

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



**COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday, May 16, 2020

## **HAIL! MINNESOTA**

Minnesota, hail to thee!  
Hail to thee, our college dear!  
Thy light shall ever be  
A beacon bright and clear.  
Thy sons and daughters true  
Will proclaim thee near and far.  
They will guard thy fame  
And adore thy name;  
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Like the stream that bends to sea,  
Like the pine that seeks the blue  
Minnesota, still for thee  
Thy sons are strong and true.  
From the woods and waters fair;  
From the prairies waving far,  
At thy call they throng with their shout and song;  
Hailing thee their Northern Star.

—*Truman Elwell Rickard & Arthur Wheelock Upson*

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## **MACEBEARER**

Linda Mona, (B.S. '67, Home Ec Ed), *Founder, Creative Environments*

## **WELCOME**

Carol Strohecker, *Dean*

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Nila R. Leiserowitz, FASID, FIID, (B.S. '75, Interior Design)  
*Former Regional Managing Principal, Gensler*

## **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Ashleigh Grizzell, *Architecture M.Arch*  
Klevis Deva, *Product Design B.S.*  
Warda Moosa, *Apparel Design B.S.*

## **PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Steve Yang, *Assistant Dean*

## **CONGRATULATIONS FROM COLLEGE OF DESIGN LEADERS**

## **NILA R. LEISEROWITZ, FASID, FIID**

Nila R. Leiserowitz is a builder and an entrepreneur—a pillar of both the design and business communities. For more than 40 years, at global companies like Gensler and Perkins+Will, she has championed mentorship initiatives, spearheaded talent development strategies, and pushed the limits of business performance.

As a trustee of the Chicago Architecture Center, World Business Chicago, and member of the Economic Club and International Women's Forum, Nila is an internationally recognized leader in workplace design innovation. Nila credits her success to her ability to reimagine what's possible, take calculated business risks, and cultivate great leaders to work alongside her.

Nila started her own firm at the age of 24, creating a new interior design delivery philosophy for the Minneapolis business community. She sold her successful business and joined the global firm Perkins+Will as Interiors Vice President. Starting in 1989, she led Perkins+Will's Interiors practice, where her passion for continuous professional growth led her to establish one of the architecture world's first talent development programs. She was also the first woman invited in the 75-year history of the firm to serve on the Perkins+Will Board of Directors.

In 1996 Nila brought her entrepreneurial spirit and tenacity to Gensler, a global architecture and design firm. She resurrected the Workplace practice in Los Angeles and introduced what is now known as Gensler's Workplace Survey—an independent research study that serves as a worldwide index of data-informed best practices related to the future of the office. Propelled by these triumphs, Nila took the helm of Gensler's Los Angeles office in 2004. Under her guidance—and specifically due to her financial foresight and intentional investment in people—the office weathered both the dot-com bubble and the Great Recession, emerging in a position to rebound ahead of other firms.

Beginning in 2010, Nila served as the Managing Principal of Gensler's North Central Region (one of 10 regions globally), where she elevated a culture of design excellence and established new markets including Healthcare, Planning & Urban Design, and Economic Analytics. She initiated programs to recruit, onboard, and retain key senior hires, effectively aligning business strategies with talent strategies. Under the influence of her leadership, the region's revenue more than doubled. In the last few years alone, the region has been recognized and awarded by nearly 70 different associations and agencies including IIDA, ASID, AIA, ASLA, ULI, Architizer, Chicago Building Congress, Chicago Tribune, and Crain's Chicago Business.

As global companies and next-generation startups seek to evolve their employee development and business initiatives in order to attract and retain top talent, address shifting client expectations, and take strategic planning to the next level to achieve key growth metrics in a complex business environment, Nila looks forward to lending her business acumen, extensive expertise, and fortitude in the face of change.

