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2008 ALUMNI CONVOCATION

ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL CHAPEL

# 2008 ALUMNI CONVOCATION

7 June 2008

## PROCESSION

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“Trumpet Tune” by Jeremiah Clarke  
The Chicago Brass Ensemble

## GREETINGS

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John McGinn, AB’90, MBA’93  
*President of the Alumni Board of Governors*

## MEMORIAL

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Laura Hollinger, MDV’04  
*Associate Dean of Rockefeller Chapel*

## CONVOCATION ADDRESS

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Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, PhD’58

## PRESENTATION OF THE 2008 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

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The Howell Murray Student Medals  
The Norman Maclean Faculty Awards  
The Young Alumni Service Citations  
The Alumni Service Citations  
The Alumni Service Medal  
The Public Service Citation  
The Professional Achievement Citations  
The Alumni Medal

## PRESENTERS

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Thomas Berg, AB’72  
*Vice President, Alumni Board of Governors*

Laura Donovan, AB’93  
*Alumni Board of Governors*

Michael Frankel, AB’90, AM’90, MBA’95, JD’95  
*Alumni Board of Governors*

Jorge Garcia-Garcia, AM’70, PhD’76

Mitchell Glass, AB’73, MD’77  
*Vice President, Alumni Board of Governors*

Randy Holgate  
*Senior Vice President, University Resources*

Heinrich Jaeger  
*Professor, Department of Physics,  
James Franck Institute, and the College*

Eva Lichtenberg, AB’52, AM’55, PhD’60  
*Alumni Board of Governors*

Daniel Mass, AB’71, MD’75  
*Alumni Board of Governors*

Michael Peters, AB’90  
*Alumni Board of Governors*

Christine Singer  
*Associate Vice President for University Alumni  
Relations and Executive Director, Alumni Association*

Judith Stein, AB’62, AM’64  
*Alumni Board of Governors*

Peter Vandervoort, AB’54, SB’55, SM’56, PhD’60  
*Professor Emeritus, Department of Astronomy &  
Astrophysics and the College  
Former Member, Alumni Board of Governors*

Arthur Weiss, PhD’78, MD’79

## INDUCTION OF THE ALUMNI EMERITI

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Robert J. Zimmer  
*President of the University of Chicago*

## THE ALMA MATER

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Chicago Men’s A Cappella  
and Assembled Alumni

## RECESSIONAL

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“Toccata in F” by Charles-Maria Widor  
Thomas Weisflog  
*Chapel Organist*

## THE HOWELL MURRAY STUDENT MEDALS

*The Howell Murray Awards were first given in 1961 to recognize graduating College students for their outstanding contributions to extracurricular programs on campus. The awards were named in honor of Howell Murray, PhB'14, a distinguished alumnus and trustee of the University.*

### STEPHANIE BELL

*West Des Moines, IA/Anthropology  
and Gender Studies*

Stephanie Bell's dedication to AIDS/HIV awareness, education, and women's rights pervades nearly every aspect of her Chicago experience. Nationally recognized for her work in these areas, Ms. Bell was named a 2007 Truman Scholar. As a founding member of the Social Justice Coalition, she is actively involved in the work on LGBTQ issues on campus. She has been instrumental in the resurgence of social justice issues on campus and in this regard helped to draft the social justice report presented to President Zimmer, lobbying for socially responsible investing, LGBTQ issues, and fair development practices. Combining academics with social justice, Ms. Bell was elected to the leadership board of the Parliamentary Debate team for two years, and nationally is a top-10 debater. She has worked extensively off campus, interning at a local alderman's office for two years. A distinguished scholar, Ms. Bell is a Student Marshal, a member of the Maroon Key Society, and a University Merit Scholar.

### SARAH BOUCHAT

*Oakmont, PA/International Studies*

Sarah Bouchat's years on campus have been defined by her strong commitment to international human rights. A passionate and outspoken activist, Ms. Bouchat's longstanding involvement in Amnesty International, the Free Burma Project, and Feminist Majority underscore her devotion to issues of freedom and democracy. As a founding member of the Social Justice Coalition, she spearheaded initiatives to present a report to the president and provost, advocating for increased attention and funding for this cause. While devoted to international concerns, her leadership role on campus also includes the LGBTQ Mentoring Program, Queer & Associates,

and the 5710 Student Advisory Group. Ms. Bouchat received the College Outstanding New Leader Award, is a member of the Maroon Key Society, and is a recipient of the University of Chicago Human Rights Program Internship Grant.

### S. J. COHEN

*Washington, DC/U.S. History*

Throughout her time at the University, S.J. Cohen has worked to advance the rights of the LGBTQ community on campus. As a key member of the University's committee on LGBTQ student support, Ms. Cohen played a crucial role in evaluating student needs and advocating for the creation of a new student diversity center on campus. She has actively led a variety of student and University initiatives on issues of gender and religion including QueerReligious, presented a national workshop, addressed a University panel for academic advisers, and participated in the University of Chicago LGBTQ Mentoring Program. Beyond campus, each summer she found significant opportunities to work in the policy arena. A member of the Maroon Key Society and Phi Beta Kappa, Ms. Cohen was named a 2007 Truman Scholar. Her other honors include serving as a Student Marshal and receiving a grant from the Evan Behrens Fund for Undergraduate Initiatives.

