



121st Annual Commencement  
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Friday, June 12, 2015*  
*10:00 a.m.*



## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

### *Chief Marshal*

Warren C. Brown, Ph.D.

### *Marshals*

Paul M. Bellan, Ph.D.

Geoffrey A. Blake, Ph.D.

Melany L. Hunt, Ph.D.

Diana L. Kormos-Buchwald, Ph.D.

Hugh D. Politzer, Ph.D.

Joseph E. Shepherd, Ph.D.

Daniel P. Weitekamp, Ph.D.

### *Faculty Officers*

John M. Eiler, Ph.D.

Richard C. Flagan, Ph.D.

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	Genevieve Bell, Ph.D. <i>Vice President and Fellow Intel Corporation</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	John O. Dabiri, Ph.D. <i>Dean of Undergraduate Students</i>
For the Degree of Master of Science	Joseph E. Shepherd, 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	Jacqueline K. Barton, Ph.D. <i>Division Chair</i>
Engineering and Applied Science	Ares J. Rosakis, 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	B. Thomas Soifer, 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 2015 commencement ceremony will begin shortly before  
10 a.m. on Friday, June 12, at [www.caltech.edu](http://www.caltech.edu).*

*Follow along with the day’s events on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Share your photos  
and join the celebration by using #Caltech2015. (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, seven 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 534 graduates who will earn 228 bachelor's degrees, 123 master's degrees, 1 engineer degree, and 182 Ph.D. degrees, and who will contribute to Caltech's impressive legacy and record of achievement around the world.





## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Cultural anthropologist Genevieve Bell is an expert on the intersection of culture and technology, and currently serves as a vice president at Intel Corporation and an Intel Fellow, a position that reflects the highest level of technical achievement within the company.

A native Australian, Bell is the daughter of an anthropologist mother and engineer father. She spent much of her childhood at her mother's field sites in northern and central Australia, experiencing different cultures and traditions, a background she credits with providing her with a keen interest in both trying to see the world through the eyes of others and in working to make the world a better place.

Bell came to the United States to study anthropology at Bryn Mawr College and then earned her master's degree and doctorate in cultural anthropology from Stanford University. She was a lecturer at Stanford before joining Intel in 1998. Bell notes that she found the opportunity at Intel intriguing because it offered her the chance to infuse information about the needs and aspirations of humans into the development process of transformative technologies.

Bell speaks frequently about the interaction of technology and culture and the potential for shaping our technological future in ways that take critical aspects of our humanity into consideration. She holds numerous patents for consumer electronics innovations and coauthored the book *Divining a Digital Future: Mess and Mythology in Ubiquitous Computing* (MIT Press, 2011) with computer scientist Paul Dourish.

In 2014, *Elle Magazine* named Bell one of their 13 most influential women in technology. She was the winner of the Anita Borg Institute's Women of Vision ABIE Award for Leadership in 2013, was elected to the Women in Technology International Hall of Fame in 2012, and was one of Fast Company's Most Influential Women in Technology 2010.

## CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

### Bachelor of Science

Amir Abdolrahim Poorheravi\* *San Diego, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Juan Ignacio Adame *Sylmar, California* Mathematics  
Belen Maria Alvarez Villalonga *Newton, Massachusetts* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)  
Keshav Amla *Chandler, Arizona* Mechanical Engineering  
Sadaf Amouzegar\* *Los Angeles, California* Computer Science  
Da An\* *Woodstock, Maryland* Physics  
Phoebe Ann\* *Irvine, California* Biology and English  
Arun Somayaji Asundi\* *Foster City, California* Chemical Engineering (Materials) and Business, Economics, and Management  
Sharjeel Khalid Aziz *Houston, Texas* Computer Science  
Karsyn Nicole Bailey\* *Cary, North Carolina* Bioengineering and English  
Alexander Ball\* *Mount Prospect, Illinois* Physics and Computer Science (Minor)  
Sophianna Roberts Banholzer\* *Oak Park, Illinois* Physics  
William Yuwei Bao *San Diego, California* Electrical Engineering  
Alexander Ruben Barreiro† *Miami, Florida* Electrical Engineering  
Ryan Patrick Batterman\* *Salinas, California* Computer Science  
Jonathan Paul Bayless\* *Merritt Island, Florida* Electrical Engineering  
Aleksander Bello\* *Tirana, Albania* Computer Science  
James Mac Bern\* *Ventura, California* Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science (Minor) and Control and Dynamical Systems (Minor)  
Kerry Nicole Betz\* *Boulder, Colorado* Chemistry  
Srinivasa Aditya Bhattaru\* *Irving, Texas* Mechanical Engineering  
Charles Preston Blakemore\* *Salt Lake City, Utah* Physics  
Eric James Bobrow\* *Great Neck, New York* Physics  
Sven Böemer\* *Istanbul, Turkey* Physics and Computer Science  
Ronnel Patrick Boettcher *Redding, California* Computer Science  
Sarah Anne Brandsen† *Ankeny, Iowa* Physics  
Sidney Douglas Buchbinder\* *Marlboro, New Jersey* Electrical Engineering

\* 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*

- Vivian Huang Buhler\* *Irvine, California* Bioengineering and English  
William Edward Bunting *Aldie, Virginia* Physics and Economics  
Jennifer Rachel Caseres *Olathe, Kansas* Geochemistry  
Ryan Thomas Casey\* *Valencia, California* Computer Science  
Doreen Chung-Yue Chan\* *Huntingtown, Maryland* Chemistry  
Tracey Chan\* *Los Gatos, California* Bioengineering  
Krishnan Chander\* *Annandale, Virginia* Physics  
James Chang *Newbury Park, California* Computer Science  
Solomon Chang\* *San Marino, California* Computer Science  
Brad Chattergoon\* *St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
and Business, Economics, and Management  
Jianchi Chen\* *Beijing, People's Republic of China* Electrical Engineering  
Moya Peng Chen\* *Vernon Hills, Illinois* Computer Science  
Wen Min Chen\* *Hawthorne, California* Biology  
Lin Cheng\* *Zhengzhou, People's Republic of China* Physics and Business, Economics, and  
Management  
Kaitlin Ann Ching\* *Littleton, Colorado* Biology and English (Minor)  
Linda Chio\* *New York, New York* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)  
Joseph I. Choi\* *Aurora, Colorado* Computer Science  
John Randall Christian\* *Calabasas, California* Computer Science and Geology  
Meng Shuen Chua\* *Singapore, Republic of Singapore* Physics and History and Philosophy of  
Science  
Alexandru Cristian Cioc\* *Ottawa Hills, Ohio* Computer Science and History (Minor)  
Bridget Ann Connor\* *Albuquerque, New Mexico* Chemistry  
Cutter Adam Coryell\* *Los Gatos, California* Physics  
Timothy Qing Cui\* *Lexington, Kentucky* Computer Science and Mathematics  
Christopher Jeffrey Culpepper *Leonardtown, Maryland* Mechanical Engineering and Business,  
Economics, and Management  
Oliver Robert Pitt Curtiss *Hudson, Ohio* Applied and Computational Mathematics and  
Economics  
Lorinda Carol DaJose† *Riverside, California* Planetary Science  
Joshua Charles Dale *Needham, Massachusetts* Computer Science  
Poonim Nina Daya *Fayetteville, Georgia* Biology  
Maxwell Gerald De Jong\* *Rock Rapids, Iowa* Applied Physics  
Daniel Aaron DeFelippis\* *Lansdale, Pennsylvania* Astrophysics  
Hannah Lin Dotson\* *Southlake, Texas* Bioengineering and Computer Science (Minor)

