

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – FALL 2022



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A GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Class of 2022,

Congratulations on completing your degree from Western Illinois University! We have had a wonderful fall semester and we're thrilled to celebrate your accomplishments today with you and your family and friends.

As a Western Illinois University graduate, you join a roster of numerous successful alumni. Those who have gone before you are outstanding educators, leaders in business, industry and agriculture, noteworthy government and legal authorities, remarkable healthcare professionals, among others, who serve around the world and uphold the integrity of their alma mater. Your degree provides infinite opportunities and will open many doors during your lifetime.

I have the privilege of meeting many alumni at events across the nation, and everywhere I go, our alumni speak about WIU with such fondness and are so proud to be graduates of Western Illinois University. Leave here with that same Leatherneck pride and spirit. Please stay involved with your alma mater and serve as a role model for future generations of WIU students. We look forward to having you back on our campuses and at our events across the U.S. The Leatherneck connection runs deep, and you will always be part of the WIU family.

Be proud of all that you've accomplished, and celebrate your achievements. Go forth and make a difference.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guiyou Huang".

Guiyou Huang, Ph.D.
President

COLLEGE SCHOLARS

Each of Western Illinois University's four academic colleges; University Libraries and General Studies; and the Centennial Honors College select a graduating senior as the college's outstanding student. College Scholars receive a gold medallion on a purple and gold ribbon in recognition of their high achievement.



**Arts and Sciences
Scholar**

Francine Lawler (St. Louis, MO) graduates with a B.S. degree in Psychology, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Business and
Technology Scholar**

Kinsey Tiemann (LaGrange, MO) graduates with a B.S. degree in Agriculture, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Agriculture Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Education and
Human Services
Scholar**

Jocelyn Pantoja (Waukegan, IL) graduates with a B.S. degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the LEJA departmental scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**Fine Arts and
Communication
Scholar**

Lauren Antonioli (Aurora, IL) graduates with B.M. degrees in Music and Music Education, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Music Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.



**University Libraries
and General Studies**

Susan Reed (Wheaton, IL) graduates with a B.A. degree in General Studies. She is also the General Studies Departmental Scholar.



**Centennial Honors
College Scholar**

Sofija Micevic (River Grove, IL) graduates with a B.B. degree in Marketing and a B.A. degree in Art, with highest academic distinction, Summa Cum Laude. She is also the Marketing Departmental Scholar and a Centennial Honors Scholar.

HONORS SCHOLARS

An Honors Scholar is a student in Western's Centennial Honors College who has completed a set of Honors requirements and has achieved a grade point average of at least 3.40. These candidates wear a gold medallion on a light blue ribbon.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARS

Departmental Scholars are the outstanding undergraduate degree candidates in an academic major as determined by the faculty in the major department. These candidates wear a gold medallion on a sapphire blue ribbon.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

Candidates for the baccalaureate degree, who have earned a minimum 60 semester hours of graded courses at Western, are eligible for graduation with academic distinction. Coursework completed at WIU, and all transferable hours, are calculated to determine honors. The academic distinction of Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.60-3.74 on a 4.00 scale. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a gold ribbon. The academic distinction of Magna Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.75-3.89. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a purple ribbon. The academic distinction of Summa Cum Laude is awarded to students with a grade point average of 3.90 or higher. These candidates wear a silver medallion on a red ribbon.



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM
Saturday, December 17, 2022 • 10 a.m. in Western Hall

Prelude.....	WIU Wind Ensemble Michael J. Fansler, Conductor
Processional	WIU Wind Ensemble “Fanfare and Processional, from March No. 1 in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1,” by Sir Edward Elgar, arranged by James D. Ployhar
Master of Ceremonies	Manoochehr Zoghi Provost
National Anthem.....	Colton Cottrell “The Star Spangled Banner,” by Francis Scott Key Bachelor of Fine Arts, Class of 2022
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	Doug Shaw Board of Trustees Chair
Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.....	Provost Zoghi Recipient: Dr. Julia Albarracin, Political Science
Remarks to the Graduating Class	Guiyou Huang President
Alumni Achievement Awards.....	Matthew Toland, Class of 2005, 2010 President, Alumni Council Recipients: Matthew J. Bierman, Class of 1997, 2003 Diane K. Rutledge, Class of 1972 John E. Sanders, Class of 1974
Honors Student Remarks.....	Kinsey Erin Tiemann Bachelor of Science, Class of 2022
Presentation of Candidates, Doctoral Degrees	Mark A. Mossman Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies
Conferring of Doctoral Degrees.....	President Huang
Presentation of Candidates, Graduate Degrees	Associate Provost Mossman
Conferring of Graduate Degrees.....	President Huang
Hooding of College of Arts and Sciences.....	Susan Martinelli-Fernandez, Dean Specialist in School Psychology Master of Arts Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Master of Science