### EVA DE LAURENTIIS

*Frankfort, IL/Anthropology*

Embodying the ideal of the scholar athlete, Eva De Laurentiis has excelled both on the soccer field and in the classroom. Ms. De Laurentiis not only competed in the NCAA Division III National tournament in 2004, 2005, 2006, she also has been selected three times to the University Athletic Association's All Academic Team. She was last year's recipient of the University's Class of 2008 Edith Ballwebber Athlete of the Year Award. As the president of the Women's

Athletic Association, Ms. De Laurentiis has been instrumental in leading the female athletes on campus as well as organizing events for neighboring communities. Her academic excellence earned her a place on the dean's list each quarter and in the Maroon Key Society and the Student Leaders Council. Ms. De Laurentiis has given back to her community as a tutor at the Absolute Value Math Camp and the Maroon Tutors Program.

### SCOTT RIKER DUNCOMBE

*Corvallis, OR/Political Science and Chemistry*

As president of Student Government, Scott Duncombe has not only positively impacted student life but has also ensured that future students in SG can have a similar impact. Mr. Duncombe has worked on issues ranging from graduate aid funding to union workers to the founding of a new supermarket. He began several new initiatives that improved the internal and external communication and transparency of SG. He has systematically improved student communication with Student Government through the use of blogs and forums, successfully reinstated all-night study space in Regenstein Library, implemented the SG airport shuttle service, and significantly improved the reputation of SG amongst the student population. In addition, Mr. Duncombe has also been a very active member of the University of Chicago Democrats during his four years. His academic excellence earned him a place on the dean's list and in the Maroon Key Society.

### ZACHARY ERGISH

*Moreno Valley, CA/Biological Sciences*

Zachary Ergish shows creativity and passion in being able to maintain his heavy athletic, academic, and student life involvement while not sacrificing what he wants from his College experience. As a member of the swim team, he has shown great devotion

to the rigorous training schedule as well as serving as a swim instructor during the summer. During his employment at the College Programming Office, Mr. Ergish planned and organized career-development and community-building events to increase class affinity. He also served as a student director for the New Student Orientation program. This year, he served as co-chair for the Taking the Next Step Program, which is an annual career forum serving 600 students. Even as graduation approaches, Mr. Ergish is staying involved as a member of his senior week planning committee and the Senior Class Gift Committee. He also has achieved great academic honors, including the dean's list and the Maroon Key Society.

### EVE L. EWING

*Chicago, IL/English Language & Literature*

During her time at the University of Chicago, Eve Ewing has played an important role as a strong campus leader, influencing her peers and the University. Quick to identify and solve problems, in the aftermath of the recent tragedy on campus, Ms. Ewing became involved with the new Campus Safety Committee. She also volunteered on the Annual Allocations Committee to ensure that students were getting the most out of their student activity fees. Ms. Ewing worked to make sure that the fee was used to fund a wide variety of events, so that every student could benefit. Ms. Ewing also served on the committee that interviewed and hired Kim Goff-Crews, the new vice president and dean of students. In addition to being a Student Marshal and a member of the Maroon Key Society, Ms. Ewing is also a Mellon Mays Undergraduate fellow, a Siragusa Scholar, and an honorary member of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

### JUSTIN FLEMING

*Natick, MA/Economics and  
Public Policy Studies*

Throughout his time in the College, Justin Fleming's leadership crossed a number of student activities. In his role as the



chairperson for the Major Activities Board, Mr. Fleming brought large-scale, high-production concerts and comedy acts to campus that consistently drew more than 1,000 students and managed a budget of tens of thousands of dollars. The success of this program is due in large part to a new emphasis on student input, which he initiated by conducting surveys of students. Mr. Fleming is also the quarterback and a three-time letter winner of the varsity football team. He is also a member of the Blue Chips Investments Club and participated in its internship and advisory panels this year. As graduation approaches, Mr. Fleming continues to work to improve student life as a member of the Senior Class Gift Committee. As a result of his academic successes, Mr. Fleming is a member of the Maroon Key Society and has a place on the dean's list.

### ANJALI GERA

*Louisville, KY/Biological Sciences*

Anjali Gera has dedicated her time at the University to helping others; both on campus and around the world. Ms. Gera is the acting president of the Student National Medical Association—Minority Association for Pre-Med Students. This organization is not only a support network to minority pre-medical students, but also promotes involvement in underprivileged communities. Ms. Gera founded a campus-wide coin drive called "Pennies from Heaven: A Katrina Relief Effort," after the Hurricane Katrina disaster. She recruited volunteers and sponsors, organized the two-week event in the late summer and early part of the quarter, and collected about \$2,600 in coins for this cause. Her involvement with organizations that work with children includes Comer's Baby Cuddling Program, Students Teaching at Ray School, and the Chicago Shadowing Program. In addition to her strong foundation in volunteerism, Ms. Gera is also a Gates Millennium Scholar, a Broad Prize Scholar, a Kentucky Governor's Scholar, and a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

### WENDY GONZALEZ

*Winter Park, FL/Sociology*

Wendy Gonzalez has been a tireless, thoughtful, and effective leader on campus, driven by her conviction that the College learning experience extends beyond the classroom. As the chair of the Council on University Programming, she has made great efforts to promote cooperative relationships with other student organizations. Ms. Gonzalez has played an integral role in making COUP a part of preexisting events such as Homecoming and procured media attention for Kangeiko week. As a result, COUP has become more visible not only on campus but also in the greater Chicago area. Ms. Gonzalez organized and danced with UCDancers and has served as an instructor not only for other College students but also for children at the Family Resource Center. She is also a member of the Senior Week Committee and the Senior Class Gift Committee. Her academic excellence has earned her a place on the dean's list and in the Maroon Key Society.

