

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL



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UNIVERSITY

*Doctoral Candidacy
Recognition Ceremony*

Howard University Hospital Towers Auditorium

Thursday, March 2, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Order of Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL

Presiding

Dana A. Williams, Ph.D., M.A.

Graduate Dean

INVOCATION

Cynthia Rodwell

Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel

WELCOMING REMARKS

Graduate Dean Williams

GREETINGS

Kimberly Jones, Ph.D.

Associate Provost

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Linda G. Jones, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean for Administration & Finance

PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS & WHITE COATS

The candidates will drape their medallions signaling investiture into candidacy.

CANDIDACY PLEDGE

Kelechi Chinyere Anyanwu Fluitt, Ph.D.

Class of 2017

Maurice Fluitt, Ph.D.

Class of 2016

**RECOGNITION OF DEANS &
FACULTY ADVISORS**

Graduate Dean Williams

SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER

RECESSIONAL

Doctoral Candidates

AFRICAN STUDIES & RESEARCH

Aicha Lompo

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Mohamed Camara

Meloney Mosley

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Alem Hailu

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

Anaiya Reliford

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Sonya Smith

BIOCHEMISTRY

Carolina Muniz

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Eric Walters

BIOLOGY

Ghadeer Abdullah

Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Sergei Nekhai & -
Dr. Hemayet Ullah

Sharleine Cotin

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Clarence Lee

Oumsalama Elhelu

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Clarence Lee

CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Mitham Al-Faliti

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Jeseth Delgado Vela

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

Beverly Khabo

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Ovetta Harris

COMMUNICATION, CULTURE & MEDIA STUDIES

Symone Campbell

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Loren Saxton-Coleman

Britney Gullede

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Monica Ponder

Md Jamal Uddin

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Jae Eun Chung

Kapriatta Jenkins

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Chukwuka Onwumechili

Jordan Lindsey

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Lance YongJin Park

Aisha Powell

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tia Tyree

Dana Williams-Johnson

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Loren Saxton-Coleman

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Brittany Hinkle

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Shareefah Al'Uqdah

Monica Jackson

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Kyndra Middleton

Ashley Ortiz

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Angela Ferguson

Nyla Wofford

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Shareefah Al'Uqdah

Royyanna Young

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Shareefah Al'Uqdah

ECONOMICS

Yusra Riyad Taha Alkassabeh

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Mika Kato

Ashwaq Almohaimeed

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Haydar Kurban

Franklin Emeni

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Omari Swinton

Jeffrey Galloway

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tingting Xiong

Candidate: Felipe Juan

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. William Spriggs

Doctoral Candidates

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ghada Abdelmoumin

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Abdulaziz Alali

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Asma Alfardus

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Khaled Alnifie

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Charles Kim

Reham Alsabet

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Maram Alsharif

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Christian Diaz-Caez

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Su Yan

Demarcus Edwards

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Bimal Ghimire

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Ayobami Idubor

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Su Yan

Utsab Khakurel

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Adrien Njanko

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Salomon Satche

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Chong Tian

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Aashma Uprety

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

Jessica Whitaker

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Danda Rawat

ENGLISH

Brenton Brock

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Dana Williams

Kimberli Corprue

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Dana Williams

Orrieann Florius

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Yasmin DeGout

Alexis Harper

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Christopher Shinn

Joseph Heidenescher

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Rachel Watson

Dawn Henderson

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Christopher Shinn

Sarah Jenkins

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Dana Williams

Aja Kennedy

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Dana Williams

Joshua Lawson

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Curdella Forbes

Trevon Pegram

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. David Green

GENETICS & HUMAN GENETICS

Fatemah Alhakami

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Sergei Nekhai

Sadaf Ghaderzadeh

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Antonei Csoka

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP & POLICY STUDIES

Bilal Badruddin

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Sosanya Jones

Brandon Brown

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Sosanya Jones

Doctoral Candidates

Ashleigh Brown-Grier

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Jorge Burnicky

Gerald Johnson II

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Sosanya Jones

HISTORY

Kerri Alexander

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Kay Wright-Lewis

Cheryl Hawkins

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Elizabeth Clark-Lewis

Melanie Holmes

Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie

Tiffany Wheatland

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Jean-Michel Mabeko-Tali

MATHEMATICS

Awn Alqahtani

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Xingting Wang

Samar Alsalmi

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Robert De Leo

Norah Barakat

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Henok Mawi

Malick Kebe

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Saraleesan Nadarajah

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Perpetue Bataille Backer

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Simeon Adesina

Omotola Ogundipe

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Simeon Adesina

PHARMACOLOGY

Collis Brown

Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Tamaro Hudson &
Dr. Sonya Sobrian

PHYSICS

Anirban Goswami

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Samaresh Guchhait

Sai Narayanan

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Pratibha Dev

Cyrille Armel Sayou Ngomsi

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Pratibha Dev

PHYSIOLOGY

Shaza Khan

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Syed Khundmiri

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Winston Skerrett

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Ben Fred-Mensah

PSYCHOLOGY

Di'Eayyah Boney

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Cynthia Winston-Proctor

Sanaz Dabiri

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Alfonso Campbell

Alysa Herrera Taylor

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Debra Roberts

Ricco Hill

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Woojae Kim

Christine Kindler

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Ezer Kang

Darian Lasenby

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Debra Roberts

Mickaela Nicholson

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Hope Hill

Milan Poindexter

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Thomas Mellman

Jeva St. Fort

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Jules Harrell

Doctoral Candidates

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

Terrell Wyche

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Gregory Reed

SOCIAL WORK

Barbara Evans-Kwamla

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Husain Altaf

Latoya Hogg

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Tracy Whitaker

Natalie Munoz

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Sandra Edmonds Crewe

Angela Wilbon

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Sandra Edmonds Crewe

SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINOLOGY

Camil Douthit

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Ivor Livingston

Calvin Hadley

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Terri Adams

Yanick Lamb

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Ivor Livingston

Dawn Smith-Williams

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Ivor Livingston

Candidacy Pledge

(Please raise your right hand.)

I (*say your full name*) am officially a doctoral candidate at Howard University. I will diligently work to complete my program in a timely manner. Upholding the values and preserving the rich legacy of Howard University, I will work, serve and lead with a spirit of excellence.

As a researcher, my contributions and discoveries will be ethical, meaningful, and boldly echo the voice of the underrepresented and under-served. I will also maintain personal and institutional integrity.

As a scholar, I will embody the motto of our beloved institution— *Veritas et Utilitas* (Truth in Service) in all that I do. As a social justice advocate, I will work on behalf of and defend those who cannot defend themselves.

I will use the tools that I have learned at Howard University to impact my community and be the change that I wish to see in the world. I will never forget the lessons that I have learned at the MECCA and will carry Howard University with me wherever I go.

I am officially a doctoral candidate at Howard University!

Alma Mater

Reared against the eastern sky
Proudly there on hilltop high,
Far above the lake so blue
Stands old Howard firm and true.

There she stands for truth and right,
Sending forth her rays of light,
Clad in robes of majesty;
O Howard, we sing of thee.

Be thou still our guide and stay
Leading us from day to day;
Make us true and leal and strong,
Ever bold to battle wrong.

When from thee we've gone away,
May we strive for thee each day
As we sail life's rugged sea,
O Howard, we'll sing of thee.

Words, J.H. Brooks, 1916
Music, F.D. Malone, 1916



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