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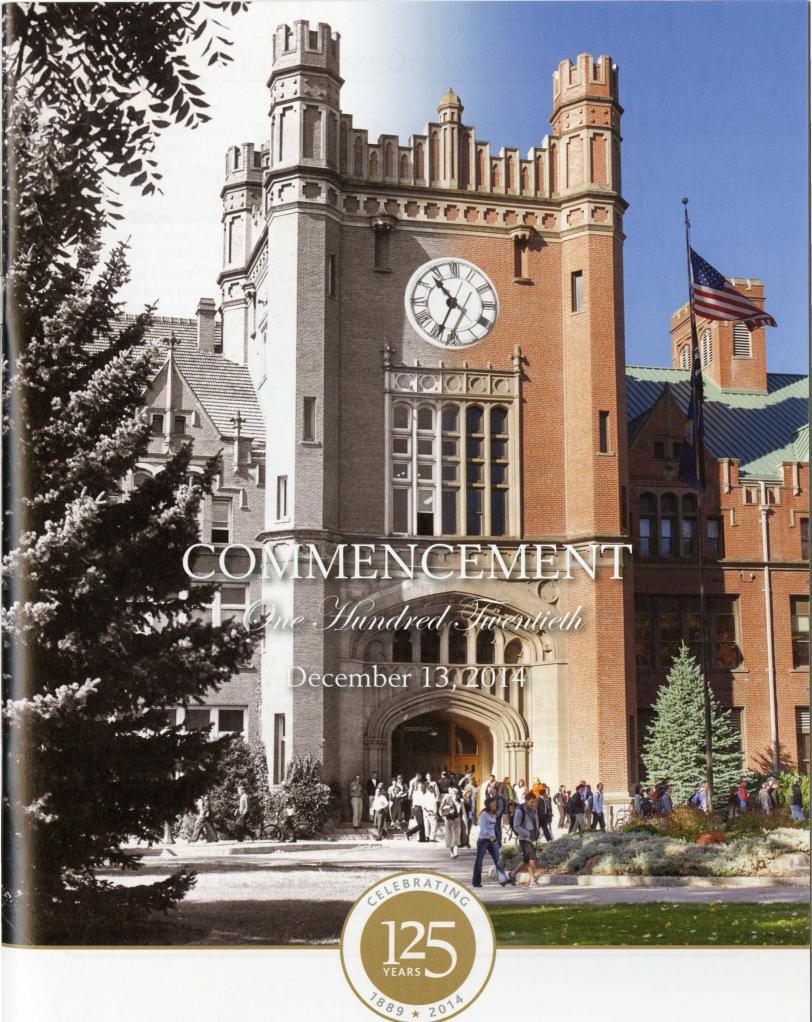


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"HERE WE HAVE IDAHO"

Alma Mater, the hope of a pioneer race;
 You're fashioned of dreams and of toil,
 Your walls and your towers by stout-hearted men
 Were raised from the rock and the soil.

Chorus

And here we have Idaho,
Winning her way to fame;
Silver and Gold in the sunlight blaze,
And romance lies in her name;
Singing, we're singing of you, ah, proudly too;
All our lives through we'll go singing,
Singing of you, Alma Mater, our Idaho.

2 Now ours is the heritage, rich and so full, The gain of their toil and their tears; And ours is the fruit, and the harvest is ours, Oh, Idaho, gift of the years.

Chorus

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PRESIDENT CHUCK STABEN

Chuck Staben took office as the 18th president of the University Idaho March 1, 2014.

President Staben served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of South Dakota since August 2008. During his tenure, the University of South Dakota increased enrollment, retention, and graduation rates as well as research grants. As provost, Staben helped guide the university through state funding declines and helped lead its transition to a Responsibility Center Management budget model.



Staben's research focused on fungal developmental biology, bioinformatics and fungal genomics. He received grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and other agencies. He has served on National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health grant review panels and recently served on a National Research Council committee that reviewed the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and the Institutional Development Award programs for the U.S. Senate.

Prior to his service at South Dakota, Staben served as the associate vice president for research at the University of Kentucky from 2005-09, and acted as vice president in 2007-08. Prior to that appointment, he was a professor of biology from 1989- 2008 and served as the chair of the biology department from 2000-04. Previously, he was a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford University from 1987-89 and at Chiron Research Laboratories from 1985-86. He also was a graduate research and teaching assistant at the University of California, Berkeley from 1978-84.