### GRANT M. GORDON

*Irvine, CA/Public Policy and African and  
African-American Studies*

A dedicated and resourceful advocate of social justice, Grant Gordon helped unify the social justice community at the University of Chicago through the creation of the Social Justice Coalition. The SJC represents the unified voice of more than 20 social justice groups on campus, and has made several major proposals to the University administration, all of which are currently under discussion and some of which are currently being acted upon, such as proposals on sustainability and on student financial aid. Mr. Gordon served as the main facilitator of the SJC for the last year, leading with a democratic, egalitarian, and business-oriented style and ensuring that the coalition remains strong. He also served as the president for the Student Global AIDS campaign for two years. Mr. Gordon earned many



distinctions for his academic excellence. He is a Student Marshal, a member of the Maroon Key Society, the recipient of a Student Excellence Award, a member of the dean's list, and has received multiple grants.

**DANIEL KIMERLING**  
*Edison, NJ/Political Science*

Daniel Kimerling has spent his four years in the College learning the inner workings of the University administrative structure and decision-making process, in order to be a more effective advocate for students and student organizations alike. Mr. Kimerling has even used this knowledge of the University to advise groups to which he does not belong, such as the Social Justice Coalition. As a result, he has been an invaluable resource to the student body as a whole. This year, he participated in two senior-level administrative hiring searches. His participation in these searches required a large time commitment and consideration about what would be best for the students and the University as a whole. In addition to his strong commitment to improving student life, Mr. Kimerling has also distinguished himself as a scholar. He is the recipient of the Anne Armstrong Leadership Award in international affairs and the Margaret C. Annan Award in Writing, and is a member of the Maroon Key Society. At this year's Convocation, Mr. Kimerling will also be earning a master of arts degree in international relations.

**HANNAH MCCONNAUGHAY**  
*Urbana, IL/Economics and Religious Studies*

Service and community engagement have served as the bedrock of Hannah McConnaughay's activities at the University of Chicago. Ms. McConnaughay has shown great drive not only in serving the community herself, but also in motivating those around her to become involved. On campus, she has championed a number of service organizations such as the Community Service Leadership Training Corps, the Washington Park Youth Program, the Rape Victims Advocates, and the Community

Service Funding Committee. In these organizations, Ms. McConnaughay often served in a recruiting or mentoring role so she could inspire others to action. Through her internship at the Marjorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture, she gained a better understanding of the need for social change around the world. Her commitment to service extends to her membership in Alpha Phi Omega, which is a community service fraternity. Her academic distinctions include being named a University Scholar and a Robert Byrd Scholar as well as a place on the dean's list.

**HOLLIE RUSSON-GILMAN**  
*New York, NY/Political Science*

Hollie Russon-Gilman's strong commitment to progressivism distinguishes her college career. Her work with the UC Democrats and as the Student Government liaison to the Board of Trustees has given her the opportunity to impact the University community in many ways. A strong example of Ms. Russon-Gilman's impact on campus life is the creation and implementation of the Progressive Gala. The goal of the gala is to bring together all the organizations on campus that are involved in various forms of progressive work to celebrate their successes, provide education on relevant issues, and motivate students to do more. Now in its third year, this program continues to meet all of its goals while maintaining a more cohesive progressive community on campus. Ms. Russon-Gilman has succeeded in opening a new nonpartisan dialogue that has earned a lot of attention and funding from organizations nationally, such as Campus Progress and the Talbot Fund. Her academic distinctions include the dean's list and the Maroon Key Society.

**REBECCA YEMIN SHI**  
*Short Hills, NJ/History*

As a student leader, Rebecca Yemin Shi has demonstrated her commitment to a range of social issues that affect both her community at the University as well as the global community. In her role as co-founder and president of Students Taking Action

Now Darfur, she built a large coalition of student groups and faculty members, raised funds, and convinced the Board of Trustees to set aside \$160,000 to fund research on genocide. As a result, she has been instrumental in raising student awareness of global genocide. Ms. Shi has also been involved as a board member of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, where she actively engages in conversation about issues concerning students of color on campus. Her tireless efforts ensure that students of color are aware of the resources that are available to them. Ms. Shi has also earned many distinctions for her academic excellence. She is a Summer Links Leadership Fellow, a Jeff Metcalf Fellow, an Impact Fellow, and has a place on the dean's list.

