

Hamilton College

COMMENCEMENT



CLINTON, NEW YORK
May 25, 2025

Land Acknowledgment

With humility and pride, Hamilton College acknowledges its campus sits on the ancestral homelands of the Oneida Indian Nation. The Oneida, or Onyota'a:ká: in their Indigenous language, means People of the Standing Stone. Emerging in 1793 from a vision by Rev. Samuel Kirkland and Oneida Chief Shenendoah — both now interred side-by-side on our campus — to establish a place where American Indians and settler youth could receive a quality education, Hamilton College's very foundation was built upon Indigenous reciprocity and inclusivity.

We recognize our past failures to implement this vision. Through sharing our community and educational resources, we are committed to building a sustainable partnership with the Oneida Indian Nation and the Haudenosaunee peoples; we embrace that our past and our future are forever tied to the Oneida People.

This Land Acknowledgment was written collaboratively with the Oneida Indian Nation.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Hamilton College Commencement ceremony.

Hamilton College was chartered by the Regents of the State of New York in 1812. The first formal Commencement ceremony was held in 1815 for six seniors, although two students who had transferred to Hamilton became the College's first graduates a year earlier. In 1816, 17 students received their diplomas, representing the first graduating class to attend Hamilton for four years.

For about 70 years, starting in 1815, every senior spoke at Commencement, a ceremony that lasted all day and was held in the church on the southern end of the Clinton Village Green. As reported in *On the Hill: A Bicentennial History of Hamilton College*, most of the students who attended Hamilton in its early years were from Oneida County and elsewhere in New York, with the rest coming from New England, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Today's ceremony honors students from around the country and the world. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and offer our warmest welcome to their families and friends attending this Commencement.

THE HAMILTON DIPLOMA

The Hamilton diploma, written in Latin, is in the medieval tradition that considers undergraduates as apprentices. Once their apprenticeship is complete, they are allowed to "commence." Here is an English translation of the diploma, as if it were being presented to Alexander Hamilton himself:

Hamilton College in the State of New York extends its most cordial greetings to all who witness this document.

Know ye that ALEXANDER HAMILTON has studied the best of the sciences and arts with sufficient enthusiasm to be recognized as someone worthy of receiving the customary rewards of distinction.

Wherefore Hamilton College declares and appoints this person BACHELOR OF ARTS and by virtue of this diploma confers upon him the power to enjoy the rights and privileges unique to that title.

In witness whereof the trustees of this College have caused their seal and the signatures of the president and dean to be affixed at the foot of this document.



Steven Tepper
President

Ngonidzashe Munemo
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Dean of Faculty

Bestowed in the chambers of the College on the 25th day of May, 2025, the 213th year of the College.

For those who have done exceptionally well, the diploma reads *BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH THE HIGHEST DISTINCTION* (*summa cum laude*), *BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH GREAT DISTINCTION* (*magna cum laude*), or *BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH DISTINCTION* (*cum laude*).

Diplomas will be mailed to each senior who completes the requirements for the bachelor's degree and should arrive in four to six weeks.

CARISSIMA

M. W. Stryker 1872
(Adapted)



Dear is thy home -stead, glade and glen, Fair is the light that
Haunt-ing our hearts in ab - sent days, Call -ing us back from
Mem - o - ry still shall close en - fold, Bring-ing us joys of



crowns thy brow; Gath - er we close to thee a - gain,
stress and storm, Ten - der - ly all thy good old ways
days of yore; Faith shall thy con - stant fame up - hold,



Moth - er, all -lov - ing thou hast been, Our own sweet La - dy
Shine in thy smiles; be love thy praise! Thine arms are ev - er
While years,Ca - ris - si - ma, grow cold. We love thee ev - er -