Staben taught microbiology, genetics, bioinformatics and introductory biology and he received numerous awards for teaching.

Staben received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1978 and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley in 1984. He is originally from Waukegan, Illinois.

Staben and his wife, Dr. Mary Beth Staben, have three college-aged children: Mac, Cal and Rae. Mary Beth is a practicing physician of internal medicine.

University of Idaho Winter Ceremony

Presiding: Chuck Staben, Ph.D., President

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Processional	
	Alan J. Gemberling. M. Mus., Conductor and Projessor of Music
Presentation and Posting of Colors	Joint Military Services Color Guard
The National Anthem	
	Alan J. Gemberling. M.Mus., Conductor and Professor of Music
	Daniel Johnson, Master's in Vocal Performance, Idaho Falls
	Major Professor: Christopher Pfund, M.Mus.
Welcome	F. Marty Ytreberg, Ph.D., Faculty Senate Chair
Introduction and Opening Remarks	
University of Idaho Regent's Welcome	
Commencement Address	
	sident for Research and Center for Advanced Energy Studies, Idaho Falls
Recognition of Honor Students	Katherine G. Aiken, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Executive Vice President
Honorary Degree Presentation	
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	Sanjay Sisodiay, Ph.D., Faculty Senate Commencement Committee, Chair
Oath of Office	Lieutenant Colonel Brad K. Martin, U.S. Army
Conferring and Presentation of Graduate, Professional and Bacca	laureate DegreesChuck Staben, Ph.D., President Katherine G. Aiken, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Executive Vice President
Closing Remarks	
The Alma Mater, "Here We Have Idaho," composed by Sallie Hu	me-Douglas(Words on page 2)
The entire assembly joins	in the singing of the Alma Mater.
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the University of Alinea, Champage, Library	Alan J. Gemberling. M.Mus., Conductor and Professor of Music
Processional Announcer	
Commencement Readers	
	Terrance Grieb, Ph.D., Finance
	Sarah M. Nelson, Ph.D., Modern Languages and Cultures
Lead Marshal	
	2014 University Distinguished Professor

Photography

GradImages (1-800-261-2576, www.gradimages.com) will provide photography for Commencement. The studio will photograph each student and email and/or mail proofs along with an offer for one free print to all students who supply an address on the card provided at the ceremony.

For more images from this ceremony, visit www.uidaho.edu/commencement.

Video Coverage

Video coverage of the University of Idaho Commencement Ceremony is provided by the University Video Production Center. DVD and Bluray discs may be ordered at http://www.uidaho.edu/videostore. For more information, contact the VPC at (208) 885-0569 or videoctr@uidaho.edu.

Today's ceremony is webcast live at http://www.uidaho.edu/live.

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> Bill Goesling Moscow

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Richard Westerberg

Preston

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Jeff Seegmiller, Ph.D. Director, WWAMI Medical Education Program

GUEST SPEAKER



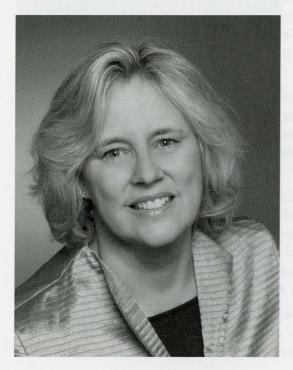
Dr. Robert Smith

Dr. Robert (Bob) Smith associate vice president for the University of Idaho, serves as the campus executive officer with overall responsibility for the University's Idaho Falls campus, a location with a focus on graduate science and engineering research-based education. He also serves as associate director for the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES), a partnership between Idaho's research universities and the Department of Energy's (DOE) Idaho National Laboratory (INL). In this role, Dr. Smith provides research leadership to the Center and serves as the liaison between CAES, the faculty and administration of the University of Idaho. Dr. Smith holds faculty rank of distinguished professor and is a biogeochemist with more than 30 years of experience in industry, national laboratories and academia. He contributes to and leads complex multi-institutional interdisciplinary educational, research and engineering projects focused on energy development, production and utilization and their environmental consciences. He serves as a member of the state of Idaho's Leadership In Nuclear Energy (LINE 2.0) Commission, as second vice president of

Grow Idaho Falls, the Bonneville County economic development organization, and as executive secretary of the Advisory Council for Eastern Idaho Technical College. Dr. Smith has authored or co-authored more than 50 papers, organized and served as editor for the "Scientific Basis for Nuclear Waste Management XXIII" symposium and accompanying refereed proceedings volume, and given over 100 presentations at national and international scientific conferences and meetings. Dr. Smith received a bachelor's degree in geology from Oregon State University and master's and doctoral degrees from New Mexico Tech in geochemistry and geosciences, respectively. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, American Geophysical Union, American Nuclear Society and the Geochemical Society.

