

Honorary Degree Recipients and Commencement Themes

1881	<i>Daniel Merriman, D.D.</i>	1919	<i>Theodore Rush Faville, D.D.</i>
1882	<i>George H. Ide, D.D.</i>		<i>Herbert Pierrepont Houghton, LL.D.</i>
1885	<i>Henry A. Stimson, D.D.</i>		<i>John W. Wilson, D.D.</i>
1886	<i>George W. Andrews, D.D.</i>		<i>Conrad Vandervelde '04, D.D.</i>
1887	<i>Burdett Hart, D.D.</i>	1921	<i>H. A. Miner, D.D.</i>
1888	<i>Ezra Brainerd, LL.D.</i>		<i>Jesse Fox Taintor '73, D.D.</i>
1889	<i>Rev. J. Edwards, D.D.</i>	1922	<i>Howell Davies '04, D.D.</i>
1890	<i>Brainerd Kellogg, D.D.</i>	1923	<i>William E. Gilroy, D.D.</i>
1892	<i>Moritz Ernest Evers '71, D.D.</i>	1925	<i>Pearse Pinch '75, D.D.</i>
1893	<i>George R. Merrill, D.D.</i>	1926	<i>Robbins Wolcott Barstow, D.D.</i>
1894	<i>Walter Eugene Howard, LL.D.</i>		<i>Henry Merritt Wriston, LL.D.</i>
1895	<i>William Sylvester Holt '70, D.D.</i>	1929	<i>Amelita Galli-Curci, Mus.D.</i>
	<i>Joseph Roberts, D.D.</i>		<i>Harry Roberts Miles, D.D.</i>
1896	<i>John L. Atkinson, D.D.</i>		<i>Leonard Albert Parr, D.D.</i>
	<i>David Robert Davies '95, D.D.</i>	1934	<i>Ella Hoes Neville, Litt.D.</i>
1897	<i>Samuel T. Kidder, D.D.</i>	1935	<i>Ralph B. Hindman, D.D.</i>
	<i>John Roberts, D.D.</i>		<i>H. Gordon Selfridge, L.H.D.</i>
1898	<i>W. O. Carrier, D.D.</i>		<i>H. Augustine Smith, Litt.D.</i>
	<i>Frank N. White '78, D.D.</i>		<i>John Rogers Thomas '01, D.D.</i>
1899	<i>Robert T. Roberts '79, D.D.</i>	1936	<i>Francis Neilson, Litt.D.</i>
1900	<i>A. M. Hyde, D.D.</i>	1937	<i>Thomas Nichols Barrows, LL.D.</i>
	<i>Frank Knight Sanders '32, D.D.</i>		<i>Herbert Elijah Hyde, Mus.D.</i>
1902	<i>Stephen B. L. Penrose, D.D.</i>	1938	<i>George C. Sellery</i>
	<i>Henry Thorne Sell, D.D.</i>	1939	<i>Charles Joseph Anderson, LL.D.</i>
1904	<i>Alberoni Kidder, D.D.</i>	1940	<i>Edward Jerome Roberts '80, Sc.D.</i>
	<i>Ernest W. Shurtleff, D.D.</i>		<i>Spencer Tracy ex '24, A.S.D.</i>
1905	<i>Thomas Johns, D.D. (in absentia from Wales)</i>	1941	<i>J. Lyle McCorison '23, D.D.</i>
1909	<i>H. G. Pillsbury, D.D.</i>	1942	<i>Conrad Arnold Elvehjem, Sc.D.</i>
1911	<i>John C. Jones, D.D.</i>	1943	<i>Silas Evans '98, L.H.D.</i>
	<i>Kossuth Kent Kennan '75, LL.D.</i>	1944	<i>Carter Davidson, LL.D.</i>
	<i>James Armstrong Blanchard '71, LL.D.</i>	1945	<i>Gordon Keith Chalmers, L.H.D.</i>
			<i>Carey Croneis, Sc.D.</i>
1913	<i>John Johns, D.D.</i>	1946	<i>Norman Coke-Jephcott, Mus.D.</i>
	<i>Arthur Eastman Leonard '91, D.D.</i>		<i>John V. Butler, Jr., D.D.</i>
	<i>William Barrett Millard '91, D.D.</i>		<i>Sir Francis Evans, D.C.L.</i>
1915	<i>Lewis H. Keller, D.D.</i>		<i>James Scott Kemper, LL.D.</i>
	<i>Frederick Locratius Selden '94, D.D.</i>		<i>John Clarke Slater, Sc.D.</i>
	<i>Joseph Daniel Brownell ex '09, D.D.</i>	1947	<i>Edward N. West, D.D.</i>
	<i>William E. Evans, D.D.</i>		<i>John Nicholas Brown, LL.D.</i>
			<i>J. Clark Graham, L.H.D.</i>
			<i>Clarence J. Rodman '13, Sc.D.</i>

