

Hamilton College

COMMENCEMENT



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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
Provost and Dean of Faculty

Bestowed in the chambers of the College on the 24th day of May, 2026, the 214th 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.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

Bagpipes of the Mohawk Valley Frasers

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The College Marshal
Margaret O. Thickstun

WELCOME

The President of the College
Steven Tepper

Co-Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
Robert V. Delaney, Jr. '79

AWARD OF HONORS AND PRIZES

Provost and Dean of Faculty
Ngonidzashe Munemo

The James Soper Merrill Prize Winner
Jun M. Reiss '26

CLASS SPEAKER

Anna Marie Gnapp '26

AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREES

The President

REMARKS

Stephen L. Durfee '85

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

An die Musik
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
arr. Craig Courtney

The Hamilton College Choir
Aubrey Campbell '26, *Baritone*
Sar Strong, *Pianist*
Charlotte Botha, *Director, Assistant Professor of Music*

Du holde Kunst, in wieviel grauen Stunden,
Wo mich des Lebens wilder Kreis umstrickt,
Hast du mein Herz zu warmer Lieb entzunden,
Hast mich in eine bessre Welt entrückt!

Oft hat ein Seufzer, deiner Harf entflossen,
Ein süsser, heiliger Akkord von dir
Den Himmel bessrer Zeiten mir erschlossen,
Du holde Kunst, ich danke dir dafür!
— Franz von Schober

TRANSLATION

Oh beauteous art, in so many dreary hours,
Where I have been swept up in the savage circle of life,
You have ignited my heart, giving it a warmer love.
You have carried me off into a better world.

There has often been a sigh flowing from your harp,
A sweet sacred chord of yours,
Which has opened up to me the better times of heaven.
Oh beauteous art, I thank you for it.
— trans. Malcolm Wren

AWARD OF DEGREES IN COURSE

The President, Provost, and Members of the Faculty

Fiona Adjei Boateng, *Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology*

Sally P. Cockburn, *Samuel F. Pratt Professor of Mathematics and Statistics*

Rebecca L. Gruskin, *Assistant Professor of History*

Robert C. Habermusch, *Head Men's Hockey Coach, Professor of Physical Education, and the Jerome Gottlieb '64 Fellow for Exemplary Coaching*

Amy A. Koenig, *Assistant Professor of Classics*

Nicole L. McDaniels, *Associate Professor of Instruction in Biology*

Onno D. Oerlemans, *Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of Literature*

Wei Zhan, *Associate Professor of Economics*

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

The President

“CARISSIMA”

Patricia Jean Higgins '26
Conductor, Hamilton College Choir President

RECESSIONAL

Bagpipes of the Mohawk Valley Frasers

The audience is requested to remain until the procession has retired.

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.

CANDIDATES FOR HONORARY DEGREES

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Maryam Banikarim

Presented by Edvige Jean-François '90, *Alumni Trustee*

Maryam Banikarim is an Emmy Award-winning storyteller and purpose-driven change agent who worked for 25 years as a corporate marketing executive for some of the most recognizable global organizations. She subsequently shifted her focus to community builder, helping people find purpose and joy. When she was 12, she fled the Iranian Revolution with her family, eventually settling in the United States where she received degrees from Barnard College and Columbia University. As an immigrant, she learned empathy, resilience, and agility, traits she has imparted throughout her career, including as host of the “Messy Parts” podcast.

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Stephen L. Durfee '85

Presented by Elizabeth Fox Keogh '94, P'26, *Alumni Trustee*

Stephen Durfee '85 is an internationally acclaimed chef, educator, and artist focused on crafting creative and ambitious desserts. While executive pastry chef for The French Laundry in Napa Valley, California, he won the 1998 James Beard Foundation's award for “Pastry Chef of the Year” and was named one of the “10 Best Pastry Chefs in America” the following year by *Pastry Art & Design* and *Chocolatier* magazines. He is currently the director of curriculum at Dandelion Chocolate in San Francisco.