HONORARY DEGREES

An honorary degree is awarded to a person deserving of honor by virtue of scholarly distinction, noteworthy public service or significant contributions to the state of Idaho. In the selection of candidates for honorary degrees, preference is given to those who are Idaho residents or University of Idaho graduates.



Patricia Kempthorne

Patricia Kempthorne has dedicated her life to bringing a sense of family to her work and community. After graduating with a degree in business management from the University of Idaho in 1975 and as a young mother to two children, she chose to build a career in the nonprofit sector and community service work.

In 1988, Kempthorne founded the Family & Workplace Consortium with several other professionals looking for flexibility in the workplace, quality childcare and influence with leadership in the workforce. For 11 years, the Family & Workplace Consortium hosted an annual executive breakfast focused on educating corporate decision-makers on work-life issues and developed training opportunities for management and employees. At the same time, she owned a consulting business, Companycare, with the tagline "helping companies where families matter" in Idaho.

From 1993-98, while living in Washington, D.C., in addition to her responsibilities as a mother of teenagers, Kempthorne participated in the Senate Spouses Group, the Congressional Club and was president of the Republican Women's Federal

Forum and the International Neighbors Club II. In 1996, she worked as the executive director of the Conservative Political Action Conference.

As Idaho's first lady from 1999 to 2006, Kempthorne volunteered her time to ensure that Idaho was the best place to raise a family. As part of Governor Kempthorne's Generation of the Child initiative, she served as the co-chair of the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children and worked tirelessly for the establishment of the Office for Families and Children in Idaho. Through her efforts, she brought greater awareness to erasing the stigma of mental illness, breaking the cycle of child abuse and domestic violence, preventing underage drinking, and increasing the rates of immunization and literacy among the youngest Idahoans.

In 2005, Kempthorne founded The Twiga Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit Idaho corporation dedicated to inspiring, promoting and maintaining family-consciousness at home, in the workplace and in the community. From 2005-12 the Twiga Foundation worked in partnership with the Families and Work Institute of New York and the Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to promote the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility in communities across the country. In addition, the Twiga Foundation participated in the Workplace Flexibility 2010 project with the Georgetown University Legislative Law Clinic to help create a dialogue of thoughtful political consensus in the area of workplace flexibility. Twiga led a study with the Center for Aging and Work at Boston College from 2010-11 called States as Employers-of-Choice, that focused on career stages in the public sector workforce. Twiga also partnered with the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor to help expand the number of employers who adopt workplace flexibility programs and policies in Idaho and organized the National Dialogue on Workplace Flexibility in the Health Service Industry in Seattle, Washington.

PATRICIA KEMPTHORNE BIOGRAPHY CONTINUED

In 2009, the Twiga Foundation became the exclusive licensee of BLOCK Fest, in interactive exhibit that promotes early math and science learning and parent engagement through block play for children from 8 months to 8 years. BLOCK Fest was developed by the University of Idaho Parents as Teachers Demonstration Project in 2005. The Twiga Foundation has continued to develop the project and has licensed its use in 12 states.

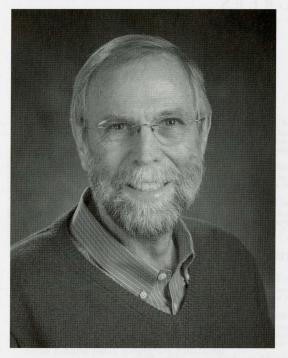
A leading advocate for family and children's issues, Kempthorne continued to work with a number of programs with a special focus on preventing substance abuse in communities. She served as a charter member of the Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free Foundation board of directors, a unique coalition of governors' spouses and emeritus spouses, federal agencies, and public and private organizations dedicated to preventing the use of alcohol by children ages 9 to 15.

In 2003, President Bush appointed Kempthorne to the Advisory Commission on Drug-Free Communities, part of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and she was later elected co-chair. Kempthorne also served as co-chair for Access to Recovery-Idaho, an alliance and federal grant initiative working to provide substance abuse prevention and treatment services to underserved and at-risk populations in Idaho. She was recognized in February 2006 by Idaho's Tribal Nations for her work to ensure recovery choices are available to the Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock, Shoshone-Paiute and Coeur d'Alene tribes.