thou! ----- Our own sweet La - dy thou!
warm, ----- Thine arms are ev - er warm.
more, ----- We love thee ev - er - more.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Bagpipes of the Mohawk Valley Frasers</i>
CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	<i>The College Marshal</i> Lisa Trivedi
WELCOME	<i>The President of the College</i> Steven Tepper <i>Co-Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees</i> Robert V. Delaney, Jr. '79
AWARD OF HONORS AND PRIZES	<i>Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty</i> Ngonidzashe Munemo <i>The James Soper Merrill Prize Winner</i> Delbert Diaz Gonzales '25
CLASS SPEAKER	Alexandra Holden Ennis '25
AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREES	<i>The President</i>
REMARKS	Bruce Douglas Mau
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>Splendor</i> from <i>Iluminare</i> Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979) The Hamilton College Choir, Campus Singers, and String Ensemble Charlotte Botha <i>Conductor, Assistant Professor of Music</i>
AWARD OF DEGREES IN COURSE	<i>The President, Vice President, and Members of the Faculty</i>
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES	<i>The President</i>
“CARISSIMA”	Grace Park '25 <i>Conductor, Hamilton College Choir President</i>
RECESSIONAL	<i>Bagpipes of the Mohawk Valley Frasers</i> The audience is requested to remain until the procession has retired.

CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Arthur Raymond Halbritter, Jr. Presented by Gregory T. Hoogkamp '82, P'25, *Charter Trustee*

Ray Halbritter is the representative of the Oneida Indian Nation and the chief executive officer of its enterprises. The grandson of an Oneida leader, and a Harvard-educated lawyer, Halbritter rose from an impoverished background to lead the Oneida people to an economic and cultural renaissance that has been hailed as a national model of success. Revenues from Oneida businesses have been invested in health care, schools and services for Oneida members, and institutions aimed at protecting the Oneida's heritage. Those businesses have received numerous national, regional, and local awards, and Halbritter has been honored with a number of accolades, including the Native Voice Award from the National Congress of American Indians, which recognizes him as one of the nation's most distinguished leaders in Indian Country.

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Bruce Douglas Mau Presented by Chester A. Siuda '70, P'06, GP'25, *Life Trustee*

Bruce Mau is the co-founder and chief executive officer of Massive Change Network, a global design consultancy in the Chicago area. A renowned designer, innovator, educator, author, and artist, Mau's love of thorny problems led him to create a powerful life-centered design practice. Across nearly 40 years of design innovation, Mau has collaborated with global brands and companies, influential educational and nonprofit organizations, heads of state, well-known artists, and fellow optimists. He has designed more than 250 books, written extensively, and his work and life story are the subject of the 2022 feature-length documentary, *MAU*.

2025 CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COURSE

Ahmed Farghali Abdelmoneim Abdelrehim	Clifton Dulany Bloom	Ao Cheng
Myrka Aguilar-Montano	Henry Jonas Boehm	Jeffrey Cheng
Audrey Elizabeth Alix	Madeleine Hyde Boger	Mia Ivanova Chervenkova
Hunter Wood Allen	Christophe Anders Boivin	Yang Chi
Vaughn Scott Amos	Ekaterina Bondarenko	Maria Elizabeth Chipres Urueta
Samuel Oluchukwu Anaevune	Roland Clayton Booma IV	Daniel Junsang Cho
Naomi Maureen Andrew	Zachary Vincent Ravi Booth	William Jae Young Cho
Hannah Ann Apsey	Grant Kou Bowley	Andrew Robert Chronis
Mark William Apsey	Maximo Peppercorn Bratter	Shannon Kate Cicero
Rachael Jade Araujo	Andrew James Brennan	Austin James Cipriano
Charles Clive Archer	Zoe Honor Brett	Charlotte Joy Clark
Julian Wolf Arky	Carl Jacobs Brinkman	Aine Josephine Cleary
Regan Patrick Arnold	Fiona Catherine Bristol	Nathan Eli Cohen
Robert Isaac Aronson	Amelia Burklee Brown	Christian Colantonio
Robert David Asel	Georgia Elizabeth Hoefer Brown	Tessa Noelle Cole
Anoushka Aswin	Ryan Thomas Brown	Tia Mone't Cole
Dean N. Atassi	Amanda Margaret Browne	Timothy Michael Colledge
Christina Marie Bagin	Maeve Rose Browne	Matthew Lonczak Collins
Alexandra Marie Bailey	Cecily Elizabeth Bua	Nicolle Tatiana Conlogue
Eleanor Augusta Bailey	Rachel Elizabeth Budd	Ethan Edward Connolly
Shade' J. Ball	Matthew Lawrence Buneta	Ryan Patrick Connors
Omar M. Barghout	Tate Kinkead Burgin	Asha Cook
Lara Daniella Barreira	Eileen Julie Bussiere	Gabriella Elizabeth Crawford
Gaizka Barrondo Cherigny	Joseph Christopher Cairns	Maria Christina Freire Crespo
Lane Parker Barsh	Jessica Campuzano	Charlotte Bray Croft
Taylor Bartels	John Ryan Carbone	Viola Cordelia Cue
Madeleine Elyse Bartlett	Kyle David Carbone	Charles Jacob Dale
Chinkhuslen Batbayar	Isabella Sophia Cardoso	Rebecca Appleby Dalphin
Adeera Abeer Saeed Batlay	Elizabeth Ann Carnright	Shraddha Datta
Eliza Paige Behrke	Megan Adelaide Case	Aiganym Daupbayeva
Sarra Ben Abdallah	Kevin Ming-Yin Michael Cavicchia	Harisen Gabriela Davis
Annika Rachel Benn	Maia Elizabeth Chakin	Kayla Meribel Davis
Emily Mae Bennett	Carter Joseph Chambers	Robert Blake Davis III
Allison Ascoli Berkowitz	Santiago Jose Chamorro	Virginia Leigh Davis
Abigail Nolwenn Bernardeau	Jordan Christopher Chan	Leslie Ariana De La Rosa
Amirthavarshini Bharathan	Caroline Marshall Chapman	Abigail Rose DeLena
Katherine Grace Bielinski	Sadie Chase-Tatko	Sarah Beth DeSanto
Gabriel Nicholas Bit-Babik	Beibei Chen	Oumoul Khairy Diallo
	Irena Chen	Bayley Anna Dickinson

