Spring 2022 Commencement

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COLLEGE OF INFORMATION STUDIES
Message from the Dean

Dear iSchool graduates,

Congratulations!

At the College of Information Studies, we improve lives and opportunities for people through information. We foster responsible information use—and ensure equitable access to information. We harness data and technology for social, economic, and environmental good. We use information to move the world forward. These are the iSchool values.

As UMD graduates, you possess an irreplaceable value—the ability to be fearless in your pursuits while diving head-first into the grandest challenges of our time. The skills you learned in college combined with the core values of the iSchool are more important today than ever before as our world turns increasingly digital and access to information becomes a necessity for survival. New groups of people are now being demanded to have ICT skills overnight, unearthing many accessibility challenges that leave behind seniors, underserved communities, and more. We need better systems, access, and equity, and I firmly believe you all will be the change we need to see.

When you find yourself needing to be fearless, as you will—draw on the values you learned here at the school. And look to your peers, now alumni, who have been fearless changemakers.

This graduation is both an ending and a beginning. Embrace change. We’re counting on you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith Marzullo
Dean & Professor
UMD College of Information Studies
Order of Ceremony

**Processional**

**Welcome and Introductions**  
Dr. Keith Marzullo

**Commencement Address**  
Ms. Tracye Turner

**Conferral of Doctoral Degrees**  
Dr. Eun Kyoung Choe

**Doctoral Speaker**  
Dr. Fiona Jardine

**Conferral of Master’s Degrees**  
Mr. Jeff Waters

**Master’s Student Speaker**  
Ms. M. Theresa Bourbon

**Conferral of Undergraduate Degrees**  
Mr. Ron Padron

**Undergrad Student Speaker**  
Mr. Kritik Mirg

**Closing Remarks**  
Dr. Keith Marzullo

**Recessional**
Tracye Turner is an iLead Council member (former inaugural chair) for the College of Information Studies. Her primary occupation is co-owner and the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Optimal Solutions Group, LLC, a public policy research and analytics firm located within the University of Maryland’s Discovery District. She handles corporate strategic alliances and development and has strategic and daily supervisory duties for departments including Analytics, Software Development, Information Technology Infrastructure, and Communications.

Ms. Turner led company efforts to enable real-time, data-driven public policy decision making through emerging technologies grounded in federal security, privacy and research standards. She has led various Optimal projects, including social media topic detection, assessing social media influence on teen alcohol and drug abuse, real-time, location-based data collection in Africa and an assessment of mobile app use in Opioid Drug Treatment Programs. Her teams have produced several successful product deployments in healthcare, international development (50+ countries), accessibility and e-commerce. These products have spun off into new companies such as Revelo Software and e-GovMarket. Prior to Optimal, she led emerging and enterprise technology efforts at Northrop Grumman IT.

She has served on several Maryland boards including the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, the State of Maryland Innovation Initiative (MII) and the E-Nnovation Initiative Fund (MEIF). She is a member of several organizations including World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP), and the Seafarers Foundation Board of Annapolis Maryland. She and her husband Mark are frequent collaborators with the University of Maryland including data challenges, mentoring, panels, lectures and providing scholarships.
PhD Speaker: Fiona Jardine

Dr. Fiona Jardine (she/her) received her PhD in Information Studies in Spring 2020. She collected data from over 2,000 exclusive pumpers—that is, those who only express their breast/chest milk—to investigate their lived experiences and how to improve them, with particular emphasis on their information and support needs. Already certified as an Advanced Lactation Consultant, Fiona will graduate with a Master of Science in Nursing from Johns Hopkins University in August 2022. While she practices as neonatal intensive care nurse, Fiona plans to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and continue conducting lactation research. In previous chapters of her life, Fiona opened and ran a café, performed death penalty defense work, and was an abysmal lawyer. She is the proud mum of her daughter Georgie, who provided the impetus for her PhD research.