2026 CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COURSE

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Julia Elizabeth Afsar-Keshmiri
Myrka Aguilar-Montano
Ava Alexander
Orhan Algar
Katherine Roseanne Allen
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Stephanie Ann Andrade Granados
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Mia Laura Catherine Antonini
Angel C. Apollos
Katherine Sandra Appleman
Derya Yasar Arikan
Ramon Aroca Gonzalez
Nicholas Alexander Badagliacca
Alexander William Badami
Ruby Bakal
Christopher Patrick Bannigan
Abigail Baron
Jack Charles Barton
Elizabeth Alison Baseley
Charles Boyd Curtis Beard
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Sophia Louisa Berghammer
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Jaikrit Bhattacharya
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Sophie Estelle Blomberg
Kendall Elizabeth Bocklet
Caroline Savannah Boies
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Fiona Elizabeth Breen
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Joshua David Bucci

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Lydia Grace Bullock
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Aedan Patrick Burke
Miller Paul Burns
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Senna Angelique Camp
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Aubrey Evan Campbell
Maddison Lee Campbell
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Lee Hasselbaum Casstevens
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Benjamin Zhao
Christopher Zhou
Yifan Zhou
Benjamin Boies Zimmerman
Alison Lynn Zorn
Rachel Yi Zou

FACULTY RETIREMENTS

MARK W. BAILEY

Appointed to the faculty in 1997, Mark Bailey, the Robert and Pamela Craig Delaney Professor of Computer Science, has earned fellowships from the National Research Council and the Air Force Research Laboratory and grants from the National Science Foundation and Microsoft Research. He has served as a consultant with the Air Force Research Laboratory and Assured Information Security, and his work is widely published in journals and symposia. He holds his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts and his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Virginia. Bailey, who has received the Richardson Award for Faculty Innovation, created the course Secrets, Lies, and Digital Threats, which paired teams of Hamilton students with local high schoolers to teach teens about potential dangers of the digital world.

EROL M. BALKAN

Professor of Economics Erol Balkan focuses on the formation of middle classes through education and financial liberalization in developing countries. He has received several awards and grants for his work, including the International Development Research Center Grant in 1996 to study the effects of short-term capital flows on the Turkish economy. Having joined the faculty in 1987, Balkan teaches economic development, international finance, and political economy of the Middle East and was a visiting professor at Bilkent University and Sabanci University, both in Turkey. The author and editor of several books and articles, he received the Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award in 1991, the Samuel and Helen Lang Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 2009, and this year the Dean's Scholarly Achievement Award recognizing career achievement. In addition to service on several College committees, he co-developed Hamilton's program in New York City. Balkan holds his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and doctorate from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

SALLY P. COCKBURN

Sally Cockburn, the Samuel F. Pratt Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, joined the faculty in 1991 having earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Queen's University, a second master's at the University of Ottawa, and her doctorate at Yale University. Her teaching interests include set theory and the philosophical foundations of mathematics. Cockburn has published on combinatorial optimization and geometric graph theory. A recent paper, "Edge Determining Sets and Determining Index," co-authored with Sean McAvoy '23, was featured in a 2024 edition of *Involve, A Journal of Mathematics*. Cockburn has served in numerous College leadership roles, including on the Committee on Academic Policy, the Appeals Board, and the Committee on Academic Standing. From 2004 to 2008, she was head women's squash coach. A two-time recipient of the Class of 1963 Faculty Fellowship, she earned the Mathematical Association of America's Carl B. Allendoerfer Award in 2014.

LAURIE J. "ELLA" GANT

Ella Gant, professor of art, teaches courses on video, animation, and the Digital Arts Workshop. She joined the Hamilton faculty in 1991 and studies the intersections among established traditions and contemporary practices in the arts and education. Gant earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and her master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin with a specialization in transmedia. In 2011, she was named a fellow in digital and electronic arts for the New York Foundation for the Arts. Her work is in the permanent collections of the Library of Congress, The Museum of Modern Art's Franklin Furnace Artist Book Collection, and Texas Folklife Resources. In addition, her work has been shown at the Berlin, London, Melbourne, Los Angeles, and San Francisco LGBT international film festivals. Gant is a recipient of Hamilton's Richardson Award for Faculty Innovation.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS *(continued)*

PATRICIA L. KLOIDT

Professor of Physical Education Patty Kloidt arrived on College Hill as the women's lacrosse head coach in 2003. In 22 seasons, her teams posted a record of 220-127, and she became one of the top 25 all-time winningest women's lacrosse coaches in Division III. In 2008, Kloidt coached the Continentals to the NCAA Division III championship, the first national team title in the College's history. That same year she was selected the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year. Kloidt led Hamilton teams to 17 postseason appearances, including seven trips to the NCAA championship. She coached 17 athletes to a total of 26 all-America honors, and 14 of her players made the all-New England Small College Athletic Conference team. Prior to joining Hamilton, Kloidt coached for four seasons at Le Moyne College. She holds a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree from Smith College.

