



122nd Annual Commencement  
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*June 10, 2016*





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*Friday, June 10, 2016*  
*10:00 a.m.*



## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

### *Chief Marshal*

Warren C. Brown, Ph.D.

### *Marshals*

Barbara Green, Ph.D.

Mary Kennedy, Ph.D.

David Politzer, Ph.D.

David Prober, Ph.D.

Douglas Rees, Ph.D.

Leeat Yariv, Ph.D.

### *Faculty Officer*

Kristine L. Haugen, Ph.D.

### MARCHING ORDER

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Science

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Science

Candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Faculty Officers

The Faculty

The Chairs of the Divisions

The Deans

The Vice Provosts

The Provost

The Vice Presidents

The Trustees

The Commencement Speaker

The President

The Chair of the Board of Trustees

## PROGRAM

ORGAN PRELUDE	Leslie J. Deutsch, Ph.D.
PROCESSIONAL	The Caltech Convocation Brass and Percussion Ensemble <i>William W. Bing, M.M., Conductor</i>
PRESIDING	David L. Lee, Ph.D. <i>Chair of the Board of Trustees California Institute of Technology</i>
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H. <i>Surgeon, writer, and public health researcher</i>
CHORAL SELECTION “Ode to Joy” excerpts from Symphony No. 9 by Ludwig van Beethoven; Arranged by Dr. Deutsch <i>(Translation on page 56.)</i>	The Caltech Glee Club, the Caltech Convocation Brass and Percussion Ensemble, and Organ <i>Nancy Sulahian, M.M., Conductor</i>
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Thomas F. Rosenbaum, Ph.D. <i>President Sonja and William Davidow Presidential Chair and Professor of Physics California Institute of Technology</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	
For the Degree of Bachelor of Science	Joseph E. Shepherd, Ph.D. <i>Vice President for Student Affairs</i>
For the Degree of Master of Science	Douglas C. Rees, Ph.D. <i>Dean of Graduate Studies</i>

For the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Biology and Biological Engineering	Stephen L. Mayo, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	David A. Tirrell, Ph. D. <i>Ross McCollum–William H. Corcoran Professor and Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering</i>
Engineering and Applied Science	Guruswami Ravichandran, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Geological and Planetary Sciences	John P. Grotzinger, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Humanities and Social Sciences	Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy	Fiona Harrison, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS AND  
CONCLUDING REMARKS

President Rosenbaum

ALMA MATER

“Hail CIT”

by Manton Barnes, B.S. '21  
*(The audience may join in;  
lyrics are on page 56.)*

The Caltech Glee Club, the Caltech  
Convocation Brass and Percussion  
Ensemble, and Organ

RECESSIONAL

The Caltech Convocation Brass  
and Percussion Ensemble

Organ Postlude

“The Throop Institute March,”  
composed by E. C. Kammermeyer  
in 1900 for the Throop Institute  
Guitar and Mandolin Society

Dr. Deutsch

*Live streaming of Caltech’s 2016 commencement ceremony will begin shortly before 10 a.m.  
on Friday, June 10, at [www.caltech.edu](http://www.caltech.edu).*

*Follow along with the day’s events on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat. Share your  
photos and join the celebration by using #Caltech2016. (See page 60 for more information.)*





## **ABOUT CALTECH**

More than a century ago, in November 1891, Throop University opened its doors to six faculty members and 31 students. Within a few years, astronomer George Ellery Hale, chemist Arthur Amos Noyes, and physicist Robert Andrews Millikan had come together to transform Throop into a world-class science and engineering research and education institution.

Since then, Caltech has grown to nearly 300 professorial faculty, more than 600 postdocs, more than 1,200 graduate students, and almost 1,000 undergraduates—all of whom expand human knowledge and advance society through bold, collaborative explorations and creative, intensive scholarship in fundamental and applied sciences and engineering. Caltech scholars have accelerated life-changing discoveries and transformed the fields of energy, medicine, geoscience, and astrophysics. They have earned 34 Nobel Prizes, 7 Crafoord Prizes, 13 National Medals of Technology, and 58 National Medals of Science.

The Institute operates internationally recognized facilities for advanced research on its campus and oversees a seismological laboratory, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and an unparalleled network of astronomical observatories.

Caltech is a place where bold discoveries are possible—where visionary scholars advance the boundaries of knowledge. We celebrate today the 579 graduates who will earn 249 bachelor's degrees, 140 master's degrees, and 190 Ph.D. degrees, and who will contribute to Caltech's impressive legacy and record of achievement around the world.



## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H., is a surgeon, writer, and public health researcher. He practices general and endocrine surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and is a professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and he is the Samuel O. Thier Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He is executive director of Ariadne Labs, a joint center for health systems innovation between Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He is also the chairman of Lifebox, a nonprofit organization created with the goal of making surgery safer globally—especially in low-resource countries—through the distribution of appropriate technologies.

Since 1998, Gawande has also been a staff writer for *The New Yorker* magazine, where his writing frequently focuses on major issues facing medicine and public health in the 21st century.

In addition to his magazine writing, Gawande is the author of four *New York Times* bestsellers: *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science*, *Better*, *The Checklist Manifesto*, and, most recently, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*.

Gawande earned a bachelor's degree in biology and political science from Stanford University in 1987. A Rhodes scholar, Gawande earned a master's degree in philosophy, politics and economics from Balliol College, Oxford, in 1989. In 1995, he graduated with a Doctor of Medicine from Harvard Medical School, and in 1999 he earned a Master of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

He is the winner of two National Magazine Awards, AcademyHealth's Impact Award for highest research impact on healthcare, a MacArthur Fellowship, and the Lewis Thomas Prize for writing about science.

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### *Bachelor of Science*

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David Paul Addis\* *Malvern, Pennsylvania* Mechanical Engineering and Business, Economics, and Management

Aman Agarwal\* *New Delhi, India* Computer Science

Sandia Yun Akhtar\* *Ellicott City, Maryland* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Economics

Monique Isabelle Alkiewicz *Mason, Ohio* Bioengineering

Kevin Chong An\* *Jamaica, New York* Mathematics

Kristin Nicole Gregory Anderson *Folsom, California* Bioengineering and Business, Economics, and Management

Robert Maxwell Anderson\* *St. Louis Park, Minnesota* Mechanical Engineering

Alexandros Giorgos Anemogiannis\* *Atlanta, Georgia* Electrical Engineering

Sreenivas Appasani\* *Nashua, New Hampshire* Computer Science

Elaine Janette Arbaugh\* *Deerfield, Illinois* Computer Science

Luis Ignacio Ares *Miami, Florida* Mathematics

Thomas Lyman Arnold IV *Boxborough, Massachusetts* Mechanical Engineering

Sarah Keiko Megan Rose White Asano *Sunnyvale, California* Mechanical Engineering

Nima Daniel Badizadegan *Newton, Massachusetts* Electrical Engineering

Adam Alfredo Ball\* *Carol Stream, Illinois* Physics

Lisa Jane Beckmann\* *Torrance, California* Bioengineering

Timothy Watson Bennett *McLean, Virginia* Electrical Engineering

Joseph Don Berleant\* *Little Rock, Arkansas* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems) and Computer Science

Aditya Sharathkumar Bhagavathi\* *West Windsor, New Jersey* Computer Science

Laksh Bhasin\* *London, United Kingdom* Physics

James Cain Blackwood\* *Rancho Palos Verdes, California* Mechanical Engineering and Business, Economics, and Management

Dryden Septimus Bouamalay *Oakland, California* Computer Science

Sarah Brandsen *Ankeny, Iowa* Physics

Emory Andrew Brown\* *Stone Mountain, Georgia* Physics

\* Students whose names are followed by an asterisk are being graduated with honor in accordance with a vote of the faculty.

† Students whose names are followed by a dagger are close to completion and will receive diplomas at the end of the academic year in which all graduation requirements are met.