Kempthorne is currently the president of the Twiga Foundation board of directors and vice chair of the Parents as Teachers national board of directors. She serves on the St. Luke's Children's Hospital board of directors and has completed terms on the University of Idaho College of Business and Economics Advisory Board and the University of Idaho Alumni Board.

In recognition as a philanthropist, public servant and investor in Idaho's future and native daughter of Idaho, the University of Idaho is proud to confer upon Patricia Kempthorne, a most distinguished citizen and leading alumna, the degree of Doctor of Administrative Science.

Honorary Degrees Continued



Nick Crookston

Nicholas L. Crookston graduated in 1977 with a master's degree in forest resources from the University of Idaho after receiving his bachelor's degree in botany at Weber State University. With his knowledge of forestry, plus his programming skills, Crookston quickly became an essential member of a forest growth modeling team that developed the Stand Prognosis Model, a forest management simulator for all the forests in northern Idaho and western Montana. This model developed into the Forest Vegetation Simulator, or FVS, which is now the most widely used forest growth simulator in the world.

Crookston has served as the sole research representative on the steering committee for the FVS and is the architect of the strategic enhancements to FVS. His most recent enhancement is Climate-FVS, which provides climate sensitivity to forest growth and mortality projections for planning and management purposes. He also is co-author on FVS Fuels and Fire Extension, which has the ability to assess forest fire risk and estimate carbon sequestration potential. Crookston has led or co-authored 26 peer-reviewed

publications which, combined, have been cited in ISI Web of Science more than 600 times.

Crookston developed and maintains a climate data server that provides customized climate data layers across North America, from weather station data collected since 1950, for all types of climate and climate change applications. Crookston leads the development and maintenance of the yaImpute package of R statistical software, which is being used throughout the world, including by a group at the National Fire Sciences Laboratory to assign tree lists to every forested 30-by-30-meter pixel in the United States in an effort to better predict forest fires.

Crookston has also made contributions to the local Moscow community during the past 30-plus years. Crookston served on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission from 1983-89 and was elected to the Moscow City Council in 1990 where he served for 4 years, the last as council president. He coached youth soccer for several years and served on the board of Moscow United Soccer Club. He regularly works with University of Idaho students and faculty, is an enthusiastic mentor, and is very generous with his time and expertise, serving in an unofficial capacity as an ad-hoc adviser for numerous master's and doctoral candidates.

In 2001, Crookston received the USDA Group Honor Award for Excellence and USDA Forest Service Outstanding Contribution to Silviculture. In 2010, he received the Rocky Mountain Research Station Eminent Science Publication award.

In recognition as a researcher, public servant and investor in Idaho's future, the University of Idaho is proud to confer upon Nicholas L. Crookston, a most distinguished citizen and leading alumnus, the degree of Doctor of Natural Resources.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND DEGREES PREVIOUSLY AWARDED

GRADUATE DEGREES

College of Graduate Studies

Established in 1925. Jie Chen, Ph.D., Dean

DOCTOR OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

Jeremy Michael Eusea, Paradis, Louisiana

Dissertation: "Improving Patient Care in the Secondary School Athletic Training Setting." Major Professor: Jeffrey Gordon Seegmiller

Victoria Lynn Graham, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dissertation: "Establishing a Baseline Score for the King-Devick Test for Concussion." Major Professor: Alan Mark Nasypany

Ryan Michael Krzyzanowicz, Beckley, West Virginia

Dissertation: "The Use of the Mulligan Concept in the Treatment of Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome in Dancers: A Dissertation of Clinical Practice Improvement." Major Professor: Alan Mark Nasypany

Lindsay Warren*, Santa Monica, California

Dissertation: Clinical Reasoning Perceptions and Self-Efficacy of Students in a Patient-Centered Post-Professional Degree Program: A Dissertation of Clinical Practice Improvement." Major Professor: Russell Thomas Baker

Wendy Wheeler Dietrich, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Dissertation: "Applied Outcome Measures in Clinical Athletic Training: A Dissertation of Improved Clinical Practice." Major Professor: Alan Mark Nasypany

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Cheryl Ann Empey*, Rexburg

Dissertation: "A Family and Consumer Sciences Education Teacher Preparation Program: A Snapshot of Teacher-Efficacy." Major Professor: Sharon K. Stoll

