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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Welcome to the 117th University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Commencement.

This is the day to recognize our graduating students’ academic effort and remarkable personal commitment. As you look around, you can appreciate our need for the size of the UWM Panther Arena.

As we celebrate our graduates, we can also look to these outstanding individuals with a great sense of anticipation. For some, the work and impact of a university is viewed as complete when students finish their studies. This is not the case at UWM. Our students, alumni, faculty and staff are engaged in lifelong research, critical thinking and collaboration with businesses, industries, non-profit organizations, and other educational institutions both in the region and across the globe. These partnerships drive innovation and create jobs for our students after they graduate. You’ve set the bar higher for new levels of cooperation, innovation and entrepreneurship. An academic degree brings newfound opportunities and exceptional value to both the recipient and the wider community.

On behalf of the UWM faculty and staff, I congratulate all of today’s graduating students. When combined with those who graduated in May, the Class of 2017 is an impressive 5,000+ students.

To all of our guests here to witness today’s event, I thank you for supporting your adult child, relative, spouse, partner, or friend. And to all our graduates, I offer my best wishes in all of your endeavors. Please keep us apprised of your many successes.

Best regards and congratulations,

Mark A. Mone
Chancellor
The Story of the UWM Seal

Official ceremonial activities and actions of the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee nearly always make use of the UWM seal. It can be found on all significant university documents. The key elements of the UWM corporate seal are the university’s logo in the center and the years above the word “Milwaukee.”

The logo was redesigned in 1999 to more distinctly represent the university. Distinguishing elements of the redesigned logo include the different typefaces used for the letters “UW” and “M,” which reflect the diversity inherent at UW-Milwaukee, and the overlapping of the “W” and the “M” to show the connection between the University of Wisconsin System and Milwaukee’s university. The two wavy banners below the letters “UWM” show movement and suggest a continuum of education throughout one’s life. The banners also represent waves and emphasize how Milwaukee and the campus are located near water. The nimbus, appearing behind the logo, symbolizes educational enlightenment.

The three years noted in the corporate seal are 1849, 1885 and 1956.

1849 represents the era that higher education began in this state. Wisconsin became the 30th state in the union on May 29, 1848. Less than two months later, on July 26, the University of Wisconsin was established under provisions in the new state constitution. One of the initial steps to prepare students for university was enrolling young people in preparatory classes. On February 5, 1849, 17 boys arrived for preparatory classes in space borrowed from the Madison Female Academy. This date is referred to in Wisconsin education as Founders Day. Then, in autumn 1850, the first University of Wisconsin freshman class assembled in Madison for first-year instruction as part of a four-year college curriculum.

1885 denotes the beginnings of public higher education in Milwaukee at the Milwaukee State Normal School. The Wisconsin legislature in 1880 approved expanding higher education by establishing nine normal schools around the state. The first students in Milwaukee were admitted in 1885. In the beginning, curriculum was limited to a two-year teacher-training program. As its educational mission evolved, the school’s name changed. It became the Milwaukee State Teachers College in 1927 and the Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, in 1951.

1956 signals the beginning of the modern era of public higher education in Milwaukee. During the late 1940s and early 1950s, many proposals to expand higher education offerings in Milwaukee were considered. The successful proposal approved in 1955 combined the previously mentioned Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee office of the University Extension Center, an auxiliary of the University of Wisconsin in Madison. The new university was considered a part of the University of Wisconsin and classes at the new University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee began in the fall of 1956.
A Quick History of UWM

The name has changed—several times—but the roots of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee go back to 1885 when Wisconsin established the Milwaukee Normal School, a two-year teacher’s college.