## *Bachelor of Science continued*

Alexandra Morgan Brunson *Knoxville, Tennessee* English  
Christopher Brian Cannella\* *Orinda, California* Astrophysics  
Grant Walter Carlson\* *Atlanta, Georgia* Computer Science  
Kurtis Mickel Carsch\* *Bellevue, Washington* Chemistry  
Matthew Yoshimi Cedeno *Virginia Beach, Virginia* Computer Science  
Arun Chandra\* *Fort Collins, Colorado* Bioengineering and Computer Science  
Chien-Yi Chang\* *Taipei, Taiwan (ROC)* Physics  
Melissa Claire Chang\* *Centennial, Colorado* Mechanical Engineering and Business,  
Economics, and Management  
Ann Tai Chen\* *Thousand Oaks, California* Bioengineering  
Anthony Fu Chen\* *Irvine, California* Biology and English (Minor)  
Courtney Chen\* *Kildeer, Illinois* Biology  
Oliver Weisi Chen\* *Solon, Ohio* Electrical Engineering  
Aileen Cheng\* *Fremont, California* Bioengineering and Computer Science (Minor)  
David Bo Cheng\* *Calabasas, California* Computer Science  
Evelyn Sze Wing Chin *Cupertino, California* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
Nicholas Young Joon Cho\* *Los Angeles, California* Computer Science  
Dahan Choi\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Applied Physics  
Daniel Chou† *Blue Bell, Pennsylvania* Bioengineering  
Anne Elizabeth Christian\* *Calabasas, California* Biology and Geological and Planetary  
Sciences (Minor)  
Daniel Yu-Kit Chui\* *Syosset, New York* Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science  
(Minor)  
John Michael Clark *Lewisville, Texas* Mathematics  
Matthew Austin Clark *San Diego, California* Computer Science  
John Dalton Co-Reyes\* *Wilton, Connecticut* Computer Science  
Ming Alexandra Cong\* *Saratoga, California* Mathematics and Computer Science (Minor)  
Matthew William Conroy *Lakewood, Colorado* Computer Science and History (Minor)  
Melissa A. Cronin† *Monrovia, Maryland* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)  
Peter James Cuy\* *Miami, Florida* Electrical Engineering  
Lorinda Carol DaJose *Riverside, California* Planetary Science  
Shival Vishnu Dasu† *Sunnyvale, California* Mathematics and Computer Science (Minor)  
Anne Hope Davis\* *Colorado Springs, Colorado* Chemistry and Geological and Planetary  
Sciences (Minor)  
Nat M. DeFries *Austin, Texas* Chemical Engineering (Environmental)  
Paul Byron Dieterle\* *Madison, Wisconsin* Applied Physics

## *Bachelor of Science continued*

- Kayane Kohar Dingilian *Irvine, California* Chemical Engineering (Environmental)
- Sean Thomas Dolan *Hartsdale, New York* Computer Science
- Sith Domrongkitchaiporn *Bangkok, Thailand* Electrical Engineering
- Esther Du *Walnut, California* Computer Science and Business, Economics, and Management
- Rebecca R. Du\* *San Diego, California* Bioengineering
- Xiaomi Du *Cheshire, Connecticut* Biology
- Patric Morgan Eck\* *Fullerton, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics and  
Business, Economics, and Management
- Kristin Alicia Eliason *Superior, Wisconsin* Mechanical Engineering
- Kelechukwu Ikenna Emezie *Waxhaw, North Carolina* Computer Science
- Clarke Jarett Esmerian\* *Auburn, California* Astrophysics
- Jonathan Tammer Eweis-LaBolle\* *Davis, California* Mechanical Engineering
- Martín Pablo Fabbri† *Los Angeles, California* Computer Science
- Basith Ahmed Fahumy\* *Princeton, New Jersey* Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science  
(Minor)
- Wentao Fan\* *Beijing, People's Republic of China* Physics
- Tianhao Fang\* *Fremont, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Business,  
Economics, and Management
- Zachary Ryan Fein\* *Dallas, Texas* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Aaron Gabriel Feldman\* *Wilmington, Delaware* Mathematics and Computer Science
- Jerry Feng *Knoxville, Tennessee* Computer Science
- Jared Nicholas Forte *Lake Elsinore, California* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular) and  
Philosophy (Minor)
- Gabriel Julian Foster *Shorewood, Wisconsin* Mathematics
- Edward Demharter Fouad\* *Farmington, Connecticut* Mechanical Engineering
- Constance Betsy Fu\* *Dayton, Maryland* Applied and Computational Mathematics and  
Computer Science
- Galen Forrest Gao\* *Irving, Texas* Bioengineering
- Christopher Viriyakosol Gardner *San Diego, California* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)
- Edward Garza *Corpus Christi, Texas* Physics
- Rachel Michelle Gates *Grass Valley, California* Engineering and Applied Science  
(Environmental Science and Engineering)
- Iulia Gheorghita\* *Orlando, Florida* Mathematics
- Lauren Ann Gilbert *Spring Hill, Florida* Physics
- Heather Delia Gold\* *Poway, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and  
Neural Systems)

## *Bachelor of Science continued*

- Daniel Jose Gomez *Dallas, Texas* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Eric Rabkin Gorlin *San Francisco, California* Computer Science and Philosophy (Minor)
- Joseph Michael Grappone Jr.\* *Richmond, Virginia* Mechanical Engineering
- Webster Jingtao Guan\* *Lisle, Illinois* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)
- Ayush Gupta\* *Portland, Oregon* Chemistry
- Albert Thomas Gural\* *Clifton, Virginia* Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Minor)
- Daniel Robert Guth *Annapolis, Maryland* Mathematics
- James Tae-Woong Ha\* *Honolulu, Hawaii* Biology and Computer Science (Minor)
- Cody Han† *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania* Computer Science
- Sheila Gabriella Handler *Oakton, Virginia* Chemistry
- Wade Daniel Hann-Caruthers *Charlotte, North Carolina* Mathematics and Computer Science  
(Minor)
- Christopher Sprague Hazard\* *Potomac, Maryland* Computer Science
- Alexander Michael Henny *South Portland, Maine* Mathematics and Environmental Science  
and Engineering (Minor)
- Emilia Sakai Hernandez *Fairfield, Connecticut* Chemistry and Geochemistry
- Timothy Philip Holland\* *Hingham, Massachusetts* Computer Science
- Samuel Joshua Holo *New York, New York* Planetary Science
- Andrew Ji-Chuang Hou\* *Artesia, California* Bioengineering
- William Michael Hoza\* *Olympia, Washington* Computer Science and Mathematics
- Alexander Der-Sheng Hsu\* *Saratoga, California* Biology
- Tianyi Hu *Rockville, Maryland* Astrophysics
- May Hui\* *Oakland, California* Biology
- Sylvia Katherine Hurlimann\* *Newton, Massachusetts* Chemistry
- Vy-Luan Khang Huynh\* *Goleta, California* Computer Science
- Alina Tiffany Hwang\* *Gaithersburg, Maryland* Electrical Engineering
- Jonathan Watson Ikpeazu *Los Angeles, California* Computer Science and Business, Economics,  
and Management
- Alexandra Katarina Ilic\* *Austin, Texas* Mechanical Engineering
- Seong Bin Im† *Leesburg, Virginia* Business, Economics, and Management
- Aakash Indurkha *Charlotte, North Carolina* Computer Science
- Catherine Elizabeth Jamshidi\* *Alexandria, Virginia* Computer Science and Business,  
Economics, and Management
- Nauman Muhammed Javed\* *Oviedo, Florida* Physics
- Katherine Jiang *Saratoga, California* Applied Physics
- Rushikesh Sanjeev Joshi\* *Sunnyvale, California* Computer Science

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- Soumya Kannan\* *Palo Alto, California* Bioengineering
- Aditya Karan\* *Naperville, Illinois* Computer Science and Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Megan Jane Keehan *McLean, Virginia* Computer Science
- Emil Timergalievich Khabiboulline\* *Geneva, Illinois* Physics
- Kyu Kim\* *Mission Hills, California* Mechanical Engineering
- Minsoo Kim\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Bioengineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Shi En Kim\* *Alor Star, Malaysia* Chemical Engineering (Materials)
- Anup Kishore *Chappaqua, New York* Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science (Minor)
- Michael J. Klionsky *Boca Raton, Florida* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Matthew Long Kluchert† *Bellevue, Washington* Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Minor)
- Nikola Borislavov Kovachki\* *Sofia, Bulgaria* Mathematics
- Brian David Kubisiak\* *Chanbassen, Minnesota* Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Minor)
- Meera Mahesh Kumar *San Ramon, California* Chemical Engineering (Materials)
- Vansh Kumar\* *Vienna, Virginia* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Computer Science
- Vibhor Kumar\* *Cincinnati, Ohio* Computer Science
- Jessica Coco Lam\* *Scarsdale, New York* Biology
- Chengyi A. Lee\* *San Jose, California* Computer Science
- Donsuk Lee\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Computer Science
- Grace Lee\* *Artesia, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Environmental Science and Engineering) and Geological and Planetary Sciences (Minor)
- Hyunseok Lee\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Physics
- Jihoon William Lee\* *Redmond, Washington* Bioengineering
- Margaret Ann Lee *Bedford, Texas* Mechanical Engineering
- Grace Anne Leishman *Rye, New York* Business, Economics, and Management and Geological and Planetary Sciences (Minor)
- Bianca Arielle Lepe\* *Granada Hills, California* Bioengineering and Business, Economics, and Management
- Alex Yucheng Lew\* *Marlboro, New Jersey* Computer Science
- Jiaxin Li† *Beijing, Peoples Republic of China* Electrical Engineering
- Joanne Li *San Diego, California* Computer Science
- Kevin (Kevli) Li\* *Silver Spring, Maryland* Computer Science