- 1948 Edward L. Ryerson, D.C.L.
John Charles Schroeder, S.T.D.
Franklyn Bliss Snyder, D.C.L.
- 1949 Pierre Bedard, LL.D.
Weimer K. Hicks, LL.D.
Meyer Kestnbaum, LL.D.
Howard Roelofs, L.H.D.
Rt. Rev. & Rt. Hon. J. W. C.
Wand, Litt.D.
- 1950 John H. Dillon '27, Sc.D.
Ernest P. Hahne, LL.D.
Herbert V. Prochnow, LL.D.
John Wild, L.H.D.
- 1951 Walter Rowe Courtenay, S.T.D.
- June Harriet Davies '01, L.H.D.
James E. Dunlap '01, L.H.D.
Arthur G. Hayden '02, Sc.D.
William Frederick Meggers '10,
Sc. D.
Carl P. Russell '16, LL.D.
Hon. Robert A. Taft, D.C.L.
- Nov. (America's Town Meeting):
Guy E. Snavely, LL.D.
William G. Pollard, Sc.D.
Gen. Leslie G. Groves, Sc.D.
Norman Cousins, LL.D.
Crane C. Brinton, D.H.L.
Theodore M. Greene, D.H.L.
- 1952 Louis L. Mann, Litt.D.
Ruth de Young Kohler, LL.D.
John Heuss, D.H.L.
- Oct. Right Rev. George Armitage
Chase, S.T.D.
- 1953 Joseph Warren Barker, Sc.D.
Harold Augustus Bosley, S.T.D.
Gertrude Elizabeth Smith, D.H.L.
- 1954 Walter J. Kohler, D.C.L.
Thomas Matthew, D.Mus.
Elton Trueblood, S.T.D.
James G. McManaway, Lit.D.
- Spring Convocation 4/8
Douglas M. Knight, L.L. D.
- 1955 Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, LL.D.
Catherine B. Cleary, LL.D.
John B. Thompson, S.T.D.
- 1956 Edward L. R. Elson, S.T.D.
Rueben G. Gustavson, Sc.D.
John C. Strange, Sc.D.
- 1957 Theme: "Liberal Arts"
Franklin Cole, S.T.D.
Henning Webb Prentis, Jr., LL.D.
- 1958 Theme: "Science: The Top
Scientist of Tomorrow is the
Student in Liberal Arts Today"
Harry K. Zeller, Jr., S.T.D.
Walter Orr Roberts, Sc.D.
Lucy W. Pickett, Sc.D.
Frank Condie Baxter, Litt.D.
William Harley Barber, Sc.D.
- 1959 Theme: "Change"
Frances Diebold, Sc.D.
Robert Hanna Flelix, M.D., LL.D.
A. Ervine Swift, S.T.D.
Alexander Wetmore, Sc.D.
- 1960 Theme: "The Arts in Wisconsin"
Henry Burrans Graham, S.T.D.
James Johnson Sweeney, D.F.A.
Frederic March, D.F.A.
Aaron Bohrod, D.F.A.
Arthur Fiedler, D.F.A.
- 1961 Theme: "The American Civil War"
Raymond Massey, D.F.A.
MacKinlay Kantor, Litt.D.
Jerald C. Brauer, S.T.D.
Clifford Dowdey, Litt.D.
Bruce Catton, D.H.L.
- 1962 Theme: "Social Science"
Ernest C. Colwell, S.T.D.
Helen Merrell Lynd, Litt.D.
Robert S. Lynd, Litt.D.
Hans J. Morgenthau, LL.D.
Paul A. Samuelson, Litt.D.
B. F. Skinner, Litt.D.
- 1963 Theme: "Education"
Frank L. Boyden, LL.D.
Robert I. Gannon, S.J., S.T.D.
Calvin E. Gross, LL.D.
Paul D. Woodring, Litt.D.
- 1964 Theme: "Shakespeare"
Roy W. Battenhouse, Lit.D.
Tyrone Guthrie, D.F.A.
- 1965 Theme: "Literature"
Nathan A. Scott, Jr., Lit.D.
William Stafford, Lit.D.
John H. Updike, Lit.D.
- Spring Convocation:
Curtis Tarr, D.H.L.