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Emma Rose DiGiacomo	Anais Shari Geronimo	Ryhory Hatavets
Owen Holland Dimock	Kritika Ghimire	Charles Hawthorn
Calvin Philip Doherty	Sebastian Ghosh	Luke W. Hayes
Hana Dolan	Jennifer Gidicsin	Brian M. Healy
John Wells Donohue	Adelaide Lucia Gifford	Gabriella Karen Heftved
Heather Grace Doyle	Eliza Mulholland Glass	William Garrett Heher
Marissa Duffy	Samantha Kasper Glickman	Aidan Martin Held
Jamie R. Duncan	Alexandra Belle Glogoff	Jacob Cole Helzner
Deanna Lien Durben	Christos Godis	Alexandra Marie Herr
Owen Robert Dzierzgowski	Spencer Mark Goldberg	Tighe Finley Hoey
Luke Wishart Ehrenfreund	Delbert Diaz Gonzales	Nicholas Steven Hoff
Luke Michael Engel	Madison Sarah Goodman-Leong	Carter Astrin Hollins
Alexandra Holden Ennis	Maya Elizabeth Goswami	Faith Elizabeth Hollyer
Sydney Ellen Eriksson	Andrew Gou	Kristen Alexa Holness
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Stella Elizabeth Essenmacher	Teagan Paige Gillian Graham	Anna Carol Hoover
Eva Millay Evans	Connor Riley Grand	Madison Elizabeth Hopkins
Sydney Marie Evans	Caroline Elizabeth Grant	Mia Frances Tompkins Horvath
Sydney Paige Familo	Phoebe Elizabeth Marie Gray	Ryan Peter Howard
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Sara Jordyn Fischer	Paige Alyssa Grondin	Alison Brooke Isko
Emanuel Fitsum	Elizabeth Evans Gross	Lisa Ito-Bagshaw
Rex Walker Flinn	Lilianna Gross	Catherine M. Iven
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Kayli Elcira Franco	Natalie Schon Guterman	Charlie Elizabeth James
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Jack Quinn Fried	Andrew Jewett Hadden	Bryna Mae Jekogian
Caroline Sheridan Friedrichs	Abigail Cynthia Hagan	Jane Jeong
Edward Leopold Gamble	Geneve Helena Halfman	Wilson Jiang
Sophie Frances Gamble	Autumn Elizabeth Halfpenny	Boyu Jing
Sean Gebauer	Lilah Willows Hamill	Gabrielle Rosemarie Johnson
Matthew Patrick Gellerman	Lauren Hanna	Grace Marie Johnson