## **THE UNIVERSITY MACE**

The University's first official mace made its debut in 1961 at the inauguration of Meredith Wilson (1960–67), 110 years after the University was founded and eight centuries after the mace's warlike image faded and it became a symbol of peaceful leadership. Art Professor Philip Morton designed the University's mace, choosing a star as its crowning feature. The University machine shop made the mace with a solid aluminum handle set with the regents' seal and a 4-inch crystal sphere surmounted by the aluminum "Star of the North." Carrying the mace is a great honor accorded to someone who is being singled out for tribute.

A Home Economics Education graduate, Linda Mona began her career as a high school teacher and administrator before transitioning into retail store ownership and her own interior design firm. Linda stays heavily involved with the University of Minnesota while also being deeply engaged with volunteerism in the community. Ms. Mona serves on the College of Design Advisory Board, and was a member of the College of Human Ecology "Centennial 100." She was national president of the 60,000-member University of Minnesota Alumni Association and has been awarded both the Alumni Service Award and the Regents Outstanding Achievement Award.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities is located on traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. The University resides on Dakota land ceded in the Treaties of 1837 and 1851. The College of Design acknowledges this place has a complex and layered history. This land acknowledgement is one of the ways in which we work to educate the campus and community about this land and our relationships with it and each other. The College of Design is committed to ongoing efforts to recognize, support, and advocate for American Indian Nations and peoples.

## **CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES**

This program contains the names of College of Design students who have applied to graduate from fall semester 2019 through fall semester 2020. This is not an official University of Minnesota graduation list.

## **HONORS**

Graduation with designated Latin honors (*cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, *summa cum laude*) is limited to students who participate in the University of Minnesota Honors Program. Students must complete honors requirements, including a capstone or thesis project in their major, and, in their last 60 University of Minnesota credits, maintain a 3.50 GPA for *cum laude*, a 3.66 GPA for *magna cum laude*, and a 3.75 GPA for *summa cum laude* honors. To graduate *with distinction*, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher at graduation. To graduate with high distinction, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher. Candidates for academic honors are noted in this program.

## **PRESIDENT'S EMERGING SCHOLARS**

The President's Emerging Scholars (PES) program is a four-year opportunity for select undergraduate students with diverse backgrounds and characteristics. There are approximately 350 students from various colleges graduating from the PES program this spring. Graduates will be honored with a purple commencement cord.

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

### APPAREL DESIGN BS

Maxine Britt, *candidate for high distinction*  
Karolina Doran  
Andrea Dunrud, *candidate for distinction*  
Abby Gardner  
Ian Harris  
Kai Johnson  
Gina Jostes, *candidate for distinction*  
Rachel Katz  
Riley Kelly

Abigail Mitchell  
Warda Moosa  
Dylan Osvold  
Allison Pham  
Abigail Talapa  
Darunee Thao, *President's Emerging Scholars*  
Mary Xiong, *President's Emerging Scholars*  
Xilin Yang, *candidate for distinction*  
Asiya Youngmark

### ARCHITECTURE BS

Maxwell Boedigheimer  
Hailey Brummel  
Amy Caran  
Dominic Cartier  
Anthony Cauthorn, *summa cum laude*  
Angelo Davalos  
Declan De Mille  
Danh Do  
Jolie Dunlap  
Tanner Else  
Stephen Farrell, *candidate for distinction*  
Benjamin Fife  
Megan Gahlman,  
*candidate for high distinction*  
Jillian Gelle, *with distinction*  
Joseph Griffiths  
Reis Hallberg, *candidate for distinction,*  
*summa cum laude*  
Eric Hastings  
Emma Haukom  
Ray Heikkila, *candidate for distinction*  
Joseph Henke  
Jared Hoerr  
Kayla Holzhauser, *with distinction,*  
*summa cum laude*  
Benjamin Janes, *candidate for high distinction,*  
*summa cum laude*  
Kristin Just  
Mira Kammueler  
Grace Kelly