Some important dates:

1885 Milwaukee Normal School opens to train teachers in downtown Milwaukee at 18th & Wells
1892 University of Wisconsin offers day and evening classes in Milwaukee
1909 With the completion of a new Milwaukee Normal School building (today’s Mitchell Hall) the campus moves to its present location
1920 The University of Wisconsin Extension Division, formed in 1907, takes over responsibility for UW instruction in Milwaukee
1927 Normal school becomes Milwaukee State Teachers College with 4-year degree
1928 UW Extension opens Milwaukee Center downtown
1951 Milwaukee State Teachers College becomes Wisconsin State College with liberal arts degrees
1956 WSC & UW Milwaukee Extension merge to form UWM
1961 The 8.6-acre Milwaukee-Downer Seminary site, including 3 buildings, is purchased
1963 UWM offers first PhD degree, in mathematics
1964 UWM buys Milwaukee-Downer College buildings, expands campus
1965 UWM purchases the 6.3-acre Milwaukee University School campus
1970 Three residence towers, collectively called Sandburg Halls, open for student housing
1988 UW System designates eight Centers of Excellence at UWM
1995 Division of Outreach and Continuing Education Extension (now the School of Continuing Education) moves to new offices in the downtown Plankinton Building
2000 UWM awards diploma to 125,000th graduate; UWM named among top 102 public doctoral research universities in nation
2001 Governor announces honors academy at UWM
2002 Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts opens. Fourth tower added to Sandburg Residence Halls.
2005 Men’s basketball team advances to Sweet 16 in NCAA Tournament.
2006 $100-million Campaign for UWM announced. Pavilion athletics complex and Kenilworth Square mixed-use student housing facility open. Men’s and women’s basketball teams both advance to NCAA Tournament.
2008 Campaign for UWM is completed more than a year early with $125 million pledged to the university.
2010 The School of Freshwater Sciences and Zilber School of Public Health become the first new academic schools established at UWM since the 1960s. UWM acquires the former Columbia Hospital campus: 11 acres; seven buildings with more than 800,000 gross square feet of space; and about 900 parking spaces.
2016 UWM is named a top-tier Research 1 (R1) doctoral university by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. This honor includes UWM as one of 115 top-tier research universities among the nation’s 4600+ institutions, and only one of two in Wisconsin.

By the turn of the century, the school had expanded to offer programs in the liberal arts and science as well as education. By the ’30’s, the school, now called Milwaukee State Teachers College, was a national leader in innovative teacher education, with 1,500 students. A student from the 1916-17 academic year, Golda Meir, became prime minister of Israel from 1969-1974.

After World War II, the College was authorized to award four-year bachelor degrees and in 1951 became Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee. Five years later it combined with the Milwaukee Extension Center, which had been the local outreach program of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Together, the two institutions became the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, with its focus on academic research, teaching and community service.

Since its founding, UWM has expanded its programs so that today its 14 schools and colleges offer 94 undergraduate programs, 53 masters and 32 doctoral degrees.
**CHANCELLOR’S MEDALLION**

The medallion for Chancellor Mark Mone was designed and fabricated by Frankie Flood, Associate Professor of Art and Design, after talking with Chancellor Mone about his vision for UWM’s future. With water from Lake Michigan in its center chamber—and spheres representing how student knowledge grows at UW-Milwaukee—the Chancellor’s Medallion is full of symbolism specific to UWM.

**THE MEANING OF ACADEMIC REGALIA**

Academic gowns were worn as early as the 12th century. Their primary purpose then was to protect the wearer against the elements. When accepted styles of dress began to change in the 16th century, those in the legal and medical professions as well as scholars in the universities retained the traditional dress of gowns and hoods. The origin of the cap is unclear.

**Styles and colors** had no particular meaning until 1895 when an “Intercollegiate Code” established design and color criteria. The bachelor’s gown has long, pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The master’s gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrist; the rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, the front part has an arc cut away. The gown may be worn open or closed. The doctor’s gown has velvet down the front with three bars of the same velvet across the sleeves. It may be worn open or closed.

**The academic hood** is the visual representation of the academic degree. The level of the degree is indicated by the length of the hood and the width of its velvet edging, with the doctoral hood being the largest. The color of the lining of the hood denotes the school conferring the degree, the color of the velvet binding denotes the field of study. The color denoting the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is gold, dark blue is the color denoting philosophy; therefore, all recipients of the Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.) at UWM wear hoods lined with gold and trimmed in dark blue velvet.