- 1966 Theme: "Science"
 John Dillenberger, S.T.D.
 James E. Webb, Sc.D.
 Donald R. Griffin, Sc.D.
 Fred T. Haddock, Sc.D.
 Donald F. Hornig, Sc.D.
- Spring Convocation:
 Robert S. Steele, LL.D.
- 1967 Theme: "Public Service and the Judiciary"
 Warren E. Burger, LL.D.
 Walter W. Heller, LL.D.
 Warren P. Knowles, LL.D.
 Brig. Gen. Francis L. Sampson, D.D.
 W. Willard Wirtz, LL.D.
- Spring Convocation:
 Miller Upton, L.L.D.
- 1968 Theme: "Fine Arts"
 Elliott Carter, D.F.A.
 Harold Clurman, D.F.A.
 R. Buckminster Fuller, D.F.A.
 William Hamilton, D.H.L.
 Richard Lippold, D.F.A.
 Peter Mennin, D.F.A.
- Spring Convocation:
 Glenn Leggett, D.H.L.
- 1969 Theme: "Philosophy & Religion"
 Julius R. Weinberg, D.H.L.
 Henry David Aiken, D.H.L.
 Nelson Glueck, S.T.D.
 Mircea Eliade, S.T.D.
- Spring Convocation:
 Mark H. Ingraham, LL.D.
- 1970 Theme: "Women"
 Mary Ingraham Bunting, LL.D.
 Maria Goeppert Mayer, Sc.D.
 Ariel Durant, D.H.L.
 Margaret Chase Smith, LL.D.
 Elizabeth Yates, D.H.L.
- 1971 Theme: "Environment"
 Lamont C. Cole, Sc.D.
 Barry Commoner, Sc.D.
 Gaylord Nelson, LL.D.
 Robert Rienow, Litt.D.
 Thomas S. Smith, Sc.D.
 Stewart L. Udall, LL.D.
- 1972 Theme: "Tradition and Change"
 Erwin Nathaniel Griswold, LL.D.
 Patricia Roberts Harris, LL.D.
 Sidney P. Marland, Jr., Litt.D.
- 1973 Theme: "The Performing Arts"
 Zoe Caldwell, D.F.A.
 Edward Kennedy (Duke) Ellington, Mus.D.
 Irving Kolodin, Litt.D.
 Sherrill Milnes, Mus.D.
 Kenneth Schermerhorn, Mus.D.
 Maria Tallchief Paschen, D.F.A.
- 1974 Theme: "Reconstruction and Reconciliation"
 Nikki Giovanni, Litt.D.
 Dixy Lee Ray, Sc.D.
 John P. Roche, Litt.D.
 William A. Steiger, LL.D.
 Howard K. Smith, LL.D.
- 1975 Theme: "The Challenge of Scarcity"
 J. George Harrar, Sc.D.
 William Proxmire, LL.D.
 Alvin Toffler, Litt.D.
- 1976 Theme: "Reassessments Amid Celebrations"
 Carl N. Degler, LL.D.
 Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., LL.D.
 Michael Tinkham '50, Sc.D.
 Mrs. Louise Treadwell Tracy, D.H.L.
- 1977 Theme: "The Shape of Things to Come"
 Kenneth E. Boulding, LL.D.
 Robert L. Heilbroner, LL.D.
 John McHale, LL.D.
 Harrison Farnsworth '18, Sc.D.
- 1978 Theme: "Leadership in a Democratic Society"
 George F. Kennan, Litt.D.
 Paul G. Rodewald '21, LL.D.
 Francis E. Ferguson, D.C.L.
 Arthur F. Burns, LL.D.
 Lloyd B. Wescott '29, Sc.D.
- 1979 Theme: "Symbolic Communication"
 Robin Lakoff, Litt.D.
 H. Marshall McLuhan, Litt.D.
 Frank Stanton, LL.D.

1980 Theme: "The Market Economy and Ethical Values"

Samuel C. Johnson, LL.D.
 Alfred E. Kahn, LL.D.
 Arjay Miller, LL.D.
 John B. Murray '37, LL.D.
 Marina v. N. Whitman, LL.D.