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- Monica Shaojin Li\* *Boulder, Colorado* Mechanical Engineering
- Dennis Nine Liao\* *Bellevue, Washington* Electrical Engineering
- David James Lichko\* *Deerfield, Illinois* Mathematics
- Binjih Lin *Fremont, California* Electrical Engineering
- Bryant JiaWei Lin *Raleigh, North Carolina* Computer Science
- Xintong Lin\* *Akron, Ohio* Computer Science
- Yuchen Lin *Pearland, Texas* Mathematics and Computer Science
- Amarise Noelle Little\* *Orlando, Florida* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Cong Liu\* *Beijing, People's Republic of China* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Business, Economics, and Management and Computer Science (Minor)
- Sheila Lo *Arcadia, California* Mechanical Engineering
- Mark Edward Lorden *Brookline, New Hampshire* Mechanical Engineering
- Anthony Erich Lutz† *Woodbridge, Virginia* Physics
- Harinee Jaganiyaa Maiyuran\* *Irvine, California* History and Philosophy of Science
- Chaitanya Lakshmidhar Malladi\* *Saratoga, California* Bioengineering and English (Minor)
- Ajay Uday Mandlekar\* *Cupertino, California* Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Aashrita Mangu\* *South Pasadena, California* Electrical Engineering and Geological and Planetary Sciences (Minor)
- Lasya Marla *San Jose, California* Physics and Computer Science (Minor)
- Mateo Martinez *Houston, Texas* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)
- Jacqueline Joy Masehi-Lano\* *San Marino, California* Bioengineering
- Ishan Harshad Mehta\* *Fort Gratiot, Michigan* Chemistry and Economics
- Calli Christine Meyer\* *Austin, Texas* Electrical Engineering
- Alice Jamie Marie Ghislaine Michel\* *La Cañada, California* Geobiology
- Ismael Mireles† *Long Beach, California* Astrophysics
- Ritvik Jay Mishra\* *Seattle, Washington* Computer Science
- Madhav Mohandas\* *Naperville, Illinois* Computer Science
- Matthew Robert Morgan† *Costa Mesa, California* Computer Science
- Hamik Mukelyan *Burbank, California* Computer Science
- Alexander Heng-hoe Mun *Rye, New York* Mathematics and Computer Science (Minor)
- August William Nanz\* *Escondido, California* Mechanical Engineering
- John Capuano Naruk\* *Houston, Texas* Electrical Engineering
- Santiago Gustavo Navonne\* *Lugano, Switzerland* Electrical Engineering and Business, Economics, and Management
- Katherine Kieu Han Nguyen\* *Los Angeles, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics

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Tian Nie\* *Wuxi, People's Republic of China* Mathematics  
Patrick Fanfei Nikong\* *Beaverton, Oregon* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
Ariel Margaret O'Neill\* *Minnetonka, Minnesota* Biology  
Meghana Sai Pagadala\* *Rock Island, Illinois* Chemistry  
Torkom Anthony Pailevanian\* *Glendale, California* Electrical Engineering  
Juan Diego Palomino\* *Pasadena, California* Computer Science  
Cheol Woo Park\* *Daejeon, Republic of Korea* Physics  
Grace Eunhye Park\* *Elkins Park, Pennsylvania* Computer Science  
Hong Joon Park *Upper Saddle River, New Jersey* Biology and Computer Science (Minor)  
Catherine Ann Pavlov\* *Woodside, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Haley Illyse Pawlow *Mt. Prospect, Illinois* Electrical Engineering  
Thomas Rendon Peterson *Newball, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Alexander Charles Pier\* *Camas, Washington* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)  
Valerie Bernice Pietrasz *Alta Loma, California* Planetary Science and Mechanical Engineering  
Riley Michael Pinkerton\* *Nashotah, Wisconsin* Computer Science and Mathematics  
Patrick Julian Tassilo Rall *Munich, Germany* Physics and Computer Science (Minor)  
William Augusto Reichard *Guaynabo, Puerto Rico* Chemistry  
Stephanie Nicole Reyes *Chicago, Illinois* Mathematics  
William Weiss Rieger† *McLean, Virginia* Physics  
Ryan Anthony Ripper *Anaheim, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
Andrew M. Romine *Kennett Square, Pennsylvania* Chemistry and Business, Economics, and  
Management and History (Minor)  
Tatiana Aiko Roy *Carlsbad, California* Applied Physics and Aerospace Engineering (Minor)  
Xander Rudelis *Plano, Texas* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)  
Keegan Alexander Ryan\* *Webster, Minnesota* Computer Science and Applied and  
Computational Mathematics  
Ellora Sarkar *Pinecrest, Florida* Economics  
Samuel Francis Savitz\* *Ocoee, Florida* Physics and Chemistry  
Nicholas Benjamin Schiefer\* *Pickering, Canada* Computer Science  
Dylan Eric Schultz *St. Louis, Missouri* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Business,  
Economics, and Management  
Daniel Seabra de Andrade\* *Coralville, Iowa* Electrical Engineering  
Mehmet Sencan *Istanbul, Turkey* Applied Physics  
Neera Manoj Shah\* *Riverside, California* Biology  
Nehaly Manoj Shah\* *Riverside, California* Biology and English (Minor)  
Elly Shao *Oxnard, California* Astrophysics

## *Bachelor of Science continued*

- Samridhi Shree Sharma *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
Dongying Erin Shen\* *Shanghai, People's Republic of China* Chemical Engineering  
(Biomolecular)  
Laura Hui-Shin Shou\* *Mountain View, California* Mathematics  
Elliot Tyler Simon *Alexandria, Virginia* Mathematics and Computer Science  
Karthik Guruswamy Siva\* *Newark, Delaware* Physics  
Valentin Alexander Skoutnev\* *The Woodlands, Texas* Physics  
Matthew Dennis Smalley *Newhall, California* Biology  
Jun Ho Son\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Physics  
Tara Sowrirajan\* *Denver, Colorado* Computer Science  
Gregory Saichiro Stevens *Bow, New Hampshire* Biology  
Juliet (Ye) Su\* *Calgary, Canada* Chemistry  
Yubo Su\* *Johns Creek, Georgia* Physics and Computer Science  
Ömer Subaşı\* *Istanbul, Turkey* Mechanical Engineering  
Qunchao Sun\* *Ningbo, People's Republic of China* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
Cynthia J. Sung\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Chemistry  
Naveen Tadepalli *Calabasas, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Kevin Taihao Tang *Monterey, California* Computer Science  
Rebecca Kunnie Tang *Fitchburg, Massachusetts* Physics  
Rachel Diane Thorp *La Cañada, California* Astrophysics and Computer Science (Minor)  
Torin Robert Thosath† *Punta Gorda, Florida* Business, Economics, and Management  
Huey-ru (Debbie) Tsai *Los Altos, California* Computer Science  
Christine Tseng\* *Saratoga, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and  
Neural Systems) and Computer Science (Minor)  
Jean-Alexandre Turban *Miami, Florida* Mechanical Engineering  
Christopher Paul Varnerin *Watchung, New Jersey* Engineering and Applied Science  
Hannah Alane Walsh *Plano, Texas* Mechanical Engineering  
Daniel Wang\* *Chanbassen, Minnesota* Computer Science  
Jack Haocheng Wang\* *San Gabriel, California* Computer Science  
Jingwen Wang\* *Santa Clara, California* Computer Science  
Sharon Wang\* *Rowland Heights, California* Electrical Engineering  
Siyuan Stella Wang *Moorpark, California* Bioengineering  
David Austin Warrick *Carrollton, Texas* Computer Science  
Nancy Yahan Wen\* *North Potomac, Maryland* Computer Science  
Michael James Wheeler\* *Whittier, California* Mathematics  
Theodore Johann Shaw Wilkening\* *Bowie, Maryland* Mechanical Engineering

## *Bachelor of Science continued*

Jalani Kofi Williams *Omaha, Nebraska* Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science (minor)  
Connor K. Wilson *Republic, Washington* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems)  
Stephanie Wong *Palos Verdes Estates, California* Chemistry  
Yuanyuan Xu *Yueqing, People's Republic of China* Bioengineering  
Albert Huaju Yang *Portland, Oregon* Mechanical Engineering  
Cassidy Yang\* *Naperville, Illinois* Physics and Business, Economics, and Management  
Sharon Yunju Yang\* *Taipei, Taiwan (ROC)* Computer Science  
Kevin Shimin Ye†\* *Carlsbad, California* Bioengineering  
Kexin Yi\* *Hunan, People's Republic of China* Physics  
Patrick Ao Yu\* *The Woodlands, Texas* Applied Physics  
Shengyang Kevin Yu\* *Seattle, Washington* Bioengineering  
Kevin Alexander Yuh\* *Upper Arlington, Ohio* Computer Science  
Anthony Zhang† *Albuquerque, New Mexico* Electrical Engineering  
Jerry Xiri Zhang\* *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania* Computer Science  
Andrew Zhao\* *Webster, New York* Computer Science and Economics  
Taokun Zheng\* *Shanghai, People's Republic of China* Computer Science and Mathematics  
Tiffany Zhou\* *Brentwood, California* Bioengineering  
Nicholas Farrell Zolman\* *Mount Sterling, Kentucky* Mathematics  
Leonardo Z. Zornberg\* *Austin, Texas* Chemical Engineering (Materials)

