



School of the Arts Graduate Hooding Ceremony

Saturday May 10, 2025 2:00 pm Shubert Theatre

265 Tremont Street Boston, Massachusetts

Graduate Hooding Ceremony Notes

The history of academic dress reaches far back to the early days of the oldest European universities. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of some colleges forbade "excess in apparel" and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. Gowns may have been necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods may also have served to cover the tonsured (i.e., shaved) head until they were superseded by scull caps, which were later replaced by headdresses more like those recognized today as "academic." Today, academic garb has symbolic rather than practical application. Some universities have their own cap and gown designs, while most defer to traditional black. The size of the academic hood denotes the progression of academic degrees: bachelor's, master's, doctorate.

The color of the hood denotes the field of academic study. The color of the inner lining of the hood reflects the colors of the institution from which one's degree was earned.



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Call to Order	Jay M. Bernhardt, PhD, MPH President of the College
Invocation	Brian J. Indrelie, ThM Protestant Chaplain, Center for Spiritual Life
Introduction of Ceremony Speaker	Alexandra Socarides, PhD Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Ceremony Address	Jan Roberts-Breslin, MFA Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies
Graduate Student Address	Kadin Amir Smith, BA
Musical Interlude	(~2 <i>min.</i>)
Hooding	Alexandra Socarides, PhD Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Presentation of Graduate Degrees	Kate Eichhorn, PhD Dean, School of the Arts
Candidates Congratulated by	Jan Roberts-Breslin, MFA Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies
	Dana Edell, PhD Assistant Professor, Department of Performing Arts, School of the Arts
	Hanadi Elyan, MFA Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director for Film and Media Art, Department of Visual and Media Arts, School of the Arts
	Jim Lane, PhD Senior Scholar-in-Residence and Graduate Program Director for Writing for Film and Television, Department of Visual and Media Arts, School of the Arts
	Mako Yoshikawa, PhD Professor and Graduate Program Director for Creative Writing; Department of Writing, Literature and Publishing; School of the Arts

Katie Williams, MFA Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Director for Popular Fiction Writing and Publishing; Department of Writing, Literature and Publishing; School of the Arts
Bill Beuttler, MS Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director for Publishing and Writing; Department of Writing, Literature and Publishing; School of the Arts
Names Announced by John Rodzvilla, MLS Assistant Professor; Department of Writing, Literature and Publishing; School of the Arts
Dana Edell, PhD Assistant Professor, Department of Performing Arts, School of the Arts
Brian J. Indrelie, ThM Protestant Chaplain, Center for Spiritual Life
Alexandra Socarides, PhD Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Jeffrey Greenhawt '68, LHD '23, Trustee Emeritus Joseph Knoll, Staff Gary Krantz '81, Advisor Nora Kate Onanian '25, Student Brooks Walker '25, Student

Resources and Information



Captions **CC**

Captions of today's ceremony in English, Spanish, and Mandarin are available for your personal mobile device. Scan the QR code to access captioning. emerson.edu/SOACeremonyCaptions

Photography and Video

Professional photographers will be on site today, capturing the spirit of the ceremony. Photos of the ceremony and our guests may be used in College publications, on Emerson's website and social media, or for other institutional marketing purposes.

After the ceremony, graduates will be offered a professional video clip of their stage crossing and be invited to purchase professional photos. Visit emerson.edu/commencement for more information.

On-demand viewing of the full ceremony video will be available after the ceremony on the Emerson College YouTube channel.

Social Media

Tag your social media posts with #Emerson2025 and connect on X and Instagram with @emersoncollege, @emersonalumni, and @emersongradprograms.

Consideration

We ask that guests be mindful of blocking others' view when celebrating their student. Due to safety regulations, guests may not stand in the aisles.

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