Michael Scott Gentry*, Rexburg

Dissertation: "Examining Teaching Strategies for Improving the Learning Experience in BYU-Idaho Academic Support Courses." Major Professor: John G. Cannon

Pamela Houston-Powell, Twin Falls

Dissertation: "Alternative Special Education Teacher Certification: Idaho Administrator Perspectives." Major Professor: Kathryn Marie Canfield-Davis

Susan Orme*, St. Anthony

Dissertation: "Student Use of Example Generation to Understand Novel Mathematical Concepts: A Teaching Experiment in a First-Semester Calculus Course." Major Professor: David Yopp

Siri D. Pinnock*, Rexburg

Dissertation: "Examining Teaching Strategies for Improving the Learning Experience of Students in BYU-Idaho Academic Support Courses." Major Professor: John G. Cannon

William Mitchell Simmons, Iona

Dissertation: "Undergraduates and Religiosity: Informing College Preparation for High School Religious Education Programs." Major Professor: Bryan Maughan

Bethani S. Studebaker*, Boise

Dissertation: "Alone on the Range: A Phenomenological Study on the Lived Experiences of Female Board of Trustee Members at Community Colleges in the Pacific Northwest." Major Professor: Kathryn Marie Canfield-Davis

David James Teichert*, Idaho Falls

Dissertation: "Examining Teaching Strategies for Improving the Learning Experience of Students in BYU-Idaho Academic Support Courses." Major Professor: John G. Cannon

Heidi Jean Turner*, Rigby

Dissertation: "Student Use of Example Generation to Understand
Novel Mathematical Concepts: A Teaching Experiment in a First
Semester Calculus Course." Major Professor: David Yopp

* Degree awarded August 8, 2014

§ Degree to be completed in a future semester

The appearance of a name in this program is presumptive evidence of graduation and graduation honors; it must not in any sense be regarded as conclusive. The academic transcript, signed and sealed by the proper university officers, remains the official testimony of the possession of the degree.

Elaine Rumsey Wagner*, Rexburg

Dissertation: "Student Use of Example Generation to Understand Novel Mathematical Concepts: A Teaching Experiment in a First Semester Calculus Course." Major Professor: David Yopp

Nathan Homer Williams, Ririe

Dissertation: "Faith in Higher Education: The Influence of Religiosity on Professional Educators." Major Professor: Bryan Maughan

David Joshua Wilson, Rexburg

Dissertation: "Faith in Higher Education: The Influence of Religiosity on Professional Educators." Major Professor: Bryan Maughan

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Islam Tawfik Abdelhamid Abougindia, Cairo, Egypt

Electrical Engineering. Dissertation: "High Speed Data Converters for UWB-SDR Applications." Major Professor: Suat Utku Ay

Rmdan Ali Altwer, Tripoli, Libya

Chemistry. Dissertation: "Synthesis, Reactions and Kinetics of Indenyl-Nitrosyl Group (VI) Metal Carbonyl Complexes With Phosphorus (III) Ligands." Major Professor: Thomas E. Bitterwolf

Brooke Alyssa Anderson, *Idaho Falls*

Chemistry. Dissertation: "Synthesis and Characterization of Novel Invader Nucleic Acids for Targeting of Double-stranded DNA." Major Professor: Patrick Hrdlicka

Mostafa Shokry Asfoor*, Cairo, Egypt

Mechanical Engineering, Dissertation: "Comparative Analysis of Different HEV Configurations using Rule-based Energy Management Strategy." Major Professor: Steven Beyerlein

Donna Ly Quach Baek*, Twin Falls

Chemistry. Dissertation: "Utilizing Supercritical Carbon Dioxide and Ionic Liquids for the Extraction of Actinides and Lanthanides: Applications of Non-Conventional Solvents for Nuclear Waste Management." Major Professor: Chien M. Wai

Jeffrey R. Belt*, Idaho Falls

Chemical Engineering. Dissertation: "Isolation of Electrode Performance Issues for Lithium Ion Batteries during Calendar and Cycle Life." Major Professor: Vivek Utgikar

Brian Carter Bowman, Hood, Virginia

Plant Science. Dissertation: "Phenotypic, Spectral Reflectance, and Genetic Analysis of Spring Wheat Accessions from the NSGC." Major Professor: Jianli Chen