## Master of Science

- Ehsan Abbasi (*Electrical Engineering*) B.Sc., Sharif University of Technology 2014.
- Nicholas Joseph Adams-Cohen (*Social Science*) B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara 2011; M.A., Stanford University 2014.
- Theodore Glenn Albertson (*Applied Physics*) B.S., University of Michigan 2012.
- Ahmed Ibrahim Alshaia (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., University of Edinburgh 2007.
- Miguel André Aroca-Ouellette (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., McGill University 2015.
- Akshata Athawale (*Electrical Engineering*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology Bombay 2013.
- Louisa Taylor Avellar (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Berkeley 2014.
- Kangchen Bai (*Geophysics*) B.S., Nanjing University 2013.
- Thomas Christopher Bohdanowicz (*Physics*) B.A.Sc., B.Math., University of Waterloo 2014.
- Joseph John Douglas Bowkett (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., The University of Auckland 2014.
- Joshua Harris Brake (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., LeTourneau University 2013; M.S., 2014.
- Jeremy Jean Brouillet (*Applied Physics*) B.A., Dartmouth College 2013.
- Eric William Burkholder (*Chemical Engineering*) B.S., Cornell University 2014.
- Kurtis Mickel Carsch (*Chemistry*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2016.
- Luciana Hartmann Paolillo Cendon (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Polytechnic University of Turin 2012; M.S., 2014.
- Albert Chan (*Geophysics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2001; M.S., Brooklyn College of the City University of New York 2004.
- Jinqiang Chen (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.E., Politecnico di Torino 2011; B.E., Harbin Institute of Technology 2011.
- Aaron Chew (*Physics*) B.S., California State University, Los Angeles 2014.
- Hyunjun Cho (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Korea University 2007; M.S., Seoul National University 2009.
- Benson Emmanuel Stevens Christalin (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., Tufts University 2009; M.S., 2011.
- Jaebum Chung (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Cornell University 2013.
- Michael Andrew Citrin (*Materials Science*) B.S.E., University of Pennsylvania 2014.
- Colin Andrew Cook (*Medical Engineering*) B.A.Sc., University of Toronto 2012; M.S., Johns Hopkins University 2014.
- Gerardo Cruz (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., University of Florida 2006.
- Brooke Hillary Dallas (*Geology*) B.S., University of California, Davis 2011.
- Blake Elliott Daniels (*Chemistry*) B.S., The University of Chicago 2013.

## *Master of Science continued*

- Sumanth Dathathri (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.Tech., M.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology Madras 2014.
- Andre Fernando de Castro da Silva (*Mechanical Engineering*) Engenheiro Aeronáutico, Instituto Tecnológico de Aeronáutica 2010; M.S., 2013.
- Hao Deng (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Zhejiang University 2014.
- Christopher John Dougherty (*Aeronautics*) B.S., University of Southern California 2015.
- Obinna Eruchalu (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., New Jersey Institute of Technology 2013.
- Vanessa Evoen (*Chemical Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Los Angeles 2010.
- Seyed Mohammadreza Fatemi (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., K. N. Toosi University of Technology 2011; M.S., Sharif University of Technology 2013.
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Thesis: Microscopic Origin of Macroscopic Strength in Granular Media: A Numerical and Analytical Approach.
- Vanessa Danielle Jonsson (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., University of Southern California 2006; M.A., 2007.  
Thesis: Robust Control of Evolutionary Dynamics.
- Georg Kaltenboeck (*Materials Science*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Investigation of Capacitive Discharge Heating of Metallic Glasses.
- Gokcan Karakus (*Civil Engineering*) B.S., Boğaziçi University 2007; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2008.  
Thesis: Real-Time Bayesian Analysis of Ground Motion Envelopes for Earthquake Early Warning.
- Hyun-Sik Kim (*Materials Science*) B.A., M.S., University of Cambridge 2006.  
Thesis: Thermoelectric Properties of Bismuth Antimony Telluride Alloys.
- Simon Lapointe (*Aeronautics*) B.Eng., Laval University 2010; M.Sc., 2012; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Simulation of Premixed Hydrocarbon Flames at High Turbulence Intensities.
- Sebastian Liska (*Aeronautics*) B.S., Duke University 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Fast Lattice Green's Function Methods for Viscous Incompressible Flows on Unbounded Domains.
- Yang Liu (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Shandong University 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Novel Parylene Filters for Biomedical Applications.
- Zhao Liu (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Tsinghua University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Electromyographic Signal Processing with Application to Spinal Cord Injury.
- Scott Carlton Livingston (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., The University of Tennessee, Knoxville 2009.  
Thesis: Incremental Control Synthesis for Robotics in the Presence of Temporal Logic Specifications.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Monica Paola Martinez Ortiz (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Fluid Transport by Aggregations of Small Swimming Organisms.
- Nikolai Matni (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.A.Sc., University of British Columbia 2008; M.Sc., 2010.  
Thesis: Distributed Optimal Control of Cyber-Physical Systems: Controller Synthesis, Architecture Design and System Identification.
- Jomela Chen-Chen Meng (*Aeronautics*) B.S., Arizona State University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Numerical Simulations of Droplet Aerobreakup.
- Lucas Rosendo Meza (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Los Angeles 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Design, Fabrication and Mechanical Property Analysis of 3D Nanoarchitected Materials.
- Utkarsh Mital (*Applied Mechanics*) B.Tech., Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Understanding Micro- and Macro-Mechanics of Soil Liquefaction — A Necessary Step for Field-Scale Assessment.
- Sarah Louise Mitchell (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.E., The University of Auckland 2012; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2014.  
Thesis: Topology Optimization of Silicon Anode Structures for Lithium-Ion Battery Applications.
- Stephanie Jane Mitchell (*Space Engineering*) B.E., The University of Auckland 2008; M.E., 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Metaconcrete: Engineered Aggregates for Enhanced Dynamic Performance.
- Lauren Christine Montemayor (*Aeronautics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Fabrication, Characterization, and Deformation of 3D Structural Meta-Materials.
- Panagiotis Philippos Natsiavas (*Mechanical Engineering*) Diploma, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki 2012; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Stability of Electrode-Electrolyte Interfaces during Charging in Lithium Batteries.
- Xiaoze Ou (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Zhejiang University 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Computational Microscopy: Breaking the Limit of Conventional Optics.
- Ivan I Papusha (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., M.S., Stanford University 2011.  
Thesis: Robustness, Adaptation, and Learning in Optimal Control.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Soyoung Park (*Computation and Neural Systems*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Connectivity and Function of the Primate Insula.
- Qiuyu Peng (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Distributed Control and Optimization for Communication and Power Systems.
- Brandon Scott Runnels (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: A Model for Energy and Morphology of Crystalline Grain Boundaries with Arbitrary Geometric Character.
- Saman Saeedi (*Electrical Engineering*) B.Sc., Sharif University of Technology 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Holistic Design in High-speed Optical Interconnects.
- Britton Alan Sauerbrey (*Computation and Neural Systems*) B.A., The University of Chicago 2009.  
Thesis: Firing Patterns of Cerebellar Purkinje Cells during Locomotion and Sleep.
- Bryan Eric Schmidt (*Aeronautics*) B.S., Case Western Reserve University 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: On the Stability of Supersonic Boundary Layers with Injection.
- Krishna Shankar (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Kinematics and Local Motion Planning for Quasi-static Whole-body Mobile Manipulation.
- Amanda M Shing (*Materials Science*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Development of Zn-IV-Nitride Semiconductor Materials and Devices.
- Yinglu Tang (*Materials Science*) B.E., Beihang University 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2014.  
Thesis: Thermoelectric Skutterudites: Why and How High  $zT$  Can Be Achieved.
- Matthew David Thill (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2009; M.S., 2012.  
Thesis: Algebraic Techniques in Coding Theory: Entropy Vectors, Frames, and Constrained Coding.
- Christos Thrampoulidis (*Electrical Engineering and Applied and Computational Mathematics*) Diploma, University of Patras 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Recovering Structured Signals in High Dimensions via Non-Smooth Convex Optimization: Precise Performance Analysis.
- Yulia Tolstova (*Materials Science*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Cu<sub>2</sub>O Heterojunction Photovoltaics.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Aaron S. Towne (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Advancements in Jet Turbulence and Noise Modeling: Accurate One-way Solutions and Empirical Evaluation of the Nonlinear Forcing of Wavepackets.
- Sally June Tracy (*Materials Science*) B.A., Occidental College 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Polaron Hopping in Olivine Phosphates Studied by Nuclear Resonant Scattering.
- Hsieh-Chen Tsai (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., National Taiwan University 2006; M.S., 2008.  
Thesis: Numerical Investigation of Vertical-Axis Wind Turbines at Low Reynolds Number.
- Aaron Jacob Weinstein (*Applied Physics*) Sc.B., Brown University 2009.  
Thesis: Quantum Electromechanics with Two Tone Drive.
- Wen Yan (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., Tsinghua University 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Dynamics of Chemically Active Suspensions.
- Enoch Ho-Yee Yeung (*Control and Dynamical Systems*) B.S., Brigham Young University 2010.  
Thesis: Reverse Engineering and Quantifying Context Effects in Synthetic Gene Networks.
- Seungil You (*Control and Dynamical Systems and Applied and Computational Mathematics*) B.S., Seoul National University 2011.  
Thesis: A Direct Approach to Robustness Optimization.
- Changhong Zhao (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Tsinghua University 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Real-Time Load-Side Control of Electric Power Systems.
- Sinan Zhao (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Peking University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Advanced Monte Carlo Simulation and Machine Learning for Frequency Domain Optical Coherence Tomography.

