

**University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences Center**

Graduate College Convocation



**Virtual Livestream
May 14, 2022**

History of Academic Regalia

Academic regalia, adapted from both secular and clerical garments, has its historical origins in medieval times. Scholars wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in drafty, stone buildings that were poorly heated.

Regalia in the United States dates back to colonial times, although it was not formally adopted until the meeting of the Intercollegiate Commission in 1895. Colors assigned to disciplines were developed and have remained the general standard since, although some variations occur at individual institutions.

Robe styles vary by degree earned. The master's robe is untrimmed with sleeves that are oblong, closed at the ends, and slits through which the arms may be extended. The doctoral robe has a full sleeve with velvet facing on the front and neck, and three velvet bars on each sleeve that may be black or vary in color by degree granting institution.

The head covering most commonly used in the United States is the mortarboard although some universities use berets. The master's tassel is black while the doctoral degree tassel is gold.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic regalia. Master's hoods are generally faced with the color designating the degree and lined with the colors of the institution awarding the degree. Doctor of Philosophy hoods are faced with dark blue and lined with the colors of the institution.

Order of Ceremony

- Prelude** Sinfonia XI, No. 2 in D major
Joseph Bologna, Chevalier de Saint-Georges
Courtesy of Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra
- Posting of the Banner** Sarah Renee Ocañas
Banner Carrier
- Land Acknowledgement** Cassandra Querdibitty, PhD
Class of 2021-2022
- National Anthem** Soncearay Colette Higgins
- Opening Remarks** Gary Raskob, PhD
Interim Senior Vice President and Provost
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Welcome** H. Anne Pereira, PhD
Dean, Graduate College
David L. Boren Professor and
Henry Zarrow Presidential Professor, College of Pharmacy
- Convocation Address** Scott M. Lanyon, PhD
Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education
University of Minnesota
- Recognition of Honors** Gillian Air, PhD
Associate Dean, Graduate College
George Lynn Cross Professor, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Presentation of Graduates** Rebecka Bourn, PhD
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
Graduate College
- Closing Remarks** H. Anne Pereira, PhD
- Lift Every Voice and Sing** Soncearay Colette Higgins
- Recessional** Sarah Renee Ocañas
Banner Carrier

Scott M. Lanyon, PhD

Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate
Education
University of Minnesota



SCOTT M. LANYON has served as Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Education at the University of Minnesota since June 2016. With his leadership, the Graduate School has identified four strategic goals: 1) increasing the diversity of students receiving graduate degrees, 2) advocating for, recognizing, supporting and rewarding excellence in graduate education and postdoctoral training, 3) increasing innovation of best practices in graduate education and postdoctoral training, and 4) providing consistently exceptional service to University of Minnesota graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, graduate programs, colleges, and campuses.

Previous administrative roles at the University of Minnesota include Head of the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior (2008-2016) and Director of the Bell Museum of Natural History (1995-2008).

Dr. Lanyon's research career, first as Curator of Birds at the Field Museum and since 1995 as a faculty member in the Department of Ecology Evolution and Behavior at the University of Minnesota, has focused primarily on elucidating phylogenetic relationships in the New World Blackbirds (e.g., blackbirds, meadowlarks, grackles, orioles) in order to better understand patterns of behavioral and morphological evolution.

Dr. Lanyon earned a B.S. from the State University of New York College at Geneseo (1977), an M.S. from Indiana University (1980), and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University (1985). He has served as Chair of the Board for Minnesota Audubon and as Chair of the Steering Committee for the Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas project. He has been a board member for the Association of Systematic Collections, Natural Science Collections Alliance, Society of Systematic Biologists, and Wilson Ornithological Society, and served as both Vice President and President of the American Ornithologists' Union.

Gary E. Raskob PhD

Interim Senior Vice President and
Provost
OUHSC



Gary E. Raskob, Ph. D., is Interim Senior Vice President and Provost at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with overall responsibility for the educational and research programs of its seven colleges, and the Stephenson Cancer Center and the Harold Hamm Diabetes Center. He also serves on the Boards of the OU Health system and the University Hospitals Authority and Trust.

Dr. Raskob has academic appointments in the College of Public Health, and the College of Medicine, as a Regents Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine. He began his career at the OU Health Sciences Center in 1991. His research and scholarly interests are in the prevention and treatment of deep-vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism; clinical trials and antithrombotic drug development; evidence-based medicine and public health; and the translation of research evidence into practice.

Dr. Raskob has participated extensively in clinical practice guideline development for several specialty organizations including the American Society of Hematology (ASH), the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP), the American Thoracic Society (ATS), and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). He also served as a member of the external advisory panel on thrombosis and hemostasis for the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), and as an advisor on blood disorders to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He was the inaugural Chair of the Steering Committee for the World Thrombosis Day initiative of the International Society in Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH), from 2013 through 2019, and he currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Blood Clot Alliance (NBCA), the major patient advocacy organization in the United States for patients with venous thrombosis and pulmonary embolism. He is author or co-author of more than 200 publications on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of thromboembolic disease, including 21 articles in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Dr. Raskob is a past Chair of the Board of Directors for the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, the organization which represents more than 100 universities in the US and globally with accredited schools and programs in public health. He is active in public health service in his community, and is an immediate past Chair of the Oklahoma City-County Board of Health, which has oversight responsibility for the health department serving the 1.3 million residents of Oklahoma City-County.