Todd Howard Buxton*, Sedro Woolley, Washington

Water Resources. Dissertation: "Grain Packing Resistance to Particle Mobility and the Influence of Salmon Spawning on Stream Bed Stability and Storage and Exchange of Marine Derived Nutrients in Stream Channels." Major Professor: Alexander Kent Fremier

Adina Chain Guadarrama*, Xalapa, Mexico

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "A Functional Trait Based Approach to Understand Tropical Forest Composition and Function in a Costa Rican Landscape." Major Professor: Lee Alexander Vierling

June Renee Clevy, Normal, Illinois

Geology. Dissertation: "Geospatial Analysis and Seasonal Changes in Water-equivalent Hydrogen in Eastern Equatorial Mars." Major Professor: Simon Allen Kattenhorn

Jing Dai*, Tianjin, People's Republic of China

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Conversion of Woody Biomass to Polyhydroxybutyrate." Major Professor: Armando Gabriel McDonald

Bradley Pendleton Dieter, Spokane Valley, Washington

Education. Dissertation: "A Pedagogical and Physiological Approach to Treating Type 2 Diabetes." Major Professor: Sharon K. Stoll

Xinran Du, Wuhan, People's Republic of China

Microbiology, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. Dissertation: "Molecular Dissection of Prf-mediated Disease Resistance in Tomato." Major Professor: Fangming Xiao

Sherief Abd Elmonem Abd ElHammed ElBassuoni, *Minia*, *Egypt*

Civil Engineering, Dissertation: "Guidelines for Eco-Traffic Signal System Operations in Small and Medium Size City Environments." Major Professor: Ahmed Abdel-Rahim

Natalia Estrada Carmona*, Medellin, Colombia

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Building a Bridge between Food Production and Conservation: Experiences from Latin America and the Caribbean." Major Professor: Alexander Kent Fremier

Normann Fischer, Colfax, Washington

Electrical Engineering. Dissertation: "In Phase Motor Bus Transfer." Major Professor: Joseph Daniel Law

Blaise-Alexis Fouetio Kengne, Yaounde, Cameroon

Physics. Dissertation: "Surface Chemistry of Hierarchichal Nansprings for Sensing and Catalysis." Major Professor: David N. McIlroy

Gifford Landon Gillette, Pocatello

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Evaluation of Infrared Technology, Statistical Population Reconstruction, and the Conservation Reserve Program for Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Management." Major Professor: Kerry Paul Reese

Peggy L. Hamlett, Nampa

Education. Dissertation: "Integrated Wellness Training to Improve Total Wellbeing: Wellness Beyond the Physical." Major Professor: Sharon Stoll

Brian Keith Harris, Idaho Falls

Chemistry. Dissertation: "Dissolution and Extraction Studies of Lanthanides in Room Temperature Ionic Liquids and Supercritical Fluid Carbon Dioxide with Preliminary Determination of Radiolytic Stability." Major Professor: Chien M. Wai

John Bennett Herrington, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Education. Dissertation: "Investigating the Factors that Motivate and Engage Native American Students in Math and Science on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation following Participation in the NASA Summer of Innovation Program." Major Professor: James A. Gregson

Renee Denise Hill, Carmichael, California

Environmental Science. Dissertation: "Integrating Insights for Complex Problem Solving: Applications to Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, Water Governance, and Scale Mismatch." Major Professor: J.D. Wulfhorst

Salah Eddine Jadid, Destrehan, Louisiana

Electrical Engineering, Dissertation: "Application of Synchrophasors for Validation of Transmission Line Distance Relay Parameters." Major Professor: Brian K. Johnson

Taylor Joyal, Minot, North Dakota

Water Resources-Science and Management Option. Dissertation: "Water, Climate and Land Use in a Non-Stationary Humid Tropical Environment." Major Professor: Jan Boll

Mamta Kaura, Panchkula, India

Chemistry. Dissertation: "Synthesis and Characterization of Nucleobase Functionalized Locked Nucleic Acids (LNAs); Chemical Modifications for Therapeutic and Diagnostic Purposes." Major Professor: Patrick Hrdlicka

Kevin Arnold Krause, Corpus Christi, Texas

Computer Science. Dissertation: "Deriving Well Typed Programs Written in the Weakly Typed Programming Language C: A Formalism of the C Type System and a Static C Source Code Typing Checking Tool." Major Professor: James Alves-Foss