## **DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL AND PLANETARY SCIENCES**

- David Hamilton Case (*Geochemistry*) B.A., Washington University in St. Louis 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Carbonate-Associated Microbial Ecology at Methane Seeps: Assemblage Composition, Response to Changing Environmental Conditions, and Implications for Biomarker Longevity.
- Jinqiang Chen (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.E., Politecnico di Torino 2011; B.E., Harbin Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Dynamics of the East Asian Summer Monsoon in Present and Future Climates.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Junle Jiang (*Geophysics and Computational Science and Engineering*) B.S., Peking University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Probabilistic Imaging and Dynamic Modeling of Earthquake Source Processes.
- Anne Louise Laraia (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., University of Massachusetts Lowell 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Observations and Modeling of Tropical Planetary Atmospheres.
- Dunzhu Li (*Geophysics and Computational Science and Engineering*) B.S., Peking University 2008; M.S., 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2015.  
Thesis: Some Advances in Computational Geophysics: Seismic Wave and Inverse Geodynamic Modeling.
- Yiran Ma (*Geophysics and Computational Science and Engineering*) B.S., Nanjing University 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2015.  
Thesis: Imaging the Earth with Ambient Noise and Earthquakes.
- Jeffrey James Marlow (*Geobiology*) B.A., Washington University in St. Louis 2007.  
Thesis: Physical, Metabolic, and Energetic Investigations of Methane-metabolizing Microbial Communities.
- Hilary Rose Martens (*Geophysics and Planetary Science*) B.A., The University of Montana 2008; M.Sc., University College London 2009; M.Phil., University of Cambridge 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2015.  
Thesis: Using Earth Deformation Caused by Surface Mass Loading to Constrain the Elastic Structure of the Crust and Mantle.
- Brent Morton Minchew (*Geophysics*) B.S., The University of Texas at Austin 2008; M.S., 2010.  
Thesis: Mechanics of Deformable Glacier Beds.
- Miki Nakajima (*Planetary Science and Computational Science and Engineering*) B.A., Tokyo Institute of Technology 2007; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Origin of the Earth and Moon.
- Megan Eve Newcombe (*Geology*) B.A., M.Sc., University of Cambridge 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Solubility and Diffusivity of Water in Lunar Basalt, and Chemical Zonation in Olivine-Hosted Melt Inclusions.
- Jeffrey Paul Prancevic (*Geology*) B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2009.  
Thesis: Sediment Mobility in Steep Channels and the Transition to Landsliding.
- Morgan Reed Raven (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.A.S., Stanford University 2006; M.S., 2007.  
Thesis: Organic Matter Sulfurization in the Modern Ocean.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Joel Simon Scheingross (*Geology*) B.A., B.S., University of California, Berkeley 2007; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Mechanics of Sediment Transport and Bedrock Erosion in Steep Landscapes.
- Kirsten Leigh Siebach (*Geology*) B.A., Washington University in St. Louis 2011.  
Thesis: Formation and Diagenesis of Sedimentary Rocks in Gale Crater, Mars.
- Sarah Pearl Slotznick (*Geobiology*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Coupling Textural, Magnetic, and Modeling Techniques to Understand Precambrian Paleoenvironments.
- Francis Joseph Sousa (*Geology*) B.S., University of California, Davis 2009; M.A., Columbia University 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2014.  
Thesis: Tectonics of Central and Eastern California, Late Cretaceous to Modern.
- Victoria Louise Stevens (*Geology*) M.Sc., University of Cambridge 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2014.  
Thesis: Reconciling Geodetic Strain and Seismicity Rate with Frequency-Magnitude Relation of the Largest Earthquakes.
- Zhan Su (*Planetary Science*) B.S., University of Science and Technology of China 2010.  
Thesis: High-Latitude Ocean Convection and Gyre Dynamics.
- Zhihong Tan (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., Peking University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Simulations and Mechanisms of Subtropical Low-cloud Response to Climate Change.
- Elizabeth Trembath-Reichert (*Geobiology*) B.A., Barnard College 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Molecular and Geochemical Insights into Microbial Life Centimeters to Kilometers below the Seafloor.
- Robert Christopher Wills (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Berkeley 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Stationary Eddies and Zonal Variations of the Global Hydrological Cycle in a Changing Climate.

## **DIVISION OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- Yifei Huang (*Social Science*) B.S., Central University of Finance and Economics 2009; M.A., Columbia University 2011.  
Thesis: Essays in Economic History and Applied Microeconomics.
- Taisuke Imai (*Social Science*) B.A., The University of Tokyo 2007; M.A., 2009.  
Thesis: Essays in Revealed Preference Theory and Behavioral Economics.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

Sergio Montero (*Social Science*) B.A., Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.

Thesis: Essays in Econometrics and Political Economy.

Samantha Louise Myers (*Social Science*) B.A., The University of Queensland 2007; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: Three Essays on Inequality and Political Economy.

Gideon Nave (*Computation and Neural Systems*) B.Sc., Technion - Israel Institute of Technology 2009; M.Sc., 2011.

Thesis: Mechanisms Underlying Economic Choice.

Euncheol Shin (*Social Science*) B.A., B.S., Yonsei University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: Essays on Social Networks and Political Economy.

Gerelt Tserenjigmid (*Social Science*) B.A., The University of Tokyo 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.

Thesis: Essays in Behavioral Decision Theory.

Qiaoxi Zhang (*Social Science*) B.S., The University of Hong Kong 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.

Thesis: Three Essays on Information Economics.

## **DIVISION OF PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY**

Sirio Belli (*Astrophysics*) Laurea, Università di Bologna 2008; Laurea Magistrale, 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.

Thesis: Deep Near-Infrared Spectroscopy of High-Redshift Galaxies: the Physical Growth of Passive Systems.

Michael Edward Beverland (*Physics*) B.A., M.Sc., University of Cambridge 2009.

Thesis: Toward Realizable Quantum Computers.

Timothy Dobson Blasius (*Physics*) B.S., University of Michigan 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2014.

Thesis: Optomechanical Inertial Sensors and Feedback Cooling.

Michael Bottom (*Astrophysics*) B.A., Columbia University 2008.

Thesis: Two Roads to Planet Detection.

Elizabeth Caryn Bullard (*Physics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2005.

Thesis: Optimization of NEMS for Frequency Shift Sensing Applications.



## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Yi Cao (*Astrophysics*) B.S., Tsinghua University 2008; M.S., 2011.  
Thesis: Cosmic Explosions: Observations of Infant Hydrogen-Free Supernovae towards an Understanding of Their Parent Systems.
- William Elbridge Chickering (*Physics*) B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2005.  
Thesis: Thermopower in Two-Dimensional Electron Systems.
- Wei-Hsun Lin (*Physics*) B.S., National Tsing Hua University 2005; M.S., 2007.  
Thesis: Dynamic Characterization of Micro-Particle Systems.
- Swarnima Manohar (*Astrophysics*) B.S., University of Southern California 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Lurking in ULIRGs: Molecular Gas in Local Merging Galaxies.
- Debaleena Nandi (*Physics*) B.Sc., Jadavpur University 2005; M.S., Indian Institute of Science 2008.  
Thesis: Coulomb Drag and Tunneling Studies in Quantum Hall Bilayers.
- Maria Monica Nastasescu (*Mathematics*) A.B., Princeton University 2011.  
Thesis: Nonvanishing of L-functions for  $GL(n)$ .
- Tejaswi Venumadhav Nerella (*Physics*) M.Sc., Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur 2010.  
Thesis: The Astrophysics of Strongly Interacting Systems.
- Xiang Ni (*Mathematics*) B.S., Nankai University 2007.  
Thesis: Rota-Baxter Algebras, Renormalization on Kausz Compactifications and Replicating of Binary Operads.
- Du Pei (*Physics*) B.S., Peking University 2011.  
Thesis: 3d-3d Correspondence for Seifert Manifolds.
- Seth Robert Siegel (*Physics*) B.S., University of Michigan 2009.  
Thesis: A Multiwavelength Study of the Intracluster Medium and the Characterization of the Multiwavelength Sub/millimeter Inductance Camera.
- Gaurav Sinha (*Mathematics*) M.Sc., Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur 2011.  
Thesis: Blackbox Reconstruction of Depth Three Circuits with Top Fan-in Two.
- Bogdan Stoica (*Physics*) A.B., Princeton University 2011.  
Thesis: Boundary Relative Entropy as Quasilocal Energy: Positive Energy Theorems and Tomography.
- Paraj Titum (*Physics*) M.S., Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur 2010.  
Thesis: Disorder Driven Transitions in Non-Equilibrium Quantum Systems.
- David Joseph Yeaton-Massey (*Physics*) B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2007.  
Thesis: Cryogenic Silicon Optical Reference Cavities.
- Foo Yee Yeo (*Mathematics*) B.S., Imperial College London 2009; M.S., University of Cambridge 2010.  
Thesis:  $l$ -adic Cohomology of the Dual Lubin-Tate Tower via the Exterior Power.