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Frank Barton Marshall Jones
Peter Cronin Jones
Alexandra Elizabeth Joseph
Jade Elizabeth Joyce
Hannah H. Ju
Gabriella Nantongo Kaggwa
Alexander Peter Kalapoutis
Owen Daley Kane
Henryk Krzysztof Kania
Maya D. Kannan
Thomas Thayer Kantrowitz
Eve Susannah Karmozyn
Willa Day Karr
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Julian Kimball
Mattison White Kinne
Lena Marie Klink
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Sawyer Isaac Kron
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Josef William Kubofcik
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Naval Singh Lappalainen
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Michael Gavin Lawlor
Phillip Le
Simon Khuong Le
Esme Streeper Leach
Maxwell Andrew Lee
Spencer Thomas Lee
Beatrice Odile Lefranc
Bruce Leight
Katlynn Clarice Leon
Ella Daneet Lepine
Alexander Theodore Levine
David Solomon Levine
Scott Michael Levy
Norbu Lhendup
David Tiancheng Li
Eric Jiaming Li
Hannah Marguerite Lipskar
Daniel Juliann Lipson
Markos Marinus Lissarrague
Angie Xin Liu
Ezra Thayne Lombardi
Abigail Rose Lonnegren
Abigail Hope Lowder
Zachary Arthur Lucchini
Owen Michael Luft
Kevin James Lyons
Alya Grace MacDonald
Maia Ashley Macek
Jacob Hunter Mair
Margaret Ann Crawford
Mallavarapu
Dylan Tinashe Manguwa
Pandelis Demetrios Margaronis
William David Marin
Margaret Adia Marks

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Niamh Marie McDade Clay
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Mia Claire McGrath
Ethan Westcott McKellop
Paige Abigail McKenzie
Erika Lorena Mendez
Giovanni Mendoza-Olivas
Edwin Mensah-Boateng
Alexander Sokoloff Merkowitz
Juliette Bolton Michaels
Teghan Quinn Michelson
Maggie Jiang Li Mieczkowski
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Blake Vincent Molinari
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Isabella Katharine Nadeau
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Gabrielle Natalie Nakkab

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Kiara Makayla Cadence Nelson
Jonathan Frank Nemetz
Michael Ngaw
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Max Andrew Nodiff
Hadley Elizabeth Noonan
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Cecilia Marie Nourie
Ainsley Amanda Novack
Elizabeth Mathisen Oakes
Onaopemipo Praise Obolanle
Isabella Michaela Ocava
Hailey Alexandra O'Donnell
Lucas Jameson O'Dowd
Megan Hahnee Oh
Paige Satyananda O'Hara
Sten Ludvig Ohrstrom
Lucinda Vickrey Olson
Timothy Stephen O'Neil
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Zachary Freeman Orluk
Wendy Ortega-Quezada
Alexis Ortiz
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Brianna Nicole Padilla
Dean Edward Pallas
Zichu Pan
Rachel Parajuli
Grace Park
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Eva Simone Pearlman
Luke James Peplowski

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Quinn Alexander Perkins
Becca E. Perry
Timothy Ward Peters III
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James Benjamin Peterson
Kirk Geronimo Petrie
Madeleine Petro
Morgan Grace Pettee
Samuel Thomas Pettengill
Thuy Thi Thu Pham
Trang Quynh Pham
James Nicholas Philpott
Carlos Daniel Pichardo
Roselin Jenissa Pineda
Sophira Athena Pohl
Troy Adam Pollock
Shayna Elisabeth Polsky
Charles Portoviejo
Jane Carolyn Pratt
Stephanie Devereux Pratt
Elizabeth Anne Price
Fanqi Pu
Charlotte Quinn
Ryan Syed Rahman
Megan E. Rai
Izabo Ramos
Jackson Oswald Rassias
Erin Maureen Rayhill
Bailey Elizabeth Reese
Zaara Saleha Rehman
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Olivia Guadalupe Rendon Pablo
Anna Richardson
Whitney Joan Riley
Jocelyn Rivera
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Kenneth Paul Rix, Jr.
Clare Elizabeth Robinson