## *Bachelor of Science continued*

- Victor Weiyu Duan\* *Darien, Illinois* Computer Science
- Matthew Chalfin Dughi *Miami, Florida* Computer Science
- Emily Eva Ellsworth\* *Lafayette, California* Computer Science and English (Minor)
- Monica Kathryn Enlow *Swansea, Georgia* Mechanical Engineering
- Christopher Edward Estrada† *Calexico, California* Mathematics
- Naoki Eto\* *McAllen, Texas* Computer Science
- Erin Elizabeth Evans\* *Elm Grove, Wisconsin* Mechanical Engineering
- Boyu Fan\* *New City, New York* Mechanical Engineering
- Ingrid Margaret Fiedler\* *Goodrich, Michigan* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems) and Computer Science (Minor)
- Katherine Jennie Fisher\* *Chapel Hill, North Carolina* Chemistry
- Cedric Wen Flamant\* *Saratoga, California* Physics
- David Timothy Flicker\* *San Diego, California* Computer Science
- Laurence James Forshaw *Urbana, Ohio* Mathematics
- Jared Nicholas Forte† *Lake Elsinore, California* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular) and Philosophy (Minor)
- Luke Stephen Frankiw\* *Calgary, Canada* Bioengineering
- Neelay Hitesh Fruitwala\* *Houston, Texas* Physics
- Joaquin T. Gabaldon *Albuquerque, New Mexico* Mechanical Engineering
- Katharyn Elin Garcia *Phoenix, Arizona* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems)
- Rachel Michelle Gates† *Grass Valley, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Environmental Science and Engineering)
- Udaya Bakhru Ghai\* *Burr Ridge, Illinois* Computer Science
- Harry Nathan Golash *Salalah, Oman* Mechanical Engineering
- Samuel Gene Goldberg\* *Lancaster, California* Physics
- Emmett D. Goodman\* *Briarcliff Manor, New York* Chemical Engineering (Materials) and Business, Economics, and Management
- Benjamin L. Grabowski *Lake Forest Park, Washington* Electrical Engineering and Business Economics, and Management
- Joseph Karl Greef *Boulder, Colorado* Computer Science
- Mark Joseph Greenfield\* *Cary, North Carolina* Mathematics
- Alexander Evan Hartz\* *Baltimore, Maryland* Applied Physics
- Bryan Dawei He\* *Clarence, New York* Computer Science
- Monica He *Pewaukee, Wisconsin* Astrophysics and Geological and Planetary Sciences (Minor)
- Richie Hernandez\* *Lorton, Virginia* Mechanical Engineering

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- Andrew James Hogue *Arroyo Grande, California* Computer Science
- Dhiraj Holden\* *Fresno, California* Computer Science
- Timothy Philip Holland† *Hingham, Massachusetts* Computer Science
- Katherine Hooper *Sunnyvale, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems)
- Daniel Weichieh Hsu\* *Cupertino, California* Electrical Engineering
- Connie Lawwa Hsueh\* *Palo Alto, California* Physics
- Benjamin Hu\* *Alpharetta, Georgia* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Rebecca Hu\* *Richland, Washington* Biology
- Edward Huang\* *Yorba Linda, California* Computer Science
- Xiangyi Huang\* *Wuhan, People's Republic of China* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Mathematics and Business, Economics, and Management
- Madiha Hussain\* *Labore, Pakistan* Physics
- Muneeb Imtiaz\* *Karachi, Pakistan* Mechanical Engineering and Business, Economics, and Management
- Ruchi Sudhir Jahagirdar *Longwood, Florida* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems) and Business, Economics, and Management
- Adam Sean Jermyn\* *Longmeadow, Massachusetts* Physics
- Muhammad Musab Jilani *Karachi, Pakistan* Electrical Engineering
- Zhaorong Jin\* *Beijing, People's Republic of China* Mathematics
- Bryan Weston Joel *Bethesda, Maryland* Mechanical Engineering
- Robert Francis Johnson\* *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania* Biology
- Jennifer Shizu Karolewski\* *Davis, California* Chemistry and Geochemistry
- Derek Michael Kearney *Carlsbad, California* Mechanical Engineering
- Thomas Anderson Keller\* *Mountain View, California* Computer Science
- Chung Eun Kim\* *Daejeon, Republic of Korea* Computer Science
- Dae Hyun Kim\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Computer Science
- Do Hee Kim *Hong Kong, People's Republic of China* Electrical Engineering
- Hannah Elizabeth Klion\* *Indianapolis, Indiana* Physics and Computer Science (Minor)
- William S. Ko *Terre Haute, Indiana* Business, Economics, and Management and Computer Science (Minor)
- Justin Robert Koch\* *Townsend, Delaware* Mechanical Engineering
- Daniel Lingjie Kong\* *Chapel Hill, North Carolina* Physics and Computer Science (Minor)
- Ian Koss\* *Fort Collins, Colorado* Engineering and Applied Science (Materials Science)
- Lev Viktorovich Krayzman\* *Derwood, Maryland* Physics and Computer Science (Minor)
- Aaron Samantha Krupp *Needham, Massachusetts* Mechanical Engineering