Hui Li*, Chahar Youyi Houqi, People's Republic of China

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Synthesis and Characterization of Copolymers from Lignin." Major Professor: Armando Gabriel McDonald

Teresa Jean Lorenz, Alma, Michigan

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Primary Cavity Excavator Nesting Ecology, Space Use, and Distribution: A Multi-scale Perspective?" Major Professor: Kerri T. Vierling

Julie Karen Magelky, Moscow

Education. Dissertation: "Perceptions of Families and Coaches on Emergent Literacy Development in Young Children with Disabilities." Major Professor: Julie A. Fodor

Kevin Seamus McCarty, Idaho Falls

Computer Science. Dissertation: "Applications of Contextual Fuzzy Extensions for Application Polymorphism, Data Mining and Analysis." Major Professor: Milos Manic

Marcus McGee*, Jackson, Mississippi

Animal Physiology. Dissertation: "Residual Feed Intake in Beef Cattle in Relation to Breed, Selection and Behavior." Major Professor: Rod Hill

Shaonpius Mondal, Khayrasole, India

Entomology. Dissertation: "Studies on the Virus/Vector Relationships of Potato Virus Y and Potato Leafroll Virus with their Aphid Vectors in Potato." Major Professor: Erik J. Wenninger

Matthew Allen Mumma, Harleysville, Pennsylvania

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Using Molecular Tools to Examine Predator-Prey Relationships in Newfoundland." Major Professor: Lisette P. Waits Joseph Wayne Nielsen, Idaho Falls

Nuclear Engineering. Dissertation: "Branch-and-Bound Algorithm applied to Dynamic Event Trees and Uncertainty Quantification in Nuclear Reactors." Major Professor: Akira T. Tokuhiro

Somayeh Pasebani*, Tehran, Iran

Materials Science and Engineering. Dissertation: "Processing of Oxide Dispersion Strengthened Alloys via Mechanical Alloying and Spark Plasma Sintering." Major Professor: Indrajit Charit

Kateri Picard Ray, Coeur d'Alene

Education. Dissertation: "Exploring Factors Impacting Transfer of Learning in Child Welfare Training: A Delphi Study." Major Professor: Laura B. Holyoke

Mary E. Ridout*, Tonasket, Washington

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Functional Significance of Endophyte Communities form a Conifer Forest." Major Professor: George Newcombe

Brice Andrew James Sarver*, Peoria, Illinois

Biology. Dissertation: "Genomic and Phylogenetic Consequences of Divergence and Gene Flow in Chipmunks (Sciuridae tamias)." Major Professor: Jack M. Sullivan

Joel David Sauder*, Lewiston

Natural Resources. Dissertation: "Landscape Ecology of Fishers (Pekania pennanti) in North-Central Idaho." Major Professor: Janet L. Rachlow Witham

Ahmed Abdelhamid Ahmed Serageldin*, Cairo, Egypt

Computer Science. Dissertation: "Design for Survivability in Critical Infrastructure Safety Applications." Major Professor: Axel W. Krings

Irene Carrie Shaver, McCall

Environmental Science. Dissertation: "Conflict and the Formation of Inequity in Idaho's Salmon Fisheries: An Investigation of Indian/White Relations." Major Professor: Leontina Hormel

Mikal Ann Smith*, Meridian

Education. Dissertation: "The Experience of Refugee Women in a Prenatal Nutrition Education Program." Major Professor: John G. Cannon

Jia Song, Beijing, People's Republic of China

Computer Science. Dissertation: "Security Tagging for a Real-time Zero-kernel Operating System: Implementation and Verification." Major Professor: James Alves-Foss

Janet A. Stephens, Boise

Education. Dissertation: "Factors that Motivate Nontraditional Learners with Dyslexia to Pursue Second Degrees." Major Professor: Michael S. Kroth

Jennifer Anand Sundararajan, Trichy, Tamil Nadu, India

Physics. Dissertation: "Radiation Effects on Magnetic Nanomaterials and Applications in Nuclear Energy." Major Professor: You Qiang

Hossein Taheri*, Mahallat, Iran

Mechanical Engineering. Dissertation: "Robotic Devices and Adaptive Control Strategies for Robotic Rehabilitation after Stroke." Major Professor: Eric T. Wolbrecht

Nageshwar Rao Tammineni*, Khammam, India

Food Science. Dissertation: "Development of Fish Gelatin Films with Enhanced Physical, Antioxidant and Antimicrobial Properties." Major Professor: Gulhan Unlu