## **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

*Prizes and awards are listed only for those students receiving degrees this year, and include prizes and awards received by them in previous years.*

### **MABEL BECKMAN PRIZE**

Awarded to an undergraduate woman upon completion of her junior or senior year in recognition of demonstrated academic and personal excellence, contributions to the Institute community, and outstanding qualities of character and leadership.

*2016 Bianca Arielle Lepe*

### **FREDERIC W. HINRICHS, JR., MEMORIAL AWARD**

Awarded to the seniors who, in the opinion of the undergraduate deans, have made the greatest undergraduate contribution to the welfare of the student body and whose qualities of leadership, character, and responsibility have been outstanding.

*2016 Catherine Elizabeth Jamshidi, Nicholas Benjamin Schiefer*

### **GEORGE W. HOUSNER AWARD**

Formerly the Sigma Xi Award, awarded to a senior selected for an outstanding piece of original scientific research.

*2016 Nicholas Benjamin Schiefer*

### **MILTON AND FRANCIS CLAUSER DOCTORAL PRIZE**

Awarded to the Ph.D. candidate whose research is judged to exhibit the greatest degree of originality as evidenced by its potential for opening up new avenues of human thought and endeavor as well as by the ingenuity with which it has been carried out.

*Name of recipient to be announced at commencement.*

*The prizes above are announced at the commencement ceremony.*

### ADVOCATING CHANGE TOGETHER (ACT) AWARD

The Caltech Y ACT Award allows students to learn about a global, national, or local issue by immersing themselves with activists working on a cause over the summer and then challenges them to educate others by creating and leading programs designed to raise awareness on campus the following year.

2015 *Amanda M. Shing*

2016 *Vansh Kumar*

### APOSTOL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING IN MATHEMATICS

Named in honor of Tom Apostol, who was a great teacher at Caltech for over 50 years, the award recognizes excellence in teaching by our graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants.

2013 *Maria Monica Nastasescu*

2015 *Maria Monica Nastasescu*

### CHARLES D. BABCOCK AWARD

Awarded, by vote of the aeronautics faculty, to a graduate student whose achievements in teaching or other assistance to students have made a significant contribution to the aeronautics department.

2012 *Jeffrey Scott Amelang*

2013 *Subrahmanyam Duvvuri*

2014 *Manan Arya*

2015 *Manan Arya*

### ROBERT P. BALLE CALTECH MATHEMATICS SCHOLARS AWARD

Awarded to the mathematics major entering his or her senior year who has demonstrated the most outstanding performance in mathematics courses completed in the student's first three years at Caltech.

2015 *Tian Nie, Laura Hui-Shin Shou*

### WILLIAM F. BALLHAUS PRIZE

Awarded to aeronautics students for outstanding doctoral dissertations.

2016 *Hayden Andrew Burgoyne*

### ERIC TEMPLE BELL UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS RESEARCH PRIZE

Awarded to one or more juniors or seniors for outstanding original research in mathematics.

2016 *Tian Nie*

### BHANSALI PRIZE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Awarded to an undergraduate student for outstanding research in computer science in the current academic year. Awardees are selected by a committee of computer science faculty. (The award was established in 2001 by Vineer Bhansali (BS, MS 1987 Physics) in memory of his grandfather, Mag Raj Bhansali.)

2015 *William Michael Hoza*

2016 *Nicholas Benjamin Schiefer*

### AMASA BISHOP SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PRIZE

Awarded to one or more freshman, sophomore, or junior to fund summer study abroad in an organized program with the aim of gaining exposure to foreign language and international issues or cultures, including global issues in the sciences and engineering.

2014 *Grace Anne Leishman*

### ROLF D. BUHLER MEMORIAL AWARD IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to an aeronautics student for outstanding academic achievement in the Master's program.

2009 *Sebastian Liska Cabrera*

2016 *Thibault Guillet, Nicholas Conlan White*

### FRITZ B. BURNS PRIZE IN GEOLOGY

Awarded to an undergraduate who has demonstrated both academic excellence and great promise of future contributions in the fields represented by the Division of Geological and Planetary Sciences.

2016 *Alice Jamie Marie Ghislaine Michel*

### CALTECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPIRIT AWARD

Commemorates extraordinary activities by Caltech undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars who best exemplify the spirit, tradition, and values of Caltech. This Award is given only when the Association finds that exceptional activities have occurred which merit this special recognition.

2014 *Nicholas Benjamin Schiefer*

2015 *Calli Christine Meyer, Grace Eunbye Park, Nicholas Benjamin Schiefer*

### THE W.P. CAREY & CO., INC., PRIZE IN APPLIED AND COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS

Awarded to a student receiving a Doctor of Philosophy degree for an outstanding doctoral dissertation in applied mathematics or pure mathematics.

2016 *Eldar Akhmetgaliyev*

### CENTENNIAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST THESIS IN MECHANICAL AND CIVIL ENGINEERING

Awarded each year to a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in applied mechanics, civil engineering, or mechanical engineering whose doctoral thesis is judged to be the most original and significant by a faculty committee appointed annually by the executive officer for mechanical and civil engineering. This prize was established with gifts from alumni following the Mechanical Engineering Centennial Celebration in 2007.

2016 *Chengyun Hua*

### RICHARD BRUCE CHAPMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a graduate student in hydrodynamics who has distinguished himself or herself in research in the Division of Engineering and Applied Science.

2016 *Simon Lapointe, Jomela Chen-Chen Meng*

### DONALD S. CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to two juniors in recognition of service to the campus community and academic excellence. Preference is given to students in the Division of Engineering and Applied Science and to those in Chemical Engineering.

2015 *Paul Byron Dieterle, Catherine Elizabeth Jamshidi*

### THE DONALD COLES PRIZE IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to the graduating Ph.D. student in aeronautics whose thesis displays the best design of an experiment or the best design for a piece of experimental equipment.

2016 *Subrahmanyam Duvvuri*

### DEANS' CUP AND STUDENT LIFE AND MASTER'S AWARDS

Two awards, selected by the deans, the director of student life, and the master of student houses, presented to undergraduates whose concern for their fellow students has been demonstrated by persistent efforts to improve the quality of undergraduate life and by effective communication with members of the faculty and administration.

2015 *Robert Maxwell Anderson, Deans' Cup*

*Bianca Arielle Lepe, Deans' Cup*

*Nicholas Benjamin Schiefer, Deans' Cup*

2016 *Margaret Ann Lee, Deans' Cup*

*Anthony Zhang, Deans' Cup*

*Ann Tai Chen, Student Life and Master's*

*Galen Forrest Gao, Student Life and Master's*

*Stephanie Wong, Student Life and Master's*

DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA-KOKKALIS PRIZE IN BENIGN  
RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, discovery, or related efforts in benign renewable energy sources or related fields at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokkalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades, Eng '58.

2016 *Yinglu Tang, Changhong Zhao*

DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA-KOKKALIS PRIZE IN  
BIOTECHNOLOGY OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, or discovery in biotechnology or related fields at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. Winners are selected by the bioengineering faculty. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokkalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades, Eng '58.

2016 *Rachel P Galimidi*

DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA-KOKKALIS PRIZE IN  
NANOTECHNOLOGY OR RELATED FIELDS

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, or discovery in nanotechnology or related fields at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokkalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades, Eng '58.

2016 *Gustavo Rios*

DEMETRIADES-TSAFKA-KOKKALIS PRIZE IN SEISMO-  
ENGINEERING, PREDICTION, AND PROTECTION

Awarded annually to a Ph.D. candidate for the best thesis, publication, or discovery in seismo-engineering, prediction, and protection at the Institute in the preceding 12 months. Winners are selected by the faculty. This prize is made possible by a gift from Anna Kokkalis Demetriades and Sterge T. Demetriades, Eng '58.

2016 *Junle Jiang*

#### CONSTANTIN G. ECONOMOU MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to a chemical engineering graduate student distinguished by outstanding research accomplishments and exemplary attitude while fulfilling candidacy requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

2012 *Matthew Reed Shaner*

#### EVERHART DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENT LECTURER AWARD

Awarded to a graduate student who has demonstrated exemplary presentation ability and graduate research.

