2017

Honors Convocation (Program 2017)

Illinois Wesleyan University
Honors Convocation

April 12, 2017
Westbrook Auditorium—Presser Hall
11:00 a.m.
Rebecca Gearhart Mafazy, professor of anthropology, is the 2017 recipient of the Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. Nominated by her peers and selected by the University’s Promotion and Tenure Committee, Dr. Mafazy is the 44th winner of the University’s top teaching award.

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Mafazy has an undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College and earned a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Florida. She joined the faculty at Illinois Wesleyan in 1999. She has served as chair of the department of anthropology and sociology, and on numerous university and departmental committees. Professor Mafazy regularly mentors students conducting independent ethnographic research, whether at the introductory level or in the upper-level visual anthropology course. Helping students develop cross-cultural communication skills has inspired many of her students to expand their experience through volunteer work, internships, study abroad, and employment after graduation.

She takes an interdisciplinary approach (visual anthropology, history, and performance studies) to her research on non-Western expressive arts, including music and dance traditions. Dr. Mafazy’s research interest in East Africa began when she was a Mount Holyoke undergraduate student in 1987. She has frequently lived in East Africa, primarily among the Swahili peoples of the Kenyan coast. She is co-editor of Contesting Identities: The Mijikenda and their Neighbors in Kenyan Coastal Society (Africa World Press: 2013) and the author of numerous scholarly papers.

Through the years the Teaching Excellence Award has undergone several name changes, but its purpose has always been to recognize and celebrate the vital role that teaching plays at Illinois Wesleyan. The award honors one faculty member who brings spirit, passion, and scholarship to the art of teaching. The Kemp Family Foundation began funding the award in the 2009-2010 academic year. Today we honor Professor Rebecca Gearhart Mafazy.
This program is dedicated to the Class of 2017
and
to students who have earned scholastic and activity honors.

Presiding—Marissa Cozzi ’17, Class President

Prelude .......................................................................................................................................................................................Susan Klotzbach

Symphonie V, Allegro Moderato ........................................................................................................................................Louis Vierne
(1870–1937)

Processional (please stand) ..............................................................................................................................................Ms. Klotzbach

Processional...................................................................................................................................................................William Mathias
(1934–1992)

Invocation (remain standing) ..............................................................Carly Floyd ’17
Multifaith Ambassador

Welcome ..................................................................................................................................................................................Marissa Cozzi ’17
Class President

Recognition of Student Honors ......................................................................................................................................................Frank Boyd
Associate Provost

Recognition of Academic Honors ..............................................................................................................................................Ann Eckhardt
President of Phi Kappa Phi and
Assistant Professor of Nursing

Mark Criley
President of Phi Beta Kappa and
Associate Professor of Philosophy

Special Music
Bintang Siang directed by I Ketut Gede Asnawa
Baris Dance with Putu Oka Mardiani
Performed by students in Rebecca Mafazy’s ANTH 275: Theatre, Performance & Spectacle class
and Adriana Ponce’s MUS 346: Exploring Musics from Around the World class

Tribute to Retiring Faculty ..................................................................................................................................................Jonathan D. Green
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Presentation of Speaker ...............................................................................................................................................................Eric R. Jensen
President

Address ......................................................................................................................................................................Rebecca Gearhart Mafazy
“Curiosity and What to Make of It”
Professor of Anthropology

Presentation of The Kemp Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence — 2017 ...........................................................René Shaffer
Kemp Foundation

Presentation of Previous Honorees for Teaching Excellence ..............................................................................................President Jensen

Announcement of 2018 Kemp Honoree for Teaching Excellence ........................................................................................Provost Green

Alma Wesleyana (please stand and join in singing led by John McHugh ’17) ...............................................................Ms. Klotzbach
National Hymn
George William Warren

From hearts afame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where’er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending loyal we will be—
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight dream till dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan!

— Professor W. E. Schultz
(1887–1964)

Closing.......................................................................................................................................................................................President Jensen

Recessional (remain standing) ..............................................................................................................................................Ms. Klotzbach
Exultate ................................................................................................................................................................................Bryan Kelly
(l. 1934)
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Moyoniuoluwa Ajayi
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Samuel Powers
Laryn Sapetti
Zachary Silver
Ashley Sons
Brock Taylor
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Abby Winters
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Junru Zhao
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Boryana Borisova
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Maisy Bowden
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Fiona Breyer
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Paige Buschman
Jason Chen
Yige Chen
Elaine Coppe
Megan Donnelly
Jessica Edwards
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Tanya Gupta
Jessica Gutheil
Maria Hanna
Olivia Heffernan
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Brianna Piro
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Zachary Silver
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Amber Stringer
Ruiqing Sun
Cody Williamson
Jasmine Wright
Zhao Wenting
Maddison Zimmer
PERFORMANCE AND EXHIBITION HONORS IN THE FINE ARTS
School of Art
Naijun Qu
Theatre Arts
Danny Adams
Elizabeth Ferris
Ryan Fisher
Sunniva Holmlund
Eli Miller
Connor Speck
Tess Wisher
AWARD RECIPIENTS
CREATIVE WRITING
Arthur William Hinners and Louise Hinners Sipfle Poetry Prize presented by The Academy of American Poets
John McHugh
Honorable Mention
Kathryn Halford
The Illinois Wesleyan University Department of English Prize for Short Fiction
Eva Kossmann
Honorable Mention
Ross Hettinger
Kay Nelson Memorial Essay Prize
Mayra Gonzalez
Honorable Mention
Vandhana Rajarathnam
ECONOMICS
The Margaret Chapman Memorial Award in Economics
Duc Nguyen
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Outstanding Senior in Environmental Studies
Chris Crown
Excellence in Advancing Environmental Sustainability
Savannah Feher
FRENCH AND ITALIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
Outstanding Senior in French and Francophone Studies
Lucy Bullock
Zhiyuan Meng
Outstanding Students in Italian Studies
Danielle Dicristofano
Jamie Gradishar
Elizabeth Mavrogenes
Christopher Taraszka
HISPANIC STUDIES
Luis Leal Scholarship for Excellence in Hispanic Studies
Rachel Aron
Kaitlyn O’Brien
Outstanding Senior in Hispanic Studies
Martha Aguirre
LINCOLN LAUREATE AWARD
Paige Buschman
Music
David Nott Collegiate Choir Scholarship
Crystal Muro

Nursing
Frances D. Alikonis Memorial Award
Kinsey VanDeVelde

Alumnae Association of the Brokaw Hospital School for Nurses Scholarship
Morgan Hussey

Finkgold Family Scholarship
Elizabeth Coop

Patricia Giese Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Sons

Delores Helsley-Ascher Scholarship
Andrew Coop
Victoria Drake

Mary D. Shanks Scholarship Established by Upsilon Pi Alumni Chapter of Alpha Tau Delta
Brock Thornton

Sara M. Stevenson Memorial Scholarship
Emily Lezcano

Stutzman Peace Fellows
Aida Cheung
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Carlos Ruiz
Hannah Scatterday
Megan Zsorey

The Ames Library Scholarly & Artistic Research Award
Mansi Patel

University Writing Program

Best Gateway Essay
Rebecca Anderson

Runner-up Honors
Madeline Gibson
Abigail Kauerauf

Weir Fellows — ARC
Hannah Gallee

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