

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 16, 2020

HAIL! MINNESOTA

Minnesota, hail to thee!
Hail to thee, our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be
A beacon bright and clear.
Thy sons and daughters true
Will proclaim thee near and far.
They will guard thy fame
And adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Like the stream that bends to sea,
Like the pine that seeks the blue
Minnesota, still for thee
Thy sons are strong and true.
From the woods and waters fair;
From the prairies waving far,
At thy call they throng with their shout and song;
Hailing thee their Northern Star.

—*Truman Elwell Rickard & Arthur Wheelock Upson*

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MACEBEARER

Linda Mona, (B.S. '67, Home Ec Ed), *Founder, Creative Environments*

WELCOME

Carol Strohecker, *Dean*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Nila R. Leiserowitz, FASID, FIID, (B.S. '75, Interior Design)
Former Regional Managing Principal, Gensler

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Ashleigh Grizzell, *Architecture M.Arch*
Klevis Deva, *Product Design B.S.*
Warda Moosa, *Apparel Design B.S.*

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES

Steve Yang, *Assistant Dean*

**CONGRATULATIONS FROM
COLLEGE OF DESIGN LEADERS**

NILA R. LEISEROWITZ, FASID, FIID

Nila R. Leiserowitz is a builder and an entrepreneur—a pillar of both the design and business communities. For more than 40 years, at global companies like Gensler and Perkins+Will, she has championed mentorship initiatives, spearheaded talent development strategies, and pushed the limits of business performance.

As a trustee of the Chicago Architecture Center, World Business Chicago, and member of the Economic Club and International Women's Forum, Nila is an internationally recognized leader in workplace design innovation. Nila credits her success to her ability to reimagine what's possible, take calculated business risks, and cultivate great leaders to work alongside her.

Nila started her own firm at the age of 24, creating a new interior design delivery philosophy for the Minneapolis business community. She sold her successful business and joined the global firm Perkins+Will as Interiors Vice President. Starting in 1989, she led Perkins+Will's Interiors practice, where her passion for continuous professional growth led her to establish one of the architecture world's first talent development programs. She was also the first woman invited in the 75-year history of the firm to serve on the Perkins+Will Board of Directors.

In 1996 Nila brought her entrepreneurial spirit and tenacity to Gensler, a global architecture and design firm. She resurrected the Workplace practice in Los Angeles and introduced what is now known as Gensler's Workplace Survey—an independent research study that serves as a worldwide index of data-informed best practices related to the future of the office. Propelled by these triumphs, Nila took the helm of Gensler's Los Angeles office in 2004. Under her guidance—and specifically due to her financial foresight and intentional investment in people—the office weathered both the dot-com bubble and the Great Recession, emerging in a position to rebound ahead of other firms.

Beginning in 2010, Nila served as the Managing Principal of Gensler's North Central Region (one of 10 regions globally), where she elevated a culture of design excellence and established new markets including Healthcare, Planning & Urban Design, and Economic Analytics. She initiated programs to recruit, onboard, and retain key senior hires, effectively aligning business strategies with talent strategies. Under the influence of her leadership, the region's revenue more than doubled. In the last few years alone, the region has been recognized and awarded by nearly 70 different associations and agencies including IIDA, ASID, AIA, ASLA, ULI, Architizer, Chicago Building Congress, Chicago Tribune, and Crain's Chicago Business.

As global companies and next-generation startups seek to evolve their employee development and business initiatives in order to attract and retain top talent, address shifting client expectations, and take strategic planning to the next level to achieve key growth metrics in a complex business environment, Nila looks forward to lending her business acumen, extensive expertise, and fortitude in the face of change.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The University's first official mace made its debut in 1961 at the inauguration of Meredith Wilson (1960–67), 110 years after the University was founded and eight centuries after the mace's warlike image faded and it became a symbol of peaceful leadership. Art Professor Philip Morton designed the University's mace, choosing a star as its crowning feature. The University machine shop made the mace with a solid aluminum handle set with the regents' seal and a 4-inch crystal sphere surmounted by the aluminum "Star of the North." Carrying the mace is a great honor accorded to someone who is being singled out for tribute.

