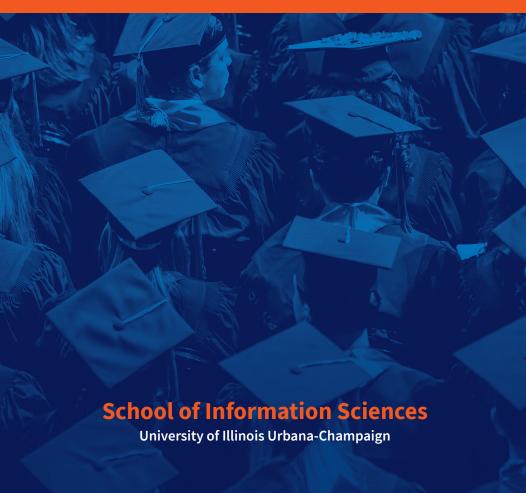


## **2025**CONVOCATION CEREMONY

May 18, 2025



#### **ORDER OF EXERCISES**

#### **Processional**

Sycamore Brass Quintet

#### Welcome and Remarks

Interim Dean Designate Emily Knox

## Recognition of Bronze Tablet, Honors, and Student Award Recipients

Interim Dean Designate Emily Knox

#### **Convocation Address**

M. Cameron Jones (PhD '10)
Senior Engineering Manager, Google

#### **Presentation of Degree Candidates**

Interim Dean Designate Emily Knox

#### **Closing Remarks**

Interim Dean Designate Emily Knox

#### Recessional

Sycamore Brass Quintet

Convocation is a milestone that should be celebrated appropriately. We ask that all graduates and guests respect the importance and dignity of the occasion and celebrate in a way that does not infringe upon the rights of others or diminish the experiences of others. Graduates and guests should remain until the conclusion of the ceremony, which is marked by the platform party recessional.

#### **University Honors - Bronze Tablet**

The University of Illinois began the tradition of inscribing the Bronze Tablets with the names of students receiving University Honors in 1925. A new tablet is hung in the Main Library each year. Inscription on the Bronze Tablets recognizes sustained academic achievement by undergraduate students at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Students must have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point-average through the academic term prior to graduation and rank in the top three percent of the students in their graduating class

Yen-Hsin (Cindy) Liang Qiaochu Lu Samidha Sampat Ridah Shaikh Jingtong (Lisa) Wang Jinglei Zhu

#### **James Scholars Honors**

The James Scholar Honors Program recognizes the talents of academically outstanding students, promotes curricular/co-curricular growth, and helps prepare students to stand out in their future endeavors.

Taviana Barlow Ridah Shaikh

Nicole Gromski Gwendolyn Slaughter Hanning Lin Qingyue (Annie) Sun Shiyuan Liu Mahir Thakkar Jay Malavia Samridhi Verma Bianca (Kane) Rubel Sri Nithya Yeraqorla

Nivethithaa Senthilkumar

#### **Honors Distinction** (designated with \*)

The iSchool awards honors to the top ten percent of the undergraduate graduating class each semester. This distinction is noted on the student's baccalaureate diploma, permanent University record, and official transcript.

#### School of Information Sciences - Student Awards

Each year, the iSchool recognizes a group of outstanding students for their achievement in academics, as well as a number of attributes that contribute to professional success.

**Berner-Nash Memorial Award** Zachary Kilhoffer Anne M. Boyd/Beta Phi Mu Award Evan Allgood **Downs Faculty Special Award of Merit Audrey Bentch** Mahir Thakkar **Downs Faculty Special Award of Merit** Taviana Barlow **Entrepreneurial Promise Award** Herbert Goldhor Award for Public Librarianship Delia Kerr-Dennhardt Henderson Award for Service and Social Justice Adam Beaty **Lohrer-Meckstroth Award for K-12 Library Services** Katie Skoufes

Yingbo Zhou Memorial Award Zhixuan (Kyrie) Zhou

#### **TO OUR GRADUATES**

The School of Information Sciences (iSchool) faculty and staff join with your family and friends in congratulating each of you on earning your degree. As students, you have been valued members of the iSchool community. We look forward to staying in touch with you as you pursue your careers. You have chosen a field where you can apply your talents in many different settings, and we hope that you find rewarding opportunities to use the knowledge and skills you have developed.



#### SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SCIENCES GRADUATES

This program contains an unofficial list of candidates for graduation on May 18, 2025, a list of graduates who received degrees in August 2024 and December 2024, and a list of degree candidates planning to graduate in August 2025 who are participating in this ceremony. The list of May graduates is as accurate possible. However, because of printing deadlines, names of some degree recipients may not appear, while names of degree candidates may appear even though they have not completed their degree requirements. The University's official registry for conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, 901 West Illinois Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN INFORMATION SCIENCES

May 2025

August 2024 December 2024

Smit Desai Si Chen

Keunseok (Paul) Hur

Jenna Kim

Jai Hyun (Jay) ParkSul Lam JeoungLanyu ShangZachary KilhofferWenyi ShangZhixuan (Kyrie) Zhou

Qingxiao Zheng

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

#### December 2024

Michael Gryk

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

August 2024 Shin-Yen (Kelly) Chu

Soham Samir Narvekar Haoxuan Feng

Xicheng Guo

**December 2024** Ruixin Han
Srushti Manoj Aparajit Lian (Holly) Hao

Jintao Cao Xiaotong (Aimee) Jin
Ke Chen Anushka Kanabar

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#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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Zhen Li Chang Liu Di Lyu

Seohyun (Erin) Park Sai Kiran Patirla Akshina Sood Xiaoyu Su Qiaoyue Sun Yu Tian

Jiahe Wei Qing Wen

Su-Yuan (Cathy) Yang

Haotian Zhang Jiajun Zhang Yuanyuan Zhang Yujun Zhou Lei Zhu

#### May 2025

Harshal Vinay Abhyankar

Ruchita Alate Yunqian Bao

Prathyush Bhamidipati Vedant Sunil Bhatambrekar

Yash Jignesh Bhavsar Bhavita Vijay Bhoir Bhavika Bhutani

Shivani Ravindra Birwadkar

Saloni Sachin Bonde Keyu (Chloe) Cai

Anusha Verma Chandraju

Emily Chang Lu Chang

Rahul Reddy Chappidi Venkata

Jung-Ching (Evelyn) Chen

Shuo Cheng Yen (Joanne) Chou Tanmoy Debnath Rohan Kedar Deshpande Naga Sai Vishal Devulapalli

Rugved Pranjal Dhat Savani Sachin Dhene Lakshmi Priya Diwakar

Saloni Ekal Siddhant Evre Yujun Feng Michael Ferrer Yexin Gao Sahana Girish Urmi Gori

Shruti Rajender Gosain

Shuyi Guo
Jui-Fang Hsu
Weiqing Hu
Jingyi Huang
Rohit Ippili
Samarth Jain
Umang Jain

Vaishnavi Jayarama

Jinglin Jian Ishan Joshi Tejasri Ajit Joshi Dania Mubeen Juvale Veeresh Kande

Sai Sri Rekha Kandukuri Deekshita Karingula Vedant Koshatwar Neha Nitin Kulkarni Vikramjeet Singh Kundu

Bhanu Kurakula

Tanvi Jignesh Lakhani

Sundar Lakshmi Narasimhan

I-Hsuan (Erika) Lee

Yunhe Li Yunqi Li Zhi (Richie) Li Zihan Li

Chenyu (Cleo) Liao

Chen-Chin (Spencer) Lin

Chuan-Che Lin

Maithili Saran Reddy Lingala Hou-Chun (Jimmy) Liu

Shiwei Liu

Man-Chen (Jaclyn) Lo

Haorui Lyu

Zisong Ma

Piyush Rajesh Mahadik

Ayush Majumdar Rushabh Nagendra Mehrotra

Jas Chetan Mehta Jeenal Mehta Joshua Min Sophia Nikolov Shrimanti Pal

Prabhakara Sai Sandeep Pandellapalli

Arjav Malay Parekh Dhairya Vibhav Parikh

Dhairya Vibhav Parikr Aryan Manohar Patil

Tushuli Amod Patil Yongzhen Peng

You Peng Yutong Qiu Ajitesh Rajeevan Shivam Singh Rawat

Jigyashu Mukeshkumar Saravta

Shefali Saxena

Miloni Kirit Shah

Moksha Amit Shah Riyanshi Yatin Shah

Satyam Shah Shreya Shetty Shreyash Shinkar

Prateek Singh

Kushagra Mangesh Suryawanshi

Chih-Yu (Cherry) Tao

Peeya Thacker

Nitya Harshitha Tirumalasetti Shreyas Udupa

Neeharika Vijayakumar

Chenzhao Wang Pengfei Wang Tiannuo Wang Wenjie Wang Yujia Wei

Yuhan Wu Zeyu Wu Junzhe Yao Yuan Yao

Qiuyu Ye

Seoyoung Yoon

Janhavi Tushar Zarapkar

Yutong (Alex) Zeng Hangyue Zhang Shujie (Jay) Zhang Yuqiang Zhang Xinglu Zhao Yutong Zheng