Other trim colors that you may observe among the masters candidates and the faculty are:

- BLUE VIOLET—Architecture
- WHITE—Art
- BROWN—Art/Dance/Drama
- BEIGE—Business Administration
- LIGHT BLUE—Education
- ORANGE—Engineering/Computer Science
- PEACOCK—Human Resources & Labor Relations
- LEMON—Library & Information Science
- PINK—Music
- APRICOT—Nursing
- GOLD—Science
- CITRON—Social Work/Criminal Justice

**Honors:** The gold cord, worn by some of the bachelor’s degree candidates, identifies those students who have been awarded Commencement Honors for high academic achievement throughout their career at UWM. An asterisk (*) is directly after the names of bachelor’s degree candidates awarded Commencement Honors in this program.

The pewter-colored stole recognizes undergraduate students receiving the Honor’s Degree. This special diploma is awarded in recognition of outstanding academic achievement to students who have completed the requirements of the University Honors College and achieved an overall grade point average of 3.5 or above.

The red, white, and blue cord is being worn by our veterans and military service members.
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PRELUDE  
UWM Wind Ensemble  
John Climer, Conductor

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM  
Megan Haskins, Vocalist

WELCOME  
Mark A. Mone, Chancellor  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
Tracey Klein, Regent  
UW System Board of Regents

GREETINGS FROM THE UWM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
Michelle Putz, Secretary  
UWM Alumni Association Board of Trustees

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  
Ricardo Diaz, Executive Director  
United Community Center, Milwaukee WI

CONFERRAL OF ACADEMIC DEGREES  
Mark A. Mone, Chancellor  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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RICARDO DIAZ
Executive Director
United Community Center, Milwaukee WI

RICARDO DIAZ. Currently Executive Director for the United Community Center, a comprehensive social service agency serving Milwaukee area Latinos, Ricardo has more than 30 years of non-profit management experience. Throughout his career he has demonstrated his commitment to education as well as neighborhood and economic development, providing leadership and technical assistance to Milwaukee area agencies. Mr. Diaz previously served as Milwaukee Commissioner of City Development and the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Housing Authority.

Mr. Diaz previously served as Executive Director at the United Community Center until 1988. He remained on the UCC Board of Directors even after moving on to new roles. Having been the Executive Director previously, Mr. Diaz was excited to “return home” in 2003. He has become known as a leading quality education advocate in Milwaukee. Mr. Diaz shares with many his firm belief that education is the path out of poverty and critical to the growth of our city. He is a board member for Bradley Center Sports and Entertainment Corporation, Milwaukee Charter School Advocates, the Alverno College Board of Trustees, the Medical College of Wisconsin Board of Trustees, and the Green Bay Packers.

Under his leadership the United Community Center has undergone a number of expansions in the last 10 years including a Latino Geriatric Center to serve elderly with Alzheimer’s disease, a new elderly housing complex and senior center in conjunction with the Housing Authority of Milwaukee, and also several additions and renovations of the Bruce Guadalupe Community School including elementary science labs, an early childhood center, and new classrooms in the Middle School. Bruce-Guadalupe Community School is now one of the largest elementary schools in the state, and UCC recently announced a new campaign to help support the construction of a new middle school to open in the Fall of 2018, to house the UCC Acosta Middle School which is in its 2nd year of operation.

The United Community Center is now the 17th largest Hispanic Non-profit in the country.

Mr. Diaz lives in the City of Milwaukee with his wife and has one adult daughter who works in Chicago.
AFRICOLOGY

Maxime Sarah Mianzokouna
“The Developmental State Economic Model versus Neo-Liberal Principles: The Case of Rwanda and Burundi”
Major Professor: Abera Gelan

Majeed A Rahman
“The Effects of Segregation on the Black and White Unemployment Gaps”
Major Professors: Harwood McClerking and Lingqian Hu

ANTHROPOLOGY

Richard Wynn Edwards, IV
“Risky Landscapes: An Assessment of Oneota Agricultural Risk Management Strategies in the Koshkonong Locality”
Major Professor: Robert Jeske