A Home Economics Education graduate, Linda Mona began her career as a high school teacher and administrator before transitioning into retail store ownership and her own interior design firm. Linda stays heavily involved with the University of Minnesota while also being deeply engaged with volunteerism in the community. Ms. Mona serves on the College of Design Advisory Board, and was a member of the College of Human Ecology "Centennial 100." She was national president of the 60,000-member University of Minnesota Alumni Association and has been awarded both the Alumni Service Award and the Regents Outstanding Achievement Award.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is located on traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. The University resides on Dakota land ceded in the Treaties of 1837 and 1851. The College of Design acknowledges this place has a complex and layered history. This land acknowledgement is one of the ways in which we work to educate the campus and community about this land and our relationships with it and each other. The College of Design is committed to ongoing efforts to recognize, support, and advocate for American Indian Nations and peoples.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

This program contains the names of College of Design students who have applied to graduate from fall semester 2019 through fall semester 2020. This is not an official University of Minnesota graduation list.

HONORS

Graduation with designated Latin honors (*cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, *summa cum laude*) is limited to students who participate in the University of Minnesota Honors Program. Students must complete honors requirements, including a capstone or thesis project in their major, and, in their last 60 University of Minnesota credits, maintain a 3.50 GPA for *cum laude*, a 3.66 GPA for *magna cum laude*, and a 3.75 GPA for *summa cum laude* honors. To graduate *with distinction*, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher at graduation. To graduate with high distinction, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher. Candidates for academic honors are noted in this program.

PRESIDENT'S EMERGING SCHOLARS

The President's Emerging Scholars (PES) program is a four-year opportunity for select undergraduate students with diverse backgrounds and characteristics. There are approximately 350 students from various colleges graduating from the PES program this spring. Graduates will be honored with a purple commencement cord.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

APPAREL DESIGN BS

Maxine Britt, *candidate for high distinction*
Karolina Doran
Andrea Dunrud, *candidate for distinction*
Abby Gardner
Ian Harris
Kai Johnson
Gina Jostes, *candidate for distinction*
Rachel Katz
Riley Kelly

Abigail Mitchell
Warda Moosa
Dylan Osvold
Allison Pham
Abigail Talapa
Darunee Thao, *President's Emerging Scholars*
Mary Xiong, *President's Emerging Scholars*
Xilin Yang, *candidate for distinction*
Asiya Youngmark

ARCHITECTURE BS

Maxwell Boedigheimer
Hailey Brummel
Amy Caran
Dominic Cartier
Anthony Cauthorn, *summa cum laude*
Angelo Davalos
Declan De Mille
Danh Do
Jolie Dunlap
Tanner Else
Stephen Farrell, *candidate for distinction*
Benjamin Fife
Megan Gahlman,
candidate for high distinction
Jillian Gelle, *with distinction*
Joseph Griffiths
Reis Hallberg, *candidate for distinction,*
summa cum laude
Eric Hastings
Emma Haukom
Ray Heikkila, *candidate for distinction*
Joseph Henke
Jared Hoerr
Kayla Holzhauer, *with distinction,*
summa cum laude
Benjamin Janes, *candidate for high distinction,*
summa cum laude
Kristin Just
Mira Kammueler
Grace Kelly

Bailey Krolnik
Chon Kuok, *candidate for distinction*
Seth Laurent
Hoyoung Lee
Zhenyu Li
Hanna Lindblad, *candidate for distinction*
Sierra Luboyeski
Julia Luke
Maura McDaniel, *with distinction*
Jacob Moser
Reagan Nelson, *candidate for distinction*
Isaiah Nowak
Mary Owen
Jack Prosser
Calvin Rauls
Assia Rodriguez
Jonathan Ross
Austin Rudin
Dana Saari
Jacob Schmitz
Yaroslav Senyk
Cameron Sonju
Sydney Swift, *with distinction*
Alejandro Vite Lopez
Lindsay Wedin
Joseph Wetherille,
President's Emerging Scholars
Mitchell Widule
Samuel Winemiller
Beilin Zhao