Graduate Speaker: M. Theresa Bourbon

Terri returned to College Park to earn her Master’s in Library and Information Science in order to embark on a new career as an elementary Librarian/School Media Specialist. Previously, she earned her bachelor’s degree from Maryland’s College of Journalism and went on to earn a law degree from the College of William and Mary. After practicing law for 16 years, she retired to stay home with her children before returning to graduate school. She would like to thank her children and especially her husband, Kevin, for their unwavering support as she focused on completing her degree and following this exciting new path.
Undergraduate Speaker: Kritik Mirg

Kritik Mirg is a senior studying Information Science at the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland – College Park. Throughout his college career Kritik has served as the President of the Indian Students Association, the Vice President of the Business and IT Society, and on the executive board of Maryland Minza. Originally from Plainsboro, NJ, Kritik has enjoyed being in Maryland and only a train ride away from Washington D.C. Kritik would like to thank his family, his friends, and the entire iSchool faculty that made his college experience one he’ll never forget.
InfoSci
Bachelor of Science in Information Science (BSIS/InfoSci) program is a STEM major that prepares students for careers where they design, develop and use tools and methods that bring together information, technology, and people to meet individual, organizational, and societal needs. InfoSci was launched in Fall 2016, and has grown to reach more than 1,400 students, becoming one of the largest majors at UMD. The program graduated its first cohort of alumni in May 2018, and has graduated more than 250 alumni as of May 2019. The major was also launched at the Universities at Shady Grove campus in Fall 2018. InfoSci alumni excel in a variety of jobs including data scientists, cyber security analysts, and UX designers.

HCIM
The Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction (HCIM) program prepares students to transform the way people connect to information and to create innovative technologies with diverse users in mind. Students learn to design, evaluate, and implement new information technologies that are understandable, usable, and appealing to a wide variety of people. They develop a fundamental understanding of the technology design process, tool-building technologies, evaluation techniques, application areas for users, and the social impact of technology on the individual and community.

MIM
The Master of Information Management (MIM) degree prepares students to be strategic leaders in the use of information and technology in any organization. The MIM degree fuses training in computer science, information science, and advanced analytics. It provides students with skills and knowledge to develop and deploy emerging technologies, lead efforts to develop and modernize organizational information management capabilities, and manage high-value information resources to successfully meet users’ information needs.
MLIS
The Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program, continuously accredited by the American Library Association since 1967, is committed to preparing its students to be socially engaged and technologically focused information professionals, ready to create, educate, and innovate. Our students have the option to follow a plan tailored to their interests or to focus their studies in one or more of the following areas: archives and digital curation; school librarianship; diversity and inclusion; youth experience; legal informatics; or, intelligence and analytics. Through online and face-to-face classes, our students gain valuable skills in research techniques, project management, outreach, and pedagogy, among other areas.

PhD
The Doctor of Philosophy in Information Studies (PhD) program prepares students to address the hardest social and technical problems of today and tomorrow. Working side-by-side with world-renowned faculty and at internationally recognized research centers and labs, students conduct research on pressing information issues, which often entwine social and technical innovation. We draw on core values of information studies, including justice, inclusion, and access, and use these principles to facilitate the discovery of new knowledge.
Dr. Fiona Jardine (2020)
Dissertation Title: Breastfeeding Without Nursing: The Lived Experiences of Exclusive Pumpers
Advisor: Dr. Beth St. Jean

Dr. Gagan Jindal (2020)
“It is too exhausting Googling 50 things!” Recommendations for the Low-Fidelity Design of Crowdsourced Health Information System with Local Health-Related Resources for Individuals Who Have Chronic Health Conditions
Advisor: Dr. Beth St. Jean

Dr. Priya Kumar (2021)
From Oversharing To Sharenting: How Experts Judge Parents And Their Social Media Use
Advisor: Dr. Jessica Vitak

Dr. Yuting Liao (2021)
Design and Evaluation of a Conversational Agent for Mental Health Support: Forming Human-Agent Sociotechnical and Therapeutic Relationships
Advisor: Dr. Jessica Vitak

Dr. Marina Cascaes Cardoso
User Onboarding Design in Citizen Science: A Path to Grow Engagement and Participation
Advisor: Dr. Jenny Preece

Dr. Emma Elizabeth Dixon
Investigating the Use of Everyday Technology and Ways to Improve Its Accessibility for People With Mild to Moderate Dementia
Advisor: Dr. Amanda Lazar

Dr. Yuhan Luo
Promoting Rich and Low-Burden Self-Tracking With Multimodal Data Input
Advisor: Dr. Eun Kyoung Choe
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Master of Science in Human–Computer Interaction

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Saskia Beitzell
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Yuanqi (Kinny) Chen
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Bree Taylor Douthitt
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Kay Kwang Hee Jang
Jarrett Lee
Niku Letang
Ruiqi Li
Zi Lin
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Ashleigh Owens
Aubrey Parrish
David (AJ) Rudd
Carolyn L Shipe
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Camila Siqueira Paranhos Velloso
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Sarah Snider
Jas Strong
Wei-Farn Tang
Kayla MacKenzie Winbush
Jiening Wu
Micheline Ziadee