Emily Jane Epstein
“Nobi Ni-Tse’te’ede (House on the Cold One): Hunter-gatherer Household Archaeology and Climate Change, Harney County, Oregon”
Major Professor: Jean L Hudson

Shannon Kate Freire
“A Public Humanity: The Application of Isotopic Analysis to the Intersection Between Body and Law at The Milwaukee County Poor Farm Cemetery”
Major Professor: Patricia Richards

ARCHITECTURE

Payman Sadeghi
“High-Performance Building Envelope: An Energy Evaluation of Double-Skin Facades Linked into the Earth”
Major Professor: D. Michael Utzinger

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Kristin J Ciezki
“New Insights into the Role of Antimicrobials of Xenorhabdus in Interspecies Competition”
Major Professor: Steven Forst

Vibhuti Hemantkumar Jansari
“The Role of PilJ and its Structural Domains in the Localization and Function of the Chp Chemosensory System in Pseudomonas aeruginosa”
Major Professor: Sonia Bardy

Daniel Patrick Neelon
“Sources of Variation in Female Mating Preferences and Male Traits”
Major Professor: Gerlinde Hoebel

Aishwarya Mahesh Shevade
“Mitochondrial Regulation of Yeast AMPK During Energy Stress”
Major Professor: Sergei Kuchin

Keir Michael Wefferling
“Disentangling the Subalpine Marshmarigold Polyploid Complex (Caltha leptosepala s.l., Ranunculaceae)”
Major Professor: Charles Wimpee
BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATICS

*Omid Ghiasvand
“Unsupervised Biomedical Named Entity Recognition”
Major Professor: Rohit Kate

Colleen K Lindell
Major Professors: Derek Nazareth and Hemant Jain

Aurash A Mohaimani
“GEORAC: An RNA-seq Atlas Constructor for the Gene Expression Omnibus”
Major Professors: Timothy Patrick and Rebecca Klaper

Usha Neupane
“Study of Pathological Conditions of Liver Using Ultrasound Images”
Major Professor: Devendra Misra

CHEMISTRY

Heather Loren Adams
“Tribological Study of the System of Methyl Thiolate on Copper Foil by Mass Spectrometry, Auger Spectroscopy, and Friction Measurements”
Major Professor: Wilfred Tysoe

Shamsul Arefin Ahmed
“Short Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of 5-Chloro-7-benzoyl 2,3-dihydrobenzo[b]furan-3-carboxylic acid (BRL-37959) and its Analogs”
Major Professor: M. Mahmun Hossain

Margaret Laurel Guthrie
“Development of Preclinical Assays Based on Tandem Mass Spectrometry for GABAA Receptor Modulators”
Major Professor: Alexander Arnold

Lanlan Han
“Structure-Function Relationships in Bacterial Regulatory Proteins and an Enzyme Involved in Antibiotic Biosynthesis”
Major Professor: Nicholas Silvaggi

*Jennifer M Mccarthy
“Probing the Interaction of Nitric Oxide with Cytochrome C554 from Nitrosomonas europaea”
Major Professor: Arsenio Pacheco

*Sandra Maria Simon
“A Theoretical Analysis on the Zintl-Klemm Concept and its Extensions”
Major Professor: Dennis Bennett

*Theodore Douglas Thuening
“Investigation of Catalytic Coupling and Oxidation Reactions on Gold, Palladium, and Gold-Palladium Alloy Surfaces”
Major Professor: Wilfred Tysoe

*Veera Venkata Naga Phani Babu Tiruveedhula
Major Professor: James Cook

Jaclyn Michelle Trate
“Integrating Scale-Themed Instruction Across the General Chemistry Curriculum”
Major Professor: Kristen Murphy

COMMUNICATION

Seokhoon Ahn
“What is a Good Acculturation Strategy?: Immigrant-Centered Approach to Acculturation with the Theory of Planned Behavior as Theoretical Framework”
Major Professor: Tae-Seop Lim
*Benjamin Michael Alex Baker
“Exploring the Discourses of Marriage, Family, and Fatherhood in Married Gay Fathers’ Relational Talk”
Major Professor: Erin Sahlstein Parcell