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Tyler Leighton Austin Rodenberger
Federico Alejandro Romero
Edward Barry Rosenbaum
Caroline Marie Ross
Kevin Connor Ross
Sarah Rose Roth
Jude Rouhana
Eve Lillian Rudin
Alexander Min-Liang Ruffer
Mariano Nicolo Antonio Russo
Adele Mae Sales
Alyssa Leigh Samuels
Taylor Vanessa Santulli
Nwe Nee Sar
Anoushka Vineet Saraf
Jack Joseph Savalli
Taylor Monet Scatliffe
Ashley Gwen Scheichet
Madison Jean Schiro
Xavier Maximilian Ferrari
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Amanda Esther Sedaka
Carter Julien Segal
Amy Rose Shanahan
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Diya Singh
Teja Singh
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Maxwell Philip Spielman
Lucille Miriam Crider Steig
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Ethan Tarini
Joseph Michael Tarlavsky
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Jonathan Edward Taylor
Nicholas Frederic Taylor
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Sara Anne Temple
Makenna Kirsten Thomas
Jaedyn Amber Thomes
Seth Kutlow Tobin
Olivia Renton Todd
Emma Katherine Toes
Gabriela Toppelberg
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Anh Duy Truong
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Gianna Nicole Verdi
Rosalia Guadalupe Villa
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Nguyen Vo
Ian Joseph Vogelsang
Hannah Terese Vogt
Brian Wang
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Jianyi Wang
Lauren Wang
Rongchen Wang
Jennie A. Weisbrot
Abigail Wendy Weiss
Tobias Griffin Weissman
Carlisle Rose West
Katherine Grace Wetmore
Charles Harry White
William James Whittaker
Connor Yong Whynott
George Beck Wieser V
James Peter Wilde
Trevor William Wilkes
Claire Steven Williams
Cole Andrew Williams
Jessica Anne Winslow
Hunter Wisneski

Katherine Dear Withers
Maximilian Henryk Wohlfeld
Kyle Blackledge Wood
Kathryn J. Woodruff
Shannoya Worrell
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Yifan Wu
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Tianyu Xin
Cooper Yide Xu
Harriet Y. Xu
Renyi Xu
Brandon Yam
Allison Noelle Yanco
Chenyue Yang
Yu Yang
Anna Becker Yankee
Julie Ying
Sasha Youn
Emily Frances Younkin
Alyssa Zamudio
Lecen Zhang
Sean Zhang
Angela Zheng
Daniel Zheng
Zhaowuji Zhou
Ziyi Zhou
Anna Regina Zoccolillo
Olivia Alexandra Zubarik
Lucy Elizabeth Zullo
Tilly Gail Zwirn-Givnish

FACULTY RETIREMENTS

VIVYAN C. ADAIR

Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies Vivyan Adair joined the faculty in 1998. Her research interests include comparative feminist theories of race, class, sexuality, and gender, with a focus on representations of women on welfare and the impact of welfare reform, education, law, and public policy. In 2001, she founded the ACCESS Project, a pilot program that assisted disadvantaged parents in their efforts to earn college degrees. A prolific contributor to books and journals, Adair authored *From Good Ma to Welfare Queen: A Genealogy of the Poor Woman in American Literature, Photography and Culture* and was co-editor of *Reclaiming Class: Women, Poverty, and the Promise of Education in America*. In 2000, she was honored with Hamilton’s John R. Hatch Excellence in Teaching Award and, four years later, was named the CASE/Carnegie New York State Professor of the Year. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees, as well as her doctorate, from the University of Washington.

KATHERYN H. DORAN

Katheryn Doran, associate professor of philosophy, studies and teaches courses on American philosophy, environmental ethics, and philosophy and film. She joined the faculty in 1990 after earning her bachelor’s degree at the University of Pittsburgh and her master’s and doctorate at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Doran is co-editor of *Critical Thinking: An Introduction to the Basic Skills* and a frequent contributor to academic journals, including having served as guest editor of a special issue of the American Philosophical Association’s newsletter that addressed teaching philosophy in nontraditional settings. In 2018, she was awarded Hamilton’s Samuel and Helen Lang Prize for Excellence in Teaching, and in 2023, she hosted the Philosophy of Film Without Theory conference, which featured speakers from the U.S., Australia, Chile, Croatia, and the U.K. As director of the Hamilton Oneida Prison Education faculty group, Doran has run a philosophy book group at Marcy Correctional Facility for many years.