Hooding of College of Business and Technology..... Craig A. Conrad, Dean
Master of Accountancy
Master of Arts
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science

Hooding of College of Education and Human Services Graduates Katrina M. Daytner,
Interim Dean
Education Specialist
Master of Arts
Master of Arts In Teaching
Master of Public Health
Master of Science
Master of Science In Education

Hooding of College of Fine Arts and Communication Graduates William T. Clow, Dean
Master of Arts
Master of Music
Master of Music Therapy
Master of Science

Hooding of Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs Graduates Christopher D. Merrett, Dean
Master of Arts

Presentation of Candidates,
College of Arts and SciencesDean Martinelli-Fernandez
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees,
College of Arts and Sciences President Huang

Presentation of Candidates,
College of Business and Technology Dean Conrad
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Business
Bachelor of Science

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees,
College of Business and Technology President Huang

Presentation of Candidates,
College of Education and Human Services Interim Dean Daytner
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of Science in Education
Bachelor of Social Work

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees,
College of Education and Human Services President Huang

Presentation of Candidates,
College of Fine Arts and Communication..... Dean Clow
 Bachelor of Arts
 Bachelor of Fine Arts
 Bachelor of Music
 Bachelor of Science

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees,
College of Fine Arts and Communication..... President Huang

Presentation of Candidates,
General Studies Degree Program..... Dean Maymí-Sugrañes
 Bachelor of Arts

Conferring of Baccalaureate Degrees,
General Studies Degree Program..... President Huang

Welcome to Alumni Association..... Toland

Closing Remarks..... Provost Zoghi

Recessional..... Wind Ensemble

PROFESSIONAL INTRODUCTIONS

James A. Rabchuk, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

ACADEMIC READERS

Doctoral

Mark A. Mossman, Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies

Graduate

Randy Glean, Associate Vice President for Global Studies

Undergraduate

Kristine M. Kelly, Professor of Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences

James M. McQuillan, Professor of Computer Sciences
College of Business and Technology

Heriberto Urby, Jr., Associate Professor of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
College of Education and Human Services

Jason A. Conner, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance
College of Fine Arts and Communication

Jeffrey Hancks, Professor of Libraries
General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies

MARSHALS

Kaylee Agans
Lauren Antonioli
Abigail Rose Gindlesberger
Jocelyn Pantoja
Paige Kathryn Sargeant
Nicole Denise Sprague
Savanah Strunk
Joy Taylor
Elizabeth G. Willson

Guests may remain seated during the processional. Please stand and sing the National Anthem.
Guests are asked to please remain seated until the stage party, faculty, and graduates have recessed.
Your cooperation is appreciated.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Bierman, a 2003 MBA finance and supply chain management and 1997 computer science graduate, was named vice president for business affairs at Eastern Illinois University in July 2022. Previously, he was the Chief Financial Officer at Illinois Wesleyan University, from 2018-2022. Bierman started his career at Western in 1999, serving as the Bayliss-Henninger complex director, and then moved to the director of residential facilities for University Housing and Dining Services in 2006, serving in that role for six years. He was named interim budget director in 2011, before being named to the permanent position in 2012. He was appointed interim vice president for administrative services in January 2016 and permanent VP in May 2017.

During his time at WIU, in addition to leading residential facilities, the budget office and administrative services, he served as the St. Louis Rams Summer Training Camp coordinator at WIU, as an instructor for the



Matthew J. Bierman
Class of 1997, 2003

College Student Personnel program and as past president of GLACUHO (Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers). Bierman was named the 2015 Executive in Residence for the WIU College of Business and Technology (CBT). He also was a member of the Macomb Community Unit School District No. 185 Board and the Macomb Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee.

While an undergraduate at WIU, Bierman was a resident assistant and was a member of the Student Government Association, Inter-Hall Council, the National Residence Hall Honorary and the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. He also served as treasurer of the Management Information Systems Association, as a cooperative student at NTN Bower and as a member of the Student Leadership and Development Board, the Student Orientation Team and Student Orientation Staff.