*Richard Allen Draeger, Jr.
“Non-Native Foreign Language Instructors’ Teaching Expectations Concerning Intercultural Communication Competence: Communicative Practices in the Classroom.”
Major Professor: Mike Allen

Hilary Ann Rasmussen
“Amplifying GLBTQIA+ Presence Through Queer Legal Worldmaking: The Role of Affect in Renegotiating Value Hierarchies in Political Argument”
Major Professor: Leslie Harris

*Jessica Samens
“How Individuals Disclose Health Information”
Major Professor: Mike Allen

*Arrington Lee Stoll
“Bidding on a “biddie”: Social Exchange and Online Dating”
Major Professor: Mike Allen

**ECONOMICS**

Seyed Hesam Ghodsi
“Nonlinear ARDL Approach and the Housing Market in the U.S.”
Major Professor: Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee

*Anni Huang
“Essays on International Credit Market and Monetary Policy”
Major Professor: N. Kundan Kishor

*Mehrnoush Motamedi
“Three Essays on the Economics of the Family”
Major Professor: Scott Adams

*Linh Pham
“Utilizing Man-Made and Natural Resources for Economic Development: What are the Mechanisms and Why?”
Major Professor: Itziar Lazkano

*Abdihafit Hassan Shaeye
“Essays on Human Capital and Wages of Refugees and Other Immigrants in the U.S.”
Major Professor: Scott Drewianka

**EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

*Alexander Gomory
“The Impact of Priming Power on Sexual Harassment Proclivity in Male Correctional Officers”
Major Professor: Stephen Wester

*Charisse A Kroner
“The Impact of Teacher Accountability Measures on Teacher Self-Efficacy Beliefs”
Major Professor: Jacqueline Nguyen

*Ernesto Noam Lira De La Rosa
“Examining the Intersections of Gay Male Identity, Ethnic Identity, and Spirituality and their Relationship with Psychological Distress and Internalized Heterosexism”
Major Professor: Shannon Chavez-Korell

*Hotaka Maeda
“Robust Latent Ability Estimation Based on Item Response Information and Model Fit”
Major Professor: Bo Zhang

Rachel Lynn Reinders
“Assessing the Relationships Between Multicultural Training, Cultural Identity and Counseling Competence Among Master’s Level Counseling Students”
Major Professor: Shannon Chavez-Korell

Logan Andrew Rome
“Evaluating Item Selection Methods for Adaptive Tests with Complex Content Constraints”
Major Professor: Bo Zhang

*Mercedes Christina Santana
“Validation of A Self-Care Behavior Scale”
Major Professor: Nadya Fouad

*Susan L Stanley
“Increasing Argumentation Skills in Children Through Advertising Literacy Education”
Major Professor: Christopher Lawson
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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

*Anya Woronzoff Verriden
“Perceptions of Belongingness in STEM Subjects and Career Development for Middle School African American Girls”
Major Professor: Thomas Baskin

ENGINEERING

Ali Saeed Alarjani
“An Introduction of Similarity Coefficient-Based Clustering Algorithms to Global Petrochemical Facility Location”
Major Professor: Nidal Abu-Zahra

Farid Atry
“Hemodynamic Response of Cortical Tissue to Optogenetic Stimulation in Transgenic Mice”
Major Professor: Ramin Pashaie

Abedalsalam Ahmed Sulieman Bani Ahmed
“Model-Predictive Autonomous Control Concept and Architecture for Smart Microgrids”
Major Professor: Adel Nasiri

Anju Bhatt
“Application of Nested Queue in Healthcare”
Major Professor: Jaejin Jang

Sajjad Farahani
“Optimal Decision Making for Reverse Logistics Networks with Time Value of Products and Quality Variation”
Major Professor: Wilkistar Otieno

Alex B Francis
“Towards Better Understanding of Failure Modes in Lithium-Ion Batteries: Design for Safety”
Major Professor: Ilya Avdeev