JONATHAN T. HIND ’80

A graduate of Hamilton, Jon Hind returned to College Hill in 2007 as director of athletics and professor of physical education after 16 years at Butler University, where he served as associate athletics director for operations. As Butler’s first men’s lacrosse coach, Hind was named 1998 Division I Coach of the Year. Previously he had served as men’s lacrosse coach at The College of Wooster. During his tenure at Hamilton, the women’s lacrosse team captured the first NCAA team championship in College history, and athletes from track and field, cross country, and swimming collected individual national titles. In 2011-12, Hind led the athletics programs as they fully integrated in the NESCAC. Nearly all of Hamilton’s athletics facilities have been upgraded under his leadership, including new facilities for rowing, baseball and softball, field hockey, and tennis. He has overseen construction of the Simon Golf Center, locker rooms in the Delaney Team Center, and the Harding Field House. In addition, many existing facilities have been upgraded, including most recently Sage Rink. Hind, who has chaired the NCAA men’s lacrosse championship and rules committees, holds a master’s degree from Kent State University.

JAMES G. KING III

Jamie King, the Jerome Gottlieb ’64 Fellow for Exemplary Coaching and professor of physical education, arrived at Hamilton in 2000 as director of racquet sports and head coach for men’s and women’s squash. He coached the women to 183 wins over 18 seasons and the men to 189 victories over 22 seasons. King was named the NESCAC women’s squash coach of the year in 2011 and 2014, and received the men’s coach of the year award in 2012. His women’s teams earned the Chaffee Award in 2011 and 2022 from the College Squash Association (CSA) for sportsmanship, teamwork, character, and improvement while the men’s teams collected the Sloane Award from the CSA in 2008, 2010, and 2023 for displaying the highest level of sportsmanship during the season. King was the first person honored with the Sloane Award as a player (as captain of the 1984 team at Williams College, where he completed his bachelor’s degree) and as a coach. He also holds a master’s degree from Skidmore College.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS *(continued)*

DORAN LARSON

Doran Larson, the Edward North Chair of Greek and Greek Literature and professor of literature and creative writing, joined the faculty in 1998 and teaches courses in prison writing, witness literatures, and the history of the novel, among other subjects. He led a creative writing course inside Attica state prison from 2006 to 2016 and has organized two college programs inside New York State prisons. Larson’s essays on prison issues have been widely published, and he is author of *Witness in the Era of Mass Incarceration* and *Inside Knowledge: Incarcerated People on the Failures of the American Prison*. Another book that he edited, *Fourth City: Essays from the Prison in America*, led to him founding the American Prison Writing Archive, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Larson, who earned his bachelor’s degree at UC Santa Cruz and master’s and doctorate at the University at Buffalo, received Hamilton’s Samuel and Helen Lang Excellence in Teaching Award in 2011.

PERRY NIZZI

Perry Nizzi arrived on College Hill as the men’s soccer head coach and professor of physical education in 1997. In 26 seasons with the Continentals, he posted a record of 211-146-48, including a team-record 12 wins in 2001, and his teams reached double figures in wins eight times. He coached an all-American and 23 all-region team selections, and since 2011 had 16 all-NESCAC picks. Nizzi has led Hamilton to 17 trips to the postseason, including five NCAA Division III championship appearances. The 2016 NESCAC Coach of the Year guided the Continentals to the conference championship final that same year. Nizzi led the team to Liberty League tournament titles in 2004 and 2007, and regular season crowns in 2000 and 2006. In 2000, Hamilton advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals and was ranked 16th in the final Division III coaches’ poll. Nizzi’s last year with the Continentals was one of his best as the team received an at-large bid to the NCAA championship and recorded a win and a tie in the tournament.