Master of Information Management

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Kayla Dominique Covington
Jake Cupani
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History and Library & Information Science
Dual-Degree Program

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Eric Topmiller
Salahdin Waji
Nicholas Wang***
Graduates of 2020-2021

We also welcome past iSchool graduates of 2020 and 2021

2020
Kofi Ansah-Brew (InfoSci-CP)
Richard Ayodele Jr (InfoSci-CP)
Vaskia Bailey (InfoSci-CP)
Lashawnda Bynum (InfoSci-CP)
Janell Charla Coleman* (InfoSci-CP)
Clay Daetwyler (MLIS)
Kyle Edward Jackson*** (InfoSci-CP)
Fiona Jardine (PhD)
Gagan Jindal (PhD)
Ghazaleh Keshavarz (HCIM)
Aneezah Rahmat Khawaja (InfoSci-CP)
Punit Kamlesh Khiyara (InfoSci-CP)
Aisha Koroma** (InfoSci-CP)
Joshua May (InfosSci-CP)
Tamika L. Sanders (MLIS)
Cassidy Woodside (MLIS)

2021
Luis Alfaro* (InfoSci-CP)
Edward Aloba (InforSci-CP)
Ricardo A. Alvarez Rivas (MLIS)
Jessica Kimberlee Castor (InfoSci-SG)
Rodolfo dela Paz Castro Jr. (InfoSci-CP)
Tiffany N. Chavis (MLIS)
Shaan Chopra (HCIM)
Alexander Chui (InfoSci-CP)
Antonio Ramon Cuevas Ozuna (InfoSci-CP)
Jeet Ashwin Dalsania (InfoSci-CP)
Abel Demiss (InfoSci-CP)
Richa Dhamankar* (InfoSci-CP)
Kathryn M. Donald (MLIS)
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William Giovanni (InfoSci-CP)
Vanessa Gomes (InfoSci-CP)

Erica Tai Gresham (MLIS)
Jessica H. Grimmer (MLIS)
Faraz Hafeez (InfoSci-CP)
Chinemerem Iweala (InfoSci-CP)
Hawa Isata Jalloh (MLIS)
Priya Kumar (PhD)
Ruthwik Kuppachi (InfoSci-CP)
Desmond Lam (InfoSci-CP)
Yuting Liao (PhD)
Geethani Jeewanthisi Liyanage (MLIS)
Arko Mazumder (InfoSci-CP)
Nelson Humberto Mendez Romero (InfoSci-CP)
Danish Mir (MIM)
Mary-Anne Nelligan (MLIS)
Joycelyn de la Caridad Nelson (MLIS)
Ugom Okeoma* (InfoSci-CP)
Matthew David Patrick (HCIM)
Jessica Phillips (InfoSci-CP)
Delmar Wilmont Randolph (InfoSci-CP)
Schyler James Sample (InfoSci-CP)
Joseph Guillermno Sanchez (InfoSci-CP)
Affan Ahmed Shaik (InfoSci-CP)
Benjamin Shaw (MLIS)
Christopher Alejandro Solano (InfoSci-CP)
Jake Taylor Stark (InfoSci-CP)
Raymond Anthony Swenton Jr (InfoSci-CP)
Shane Vong (InfoSci-CP)
Nikki Werner (MLIS)
Alexis Darien Woolford (MLIS)
Tsion Michael Zewolde (MIM)
Laraib Zia (InfoSci-CP)

* Cum Laude
** Magna Cum Laude
*** Summa Cum Laude
Dean’s Awards

Dean’s Award for an Outstanding iSchool Doctoral Student Paper

Utkarsh Dwivedi, PhD
Exploring Machine Teaching with Children

2021 IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages & Human-Centric Computing
Advisor: Hernisa Kacorri

Dean’s Award for an Outstanding iSchool Project by Undergraduate Students

Eric Cheng, BSIS
Custom board, cards, and rules for the game of Shadow Hunters

INST 408K: Games as Emergent Experiences
Instructor: Caro Williams-Pierce

Dean’s Award for an Outstanding iSchool Project by Graduate Students

Ricardo Alonzo Alvarez Rivas
Anastasia Joy Armendariz
Amber Nicole Aultman
Michaela Morgan Boyle
Danielle Marie Davis
Ellen Nancy Goodman
Brittany L Heye
Natalie Rosa Jansen
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