Qingyang Zhong

Zilin Zhou

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOINFORMATICS

with a Concentration in Information Sciences

#### May 2025

Yu-Shuo (Megan) Hsu

Rakshitha Kiran

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

#### August 2024

Megha Bamola Amy Banks Vanessa Burgett

Benjamin Eskin Shapson

Matthew Fabian Megan Goldfarb Emma Hartman Katlin Kiefer

Jaedyn Maltimore

Jaclyn Marta
Brandi Nahrwold
Patricia Nelson
Isabela Oliveira
Jana Perkins
Rachel Perzynski
Cressida Roe
Nicolene Sarich
Conrad Scully
Hannah Smith
Hayley Torres
Francesca Tso
Sendra Uebele
Amanda Waller

#### December 2024

Oi (Evie) Wang

Kaitlyn Weger

Faria 7afer

Jakob Aagaard Sarah Alvin

Melissa Anderson

David Archer Suzette Baker

Tammy (Imani) Barberousse

Niki Bavar Soumya Bhave Lacey Boyd Reagan Brown Sara Burchard Sasha Castevens **Rachel Chance** Catherine Claman Riley Connolly Alexis Cruz Sandra Davis Weiyu Ding Danielle Dius Jakob Domagala Margaret Donnelly Abigail Ecklund Paula Febles Bustillo Daynali Flores-Rodriguez Alexandra Gianakopoulos

Alison Guerin

Elizabeth (Ellie) Harman Alexandra Harvey Melina Hegelheimer Sarah Hinrichs Rebecca Hirsch Cassidy Hurley

Andronike Giannopoulos

Cassidy Hurley
Heather Ide
Sanchita Kamath
Heather Kim
John Kirchner
Ivan Kong
Erik Kruse

Katelyn LanCaster Olivia Landgraff Eun Ah Lee Hui Liu Victor Lopez Jessica Lussier Chloe Mason

Sara Mercurio

Megan Mergenthaler Madisyn Mettenburg Angelica Moreno Lopez

Lauren Mudge Brittan Nannenga Capri Pappas

Ren Parks

William Potter Juliann Puoci Angela Roberts Erica Rodriguez

Victoria Rothenberg Kelis Saunders Anna Schuett Catherine Serna Joshua Short Jennifer Shugrue Katie Skoufes Kailyn Slater

Eamon Smith Chad Snyder

Ouinn Sluzenski

Kate Struckman-Johnson

Benjamin Taylor Karen Taylor Genesis Thomas Dennis Tracy Jena Vallina

Megan (Maggie) Vandehey

Ashley Walcott Sarah Weigel Macconnell Wilson

Keli Wright Marissa Yanez Hayat Zarzour Rosario Zavala Felicia Zoffka May 2025

Riley Aldridge Evan Allgood Gabrielle Alongi Victoria Antwi

Amy Aravena Melina Avery

Kristina (Kay) Avila Cassiani Avouris Nicole Baker Molly Banwart Kayla Barczewski Abigail Barrett

**Adam Beaty** 

Audrey Bentch Rachel Bernstein Megan Black Holly Bleeden Samantha Bobbitt Chelsea Borchers

Nora Boyle Ashlyn Brenham LeeAnn Broderick Alyssa Brown

Stephanie Brunner Keziah Buabeng Lillian Burton David Buzard Susan Carty Sofia Caruso

Clarise (Bella) Chavez

Yung-Hui Chou Riley Collins Cadence Cordell Amalia Cottrell Chanelle Davis

Lena Davis

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#### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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Jessica Durham Kelsey Eggimann

Taylor Evansen Anika Faro Anna Feuer

Angela Finochio Gabriel Foster Lauren Garza

Daniel Gates Megan Genovese

Monica Gil William Goad Amanda Good Nicholas Goodwin

Miki Graf Nikki Gross Megan Hanson Evalyn Harper Kesean Harrington

Alivanda Harris Cobbinah

Anna Hartman Amanda Helm Randal Hendrickson

Katie Higley Bailey Hill Jennifer Hindes Amelia Humphrey

Cara James Erin Jochum Julianne Johnson Anna (Anya) Kanevskaya

Haley Kedzierski Jayne Kelley

Delia Kerr-Dennhardt Alexandria Knebel Joshua Knight Katriena Knights Laura Larson Carla Lasky