Bailey Krolnik  
Chon Kuok, *candidate for distinction*  
Seth Laurent  
Hoyoung Lee  
Zhenyu Li  
Hanna Lindblad, *candidate for distinction*  
Sierra Luboyeski  
Julia Luke  
Maura McDaniel, *with distinction*  
Jacob Moser  
Reagan Nelson, *candidate for distinction*  
Isaiah Nowak  
Mary Owen  
Jack Prosser  
Calvin Rauls  
Assia Rodriguez  
Jonathan Ross  
Austin Rudin  
Dana Saari  
Jacob Schmitz  
Yaroslav Senyk  
Cameron Sonju  
Sydney Swift, *with distinction*  
Alejandro Vite Lopez  
Lindsay Wedin  
Joseph Wetherille,  
*President's Emerging Scholars*  
Mitchell Widule  
Samuel Winemiller  
Beilin Zhao

## BACHELOR OF DESIGN IN ARCHITECTURE BDA

Eugene Agyili  
Trask Angell  
Beth Averill  
Oliver Batzli, *candidate for distinction*  
Bailey Bestul, *candidate for high distinction*  
Andrew Bialon  
William Bieser  
Jacob Bonde  
Hannah Brausen  
Olivia Breuer  
Brendan Broady  
Zachary Cierzan  
Dan Dang, *candidate for distinction*  
Trevor Dosch  
Charlotte Elo, *with distinction*  
David Fasbender  
Cole Feriancek  
Sophia Fitzcollins  
Marin Forey  
Robert Frank  
Madeleine Geislinger, *candidate for distinction*  
Kennawak Geneti  
Olivia Germano  
Joey Gorgen  
Wesley Grunke  
Jeff Guaman, *President's Emerging Scholars*  
Benjamin Gulstad  
Deena Hamdan  
Cassandra Hansen  
Luis Hernandez  
Mara Hitt, *candidate for distinction*  
Benjamin Holewinski  
Josephine Howell  
Natalie Jokinen  
Katherine Kennedy  
Evan Kessens  
Jack Ketchum, *candidate for high distinction*

Bryce Koenigs  
Brinnon Kubista  
ByungHun Lee  
Annalee Leggett  
Lingyu Li  
Clifton Loyaloy, *President's Emerging Scholars*  
Danielle Maas  
Rachel Mansun  
Zachary McCormick  
Gabriele Meissner  
Hannan Minhas  
McKaylie Morter  
Carter Neuenschwander  
Joseph Novak  
Pranay Patel  
Margaret Pekarna  
Nicole Rivera Torres  
Aalayha Robb  
McKinley Roche, *candidate for distinction*  
Evan Rosholt  
Alex Ruhland  
Sam Rumbelow, *candidate for distinction*  
Haley Schraufnagel, *candidate for distinction*  
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Monica Soland  
Logan Stein  
Malakai Stern  
Steven Strutt  
Ashani Trinh  
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Jack Vogel  
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Emma Wenzel  
Jingyuan Yao  
Tianyu Zhai