**LINDSEY THOMSON-LEVIN**  
*Palo Alto, CA/Sociology*

During her time at the College, Lindsey Thomson-Levin has sought to ensure that every student feels as though he or she belongs to a community and not just an institution. Her work with the New Student Orientation and as a tour guide for prospective students has allowed her to give new students that support. Ms. Thomson-Levin has also been an advocate for women's rights and issues in the campus community. The breadth of her involvement in this area can be seen in her membership in several organizations. She served as publicity chair for the campus chapter of the National Organization for Women for two years, as a peer educator for Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention, and as the director of new members for Delta Gamma. She has worked hard to make sure not only that women feel safe on campus, but also that they feel empowered. Ms. Thomson-Levin has created a sense a community for women on campus. Her academic excellence has earned her a place on both the dean's list and the Maroon Key Society.

## THE NORMAN MACLEAN FACULTY AWARDS

*The Norman Maclean Faculty Awards were given for the first time in 1997. Named for Professor Norman Maclean, PhD'40, who taught English at the University for 40 years, the awards recognize emeritus or very senior faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to teaching and to the student experience of life on campus.*

**FRANK FITCH**

Frank W. Fitch, MD'53, SM'57, PhD'60, is the Albert D. Lasker Professor Emeritus of the Department of Pathology and the Ben May Institute. An internationally recognized cellular immunologist, Dr. Fitch has been a member of the University of Chicago faculty since 1957. He is credited with building the Ben May Institute into the highly regarded institution it is today during his tenure there. He has also served as the editor in chief of the *Journal of Immunology* and president of the American Association of Immunologists.

As a teacher of pathology, Dr. Fitch has been voted a favorite faculty member by many graduating classes. He has served as an indispensable mentor to dozens of students and as a valued teacher to hundreds more. His students report that he encouraged them think creatively and independently but always stressed rigor in their design of experiments and interpretation of data. His mentoring did not stop once his students earned their doctorates; he is known for supporting the work of former students and advising them throughout their careers.

One of Dr. Fitch's students summed up his relationship with him thus: "How has Frank Fitch been a teacher and mentor to me? By always being there; by providing first the example of how to conduct oneself honorably and sustainably as a physician/scientist and then by providing much-needed support and counsel to persons around him; by applauding success and consoling the many failures; and by allowing the relationship to mature and deepen over the years."





LARRY SJAASTAD

Larry Sjaastad, AB'57, AM'58, PhD'61, has made an indelible mark on the field of economics. Currently serving as professor emeritus in economics and the College, Mr. Sjaastad joined the University of Chicago faculty in 1962. He attended the College for his undergraduate studies and went on to receive his PhD in economics from Chicago. He developed his doctoral thesis into a tremendously influential article: "The Costs and Returns of Human Migration," which remains widely cited today. Mr. Sjaastad has also conducted research on trade policy and exchange rates.



In addition to his far-reaching scholarship, Mr. Sjaastad is renowned for his uncommon abilities as a teacher. One former student cites his "calm manner...gift of exposition, and breadth of knowledge of the subject matter," a sentiment echoed by many alumni who studied with Mr. Sjaastad. During his 42-year teaching career, Mr. Sjaastad supervised 139 doctoral dissertations and was a vital source of guidance and support for countless students. Known for his ability to present complex economic theory in a clear, accessible manner, Mr. Sjaastad set a shining example of excellence in teaching. He also took a special interest in introducing Chicago economics to foreign nations. Mr. Sjaastad worked closely with many international students and spent several academic years as a visiting scholar in countries across Latin America, Australia, Europe, and Asia.

When Mr. Sjaastad retired from active faculty service in 2004, he was presented with a work titled "The Larry Sjaastad Letters," which included expressions of gratitude and well wishes from former students, colleagues, and friends. One former student eloquently summed up Mr. Sjaastad's impact by urging him to "stick around because we are used to counting on you."

**THE YOUNG ALUMNI SERVICE CITATIONS**

*The Young Alumni Service Citations—awarded for the first time during the 1992 University Centennial—acknowledge outstanding volunteer service to the University by individuals aged 35 and younger.*

MICHAEL MENDOZA

Michael Mendoza, AB'96, MD'01, has served the University admirably in both volunteer and professional capacities. Dr. Mendoza is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Chicago Hospitals; his wife, Lisa Vargish, U-High'90, MD'02, also works in the department. In his position, Dr. Mendoza spends about 80 percent of his time working at the Chicago Family Health Center, providing primary care to underserved South Shore residents. Dr. Mendoza regularly teaches in the medical school as part of the third-year clerkship and provides career guidance to many students each year. His research focuses on the diffusion of new research recommendations into practice with an emphasis on quality of primary care in underserved settings.



Dr. Mendoza co-chaired his 5th and 10th College reunion committees and helped coordinate programs for Alumni Weekend. He served on the Alumni Schools Committee for four years, and, while completing his residency in San Francisco, was active in the San Francisco Alumni Club. As a student, he volunteered at community clinics and at student orientation, was a teaching assistant, and founded a chapter of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. His contributions earned him induction into the Maroon Key Society and a Howell Murray Award in 1996. This year, he was chosen as the keynote speaker at the 2008 Gold Humanism Honor Society induction.

Impressed by Dr. Mendoza's many accomplishments, one colleague says, "I suspect that few physicians can manage to meet the obligations of their professional lives, maintain a healthy personal life and make the kinds of contributions that Mike has made as a volunteer, all before the age of 35."