*Mehdi Gilaki
“Design for Safety: Characterization of Structural Impact on Lithium-ion Batteries”
Major Professor: Ilya Avdeev

*Yingying Gu
“Bayesian Methods and Applications to Unstructured Data”
Major Professor: Jun Zhang

*Seyyed Ali Hassani Gangaraj
“Quantum and Classical Optics of Plasmonic Systems: 3D/2D Materials and Photonic Topological Insulators”
Major Professor: George Hanson

Tahereh Alsadat Hosseini
“A Topological Dirac Semimetal with Nontrivial Thermoelectric Properties: Crystalline Cd3As2”
Major Professor: Nikolai Kouklin

Jingwan Huo
“Novel Nanostructured Materials for Photocatalysts in Water Treatment and Advanced Rechargeable Batteries”
Major Professor: Yingchun Yuan

*Fatemehsadat Jamalidinan
“3D Reconstruction of Proteins and Viruses from Angular Correlations of the Scattered Intensities”
Major Professor: George Hanson

*Parisa Khoshnoud
“PVC Foam/Fly Ash Composites: Evaluation of Mechanical, Thermal, Interfacial, Viscoelastic, and Microstructural Properties”
Major Professor: Nidal Abu-Zahra

Suha Mubarak Lasassmeh
“Fiber Optical Current Sensor Design and Modeling”
Major Professor: Chiu Tai Law

Tonghui Li
“Demand Side Management for Building Energy Efficiency through Hybrid Daylighting System and Battery Energy Storage System”
Major Professor: Chris Yingchun Yuan

Emad Omrani
“Effects of Graphene on Tribological Behavior of Materials as a Reinforcement and an Oil Additive”
Major Professor: Pradeep Rohatgi

Mohammad Rashidi
“Modeling and Design of Multi-Port Solid State Transformer for Microgrid and AC/DC Distribution Application”
Major Professor: Adel Nasiri
Ahmed Saleh Shatnawi  
“Enhanced Version Control for Unconventional Applications”  
Major Professor: Ethan Munson

Yingmeng Xiang  
Major Professor: Lingfeng Wang

*Junling Xie  
Major Professor: Chris Yingchun Yuan

Guihua Zhou  
“Real-Time, Selective Detection of Heavy Metal Ions in Water Using 2D Nanomaterials-Based Field-Effect Transistor Devices”  
Major Professor: Junhong Chen

ENGLISH  

Michael E Beebe  
“Irish Biopolitics: Modern Literature, the Body and the Postcolonial State”  
Major Professor: Andrew Kincaid

Ann-Marie Laura Blanchard  
“DUST”  
Major Professor: Liam Callanan

Peter Joseph Brooks  
“Content and Context: Objective Formation in FYC Activity Systems”  
Major Professor: David Clark

Ashley Sue Evans  
“Expanding Composition Pedagogies: A New Rhetoric from Social Media”  
Major Professor: Anne Wysocki

*Leslie A Singel  
“The Rise of the “International Mongrel”: Resistance and Possibility in Contemporary Post-Immigrant Literature”  
Major Professor: Gregory Jay

Christopher Mcallister Williams  
“The Wrong Sky”  
Major Professor: Maurice Kilwein-Guevara

Tobias L Wray  
“False Spring”  
Major Professor: Rebecca Dunham

GEOGRAPHY  

*Hong Zhuo  
“Synthesizing Population for Travel Activity Analysis”  
Major Professor: Zengwang Xu

HEALTH SCIENCES  

Maryam Zolnoori  
“Utilizing Social Media to Test Hypotheses Concerning Patients’ Attitude Towards Psychiatric Medications: A Text Mining Approach”  
Major Professor: Timothy Patrick

HISTORY  

*Michael A Guzik  
“Lux Occidentale: The Eastern Mission of the Pontifical Commission for Russia, Origins to 1933”  
Major Professor: Neal Pease

*Joseph Boyle Walzer  
“Making an Old-World Milwaukee: German Heritage, Nostalgia, and the Reshaping of the Twentieth Century City”  
Major Professor: Rachel Buff