Rutledge, a 1972 elementary education graduate, has served as a partner with District Leadership Solutions since 2017, and is also the sustainability coordinator at the Regional Office of Education #17, a position she has held since 2018. Previously, Rutledge was the executive director of the Large Unit District Association, and also served in a variety of administrative roles since 1979, including superintendent, serving for five years with the Springfield School District, as assistant superintendent of schools, principal and assistant principal. Rutledge began her career as a teacher in 1972, at Dubois Elementary School.

Rutledge has received numerous excellence in education awards and women in leadership awards for her work in education and within her communities, including the recent 2022



Diane K. Rutledge
Class of 1972

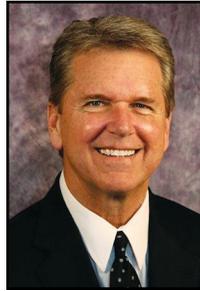
Athena Leadership Award for her professional excellence, community service and assisting women in reaching professional excellence. In her community, she is the former chair of the Memorial Health System Board of Directors, and has served on numerous boards and organizations in the Springfield (IL) region.

While at WIU, she was involved in the elementary education department and Bennett Hall activities. Rutledge has been very supportive of her alma mater over the years with contributions to scholarships and the Curriculum and Instruction department. She is currently working with the School of Nursing to help develop a pipeline of nurses between WIU and Memorial Health System in Springfield.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

Sanders, a 1974 business graduate, is a senior major gifts officer for the global non-profit Lutheran Hour Ministries and a consultant for American Solutions for Business, both in St. Louis (MO). Following his graduation from Western, Sanders has had a successful career in sales and business development. He began his career with Moore Business Forms, prior to founding the full-service marketing company, SWM, Inc. in 1981. His firm was recognized locally and nationally, receiving the St. Louis Small Business Award by the St. Louis Business Journal and attaining INC 500 status as one of the Fastest Growing Companies in America, and #1 in Missouri in 1987. Sanders sold SWM in 2006, but has continued to work as a business consultant focusing on integrating marketing and technology solutions for private, public and non-profit organizations on a regional and national level.

Sanders was a four-year starter and captain of the WIU Soccer Team. The All-Time leading scorer when he finished his soccer career, he was one of the youngest Leatherneck athletes, and one of the



John E. Sanders
Class of 1974

first soccer players, inducted into the Western Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame (1988). Sanders was also one of the leaders of the fundraising campaign to construct a new field, which was named after famed WIU Soccer Coach John Mackenzie. Sanders was a member of the WIU Alumni Council for 13 years, including a term as president from 2018-2020, during which he led the council and Alumni Association through a challenging time in WIU's history. Sanders' leadership was instrumental in laying the foundation for the success that Western enjoys today. He and his wife, Kathie (WIU '74), are longtime members of the Leatherneck Club, and he is a frequent presenter for WIU business classes.

Sanders has served in leadership positions with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Autism Speaks, The Backstoppers, The Adoption Exchange and more. He has coached youth baseball teams over the years, and was inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame in 2011.

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY LECTURER

DR. JULIA ALBARRACÍN

Julia Albarracín, professor of Political Science, earned her Doctorate (2004) in Political Science from the University of Florida and master's degree (1997) in International Business from the universities of Belgrano and Ecole des Pont (Paris Tech). She received her Law Degree from the University of La Plata School of Law and Social Sciences (1989).



Dr. Albarracín joined Western's faculty in 2005 as an assistant professor. She was promoted to professor in Political Science in 2014.

Dr. Albarracín was the recipient of the Student Services Act of Kindness Award in 2019, from Western Illinois University; the President's Award for Excellence in Leadership in 2018; received the Provost's Award in Excellence in Internationalizing the Campus in 2016, as well as the College of Arts and Sciences Award for Internationalizing the Campus; named the Dan and Laura Webb Professor of Political Science 2015 - 2018, and was an inductee in the Eta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Delta. The purpose of the Eta Epsilon chapter is to recognize and encourage high professional, intellectual, academic, and personal achievements in the field of international education. In 2020, she was a recipient of the Community Research + Partnership program award through the Illinois Maya Initiative from the University of Illinois, and, in 2019, she was a recipient of the Migration and Refugees in Regional and Global Perspectives Initiative award for the project "Evaluating needs and improving support for Q'anjob'al and other Indigenous Latin American groups in C-U." Albarracín was the recipient of several research grants from Western Illinois University, the University of Florida, the National Science Foundation and the Tinker Foundation; and was a recipient of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Fellowship. Her book, "At the Core and in the Margins: The Incorporation of Mexican Immigrants in two Rural Midwestern Communities," was nominated by Casa de Las Americas for its prestigious Latino Studies Award.