## GRAPHIC DESIGN BFA

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Rachel Anderson  
Akosua Asamoah  
Allison Aubrey  
Aeryn Austin-Elbaz  
John Barlow  
Anna Basinski  
Emma Bersie  
Jensine Beyer  
Celia Bizien  
Abigail Bryson  
Alice Buchstaber  
Willow Buckner-Gaudynski,  
*candidate for distinction*  
Elyssa Buhl  
Emily Casale  
Catherine Ceglia  
Grace Chandler, *candidate for distinction*  
Breanne Christian  
Camden Coble  
Marguerite Cody  
Maren Corpe, *President's Emerging Scholars*  
Jennifer Cralley  
Ryan Crotty  
Morgan Dargis  
Destiny Dichiria  
Peter Dring  
Celia Duffee, *with distinction*  
Brooke Eggenberger, *candidate for distinction*  
Bennett Figueroa  
Samantha Fischer  
Jessica Foor, *candidate for distinction*  
Megan Gallaway  
Chelsea Goetz  
Jillian Golden  
Abigail Grewenow, *candidate for distinction*  
Kara Hall  
Allie Hamburg  
Michael Hameister  
Joe Hammer  
Kelsey Hanscom, *candidate for distinction*  
Victoria Harder  
Rita Hark  
Greta Hatzung  
Samantha Hebel  
Ella Heinemann, *candidate for distinction*  
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Kiara Herrera  
Emily Hill, *with distinction*  
Amanda Hilmes  
Herin Hong  
Marlena Hooks  
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Emily Jablonski  
Ryan Jarvis  
Morgan Johnston  
Claire Johnston  
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Fatemah Karim  
Zenab Kashif  
Ellie Kestner, *candidate for distinction*  
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Molly Klima  
Kendra Kotzer  
Taylor Krech  
Kendra Krosch, *candidate for distinction*  
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Sarah Lardy  
David Lee  
Jiyun Lee  
Michael Lee  
Madison Lee  
Emily Leisen  
Rachel Lemire  
Hairun Li  
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Joseph Price, *candidate for distinction*  
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Jesse Saengchantha,  
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## INTERIOR DESIGN BS

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Abby Hartman  
Gretta Hohmeister  
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Rachelynn Marcello  
Caitlin McCabe  
Adrienne Melchiorre  
Kristina Newland  
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## LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND PLANNING BED

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Joe Walsh  
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## PRODUCT DESIGN BS

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Daniel Pergrin  
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Juan Rujana  
Theodore Ryan  
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## RETAIL MERCHANDISING BS

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Lauren Faust  
Molli Franzinelli  
Emma Goebbert, *candidate for high distinction*  
Taylor Graw, *candidate for distinction*  
Kendra Haarman  
Marissa Hank  
Maria Heinen, *candidate for distinction*  
Riley Held  
Ali Hellendrung  
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Abigail Howse  
Camille Hursh-Tolbert  
Brooke Innes  
Emma Irwin, *candidate for distinction*  
Holly Johnson  
Jisu Kim, *candidate for high distinction*  
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Laura Koloske  
Elizabeth Kuhlmann  
Vy Lam  
Sophia LaMere  
Porter Larkin  
Lauren Levi, *candidate for distinction*  
Ellen Litwin  
Tessa Loeck, *candidate for distinction*  
Nicole Loobeek, *candidate for distinction,*  
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Jayme Nelson, *candidate for distinction*  
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Sahra Sabri  
Andrea Sawyer  
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# GRADUATE DEGREES

## ARCHITECTURE MARCH

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Yalun Chen  
Samuel Cowley Sr  
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Jacob Ernst  
Ashleigh Grizzell  
Zixing He  
Garrett Hulse  
Anastasia Jacklitch  
Andrew Kandalec  
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Erin Kindell  
Shaghayegh Koochi  
Karishma Kurian

Mackenzie Kusler  
Mitchell Lampe  
Chushi Liu  
Yifan Liu  
Alejandro Loza  
Megan Lundquist  
Peter Matheson  
Krizia Padilla Medero  
Ali Noormohammadi  
Jonathan Osborne  
Robert Pekrul  
Cody Peterson  
Hilyarit Santiago Robles  
Amelia Rosenbush  
Adam Rosenthal  
Emma Rutkowski  
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Joonwoo Lee

## **HERITAGE STUDIES AND PUBLIC HISTORY MHSPH**

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## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MLA

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Dakota Carlson  
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Brianna Fast, *ASLA-MN Honor Award*  
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Alexis Kautzman  
Matthew Kunnari  
William Linscott

William Metcalf  
Anya Moucha  
Haily Schmitz  
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Mattie Wong  
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## DESIGN PhD

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Tasneem Kabli

Soo Kang  
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Ghadah Mostareeh  
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## HUMAN FACTORS AND ERGONOMICS PhD

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