Dr. Raskob received his PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Oklahoma, a Master of Science (MSc) degree in clinical epidemiology and health research methodology from McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada, and a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacology from the University of Toronto, Canada.

Graduate College Degrees Awarded in Summer 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022

Allied Health Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

***Meghan Victoria Tizzano** Mentor: Leah Hoffman, PhD

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Doctor of Philosophy

Francis Acquah Mentor: Blaine Mooers, PhD

***Landon Haslem** Mentor: Franklin Hays, PhD

Maria Newhardt..... Mentor: Kenneth Humphries, PhD

Xiavan Renaldo Roopnarinesingh.....
Mentor: Jonathan Wren, PhD

Biostatistics

Master of Science

Megan Eisele..... Mentor: Ying Zhang, PhD

***Caroline Goode** Mentor: Ying Zhang, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy

Sarah Elizabeth Johnston Mentor: Daniel Zhao, PhD

Cell Biology

Doctor of Philosophy

Kimberlie Ann Wittig Mentor: Christopher Sansam, PhD

Clinical & Translational Sciences

Master of Science

***Manzilat Akande** Mentor: Paul Darden, MD

***Pouya Javadian**..... Mentor: Doris Benbrook, PhD

Samara LewisMentor: Katherine Morris, MD

Marjorie Mercy Makoni.....Mentor: Edgardo Szyld, MD

Epidemiology

Master of Science

***Nazha Diwan**..... Mentor: Mary Williams, PhD

Shannon Marie Reeves Mentor: Aaron Wendelboe, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy

Wei-Jen Chen..... Mentor: Jennifer Peck, PhD

Sameer Vali Gopalani..... Mentors: Janis Campbell, PhD
Amanda Janitz, PhD

Genetic Counseling

Master of Science

Jaime Catherine DuncanMentor: Erin Youngs, MS

Sophia GriffithMentor: Darcy Huisman, MS

Sarah Gunter..... Mentors: Gene Hallford, PhD
Erin Youngs, MS

Meagan SiehrMentor: Alexandra Wadley, MMSc

Alanya ZalesnyMentor: Darcy Huisman, MS
Erin Youngs, MS

Health Promotion Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

***Cassandra Dawn Querdibitty** Mentors: Alicia Salvatore, PhD
Marianna Wetherill, PhD

Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Health Sciences

Master of Science

Enejo Friday Onuche.....Mentor: Evan Floyd, PhD

Madolyn PhillipsMentor: Evan Floyd, PhD

Stephanie Vannarath..... Mentor: Changjie Cai, PhD

Microbiology & Immunology

Doctor of Philosophy

***Ummey Khalecha Bintha Ahmed ...** Mentor: Jimmy Ballard, PhD

Neuroscience

Doctor of Philosophy

Katarzyna Malgorzata Piekarz... Mentor: Holly Van Remmen, PhD

Nursing

Doctor of Philosophy

Lisa Renee Bailey Mentors: Melissa Craft, PhD
Barbara Carlson, PhD

Ingrid Rae Dixon..... Mentor: Emily Jones, PhD

Kimethria Laurie Jackson Mentor: Janet Wilson, PhD

Nutritional Sciences

Master of Science

Saud Almutairi Mentor: Jennifer Graef-Downard, PhD

***Ezekiel Yosemite Kresie** Mentor: Susan Sisson, PhD

Orthodontics

Master of Science

***Jacob Thomas Ellender** Mentors: Onur Kadioglu, DDS
G. Frans Currier, DDS

Brock Frazee Mentor: Onur Kadioglu, DDS

***Taylor Campbell Kauffman** Mentor: Onur Kadioglu, DDS

***Skylar Paul Maxwell** Mentor: Onur Kadioglu, DDS

Pathology

Doctor of Philosophy

Brennah Murphy Mentor: Priyabrata Mukherjee, PhD

Periodontics

Master of Science

Nasim Lasemi Mentor: XiXi Wu, DDS, PhD

Olanrewaju Meeks Mentor: Lisa Radfar, DDS

Danielle Nici Mentor: Robin Henderson, DMD

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

***Christina Faith Bulkley** Mentor: Michael Smith, PhD

Yajing Sun Mentor: Jessie Au, PhD

Physiology

Master of Science

***Marta Elizabeth Maxted**..... Mentor: Dean Myers, PhD

Elizabeth McKittrick..... Mentors: Sinya Benyajati, PhD
Kevin Short, PhD

Frederico VieiraMentor: Jian-Xing Ma, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy

Harminder Dalip Singh..... Mentor: Jian-Xing Ma, MD, PhD

Eric Enyong Mentor: Michael Elliott, PhD

Greg Matlock Mentor: Jian-Xing Ma, MD, PhD

***Sarah Renee Ocañas**..... Mentor: Willard Freeman, PhD

Wenjing Wu..... Mentor: Jian-Xing Ma, MD, PhD

Radiological Sciences

Master of Science

Joseph CaronMentor: Yong Chen, PhD

Kristen Ashley Duke Mentor: Andy Lau, PhD

Taylor Meyers Mentor: Imad Ali, PhD

Chaz Alexander Pelas Mentor: Imad Ali, PhD

Caleb Evan StallcupMentor: Jagadeesh Sonnad, PhD

Matthew P. Sullivan.....Mentor: Salahuddin Ahmad, PhD

*Denotes 4.0 GPA