JAMES STEVENS

James Stevens, AB'04, began his service to the University of Chicago while a political science student in the College. In his sophomore year, he co-founded the Chicago Society, a student group bringing alumni, faculty, and students together to consider issues of global importance. As co-chair of his Senior Class Gift Committee, he helped inspire his classmates to raise almost double the amount raised by the previous class. His contributions as a student leader earned him a Howell Murray Award as well as induction into the Maroon Key Society.

While working toward a law degree at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Mr. Stevens chaired the Northeast Ohio chapter of the Alumni Schools Committee and was active in the Cleveland Alumni Club. He served as co-chair of his 1st Reunion Committee and participated in the Chicago Leadership Caucus, where he led a young alumni roundtable. One of his priorities is helping current Chicago students. He has volunteered for the Alumni Careers Network, read applications and conducted interviews for the Jeff Metcalf Fellows Program, and is an adviser to the Alumni Board of Governors' Students to Alumni Committee. Currently he serves as a graduate adviser for Eckhart Consulting (an independent student organization that provides traditional consulting work for RSOs) and is licensed to practice law in Illinois. Mr. Stevens works for Levin & Perconti, a law firm in Chicago.

As a classmate of Mr. Stevens observes, "Jamie loves Chicago as much as anyone else I know and he has devoted himself to serving the University, particularly the College, as an alum much as he did as a student." Mr. Stevens lives in Chicago and will serve on the committee for his 5th Reunion.



THE ALUMNI SERVICE CITATIONS

*Created in 1988, the Alumni Service Citations are awarded for outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the University through service in alumni programs, on advisory committees, and through efforts made to insure the welfare of the institution.*

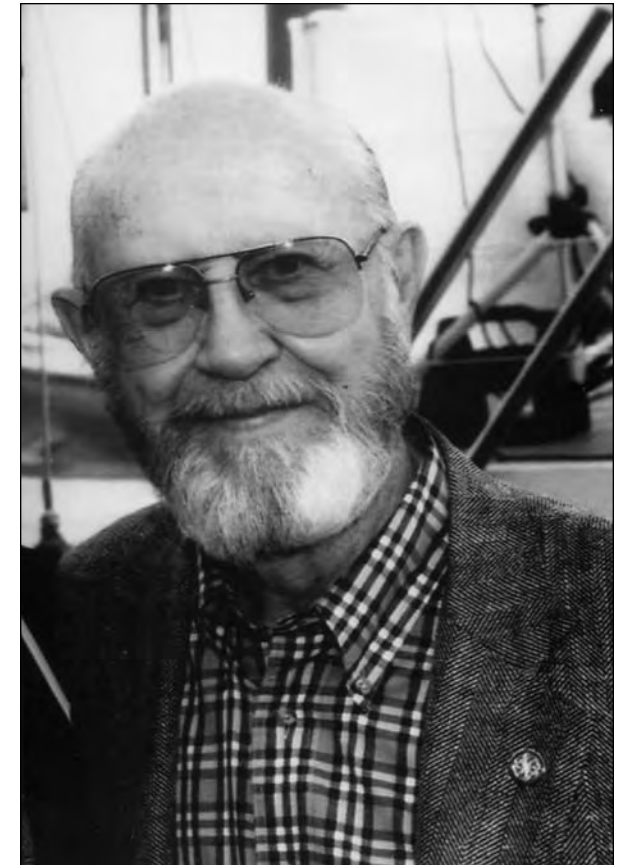
ROBERT K. ADAMSON

Over a half-century, Robert K. Adamson, SB'45, MD'48, has demonstrated, as one colleague puts it, "unparalleled support and loyalty to the University" and a "commitment to excellence in science and medicine." Another colleague remarks, "Bob's most outstanding feature during these years has been his love and devotion to the University."

Dr. Adamson's contributions to the University of Chicago include service on the Medical and Biological Sciences Alumni Association Council and the Biological Sciences Division Awards Committee. As a member of the Alumni Senate, Dr. Adamson has served on the Advisory Council and Cross Council. He is also chair of his medical school class, which celebrates its 60th Reunion this year, and has been involved in several other reunions.

Along with devoting his time to the University, Dr. Adamson has provided considerable financial support. His generosity has been honored with membership in the Harper Society, which recognizes those who have made cumulative gifts of \$1 million or more. In his role as class chair, Dr. Adamson has enthusiastically lobbied his classmates to support the medical school.

Now retired and living in Berkeley, California, Dr. Adamson was previously chief of psychiatry at Permanente Medical Center and ran a vineyard in the Napa Valley.





MERILYN HACKETT

In addition to enjoying a successful career as a businesswoman, Marilyn McGurk Hackett, PhB'45, has been a tireless advocate of the University of Chicago. Mrs. Hackett, retired president of the computer products company WORD ALGEBRA!, has served on the Women's Board, Alumni Cabinet, and Visiting Committee on the College and Student Activities. She was chair of the all-campus reunions of 1965 (the year of the University's 75th anniversary) and 1966, and chaired the all-campus Alumni Party in 1969.



In 1975, while serving as vice chair of the Special Gifts Committee, Mrs. Hackett led a historic effort to raise \$1 million in alumni contributions to be matched by University Trustee Robert O. Anderson, U-High'35, AB'39, and his wife Barbara, X'38. The Andersons stipulated that they would only match gifts from alumni who increased their giving, or those making their first gift to the University. As a result of Mrs. Hackett's efforts, alumni giving rose 56.6 percent from 1974, with gifts totaling nearly \$1.6 million.