Dr. Albarracín has served as a pre-law advisor, as well as serving on numerous department,

college and University committees, including the Higher Values in Higher Education Committee, President's Executive Institute, Difficult Conversations Steering Committee, International Education Week Committee, Presidential Search Committee, Academic Program Elimination Review (APER), and is a member of Faculty Senate. Her community work includes serving on the Equal Opportunity and Fair

Housing Commission for the city of Macomb, as a member of the League of Women Voters of McDonough County, consultant for the creation of the Champaign Urbana Public Health District Immigrant Welcome Center, Community Navigator for Immigration Project, and executive director of the immigrant services organization Western Illinois DREAMers. Dr. Albarracín established the WIU DREAMers Scholarship Fund to provide the opportunity for undocumented students to attend Western Illinois University.

Dr. Albarracín has authored and published numerous chapters in books and articles in peer-reviewed journals that have appeared in *Aids and Behavior*, *Aids Care*, *American Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *Dialogos* and the *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences* on a diversity of issues related to Latinx and immigrant communities, including HIV prevention, health coverage, language acquisition and political participation. Her book "Making Immigrants in Modern Argentina," was published in 2020. Throughout her career, Albarracín has presented her research at many scholarly conferences and meetings.

New York University Press will publish her fourth book, "Deferred Action: The Roller Coaster Incorporation of DACA Recipients."

The 2022 Distinguished Faculty Lecture is titled, "Creating Conspiracy Beliefs: How our Thoughts are Shaped" is based on her 2021 book (coauthored with Dolores Albarracín, Sally Chan and Kathleen Jamieson) of the same name, published by Cambridge University Press.

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THE WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CEREMONIAL MACE

The ceremonial mace, a symbol of university scholarship and integrity since the 11th century, is used to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonial occasions, signifying the importance of the event and the confirmation of the academic process.

The University's mace was designed by WIU Department of Art Chair Kat Myers, and crafted by Myers in collaboration with the late Kenneth B. Epperson, Western alumnus and former WIU Admissions' community college director.

The turned walnut shaft is encircled by three engraved sterling silver bands with four pierced sterling silver fins cradling a freely moving gold sphere.



The fins represent Western Illinois University's four core values—Academic Excellence, Educational Opportunity, Personal Growth, and Social Responsibility—positioned as the four directions of the compass. The sphere, representing the student, is held and guided by the fins as it moves to find its place in the world.

The incorporated sphere was formed by raising, a 3,000-year-old metalsmithing process, using steel hammers and forms to shape sheet metal. The sphere is made of 24K gold-plated brass. While the process was chosen as a representation of Western's respect for tradition, the sphere remains mobile, illustrating the University's readiness to adapt as it looks toward an ever-changing future.

ABOUT THE FLAGS

Displayed in the arena are the flags of 11 nations representing students in today's graduating class at Western Illinois University. The flags represent the following countries: Bangladesh, Canada, Ghana, India, Ivory Coast, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, and Senegal. Western Illinois University was home to students from 59 countries during the Fall 2022 semester.

ABOUT THE GONFALONS

Gonfalons made their inaugural appearance in Western's Fall 2009 Commencement ceremonies. The gonfalons are banners hung from a crossbar on poles, which represent the specific group immediately following the gonfalonier, the person carrying the banner.

Their origins date back to medieval Italy, when gonfalons were used to distinguish Italian republics. They have also been used in ecclesiastical processions, as well as in war; and they have evolved into bearing coats of arms for individuals and groups.

Many universities and colleges have adopted the use of gonfalons to enhance the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

Today's processions include gonfalons for Western Illinois University, the School of Graduate Studies, and each of the four academic colleges: Arts and Sciences; Business and Technology; Education and Human Services; and Fine Arts and Communication as well as the Centennial Honors College, and University Libraries.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The colorful regalia worn by academicians is steeped in tradition, dating back to the ecclesiastical garb of the Middle Ages. Adaptations from ecclesiastical to academic dress began in early European universities, which were founded by the church. University faculty and students wore the adapted robes for distinction and warmth. The University of Cambridge is cited as the first to use the academic gown.

Representatives of American universities met in the early 1890s and agreed upon a standard style of academic attire. The Intercollegiate Code, revised in 1932, and again in 1959, is followed today by American colleges and universities, except for a few schools, which continue to use the styles of England.