Awards Convocation-

Richard Warch, D.H.L.
 Jeremiah S. Finch, Litt.D.

1981 Theme: "Law and Society"

Shirley S. Abrahamson, LL.D.
 Richard D. Cudahy, LL.D.
 Norman Dorsen, LL.D.
 John Hope Franklin, LL.D.
 Willard Hurst, LL.D.
 Edward H. Levi, LL.D.

1982 Theme: "Religion and Higher Education"

George A. Drake, LL.D.
 Wesley A. Hotchkiss, Litt.D.
 Edmund D. Pellegrino, LL.D.
 Chaim Potok, Litt.D.
 Peter John Powell '50, Litt.D.

Medal of Merit (first time):

Delmar D. Wensink '16

1983 Theme: "The Contribution of Philosophy to Contemporary Life"

Hazel Estella Barnes, Litt.D.
 Carl Cohen, Litt.D.
 Alan Donagan, Litt.D.
 William Thomas Jones, Litt.D.
 Willard Van Orman Quine, Litt.D.

Medal of Merit:

L. Leone Oyster '19

1984 Theme: "The Quality of Excellence"

W. James Armstrong '51, LL.D.
 Julius Axelrod, Sc.D.
 Fritz Scholder, D.F.A.
 Arnold Weber, LL.D.

Medal of Merit:

Harrison E. Farnsworth '18 (in absentia)

1985 Theme: "Government Service"

Roderick Esquivel, M.D. '49, LL.D.
 Henry S. Reuss, LL.D.
 Paul A. Volcker, LL.D.

Medal of Merit:

Curtis D. MacDougall '23

1985 Inauguration of William R. Stott, Jr.

Robert P. Ashley, D.H.L.
 The Reverend Timothy J. Healy,
 S. J. , D.H.L.
 George M. Miller, D.H.L.

1986 Theme: "Anglo-American Interdependence"

Anne (Tobin) Armstrong, D.H.L.
 Gordon Peter McGregor, D.H.L.
 Stuart Malcolm Tave, D.H.L.

Medal of Merit:

Margaret Maitland '20

1987 Theme: "The Constitution"

Joyce Oldham Appleby, LL.D.
 Harry Victor Jaffa, LL.D.
 William Pierce Rogers, D.C.L.

Medal of Merit:

Barbara B. DeFrees '30

1988 Theme: "The Performing Arts"

Gail Dobish '76, D.F.A.
 John G. Frayne '17, Sc.D.
 Alwin L. Jarreau '62, D.F.A.
 Ben Marcus, D.H.L.
 Frances Lee McCain '66, D.F.A.

Medal of Merit:

Paul G. Rodewald '21

1989 Theme: "The World of the Media"

Margaret Andreassen, D. H. L.
 Studs L. Terkel, D.H. L.
 Richard D. Threlkeld '59, D.H.L.

Medal of Merit:

Pearl Pierce Dopp '25

Awards Convocation:

William E. Tyree, D.H.L.

1990 Theme: "The Global Environment"

Lester R. Brown, D.H.L.
 Jay D. Hair, D.H.L.
 Robert W. Kasten, D.L.
 Anne LaBastille, D.H.L.
 Fred O. Pinkham, D.Sc.

Medal of Merit:

John Livingston '49

Awards Convocation:

Waclaw Jedrzjewicz, D.H.L.

- 1991 Theme: "Science Education"
Stephen Jay Gould, D.Sc.
Lillian C. McDermott, D.Sc.
Barbara J. Salvo, D.Sc.
Bassam Z. Shakhshiri, D.Sc.
- Medal of Merit:
Kermit G. Weiske '50
- 1992 Theme: "World Community"
H. Michael Hartoonian, D.H.L.
Lois M. Wilson, S.T.D.
- Awards Convocation:
H. Jerome Thompson, S.T.D.
- 1993 Theme: "A Sense of Unity"
Ada E. Deer, D.H.L.
Henry Ponder, D.H.L.
Alice T. Weickelt, D.H.L.
- Medal of Merit:
Robert V. Abendroth '51
- 1994 Theme: "Environmental Responsibility"
Edward O. Wilson, Sc.D.
Agnes C. Denes, D.F.A.
Sylvia A. Earle, Sc.D.
Patricia Marinac, Sc.D.
- Medal of Merit:
Samuel W. Pickard '55
- Awards Convocation:
Philip B. Clarkson, D.F.A.
- 1995 Theme: "The Information Link"
Henry Kranendonk, Sc.D.
Richard C. Notebaert, Sc.D.
Tad B. Pinkerton, Sc.D.
- 1996 Theme: "The Bill of Rights"
Becky Cain, LL.D.
Robert Paul Carlson, L.H.D.
Leonard W. Levy, LL.D.
- Medal of Merit:
Thomas C. Babcock '51
- 1997 Theme: "Global Interdependence"
Joanne Fox-Przeworski, LL.D.
Sharon Rae Landergott Durtka,
L.H.D.
Siegfried S. Hecker, Sc.D.
- Medal of Merit:
Alice B. Mijanovich '43