Her late husband Joseph J. Hackett, PhB'45, SB'48, served on the Graduate School of Business's Annual Fund Challenge and on the Council of the GSB for many years; Mrs. Hackett served on the Council of the GSB for two years. She also helped establish the Women's Business Group at the GSB. Mrs. Hackett received an honorary MBA from the GSB in recognition of her service.

A fellow alumnus says, "Marilyn is an exceptional person—enthusiastic, thoroughly engaged in life, lovely in every respect, and a great example of all the good things so many of us gained from our education and experiences at the University of Chicago."

**THE ALUMNI SERVICE MEDAL**

*The Alumni Service Medal was established in 1983 to honor a lifetime of achievement in service to the University.*

KATHARINE BENSEN

Although her role in the creation of Alumni House is her most celebrated achievement, it is just one of many ways Kate Bensen, AB'80, has contributed to the University community.

Ms. Bensen has loyally served the University of Chicago since her earliest days as an alumna; in 1994, she received the Young Alumni Service Citation for her efforts. She has led several University groups, including the Alumni Board of Governors, the Women's Board, the Alumni Club, UC2MC (University of Chicago Club of Metropolitan Chicago), and her class reunion committees. In addition to having chaired the Women's Board, on several occasions she also headed its Projects Committee, which awards grants in the areas of faculty research and support, cultural institutions and the arts, quality of student life, and community outreach at the University. Ms. Bensen has also served on the College and Student Activities Visiting Committee and volunteered for career-related activities.

As chair of the Board of Governors' Alumni Center Task Force, Ms. Bensen surveyed board and volunteer leaders to determine their needs for an alumni center; interviewed administrators; raised consciousness of what Alumni House could accomplish; helped select the site; and solicited donations. One colleague who witnessed her tireless work says, "The University of Chicago has a truly wonderful Alumni House, and Kate's efforts have forever changed the landscape of alumni relations at Chicago—both physically and symbolically." As another succinctly puts it, "The center would not exist today had it not been for Kate."

Ms. Bensen is vice president of Conlon Public Strategies and a former partner at Schiff Hardin LLP. She lives in Chicago with her husband, C. Richard Johnson, JD'65.



## THE PUBLIC SERVICE CITATION

*The Public Service Citations honor those alumni who have fulfilled the obligations of their education through creative citizenship and exemplary leadership in service that has benefited society and reflected credit on the University.*

### MARSHALL BENNETT

The same out-of-the-box thinking that made Marshall Bennett, AB'42, a pioneer in real estate also characterizes his efforts to bring peace to the Middle East. As co-founder and longtime partner at Bennett and Kahnweiler Associates, Mr. Bennett helped develop and popularize industrial parks in America. He launched Marshall Bennett Enterprises, a firm specializing in leasing and development, in 1982 and has been involved in many other business ventures. He is co-chair and founder of the Chicago Real Estate School and Marshall Bennett Institute at Roosevelt University.



After the September 11 tragedy, Mr. Bennett and investment banker Talat Othman formed a coalition of powerful business leaders from the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths to seek an end to violence in the Middle East. Known as the Chicago Ten, the unique group focuses on creating jobs, wealth, and markets in the region. In 2003 the Chicago Ten endorsed a Manifesto for Peace.

Mr. Bennett also has served on the boards of many organizations, including the Weizmann Institute of Science, East-West Institute, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, and Ravinia Festival. He co-founded the Albert Einstein Peace Prize and is on the Honorary Board of Advisors of OneVoice, an organization devoted to ending extremist violence.

A native Chicagoan, Mr. Bennett has devoted considerable time to the University of Chicago, where he attended the College and Graduate School of Business. He has served on the Visiting Committee to the Division of the Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine, as director of the Brain Research Foundation at the University Hospitals, on the Chicago GSB Real Estate Alumni Group, and as a reunion and GSB gala dinner volunteer. He is a life trustee of the Medical Center Board of Trustees.

## THE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT CITATIONS

*The Professional Achievement Citations were established in 1967 to recognize alumni who have brought distinction to themselves, credit to the University, and benefit to their communities through their vocation.*

### DAVID BROOKS

The social critic David Brooks, AB'83, is a bestselling author and a columnist for the *New York Times* who attracts a devoted audience. He has made prolific and extraordinary contributions to the field of journalism.

As a Chicago undergraduate, Mr. Brooks displayed his talent for social commentary and incisive humor as a staff writer for the *Maroon*. Upon graduation, he became a police reporter for the Chicago City News Bureau. After subsequent stints at a number of publications, including the *Washington Times*, Mr. Brooks began his nine-year tenure at the *Wall Street Journal*, where his posts included editor of the book review section, international correspondent, and op-ed editor. In 1995, he joined the *Weekly Standard* as a founding editor, commenting on American societal trends and setting the stage for the position he assumed in 2003: op-ed columnist for the *New York Times*. As a writer for one of the most venerable and widely circulated publications in the world, Mr. Brooks shares his thoughts with millions of readers. He is also a commentator on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* and the author of two widely acclaimed books of social commentary: *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There* (2000) and *On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense* (2004). Mr. Brooks has served as a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and the *Atlantic Monthly* and as an analyst on NPR's *All Things Considered* and *The Diane Rehm Show*.