Gowns are traditionally black. However, some universities have authorized use of a color symbolic of the institution. Bachelor's gowns have pointed sleeves and are designed to be worn closed. Master's and Specialist gowns have long, closed sleeves with an arc near the bottom and an opening for the arm. Doctoral gowns are faced with wide velvet panels and have bell-shaped sleeves with three horizontal velvet bars.

Caps, originally round, are typically square mortarboards. Some universities have adopted a doctor's cap with a soft crown instead of the mortarboard.

ACADEMIC REGALIA (CONTINUED)

At Western, the tassel color of bachelor degree candidates indicates the college or program from which students graduate: College of Arts and Sciences, white for bachelor of arts, gold for bachelor of science, white and gold for bachelor of liberal arts and sciences, and apricot for bachelor of science in nursing; College of Business and Technology, sapphire blue; College of Education and Human Services, light blue for bachelor of science and bachelor of science in education, and citron for bachelor of social work; College of Fine Arts and Communication, brown for bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, and bachelor of science, and pink for bachelor of music; General Studies Degree Program, white for bachelor of arts; and Interdisciplinary Studies, white for bachelor of arts and gold for bachelor of science. Master's tassels are black. Doctoral tassels are old gold.

Hoods, which originally were attached to the gown and could be slipped over the head for warmth, are the most colorful articles of specialist, master's, and doctor's clothing. The color of the lining of the hood represents the university awarding the degree. The color of the facing of the hood reflects the academic discipline of the wearer's highest degree. At Western, the colors awarded for doctoral and graduate degrees are: light blue, education doctorate, education specialist, and master of science in education; gold, specialist in school psychology and master of science; sapphire blue, master of accountancy and master of business administration; white, master of arts; white and gold, master of liberal arts and sciences; pink, master of music; and brown, master of fine arts.

Colors which may be seen among the marching faculty and their corresponding fields of study include: brown (fine arts), crimson (journalism), dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), lemon yellow (library science), light blue (education), yellow brown (commerce, business, accountancy), pink (music), purple (law), sage green (physical education), scarlet (theology), gold and white (liberal arts and sciences), and white (arts, letters, humanities).

INFORMATION FOR DEGREE CANDIDATES

Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate in Commencement if they anticipate completion of requirements for graduation during the fall semester.

The roster of candidates listed in this program is a compilation of those eligible to participate and who have not submitted the Exclusion of Directory Information Form. It should not be construed either as a complete or official list of those who will receive a University degree. Due to publishing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear, while names of degree candidates may appear even though they have not completed their degree requirements.

Honors distinctions are based on the candidate's academic record at the time of publication.

Diplomas will be mailed approximately eight weeks after Commencement to those who have completed requirements and have no University encumbrances.

The University has arranged for a professional photographer to take individual photographs as students cross the stage. Order forms and proofs will be mailed to the diploma address. DVDs of each ceremony will also be available through this mailing.

The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

GUEST INFORMATION

Western is proud to recognize the accomplishments of our graduates and hopes each ceremony is a meaningful event for graduates, families, friends, faculty, and staff.

Please silence all electronic devices. For safety and decorum, aisles must remain clear during the ceremony. Guests are expected to remain seated until the stage party, faculty, and graduates have recessed.

Disability parking and seating are available at Western Hall. Assistive listening devices are available at the north lobby information table in Western Hall. Sign language interpretation is also provided. Mobility devices provided by Western are not permitted outside Western Hall.

A public first aid station in Western Hall is located in the east-west hallway behind the lower seating level on the south side.

Please note all emergency exit locations. Emergency exits in Western Hall are located behind the stage at the west end of the gym, through the East Arena, and through the main entry at the north lobby doors.

Western Illinois University is a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dr. Sebastian P. Szyjka, *Interim Director*

Danielle L. Arnold

“A Qualitative Multiple Case Study on
Principal Leadership: Does One Size Fit All?”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Pamela R. Rockwood

Meghan Bagby

“The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on
Leadership and Learning in Illinois Public
High Schools”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Pamela R. Rockwood

*Nancy M. Bitner

“Industry Licensed Secondary Career and
Technical Education (CTE) Teachers’ Self-
Efficacy and Its Impact on Their Decision to
Stay in the Teaching Profession”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Denny H. Barr

David Joseph Johnson

“A High School’s Attempt to Increase Student
Connectedness: A Qualitative Case Study on
the Experiences and Perspectives of Students

and Teachers Participating in Bi-weekly
Restorative Practice Listening Circles”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Sharon R. Stevens