CHERYL A. MORGAN

Having joined the faculty in 1990, Professor of French and Francophone Studies Cheryl Morgan is a specialist in 19th-century literature, with particular interest in French women writers, literary humor, and urban literature. A prolific author and presenter at professional conferences, her recent projects include editing a special volume of *Women in French Studies* on humor and contributing an essay on Paris in contemporary American crime fiction to the book *Paris in the Americas: Yesterday and Today* (2022). For Hamilton, she has served on the Committee on Academic Policy and as chair of a Middle States Review committee on the curriculum, academic programs, and assessment. Morgan, who earned her bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, her master's degree from Middlebury College, and her doctorate from Columbia University, is a seven-time resident director of the Hamilton in France program.

QUINCY D. NEWELL

Quincy Newell, professor of religious studies, joined Hamilton in 2015 after 11 years on the faculty at the University of Wyoming. Her research has focused on American religious history, specifically the construction of racial, gender, and religious identities in the 19th-century American West. Newell's first book examined the ways Native Americans around the San Francisco Bay adapted, adopted, and rejected Catholicism during the Spanish colonial period. More recently, she has turned her attention to 19th-century African American and Native American Mormons. In addition to serving as co-editor of the *Mormon Studies Review*, Newell wrote the book *Your Sister in the Gospel: The Life of Jane Manning James, a Nineteenth-Century Black Mormon* (2019). She holds her bachelor's degree from Amherst College and her master's degree and doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

ONNO D. OERLEMANS

Onno Oerlemans, the Elizabeth J. McCormack Professor of Literature, focuses his research on British and American Romanticism, ecocriticism, and critical animal studies. His book *Poetry and Animals: Blurring the Boundaries with the Human* (2018) surveys the ways in which animals have been represented in English-language poetry. His first book, *Romanticism and the Materiality of Nature* (2003), examines the ways that several British Romantic poets explored the physical, as opposed to transcendent, reality of the natural world. Oerlemans arrived at Hamilton in 1999 and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Queen's University and his doctorate at Yale University. He has published articles on a wide range of topics and writers, and is currently working on a history of writing about the Adirondacks. Having served in numerous campus leadership roles, he was associate dean of the faculty from 2017 to 2020.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS *(continued)*

MARGARET O. THICKSTUN

Margie Thickstun, the Jane D. and Ellis E. Bradford '45 Distinguished Writing Chair in Creative Writing and Literature, arrived on College Hill in 1988, having earned her bachelor's degree at Mount Holyoke College and her master's degree and doctorate at Cornell University. Her teaching interests include religious literature and questions relating to the history of the book and literary reception. Specifically, she studies the transition from manuscript to print culture, books as physical objects, the place of women writers, the making and role of anthologies, and the making of a canon. A prolific writer on Milton, Bunyan, Swift, and Puritan women's spirituality, her most recent book is *Milton's Paradise Lost: Moral Education* (2007). The longtime College marshal, Thickstun has served as faculty chair and on several committees, and this year received the Dean's Scholarly Achievement Award for career achievement. She also hosts an annual communal reading of Milton's epic poem "Paradise Lost" that takes about 10 hours to recite.

BRUCE WALCZYK

Professor of Dance and Movement Studies Bruce Walczyk combines performance forms with traditional martial arts of Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines, bringing them into a contemporary context. His choreographic work emphasizes the Malay concept of *dari bunga datang buah*, which translates to "from the flower comes the fruit," meaning from the dance comes the combative application in his martial arts and dance courses. Walczyk regularly presents his research throughout the United States and Southeast Asia. He joined the faculty in 1985 after earning his bachelor's degree at the State University of New York Brockport and his master's degree in choreography from the University of California at Los Angeles.

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.



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