2015 *Carissa Nicole Eisler, Roarke William Horstmeyer*

2016 *Nikolai Matni*

#### DORIS EVERHART SERVICE AWARD

Awarded annually to an undergraduate who has actively supported and willingly worked for organizations that enrich not only student life, but also the campus and/or community as a whole, and who has, in addition, exhibited care and concern for the welfare of students on a personal basis. The award was established in 1999 by Martin and Sally Ridge in honor of Doris Everhart.

2016 *Nima Badizadegan*

#### LAWRENCE L. AND AUDREY W. FERGUSON PRIZE

Awarded to the graduating Ph.D. candidate in biology who has produced the outstanding doctoral thesis for the past year.

2016 *Rachel P Galimidi*

#### RICHARD P. FEYNMAN PRIZE IN THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Awarded to a senior on the basis of excellence in theoretical physics.

2016 *Samuel Francis Savitz*

#### HAREN LEE FISHER MEMORIAL AWARD IN JUNIOR PHYSICS

Awarded to a junior physics major who demonstrates the greatest promise of future contributions in physics.

2015 *Sarah Brandsen*



### HENRY FORD II SCHOLAR AWARD

Awarded either to the engineering student with the best academic record at the end of the third year of undergraduate study, or to the engineering student with the best first-year record in the graduate program.

2015 *Taokun Zheng*

### JACK E. FROEHLICH MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a junior in the upper 5 percent of his or her class who shows outstanding promise for a creative professional career.

2015 *Laksh Bhasin, Paul Byron Dieterle*

### BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Program honoring Senator Barry Goldwater was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields.

2015 *Paul Byron Dieterle*

### GRADUATE DEANS' AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Awarded to a Ph.D. candidate who, throughout his or her graduate years at the Institute, has made great contributions to graduate life and whose qualities of leadership and responsibility have been outstanding.

2016 *Peter Shek-Ho Hung, Dorothy Weichi Pan*

### GEORGE W. AND BERNICE E. GREEN MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded annually to an undergraduate student in any class for original research, an original paper or essay, or other evidence of creative scholarship beyond the normal requirements of specific courses. The student is selected by the deans and the Undergraduate Academic Standards and Honors Committee.

2016 *Kurtis Mickel Carsch*

### DAVID M. GREETHER PRIZE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

Awarded to the undergraduate student who demonstrates outstanding performance and creativity in one of the social science options. Funded by Susan G. Davis in recognition of David M. Grether's contributions to econometrics and experimental economics and his service to the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, the prize is awarded annually by a committee of social science faculty and carries a cash award of \$500.

2016 *Ellora Sarkar*

### THE LUCY GUERNSEY SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to one or two students who have provided exceptional service to the Caltech Y and/or the community, are involved with service projects, have demonstrated leadership in community and volunteer service efforts, and who exemplify a spirit of service.

2015 *Melissa Claire Chang, Emil Timergalievich Khabiboulline, Vansh Kumar*

2016 *Peter Shek-Ho Hung*

### ARIE J. HAAGEN-SMIT MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a sophomore or junior in biology or chemistry who has shown academic promise and who has made recognized contributions to Caltech.

2015 *Kurtis Mickel Carsch, Sylvia Katherine Hurlimann*

### ALEXANDER P. AND ADELAIDE F. HIXON PRIZE FOR WRITING

Awarded annually in recognition of the best writing in freshman humanities courses.

2013 *Aman Agarwal*

### HANS G. HORNUNG PRIZE

Awarded for the best oral Ph.D. defense presentation by a student advised by aerospace faculty. The decision is made by a committee of students who attend all thesis presentations for the year.

2016 *Niccolo Cymbalist*

### BIBI JENTOFT-NILSEN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an upperclass student who exhibits outstanding qualities of leadership and who actively contributes to the quality of student life at Caltech.

2015 *Grace Anne Leishman*

2016 *Amarise Noelle Little*

### SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON GRADUATE DISSERTATION PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS

Awarded for the best graduate dissertation in mathematics.

2016 *Maria Monica Nastasescu*

### SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE AS A FIRST-YEAR GRADUATE STUDENT

This prize is awarded for excellence in first-year graduate research.

2012 *Maria Monica Nastasescu*

### SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE STUDIES

Awarded to continuing graduate students for excellence in one or more of the following: extraordinary progress in research, excellence in teaching, or excellent performance as a first-year graduate student.

2014 *Maria Monica Nastasescu*

### SCOTT RUSSELL JOHNSON UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS PRIZE

Awarded for the best graduating mathematics major. Special consideration is given to independent research done as a senior thesis or SURF project.

2016 *Tian Nie, Laura Hui-Shin Shou*

### KALAM PRIZE FOR AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Awarded to a student in the aerospace engineering Master's program whose academic performance was exemplary and who shows high potential for future achievements at Caltech. This prize was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Abdul Kalam, the 11th president of India, himself an aerospace engineer.

2016 *Abbas Davud Tutcuoglu*

### D. S. KOTHARI PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to a graduating senior in physics who has produced an outstanding research project during the year.

2016 *Jun Ho Son*

### MARGIE LAURITSEN LEIGHTON PRIZE

Awarded to one or two undergraduate women who are majoring in physics or astrophysics, and who have demonstrated academic excellence.

2014 *Chien-Yi Chang, Cassidy Yang*

### JOHN O. LEDYARD PRIZE FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

The prize rewards the best third-year paper by a graduate student in Social Science or Behavioral Neuroscience. The prize is funded by Susan G. Davis in recognition of John O. Ledyard's dedication to developing graduate students as independent researchers and his service to the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The prize is awarded annually by a committee of social science faculty.

2012 *Taisuke Imai*

2014 *Gerelt Tserenjigmid*

### LIBRARY FRIENDS' SENIOR THESIS PRIZE

This prize was established by the Friends of the Caltech Libraries in 2010 to recognize senior theses that exemplify research and the effective use of library information resources. The thesis is an extensive, independent written work produced during the senior year, usually within a senior thesis course series. The University Librarian and the Friends of the Caltech Libraries oversee evaluation and make recommendations to the Undergraduate Academic Standards and Honors Committee for final selection. An oral presentation may be requested. At the discretion of the Friends of the Caltech Libraries, more than one award, or none, may be made in any year.

2016 *Ayush Gupta*

#### MARI PETERSON LIGOCKI ('81) MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a student who has improved the quality of student life at Caltech through his or her personal character.

2016 *Nicholas Farrell Zolman*

#### GORDON MCCLURE MEMORIAL COMMUNICATIONS PRIZE

Awarded to undergraduate students for excellence in essay writing in three subjects: English, history, and philosophy.

2016 *William Michael Hoza*

#### THE HERBERT NEWBY MCCOY AWARD

Awarded to chemistry doctoral students for outstanding contributions to the science of chemistry.

2016 *Jackson Kenai Blender Cahn, Yufan Liang, Jonathan Daniel Rittle,  
Michael Anthony Webb*

#### MARY A. EARL MCKINNEY PRIZE IN LITERATURE

Awarded to undergraduate students for excellence in writing, in two categories: poetry and prose fiction.

2015 *Anthony Fu Chen*

#### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AWARD

Awarded to a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering whose academic performance has demonstrated outstanding original thinking and creativity, as judged by a faculty committee appointed each year by the executive officer for mechanical engineering. The prize consists of a citation and a cash award.

2016 *Robert Maxwell Anderson, Edward Demharter Fouad*

#### MERCK INDEX AWARD

Awarded to one or more graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the field of chemistry.

2016 *Sylvia Katherine Hurlimann, Samuel Francis Savitz*

### ROBERT L. NOLAND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to undergraduate students who exhibit qualities of outstanding leadership, which are most often expressed as personal actions that have helped other people and that have inspired others to fulfill their capabilities.

2016 *Robert Maxwell Anderson, Matthew Yoshimi Cedeno, Paul Byron Dieterle, Megan Jane Keeban*

### HERBERT J. RYSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to undergraduate students for academic excellence, preferably in mathematics.

2015 *Tian Nie*

### SAN PIETRO TRAVEL PRIZE

Awarded to one or more sophomore, junior, or senior to fund an adventurous and challenging summer travel experience that expands the recipient's cultural horizons and knowledge of the world.

2014 *Emil Timergalievich Khabiboulline, Vansh Kumar, Alexander Charles Pien, Jean-Alexandre Turban*

2015 *Aashrita Mangu*

2016 *Monica Shaojin Li, Valerie Bernice Pietrasz*

### RICHARD P. SCHUSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Awarded to one or more juniors or seniors in chemistry or chemical engineering on the basis of financial need and academic promise.

2016 *Kurtis Mickel Carsch*

### ERNEST E. SECHLER MEMORIAL AWARD IN AERONAUTICS

Awarded to an aeronautics student who has made the most significant contribution to the teaching and research efforts of GALCIT (Graduate Aerospace Laboratories of the California Institute of Technology). Preference is given to students working in structural mechanics.

2015 *Hayden Andrew Burgoyne, Niccolo Cymbalist*

#### RENUKA D. SHARMA AWARD

Awarded to a sophomore chemistry major for outstanding performance during his or her freshman year.