Joseph Mullikin

“The Impact of Leader in Me on Elementary
School Culture: A Quantitative Study of the
Impact of Leader in Me on School Culture
During the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Stuart O. Yager

Teri Lynn Rossman

“An Examination of Inter-rater Reliability
in K-8 Principals Using the Danielson
Framework for Teaching in Illinois”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

Jeffrey Scott Utsinger

“The Effect of Maternal Education on
Children’s Academic Growth and Attainment
in Primary School”

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Bridget Z. Sheng

* Completed degree requirements Summer 2022

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE DEGREES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

Dr. Marjorie C. Allison, *Chair*

*Norma Frances Palomino

*Andrew Joseph Round

Bianca Sierra

HISTORY

Dr. Timothy M. Roberts, *Chair*

Valeria Trinidad Solano Rojo

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Gregory Baldi, *Chair*

*Louis Mindar III

Daniel Timothy Walsh

SOCIOLOGY

Dr. Tawnya Adkins Covert,
Chair

*Carolina Lopez

*Vivian Chilee Osuji

*Samantha Rymus

Ojonimi Salihu

Ryan Lee Warren

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Dr. Ranessa L. Cooper, *Chair*

Estelita Allen

Colette Marie Angel

Adaugo Sandra Anyanwu

*Benjamin J. Craddock

Madison Davee

Ifeoluwa Comfort Fasoranti

Nicholas John Kovalik

*Oladele Owasoyo

Albert Quayson

Hyndhavi Ravula

Sama Supraja

GISCIENCE AND

GEOENVIRONMENT

Dr. Samuel K. Thompson, *Chair*

Tola Bemigho Adeleye

Oluwapelumi Esther Aluko

Oluwatayo M. Oduyayo

John Jesutomi Ojuade

Vincent Oghosomo Sunday

Zachary Sutton

MATHEMATICS

Dr. Victoria Baramidze, *Chair*

*Md. Mehedi Hasan Bhuiyan

Hunter D. La Croix

Rexford Amoano Mensah

PHYSICS

Dr. Kishor T. Kapale, *Chair*

*Moreom Akter

*Janan Fahad A. Alfahaid

Fatimah Alkishnawi

Md Arefur Rahman

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. David J. Lane, *Chair*

*Jordan Glad

TEACHING MATHEMATICS

Dr. Victoria Baramidze, *Chair*

Angela Christine Barrett

*Daniel Joseph Fortino

Robert Stone

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

ACCOUNTANCY

Dr. Jessica L. Lin, *Director*

Hamza Jehangir Khan

Jessica Nicole Phillips

*Matthew T. Pizur

*David J. Rowland

* Completed degree requirements Summer 2022

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION <i>Dr. Tara Feld, Director</i>	Brittany Louise Doll Vijaya Laxmi Eluri	*Bradley Scott Parker David Price
Austin Thomas Anderson Jonathan William Anderson	*Julian Edward Flores Krishna Dhruv Gandhi	*Madison M. Rampley *Matthew Patrick Ricketts
*Luka Barisic Jennifer L. Bell	Erin Chapel Ham *Samantha Harms	Irma Ofelia Salazar *Amarpal Singh
*Jonathon Bilancia Cooper Bounds Rachel Brewer Paul Butler	*Brianna Alexandra Huber Autumn Elaine Black Hutton	Wyatt Langston Spier *David Traphagen
*Mary Carter Edgar Castellanos	*Brandon Kelly *Blake Jon Kruger	*Lori G. Turner Suresh Babu Sunnam
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MASTER OF SCIENCE

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On April 24, 1899, a bill to establish Western Illinois University (then called Western Illinois State Normal School) was passed by the state legislature. Macomb was selected in 1900 as the location for the new normal school in west central Illinois, and on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1902, Western Illinois State Normal School opened its doors for the first official day of classes on the new campus.

In 1921, the General Assembly changed the name of Western Illinois State Normal School to Western Illinois State Teachers College, and in 1947, the school was renamed Western Illinois State College. Ten years later, the school became Western Illinois University. Illinois Gov. William G. Stratton approved the change July 5, 1957, and Western began its transformation into a university.

Today, Western offers numerous undergraduate and graduate degree programs, as well as two doctoral programs and several post-baccalaureate certificate programs, and is comprised of the main campus in Macomb, IL, and an urban campus in Moline, IL.



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