Christopher Leggins

Wanheng Li Cristina Ligon Tanya Lillehoff Yanling Liu Mia Lopez Jena Lui

Andrea Magallon

Robert (Russell) Magee Cassandra Marando Camille March Corinne McCumber

Kate Meyrick Chloe Miller Rylyn Monahan Emily Morgan Ashley Mueth

Cheryl Muhammad Nicole Nagel

Kathleen O'Donovan

Ancil Ormiston
Jill (Suzi) O'Shea
Gwyneth Osterby
Andre Patch
Sarah Peck

Helena Petrouleas Katherine Pihlstrom

Kara Powell Jialu Qin Kari Quintana

Mallika Ramachandran Jesse Rego-Martin Jack Reynolds Daniel Rivera Tanisha Roman Morgan Rondinelli

Claire Roscetti

Melissa Ryczek Marlene Santora Alice Schaumann Janev Schmidt Richard Schneider Barbara Sebens Haley Shepherd Madeline Shinall Rachel Shore Amy Slagter Colin Slivka Allvson Smerz Janani Srinivasan Madeline Steiner

Isabel Ryan

Claire Stevenson Olivia Streeter Deseree Stukes

Michelle Thole Shannon Thommes Anna (Alice) Tierney-Fife

Amy Tishler

Karin Sutton

Sarena Underwood Alexa Urquhart

Joseph Van Lieshout Nathaniel Wager Julianne Walker Deborah Walters Trica (Trix) Welch

**Quinn Wermeling Andrew West** Stacy Williams **Tianran Xiang** Sarah Yepsen Rachel Young

Xuhan Zhang

August 2025 degree candidates participating in this ceremony Cut Amara

So Hvun Lee Cynthia Ramirez Kerry Ryan

#### MSLIS + MA IN HISTORY

December 2024 Camryn Burkins

May 2025 Lily Denehy Rebecca Stover

### MSLIS + MA IN RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES

August 2024

Aleksandra (Sasha) Baeva

May 2025

Richard Byington Sonia Kellv

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES**

August 2024

Zain Baqai

Lazaro Esquivel

Otniel Fernandez

Jiayi (Chesley) Guo

Tenshi Homma

Jeonghoon (Ryan) Oh

Cristian Perez

Claudia Robles

December 2024

Nadya Akali

Anwita Balineni\*

Simran Bhargava

Mathew Cherian Meher Dhawan

Ibrahim Diop

Brent Fjeldsted Nicole Gromski

Ahmad Hashlamoun

Madalyn Jones

Matthew Klos

Janella Lee

Gawon Lim

Richard Liu

Miranda Ma

Daanyal Mansour

Dhanapavithra Ramakrishnan

Bianca (Kane) Rubel

Nikita Saripella

Sean Schafer

Mario Walker

Thomas Walsh

Yuhan Wei

David Yan

Youngseo (Aren) Yoon

May 2025

Alia Afeef\*

Pratham Agarwal

Oluwafayosikemi Alade

Kashan Ali

Francis Angara

Jennifer Arreci

Raihan Athallah

Taviana Barlow

Caroline Barnes

Nabeel Bashir Joshua Belser

Sharanya Bhardwaj

Jacob Bobiek

David Butler

Trevten Butler

Steven Canfield

Atlantis Canty

Arianna Caveney

Vincent Celindro

Nathan Chan

Taylor Chan\*

Yun-Yen (Rosalind) Chang

Andy Chen

Kelly Chen

Zihao (Peter) Chen

Sharon Chenli

Adnaan Chida

Heewon Cho

Yunchae Cho

Cynthia Choi

Joseph Choi

Kinza Chouhdry

Jabari Cooke

Ethan (E.J.) Demas

Aishi Dua

Haydn Elmore Hanning Lin Abeeha Fajar Jacky Lin Jeffrey Fang Tingxuan Liu Brianna Fonseca Victoria Lozano Tianning Gao Oiaochu Lu\* Esbeida Garcia Ashley Lejia Ma Udit (Tejas) Garg **Jamison Maloney** Minjae Gil\* Srikar Manikonda Noam Gomez Cody Martin Carol Gong **Fabian Martinez** Christy Goon Tarra McLaughlin Pedro Medero Matthew Gruber Julian Gutierrez Jonathan Mei