As one Chicago faculty member says, "Mr. Brooks's columns in the *New York Times* and his book *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There* mark him, in my opinion, as one of the most thoughtful and original of contemporary journalists and social critics."



REBECCA CHOPP

Rebecca Chopp, PhD'83, is a pivotal figure in the field of higher education. A renowned scholar of religion and culture as well as changing structures and culture of higher education in America, Ms. Chopp currently serves as the 15th president of Colgate University. Under her leadership, Colgate's undergraduate applications and fund-raising have increased significantly, and the school recently opened an integrated library and information technology center as well as an interdisciplinary science center. In describing Ms. Chopp's accomplishments, one of her colleagues notes, "Rebecca's efforts are tireless, important, and attracting attention and praise. Her work at Colgate has been so transformative that it is hard to believe she has only just begun her sixth year as president."



When she assumed the Colgate presidency, Ms. Chopp possessed deep experience as a teacher, scholar, and administrator. She received her doctorate from the University of Chicago Divinity School and began her professional career as an assistant professor of theology at her alma mater. In 1986, she joined the faculty of Emory University, where she spent the next 15 years. From 1998 to 2001, she served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, overseeing strategic planning for several key areas. Prior to her arrival at Colgate, Ms. Chopp held the position of dean and the Titus Street Professorship of Theology at Yale Divinity School.

Over the course of her extraordinary career, Ms. Chopp has presented widely, published prolifically, and garnered numerous accolades. She currently serves on the boards of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the National Survey of Student Engagement, and the Presidential Advisory Council for the NCAA. Ms. Chopp has served on the executive committee of the Annapolis Group, the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for Teaching, and the Council of Information and Library Resources. She holds honorary doctorates from Lafayette College and Lehigh University and has received distinguished alumna awards from the University of Chicago Divinity School, Saint Paul School of Theology, and Kansas Wesleyan University.



GARY HOOVER

Cultural entrepreneur Gary Hoover, AB'73, has helped revolutionize how the world learns and shares ideas and information. Growing up in Anderson, Indiana, he concluded that one of the best ways to make a positive impact was to create (and deliver) an innovative product or service. He began subscribing to Fortune magazine at the age of 12, and his eighth-grade term paper was the story of Marshall Field. As he once noted, "All my friends wanted to be president or a firefighter. I wanted to run a retail store."



Mr. Hoover also fell in love with big cities and with the idea of the life of the mind. Over his parents' serious doubts, he became the first person from his high school to attend the University. "Since I knew I was going to immerse myself in business and loved it, I did not want to study business in school. I knew I needed a liberal arts education." He worked in Graduate School of Business for the late James Lorie to earn spending money and started a handful of campus businesses. Two of his Shorey House "partners" served on the Board of Hoover's when it went public 29 years later.

After working as a Citibank securities analyst and serving as a buyer and analyst for two large retailers, his first entrepreneurial venture was the pioneering book superstore chain BOOKSTOP. The company was sold to Barnes & Noble seven years after its founding. Next, Mr. Hoover began the company which grew into Hoover's, Inc., one of the world's leading providers of information about enterprises. Hoover's went public in 1999 and was purchased by Dun & Bradstreet in 2003. Mr. Hoover's current entrepreneurial initiative, RoadStoryUSA, combines learning, playing, dining, and shopping. In 2001 he wrote the book *Hoover's Vision*, about the liberal arts approach to building enterprises. He spends time mentoring and teaching young people and fellow entrepreneurs worldwide.

Mr. Hoover also is deeply involved in the University of Chicago community. He has served as vice chair of his class reunion committee and on the Visiting Committee on the College and Student Activities. In 2002, in recognition of Mr. Hoover's extraordinary generosity as a benefactor, the University named Hoover House in the Max Palevsky Commons after him. He also was a founding contributor to the University of Chicago Center in Paris. In 2006, he was inducted into the Founders Circle of the University of Chicago Harper Society.



LEE SHULMAN

As the eighth president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Lee Shulman, AB'59, AM'60, PhD'63, has informed and influenced contemporary education. His work has illuminated the education of teachers and many facets of pedagogy, including professional preparation across several fields and the role of a "scholarship of teaching" within higher education. Mr. Shulman's recent publications include a two-volume collection of writings, *The Wisdom of Practice and Teaching as Community Property* (2004), and *Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law* (2007).



Upon receiving his doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Chicago, Mr. Shulman joined the faculty of Michigan State University. During his 19-year career at Michigan State, Mr. Shulman founded and co-directed the Institute for Research on Teaching. He played an instrumental role in faculty development and formulation of the medical-school curriculum. In 1982, Mr. Shulman became a professor of education and psychology at Stanford University. He was the first Stanford faculty member to hold the position of Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education (now emeritus). He became Carnegie president in 1997, at which point the foundation moved to Stanford.