2014 *Kurtis Mickel Carsch*

#### DON SHEPARD AWARD

Awarded to students who would find it difficult, without additional financial help, to engage in extracurricular and cultural activities. The recipients are selected on the basis of their capacity to take advantage of and to profit from these activities rather than on the basis of their scholastic standing.

2013 *Alina Tiffany Hwang, Nancy Yahan Wen*

2014 *Esther Du, Grace Eunhye Park, Juliet (Ye) Su, Jean-Alexandre Turban*

#### HALLETT SMITH PRIZE

Established in 1997 to commemorate Professor Smith's long career as one of the 20th century's most distinguished Renaissance scholars. The cash prize is given annually by the literature faculty to the undergraduate student who writes the finest essay on Shakespeare.

2015 *Chaitanya Lakshmidhar Malladi*

#### PENELOPE W. AND E. ROE STAMPS IV LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR AWARDS PROGRAM

The Stamps Leadership Scholarship Program recognizes and rewards exceptional students who exemplify leadership, perseverance, scholarship, service, and innovation.

2012 *Emil Timergalievich Khabibouline (2012–2016)*

#### JOHN STAGER STEMPLER MEMORIAL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to a graduate student in physics for outstanding progress in research as demonstrated by an excellent performance on the oral Ph.D. candidacy examination.

2015 *Bogdan Stoica*

### PAUL STUDENSKI MEMORIAL FUND

A travel grant awarded to a Caltech undergraduate who would benefit from a period away from the academic community in order to obtain a better understanding of self and his or her plans for the future.

2013 *Theodore Johann Shaw Wilkening*

2015 *Alice Jamie Marie Ghislaine Michel*

### FRANK TERUGGI MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an undergraduate student whose activities, especially in the areas of Latin American studies, radical politics, and creative radio programming, are aimed at improving living conditions of the less fortunate.

2014 *Vansh Kumar*

2015 *Emil Timergalievich Khabiboulline*

### CHARLES AND ELLEN WILTS PRIZE

Awarded to a graduate student for outstanding independent research in electrical engineering leading to a Ph.D.

2016 *Roarke William Horstmeyer*

### FREDERICK J. ZEIGLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior in pure or applied mathematics, for excellence in scholarship as demonstrated in class activities or in the preparation of an original paper or essay in any subject area.

2014 *William Michael Hoza, Tian Nie*

2015 *Laura Hui-Shin Shou*



## THE MEANING OF ACADEMIC DRESS

The costumes of those in the academic procession have a specific symbolism that dates back to at least the 14th century. Academic institutions in the United States adopted a code of academic dress in 1895 that has been revised from time to time. The dress of institutions in other countries varies, and there is not a worldwide code, but the basic elements are present in all academic costumes.

Caltech's David Elliot (1917-2007), professor of history, emeritus, wrote the following about academic costumes:

“Of particular interest is the cap or mortarboard. In the form of the biretta, it was the peculiar sign of the master. Its use has now spread far beyond that highly select group to school girls and choir boys and even to the nursery school. *Sic transit* . . .

“The gown, of course, is the basic livery of the scholar, with its clear marks of rank and status—the pointed sleeves of the bachelor, the oblong sleeves of the master, the full sleeves and velvet trimmings of the doctor. The doctors, too, may depart from basic black and break out into many colors—Harvard crimson or Yale blue or the scarlet splash of Oxford.

“Color is the very essence of the hood: color in the main body to identify the university; color perhaps in the binding to proclaim the subject of the degree—orange for engineering, gold for science, the baser copper for economics, white for arts and letters, green for medicine, purple for law, scarlet for theology, and so on.

“With this color and symbolism, which is medieval though mutated, we stage our brief moment of pageantry, paying homage to that ancient community of scholars in whose shadow we stand, and acknowledging our debt to the university as one of the great institutional constructs of the Middle Ages.”

## ODE TO JOY

*Text of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony excerpt, after the poem "An die Freude" ("Ode To Joy") by Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller (1759-1805)*

*Freude, schöner Götterfunken  
Tochter aus Elysium,  
Wir betreten feuertrunken,  
Himmlische, dein Heiligtum!  
Deine Zauber binden wieder  
Was die Mode streng geteilt;  
Alle Menschen werden Brüder,  
Wo dein sanfter Flügel weilt.*

Joy, beautiful spark of the gods  
Daughter of Elysium,  
We enter, drunk with fire,  
Heavenly one, your sanctuary!  
Your magic reunites  
What custom strictly divided.  
All men will become brothers,  
Where your gentle wing rests.

*Wem der große Wurf gelungen,  
Eines Freundes Freund zu sein;  
Wer ein holdes Weib errungen,  
Mische seinen Jubel ein!  
Ja, wer auch nur eine Seele  
Sein nennt auf dem Erdenrund!  
Und wer's nie gekonnt, der stehle  
Weinend sich aus diesem Bund!*

Whoever has had the great fortune  
To be a friend's friend,  
Whoever has married a beloved wife,  
Let him mix in his jubilation!  
Indeed, whoever can call even one soul  
His own on this round earth!  
And whoever was never able to, must creep  
Tearfully away from this band!

## **HAIL CIT**

*(Caltech alma mater)*

by Manton Barnes, B.S. '21

In Southern California with grace and splendor bound,  
Where the lofty mountain peaks look out to lands beyond,  
Proudly stands our Alma Mater, glorious to see;  
We raise our voices proudly, hailing, hailing thee.  
Echoes ringing while we're singing over land and sea,  
The halls of fame resound thy name, noble CIT.





# Caltech Alumni Association

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Your Caltech degree offers you a place among and access to one of the most accomplished alumni networks of any institution. The Caltech Alumni Association will help you stay in touch with fellow graduates and—with more than 23,000 graduates around the world—help you realize the full potential of your extended family, personally and professionally.

Your Caltech alumni community is proud of you. We welcome you to the quest of exploration and innovation and we pledge our support as you create your own positive legacy in the world.

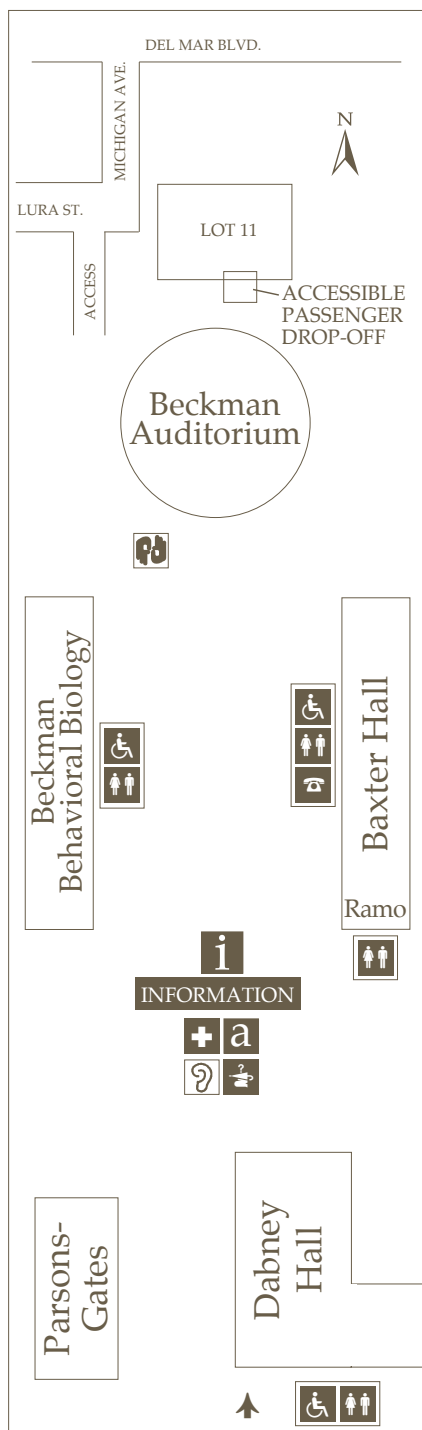
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## SERVICES FOR COMMENCEMENT GUESTS

-  PUBLIC TELEPHONES are available in Baxter Hall.
-  RESTROOMS are available in Baxter Hall, Beckman Behavioral Biology, Dabney Hall, and Ramo.
-  FIRST AID SERVICES are available at the information booth.
-  LOST AND FOUND items may be reported and/or claimed at the information booth.

ATHENAEUM luncheon tickets will be on sale at the information booth from 8 to 10 a.m.

## ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

-  ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available at the information booth. A driver's license or state-issued ID card is required.
-  LARGE-TYPE PROGRAMS (abridged) are available at the information booth.
-  AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) interpreters are stationed at the front left of the ceremony seating area.
-  ACCESSIBLE SEATING is located on the east side of the mid-section ceremony seating area.
-  ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS are located on the first floors of Dabney Hall, Baxter Hall, and Beckman Behavioral Biology.

*The passing of the torch  
symbolizes the spirit of research  
going from one hand to the next,  
from one generation to the next,  
from youth to maturity.*