Haofan (Owen) Han Oghogho (O.G.) Morgan

Shane Moncayo

Daniyah Hashmi Smita Nair\* Jincheng Hu Diego Navarro Jamin Huh Leah Nella Matthew Hurh Tai Nguyen Celesta Irawan Miller Olson Sarah Kahn\* David Pak Charles Kalafut Veer Pareek Eisa Kamran Hyunwoo Park Ibrahim Kamran Madison Park Amaan Khan Vivek Patel Maryam Khatoon Evan Price

Alexander Guzman

Ji Eun Kim Joshua Prioleau
Taerin Kim Marc Quillin
Eeshan Kulkarni Sabir Rahman
Hung (Justin) Lam Rebeca Rodriguez
Jack Larson Adam Roman\*

Christian Lee Benita Romero Nunez Dylan Lee Natalia Sacharko

Hyunji Lee Alysa Gem (A.G.) Samaniego

Wing Yin Lee Mariam Sanusi

Madisen LeShoure Say Say

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#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES**

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Christopher Schaub

Cecylia Selwocki

Nivethithaa Senthilkumar\*

Mohammadazaan Shaikh

Ridah Shaikh\* Ethan Shin Grace Song

Yuying (Skylar) Song

Pratham Soni

Aidan Szwec Mark Tomassini Elizabeth Tran Helen Tran

Kelly Tran Annie Wang Xinyi Wang

Kalyn Watt

Yu Xia

Parker Yanez

Xiaoran (Steven) Zhou

August 2025 degree

candidates participating in

this ceremony

Ethan Bull

Jade Carthans

Passakorn Hanchaikul Ruofeng (Tom) Jiang

Rishab Kalra

Malllika Pallipuram James Sanfilippo

Devan Williams Raymond Wong

#### August 2024

Safa Lakhany Saavani Vaidya

Deyi Zhang

#### December 2024

Divya Jain Taewon Jung

Dongill (Anthony) Kang Sungchan (Sam) Kim

Jay Malavia Ethan Meng Aisaiah Pellecer

Ziwei Wang\* Mianchen Zhang

Samridhi Verma

Miantong Zhang

#### May 2025

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCES + DATA SCIENCE

Tarun Bathini

Shreshika Bommana

**Kevin Cervantes** 

Seamus Chang

Daniel Choi

Kyle Cruz Harshi Dagli

Jack Damhorst

Nora Duffy

Marcus Figueras

Janice Ji

Joshua Kahn

Mahnur Khalid Laiba Khan

Alex Kim\*

Ashley Kim

Ashwin Krishnan

Shanrou (Jacquelin) Lai

Xinyue (Olivia) Lai

Yen-Hsin (Cindy) Liang\*

Shiyuan Liu

Xingyou Liu

Alexander (Sasha) Matveev\*

Mame (Anta) Mbaye

Simona Merlin

William Merrick

Kavya Moharana

Kayla Moy

Trishla Nair

Adithya Narayan

Alexandra Nemerenco

**Conrad Ochwat** 

Youbeen Oh

Yewon (Dianne) Park

Neha Parthasarathy

Shivali Patel

Arya Pratap

Samidha Sampat\*

Gabriela Sandschafer\*

Ahmad Sawwan

Kohta Shimbara

Gwendolyn Slaughter

Qingyue (Annie) Sun

Jakub Szumny

Mahir Thakkar

Jingtong (Lisa) Wang\*

Yuchen Wang\*

Zhifeng Wang\*

Ashley Witte

Zixuan (Stephen) Xiao

**Kye Xiong** 

Minghan (Nathaniel) Yang

Daniel Yao

Sri Nithya Yeragorla

Alicia Zeng

Zifan Zhao\*

Xujun Zhou

Jinglei Zhu\*

August 2025 degree candidates participating in this ceremony

Angel Nasanbuyan

Luyang Si

Zijie Zhou

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Associate Professor Masooda Bashir

Teaching Assistant Professor and Undergraduate Programs Director
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Associate Professor Anita Say Chan

Teaching Assistant Professor David Charles

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Associate Professor Peter Darch

Professor, Associate Dean for Research, and Co-Director of the HathiTrust

Research Center J. Stephen Downie

Teaching Associate Professor David Dubin

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Associate Professor Lori Kendall

Associate Professor Halil Kilicoglu

Interim Dean Designate and Professor Emily Knox

Associate Professor and Director of the Champaign-Urbana Community

Fab Lab Kyungwon Koh

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Assistant Professor Ismini Lourentzou

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