- 1998 Theme: "Title IX of the Education Act of 1972: The Rise and Fall of Women's Athletics"
Arthur H. Bryant, LL.D.
Donna A. Lopiano, Sc.D.
Bernice R. Sandler, L.H.D.
Suzanne Wasmuth, L.H.D.
- Medal of Merit:
Helen F. Fosslund Zippel '42
and Ervin A. Zippel '43
- 1999 Theme: "Volunteerism/Public Service"
Robert K. Goodwin, L.H.D.
Douglas W. Hyde, L.H.D.
Katherine Jean Babcock '80,
L.H.D.
- Medal of Merit:
Gordon C. Minch '50
- 2000 Theme: "Building on Achievement: Liberal Education at the Turn of the Millennium"
Parker J. Palmer, L.H.D.
Jeanne L. Narum, Sc.D.
Sarah Jerome, LL.D.
- Medal of Merit:
Robert E. McDonald '37
- 2001 Sesquicentennial Theme: "Celebrating 150 Years of Education, Leadership and Service"
Oscar C. Boldt, L.H.D.
Thomas E. Caestecker, L.H.D.
Thomas L. Eddy, Sc.D.
Elizabeth Hayford, L.H.D.
Katherine Hudson, L.H.D.
Rolf Wegenke, L.H.D.
James B. Wigdale, L.H.D.
- Medal of Merit:
Charles A. and Joan Hurley
Van Zoeren '53, '53
- Fall Convocation:
Audrey R. and A. Douglas
Lyke, L.H.D.
- Awards Convocation:
Douglas A. Northrop, L.H.D.
Lester O. Schwartz, L.H.D.
Earle S. Scott, Sc.D.

2002 Theme: "Cultivating Humanity"
Martha C. Nussbaum, L.H.D.
Patricia Parker Francis and
Robert Francis, L.H.D.
Thomas R. Hefty, L.H.D.
Jessica Southworth, L.H.D.

2003 Theme: "Civility in the Modern World"
William A. Galson, L.H.D.
Thomas E. Petri, L.H.D.
James Schmitt, L.H.D.

2004 Theme: "Science and Technology in the
21st Century"
Karen A. Holbrook, Sc.D.
Donald L. Bogdanske, Sc.D.
Robert D. Clingan, Sc.D.
Emory B. Lovins, Sc.D.

2005 Theme: "Leadership"
Barbara Kellerman L.H.D.
Wesley K. Clark, LL.D.
Kathy Switzer, DEA

Medal of Merit (at Awards Convocation):
Robert G. Lambert '52

2006 Theme: "Exploration"
Dr. Phillip A. Sharp, Sc.D.
Steve Fossett, Sc.D.
Patrick W. Arndt, DEA

Medal of Merit:
Blanche Bartizal Babcock '53

2007 Theme: "Health and Service"
Jonathan K. Muraskas, M.D. '78
Joia S. Mukherjee, M.D., M.P.H.
JoAnn Marie Davis, DEA

Medal of Merit:
Donald W. and Marilyn Dixon
Anderson '42/'45

2008 Theme: "Conservation, Adaptation &
Sustainability"
Peter Ashton, Sc.D.
Darell Hammond '96, L.H.D.
Susan P. Eblen, DEA

Medal of Merit: (both posthumously)
William J. Bohnen '67
Owen P. Gleason '73

2009 Theme: "Democracy and the Presi-
dency"
Robert Sean Wilentz, L.H.D.
Gwendolynne S. Moore, L.H.D.
Robin Tessereau, DEA

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