BACHELOR OF DESIGN IN ARCHITECTURE BDA

Eugene Agyili
Trask Angell
Beth Averill
Oliver Batzli, *candidate for distinction*
Bailey Bestul, *candidate for high distinction*
Andrew Bialon
William Bieser
Jacob Bonde
Hannah Brausen
Olivia Breuer
Brendan Broady
Zachary Cierzan
Dan Dang, *candidate for distinction*
Trevor Dosch
Charlotte Elo, *with distinction*
David Fasbender
Cole Feriancek
Sophia Fitzcollins
Marin Forey
Robert Frank
Madeleine Geislinger, *candidate for distinction*
Kennawak Geneti
Olivia Germano
Joey Gorgen
Wesley Grunke
Jeff Guaman, *President's Emerging Scholars*
Benjamin Gulstad
Deena Hamdan
Cassandra Hansen
Luis Hernandez
Mara Hitt, *candidate for distinction*
Benjamin Holewinski
Josephine Howell
Natalie Jokinen
Katherine Kennedy
Evan Kessens
Jack Ketchum, *candidate for high distinction*

Bryce Koenigs
Brinnon Kubista
ByungHun Lee
Annalee Leggett
Lingyu Li
Clifton Loyaloy, *President's Emerging Scholars*
Danielle Maas
Rachel Mansun
Zachary McCormick
Gabriele Meissner
Hannan Minhas
McKaylie Morter
Carter Neuenschwander
Joseph Novak
Pranay Patel
Margaret Pekarna
Nicole Rivera Torres
Aalayha Robb
McKinley Roche, *candidate for distinction*
Evan Rosholt
Alex Ruhland
Sam Rumbelow, *candidate for distinction*
Haley Schraufnagel, *candidate for distinction*
Nicholas Seneczko
Monica Soland
Logan Stein
Malakai Stern
Steven Strutt
Ashani Trinh
Wenjing Tu
Jack Vogel
Linbo Wang
Zhuofeng Wang
Emma Wenzel
Jingyuan Yao
Tianyu Zhai

GRAPHIC DESIGN BFA

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Anna Basinski
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Jensine Beyer
Celia Bizien
Abigail Bryson
Alice Buchstaber
Willow Buckner-Gaudynski,
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Emily Casale
Catherine Ceglia
Grace Chandler, *candidate for distinction*
Breanne Christian
Camden Coble
Marguerite Cody
Maren Corpe, *President's Emerging Scholars*
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Ryan Crotty
Morgan Dargis
Destiny Dichiria
Peter Dring
Celia Duffee, *with distinction*
Brooke Eggenberger, *candidate for distinction*
Bennett Figueroa
Samantha Fischer
Jessica Foor, *candidate for distinction*
Megan Gallaway
Chelsea Goetz
Jillian Golden
Abigail Grewenow, *candidate for distinction*
Kara Hall
Allie Hamburg
Michael Hameister
Joe Hammer
Kelsey Hanscom, *candidate for distinction*
Victoria Harder
Rita Hark
Greta Hatzung
Samantha Hebel
Ella Heinemann, *candidate for distinction*
Mykenzie Henriksen
Kiara Herrera
Emily Hill, *with distinction*
Amanda Hilmes
Herin Hong
Marlena Hooks
Julie Iijima
Emily Jablonski
Ryan Jarvis
Morgan Johnston
Claire Johnston
Motasem Kadadah
Fatemah Karim
Zenab Kashif
Ellie Kestner, *candidate for distinction*
Chae Kim
Molly Klima
Kendra Kotzer
Taylor Krech
Kendra Krosch, *candidate for distinction*
Michaela Kuschel
Sarah Lardy
David Lee
Jiyun Lee
Michael Lee
Madison Lee
Emily Leisen
Rachel Lemire
Hairun Li
Jalayna Lockhart, *President's Emerging Scholars*
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Alexis Lund
Jessica Lund, *candidate for high distinction*
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Jeremiah Medeck

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Helen Palmer	Brian Spear
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INTERIOR DESIGN BS

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND PLANNING BED

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PRODUCT DESIGN BS

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