VINCENT O. ODAMTTEN

Vince Odamtten, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Literature and Africana Studies, specializes in African, Caribbean, and African American literatures. He joined the Hamilton faculty in 1985 after earning his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, and subsequently received his doctorate at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. A prolific author of articles and poetry published in a variety of anthologies and journals, Odamtten wrote *The Art of Ama Ata Aidoo: Polylectics and Reading Against Neocolonialism* and edited *Broadening the Horizon: Critical Introductions to Amma Darko*. He is currently investigating the life and work of Togbi Sri II, paramount chief of the Anlo-Ewes of Southeastern Ghana, as part of a multimedia narrative project. Odamtten serves as president of the Ghana Society of Central New York.

STEPHEN W. ORVIS

Having joined the faculty in 1988, Professor of Government Steve Orvis studies comparative politics with an emphasis on Africa. He has served as an international election observer in Kenya’s transitional elections to democratic rule and twice led Hamilton students on the Kenya Field School. In addition to numerous articles on rural development in Kenya and African democratization, he authored *The Agrarian Question in Kenya* and co-authored the textbook *Introducing Comparative Politics: Concepts and Cases in Context*. Orvis’ teaching earned him Hamilton’s Comfort and Channing Richardson Award for Pedagogical Innovation, and he was appointed as a guest scholar at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and as a visiting fellow at Oxford University’s Pembroke College. From 2012 to 2016, he served Hamilton as associate dean of students for academics. Orvis earned his bachelor’s degree from Pomona College and his master’s degree and doctorate at the University of Wisconsin.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia derive much of their general style and symbolism from the gowns, cowls, and caps of the medieval universities of Paris, Bologna, Oxford, and Cambridge. In 1895, most colleges and universities in the United States agreed to a common intercollegiate code. The bachelor’s gown has long pointed sleeves, and the master’s has long squared sleeves with a slit for the arm. The doctor’s gown is faced with velvet and has three velvet bars on each sleeve. Historically, the gown was black, but many degree-granting institutions now allow gowns in their own colors. In addition to a cap and gown designed for Hamilton College, the president wears a medallion created as a symbol of his office by Ralph Menconi ’36.

The academic hood, a descendant of the medieval cowl, represents the wearer’s degree and field of study, as well as the degree-granting institution. The width of the velvet facing indicates the degree and its color the field of study: white for arts and letters; dark blue for philosophy; scarlet for theology; golden yellow for science. The lining of the hood is the color of the degree-granting institution: Hamilton’s is blue with a buff chevron. A poem popular in the 16th century says of the cap that “’Tis square like scholars and their books.” Some organizations and academic departments may choose to provide adornments for graduates such as stoles, cords, medallions, pins, and tassels from groups officially recognized by Hamilton College.

THE COLLEGE SEAL

Among the first tasks of Hamilton’s original Board of Trustees in 1812 was to create a College seal that called for “the emblematical figure of a Celestial Being or angel, raising a veil from the vision of a pupil or novitiate.” The angel’s other hand rests on the “Book of Knowledge,” pointing to the Latin *Lux et Veritas* (Light and Truth). The College’s motto, Know Thyself, appears above the figures in Greek.

THE SENIOR CANES

The senior cane is awarded to each graduate and is intended to serve as a tangible reminder of the Hamilton experience and as a token of the College’s affection. The head of the cane forms a Continental tricorne hat in honor of Baron von Steuben, who served as drillmaster of Washington’s Continental Army and who laid the cornerstone of the Hamilton-Oneida Academy in 1794. Funding for the canes is provided by the Lee H. Bristol, Jr. ’45 Canes Fund, established by his wife, Louise Bristol, in memory of her husband.

THE FLAGS

The flags on the Commencement stage symbolize the diversity of the campus community. In addition to the flags representing the United States of America, the Oneida Indian Nation, and Hamilton College, others represent the countries of students in the graduating class, as determined by those studying at Hamilton on student visas and flags of countries requested by our graduates.

THE GREEN APPLE PINS

Kirkland College was founded as a women’s college in 1968, and until it merged with Hamilton a decade later, it offered alternative educational opportunities for both women and men on the Hill. Built on an apple orchard, Kirkland College took the green apple as its emblem.