Melissa Thompson*, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Neuroscience. Dissertation: "Neuromechanics of Barefoot and Shod Running." Major Professor: Craig P. McGowan

Simon Uribe Convers*, Bogota, Colombia

Biology. Dissertation: "Phylogenomic Insights into the Radiation of an Andean Group of Plants." Major Professor: David C. Tank

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University of Idaho Academic Mace

Maces date to the Middle Ages and symbolize strength and authority. Each is unique and reflects the values and characteristics of the institution. The University's chief marshal who leads all academic processions carries the mace. The University of Idaho's mace, used for the first time at the centennial commencement, is 32 inches long, made of walnut and encircled with bands of Idaho gold and silver in which Idaho garnets and opals have been inlaid. The head is embellished with silver and gold representations of camas plants and syringa flowers. The chair of the University's Faculty Senate, the marshal of the academic procession, carries the mace in the American tradition, at a 45-degree angle across the chest, while in England, the bearer carries it over the shoulder.

University of Idaho Academic Apparel

By observing certain features of the academic apparel, it is possible to learn several things about the academic status of the scholar: the level of the degree attained, the branch of learning in which it was earned, and the college or university conferring the degree.

Gowns

The gowns differ according to the level of the degree. The sleeves are the principal indicator—gowns of bachelor's have pointed sleeves; those of master's have oblong sleeves with an arc cut away at the front; and doctors have round, bell-shaped sleeves. Bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. Doctoral gowns have distinctive velvet facing down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

The University of Idaho adopted a doctoral gown of its own in 1989. The silver gown has a panel and sleeve bars of black velvet outlined in antique gold. The beret-styled soft cap is patterned after the Cambridge version instead of the traditional Oxford-style mortarboard. The cap and gown were designed by Emeritus Professor Edmund Chavez in the University's centennial year and are worn today by officials and university administration.

Honor Cords

Honor Cords, worn around the neck and hanging loosely down the front, identify students who are graduating with honors: gold, summa cum laude (with highest distinction); silver, magna cum laude (with great distinction); and bronze, cum laude (with distinction). The cords are provided by the University of Idaho and are worn on this one occasion only.

Caps

The color of the tassel worn on the cap varies with the level of degree. The bachelor's tassel represents the color appropriate to the major field of study (see colors at right); the master's and specialist's tassels are black; and the doctoral tassels are old gold.

University of Idaho President's Medallions

The first medallion was created by Idaho artists George and Macky Roberts. The President's Medallion was first used in 1965 at the inauguration of Ernest Hartung, the University of Idaho's 12th president.

The medallion's base is a three-and-a-half-inch disc of pure Idaho silver. Mounted on the base is a disc of native jasper; a sterling silver sunburst is inlaid in the disc. Inside the sunburst is a modification of the Chinese character meaning "mountain," which features three upward-pointing prongs. Over the center prong is a gold inlay, thus symbolizing "Light on the Mountain."

The heavy medallion is worn suspended from a collar woven of Idaho wool, some of which is dyed with dahlia flowers to match the jasper and some of which is from a black sheep. The second President's Medallion, worn during commencement by then President Timothy P. White, was commissioned in 2004. This medallion's base is a gold-leafed University seal and is worn suspended by a chain with gold leaf charms, each representing the Presidents who have served the University.





Hoods

The length of the hood also varies according to the level of degree. The bachelor's gown is worn without a hood. A master's hood is three and one-half feet long, and a doctor's hood is four feet in length and has panels at the sides. It is from the colors adorning the hood that one can learn two other facts. Lining: the hood is lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree (silver and gold, signifying the University of Idaho). Trimming: the hood is trimmed with velvet of a color appropriate to the wearer's branch of learning. For example, the trimming for the degree of Master of Science in Agriculture is maize, representing agriculture, rather than golden yellow, representing science. (In the case of the Doctor of Philosophy degree, the dark blue color is used, representing the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship, regardless of the branch of learning.) Colors associated with the different disciplines are listed below:

AgricultureMaize
Arts, Letters, HumanitiesWhite
Commerce, Accountancy, BusinessDrab
EconomicsCopper
EducationLight Blue
Engineering Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture Brown
Forestry
JournalismCrimson
LawPurple
MusicPink
Philosophy Dark Blue
Physical EducationSage Green
Public Administration Peacock Blue
ScienceGolden Yellow