INFORMATION STUDIES  

Inkyung Choi  
“Cross-Cultural Adaptation of Classification: The Case of the Korean Decimal Classification”  
Major Professor: Hur-Li Lee

*Hye Jung Han  
“Understanding Children’s Help Seeking Behavior: Effects of Domain Knowledge”  
Major Professor: Iris Xie

*Jennifer A Stevenson  
“Social Network Analysis on Wisconsin Archival Facebook Community”  
Major Professor: Jin Zhang
**LINGUISTICS**

Bader Yousef Alharbi  
“The Syntax of Copular Clauses in Arabic”  
Major Professor: Hamid Ouali

Maria Teresa Bonfatti Sabbioni  
“Heritage Italian as Independent System”  
Major Professor: Sandra Pucci

**MANAGEMENT SCIENCE**

*Md Al-Emran  
“Investigating the Roles of Customer Satisfaction and Corporate Donation in the Digital Marketing Environment”  
Major Professor: Sanjoy Ghose

*Osman Tuncay Aydas  
“Strategic Nurse Allocation Policies under Dynamic Patient Demand”  
Major Professor: Anthony D Ross

*Longzhu Dong  
“Sea Turtles’ Home Coming: Chinese Returnees’ Returning Experiences”  
Major Professors: Hong Ren and Margaret Shaffer

Manpreet Kaur  
“Three Essays on Positive Contextual Variables of Diversity-Performance Relationship”  
Major Professor: Hong Ren

*Kamlesh Tiwari  
“An Investigation of Online Navigation Patterns of Consumers Across Cultures”  
Major Professor: Sanjoy Ghose

*Xiaoqiong Wang  
“Three Essays on Financial Intermediary and Insider Trading”  
Major Professors: Donghyun Kim and Qinghai Wang

**MATHEMATICS**

*Andrew Michael Bolanowski  
“Nonlocal Electrostatics in Spherical Geometries”  
Major Professor: Lijing Sun

Andrew James Gould  
“God’s Number in the Simultaneously-Possible Turn Metric”  
Major Professor: Hans Volkmer

*Matthew R Haulmark  
“Splittings of Relatively Hyperbolic Groups and Classifications of 1-dimensional Boundaries”  
Major Professor: Geoffrey Hruska

*Olaniyi Samuel Iyiola  
“Exponential Integrator Methods for Nonlinear Fractional Reaction-Diffusion Models”  
Major Professor: Bruce Wade

*Daniel Owen Yee  
“Extensions of Enveloping Algebras via Anti-Cocommutative Elements”  
Major Professor: Allen Bell

**NURSING**

Sarah Black Beman  
“Evaluation of Student Competence in Simulation Following a Prebriefing Activity: A Pilot Study”  
Major Professor: Kim Litwack

Patricia J Ealy  
“Feasibility of a Social Emotional Parenting Curriculum Applied in an Early Head Start Home Visitation Program with Mexican Immigrant Families”  
Major Professor: Rachel Schiffman

Karen Schnackel Gralton  
“Exploring Resiliency and Family Functioning for Families of Premature Infants”  
Major Professor: Rachel Schiffman

*Barbara E Hekel  
“Influence of Expectations of Aging on Older Womens’ Use of Dietary Supplements Using the Health Promotion Theory”  
Major Professor: Christine Kovach

Christine Laurent  
“Whispers2Mom: An Adolescent Prenatal Text Messaging Intervention”  
Major Professor: Jennifer Doering
Natalie Susan McAndrew
“Relationships Among Climate of Care, Nursing Family Care and Family Well-being in Intensive Care Units”
Major Professor: Rachel Schiffman

Tammy Neiman
“Using Critical and Transformative Theory to Describe Palliative Care in the Acute Care Setting”
Major Professor: Lucy Mkandawire-Valhmu

*Murad Hekmat Taani
“Cognitive and Psychosocial Factors Associated with Sarcopenia in Older Adults”
Major Professor: Christine Kovach

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