner Mullen
Ravendra Chandi Nand
Zachary Nguyen
Brandon Nguyen
James Nicol, Jr.
Ernie Park
Kiehwan Park
Archa Manish Patel**
Steven Duarte Raimundo
Jonathan Steve Ramirez
Ayesha Raza**
Isabeau Hope Rea**
Zackary Miles Richards
Brandon Richardson
Olasunbo Oluwaseun Salami
Sulayman Sallah
Tomas Samson
Ayesha Shafquat*
Miranda Jean Shaw***
Zainab Ali Sherani
Ryan Bruce Sparks
Nicholas Damien Stewart***
Dalton Benjamin Stoner
Michael Harmon Stripling
Heather Christine Sulier
Fahim Mursalin Talukder
Rachel Tao

Teaven Tedros
Mary Linh Ton
Carlos Agustin Torre
Jessica Tsai
Hong Tuyet Tu
Brian Edward Vennemann
Shelby Ann Waltman
Zachary Joseph Wild
Israel Immanuel Williams
Kameil Williams*
Nikhil Kumar Wora
Joshua Daemok Yang
Seaenna Liang Yang
Jonathan Chandler Yeldell**
Robert Harrison York

*Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

***Summa Cum Laude

The University of Maryland College of Information Studies (UMD iSchool) is pleased to share the list of Fall 2020 college award and scholarship winners, totaling over \$97K. **Congratulations to all of the awardees for their outstanding contributions.**

GRADUATE AWARDS

“Beyond These Walls” Student Travel Awards

Anuja Wani, MIM

B. Parker Hamilton Libraries of the Future Scholarship

Corey Allender, MLIS

Barbara Van Dongen School Library Media Fellowship

Theresa Bourbon, MLIS

Bruce Ambacher Digital Archives and Curation Fellowship

Mieko Palazzo, MLIS

Christine Glaab Law Librarian Fellowship

Steven Vasil, MLIS

College of Information Studies Alumni Scholarship

Anuja Wani, MIM

Wenshan Cao, MIM

Nisa Asgarali-Hoffman, PhD

Shaan Chopra, HCIM

Dr. Dana Rotman Doctoral Student Travel Awards

Md Naimul Hoque, PhD

Dr. Joan Giesecke Health Informatics Fellowship

Neviya Prakash, MIM

Yuhan Luo, PhD

Frank G. Burke Scholarship

Alan Wierdak, HiLS

Gloria Davidson Endowed Fellowship

Mary-Anne Nelligan, MLIS

Helen A. Tegnell Scholarship

Alan Wierdak, HiLS

Elisabeth Asher, PhD

Nisa Asgarali-Hoffman, PhD

Library Systems & Services (LSSI) Scholarship

Tiffany Chavis, MLIS

Mary Lee Bundy Scholarship

Geethani Liyanage, MLIS

MIM Alumni Scholarship

Anuja Wani, MIM

Wenshan Cao, MIM

Myra Wilson Scholarship

Jennifer Chapman, MLIS

Nancy & Daniel Balz MLIS Scholarship for Returning Students

Hilary Shiue, MLIS

Julianne Russell, MLIS

Noyes Library Association Scholarship

Gabi Huesca, MLIS

Rebecca Fink, MLIS

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Turner Family Optimal Solutions Endowed Scholarship

Mahrshi Bakshi, InfoSci

Undergraduate iSchool Excellence Fund Award

Mengyun Liu, InfoSci



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