



SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY

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# Graduate Commencement Exercises

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May 17, 2018  
3:00 p.m.  
Newport, Rhode Island





## *The University Seal*

1934

This seal depicts Our Lady of Mercy enclosed in a circle and standing before a cross. Around Our Lady's head is inscribed the motto: *Maria Spes Nostra*, Mary our Hope. On one side of the base is the lamp of wisdom, and on the other, the book of learning. This seal, according to the bylaws, shall be affixed to all official documents and decrees prepared by Salve Regina University.

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*Doctor of Philosophy*

*Master of Arts*

*Master of Science*

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### UNIVERSITY HYMN

*Salve Regina*

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*Class of 2018*

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## RECESSIONAL

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**ALI AL ABRI**

“Security Challenges to Oman’s Religious Tolerance and Balanced Foreign Policy: An Analysis of Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)”

**ALBERT R. ANTOSCA**

“Singularitarianism and the New Millennium: Techno-theology in the Transhumanist Age of Re-enchantment”

**CHERYL ANN BAILEY**

“Through the Lens of Accelerationist Utopia: The Critical Role of Science Fiction in the Transition to a Post-Capitalist World in Kim Stanley Robinson’s *Mars* Trilogy”

**CHELSEA PAIGE BUFFINGTON**

“TechnoHumanity: Films as a Lens for Examining How Humans and Technology Co-Shape the World”

**MICHAEL JUNGE**

“From Pillar to Pillory – U.S. Navy Crimes of Command 1945 – 2015”

**RYAN MATTHEW MARNANE**

“Consider the Audiobook, or The Hermeneutics of Close Listening: Literary Sound Studies, Critical Theory, and David Foster Wallace’s Literary Journalism”

**TODD JAMES MELE**

“Marx’s Materialist Sociology of Knowledge: Colliding Empirical Frameworks of Consciousness”

# *Doctor of Philosophy*

## **BERYL S. POWELL**

“Networks of Survival in Kinshasa, Mumbai, Detroit, and Comparison Cities: an Empirical Perspective”

## **NORAH LYNN SCHNEIDER**

“The *Sentinel*: American-Jewish Weekly Coverage in Chicago of Nazi Persecution of European Jewry & the Holocaust, 1930-1947”

## **MICHAEL LESTER SCULLY**

“The Digital Incunabula: The Future of Storytelling in the Digital Age”

## **LAMONT A. SLATER**

“The Namibian Genocide: Reframing the Conflict to Explore Intercultural Connectivity, Inclusiveness and Accurate Memorialization”

## **DONALD JOSEPH THIEME, II**

“The Nation-State and Biopower: Impacts on Individuals, Empowerment, and the Limitations of Liberty”

## **GARY VASPOL**

“Abiding the Postmodern World: An Ethical, Existential, and Cinematographic Examination of *The Big Lebowski*”

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# *Academic Regalia*

When universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, they were under the jurisdiction of the Church. Most of those studying were clerks in Holy Orders, monks, or priests. They wore a habit or cloak, to which was attached a cowl or hood. This could be pulled up over the head or thrown back, according to the weather. Gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings, and hoods served to cover the tonsured head before the use of the skull cap.

Today, the academic costume of cap, gown and hood has taken on a symbolic meaning. Colors and shapes conform to a generally accepted code and indicate the faculty conferring the degree and the kind of degree conferred. Gowns for the bachelor's degree are worn closed and are distinguished by their long, pointed sleeves. Master's degree gowns are designed to be worn open. They have very long sleeves, oblong in shape. Gowns for the doctoral degree, usually black, are also designed to be worn open and have velvet panels. Three velvet bars are stitched to the upper part of the full, bell-shaped sleeves.

Hoods are trimmed with a slim strip of velvet to indicate the specific faculty awarding the degree. The colored lining is the official color of the institution conferring the degree. Hoods may be trimmed to represent the following academic areas:

Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Business Administration .....	Light Brown
Education.....	Light Blue
Fine Arts.....	Brown
Musical Arts .....	Pink
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Science .....	Golden Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet

## *Music*

**SALVE REGINA FACULTY BRASS QUINTET**

Craig Shadday, *director*

## *The Mace*

The mace and its bearer represent a custom that dates back to the Middle Ages. From the sixteenth century in England and since colonial days in America, it has become a symbol of office carried by the procession leader. In the academic world, the mace signifies teaching authority.

The Salve Regina University mace was designed by Rhode Island sculptor Paul A. Cavanagh as an octagonal, formalized flower. The staff of ebony represents *lignum vitae* — the tree of life. A circle of eight rigid geometric forms of silver, peaked with pyramids of lapis lazuli, are representative of the Virtues. The Intellectual and Moral Virtues enable one to lead a fruitful and good life. The extending leaves of blossom deriving from the silver forms are symbolic of one's development in the world. An inner circle of leaves, in close embrace with the central form, and pistil-like cruciform with crown, suggest one's development in love of Christ and the cross.

## *The President's Medallion*

The sterling silver medallion worn by the University President at all formal academic functions symbolizes the leadership and authority of the institution's highest office.

Handcrafted by John Cavanagh, the design is based on the University shield, which symbolizes the commitment of the Sisters of Mercy to Salve Regina University, the dedication to learning by all members of the Salve Regina community, and the unending search for wisdom that flows from the knowledge of the liberal scholar. Each link of the chain is a "Mercy Cross," with a crown superimposed over the face of each cross.

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Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!

Hail Mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye Seraphim,

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!

Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!

Triumph all ye Cherubim, Sing with us ye Seraphim,

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:

Salve, Salve, Salve, Regina!