A tremendously influential member of the educational community, Mr. Shulman has published more than 100 scholarly works and received, as one colleague put it, "thirteen honorary doctorates and virtually every award that can be given to an educator and researcher," including the American Psychological Association's E. L. Thorndike Award for Distinguished Psychological Contributions to Education, the Grawemeyer Award in Education, and a career award from the American Educational Research Association. Mr. Shulman is also a Guggenheim Fellow and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences.

Mr. Shulman has announced that he will retire as president of the Carnegie Foundation this summer, but his contributions to education will resonate for years to come.



ROLAND WINSTON

In an era in which scientific research has become more and more compartmentalized, Roland Winston, SB'56, SM'57, PhD'63, has bucked the trend and made important contributions to multiple fields within physics. In his primary focus of research, particle physics, his experiments have brought about greater understanding of muons and hyperons, subatomic particles that are essential to our understanding of fundamental physics. In addition to his experimental work, he has also contributed to theoretical physics and astrophysics. He was chairman of the University of Chicago Department of Physics from 1989 to 1995.



Mr. Winston's best-known contribution to scientific knowledge may be his work in the field of nonimaging optics and his invention of a device now called the Winston concentrator. The device, which concentrates light from faint sources very efficiently, was originally designed to be used in high-energy physics but has since found applications in fields as diverse as infrared astronomy and solar energy. Today, Winston concentrators are commercially available and are used in many solar-power installations. Because of his pioneering work in nonimaging optics, Mr. Winston was appointed to lead efforts in renewable-energy research as a founding faculty member at the newly established University of California, Merced in 2003.

In the words of his classmate and colleague Peter Vandervoort, AB'54, SB'55, SM'56, PhD'60, Professor Winston's achievements "span experimental and theoretical research, classical and modern physics, pure and applied research, and academic, industrial, and government projects."

## THE ALUMNI MEDAL

*Created in 1941, the Alumni Medal is awarded to recognize achievement of an exceptional nature in any field, vocational or voluntary, covering an entire career. It is the highest honor the Alumni Association can bestow. Because the value of the medal is defined by its recipients, it has been given sparingly. The medal is awarded to no more than one person each year and need not be awarded on an annual basis.*

### MILDRED DRESSELHAUS

Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, PhD'58, is internationally known both for her groundbreaking research in condensed-matter physics and for her tireless efforts to draw women to science and engineering. She is currently an institute professor and professor of physics and electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Over her distinguished career, she has served in a leadership position of every major scientific institution in her field, including the American Physical Society (President, 1984), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (President, 1997–1998), the National Academy of Sciences (Treasurer, 1992–1996), the American Institute of Physics (Chair of the Governing Board, 2003–2008), as well as a stint in the Department of Energy (Director, Office of Science, 2000–2001). She has received numerous medals and honors, including the National Medal of Science, in recognition of her contributions to condensed matter physics research, as well her work on an institutional and personal level to promote the cause of women in physics and engineering.



Ms. Dresselhaus has spent much of her research career in the field of carbon science, studying carbon nanotubes and the electronic properties of graphite, and for this work she recently received the Buckley Prize of the American Physical Society (2008), the most prestigious prize in her subfield of physics. She was also a pioneer in the use of lasers for experiments involving magneto-optics and performed important research on superconductivity. Her research group at MIT, often in collaboration with her husband, physicist Gene Dresselhaus, has trained more than 75 PhD students. In addition, she has served as an administrator at MIT in a number of positions, including director of the Center for Materials Science and Engineering.

A role model as a scientist, an administrator, and a teacher, Ms. Dresselhaus also has been an important advocate for women in the traditionally male-dominated fields of science and engineering. When she began teaching at MIT, women comprised just 4 percent of the undergraduate student body. Ms. Dresselhaus began mentoring female students and successfully encouraged the university to adopt equal academic standards for applicants; the number

of women undergraduates quickly doubled and is now more than 45 percent. She worked to increase the number of female science and engineering faculty, first at MIT and then nationally as president of the American Physical Society. In recognition for her contributions to the field of physics education, she was recently awarded the Oersten Medal of the American Association of Physics Teachers (2008), the highest award in the field.

Her research, advocacy, and mentorship have won her wide respect in the scientific community. In the words of one colleague, Ms. Dresselhaus is “a remarkable human being of incredible generosity who has provided enormous service to the scientific community and is always available to help a colleague or student. We can all feel proud that Millie is a graduate of the University of Chicago.”

## AWARDS FROM ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY

*Each year the University's Divisions and Schools recognize alumni who have brought honor to the institution through outstanding contributions to their professional fields and to society. These awards are presented in ceremonies that take place at different times during the year.*

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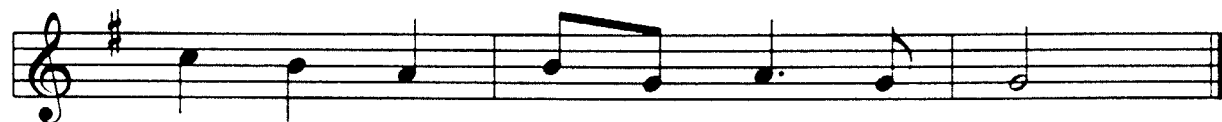
proud - ly raise To bless her with our ben - i - sons. Of



all fair moth - ers fair - est she, Most wise of all that



wis - est be, Most true of all the true, say we,



Is our dear Al - ma Ma - ter.