## *Bachelor of Science continued*

- Katherine Qing Lai\* *Englewood, Colorado* Electrical Engineering  
Ryan Langman\* *Palm Desert, California* Computer Science  
Matthew James Lappin *Westminster, Maryland* Physics  
Elizabeth Ann Lawler *Portland, Oregon* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems)  
Barclay J. Lee\* *Shelby Township, Michigan* Bioengineering  
Jong Yeon Lee\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Physics and Mathematics  
Katherine Jane Lee\* *Hartford, Connecticut* Chemistry  
Michelle Ji-Eun Lee\* *Fullerton, California* Biology and English (Minor)  
Cheng Ran Mathilda Li *Wuban, People's Republic of China* Computer Science  
Eileen Jia Li\* *Potomac, Maryland* Mathematics  
Fanfei Li *Conyers, Georgia* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)  
Kevin Kainan Li\* *Urbana, Illinois* Mathematics and Economics and Computer Science (Minor)  
Andrew Xiao Liang\* *Fremont, California* Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Minor)  
Wilton Edward Liano *Starkville, Mississippi* Mechanical Engineering  
Chloe Ling\* *Austin, Texas* Physics  
Anna Liu\* *Arlington, Texas* Bioengineering  
Hui Liu\* *Nanjing, People's Republic of China* Mathematics  
Jonathan Hongkun Liu\* *Pleasanton, California* Applied Physics  
Ashley Regina Lo *San Diego, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Catharine Wing Kwan Lo\* *Singapore, Republic of Singapore* Mathematics and Physics and Philosophy (Minor)  
Margaux Katherine Lopez\* *Lewes, Delaware* Mechanical Engineering  
Archan Baldevbhai Luhar *Medfield, Massachusetts* Computer Science  
Genesis Lung *Lexington, Massachusetts* Bioengineering  
James Francis Macdonald *Chicago, Illinois* Computer Science  
Shalini Joshi Majumdar *Orinda, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Allison Ysabel Maker *Huntsville, Alabama* Chemistry and Geological and Planetary Sciences (Minor)  
Galina Vladimirovna Malakhova *Burbank, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Michael John Malek *Chicago, Illinois* Mathematics and Computer Science (Minor)  
Janani Mandayam Comar\* *Downers Grove, Illinois* Biology  
Jake Boleslaw Marcinek\* *Chicago, Illinois* Mathematics  
Eric Anthony Martin\* *The Woodlands, Texas* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Computer Science

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Jacqueline Joy Masehi-Lano† *San Marino, California* Bioengineering  
Jacqueline Avery Maslyn\* *Cupertino, California* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
Ella Miriam Mathews *Mercer Island, Washington* Computer Science  
Austin Philip Mayron *Delmar, New York* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)  
Kayla Marisa McCue\* *La Cañada, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics  
Harrison James Miller *Grand Prairie, Texas* Mechanical Engineering  
Suraj Mirani Mirpuri *Nassau, Bahamas* Chemistry  
Chiraag M Nataraj *Radnor, Pennsylvania* Mechanical Engineering and Aerospace Engineering  
(Minor)  
Lauren Lerong Niu\* *Austin, Texas* Physics  
Louis Bernard O'Bryan\* *Salt Lake City, Utah* Computer Science  
Juan Pablo Ocampo *Neiva, Colombia* Mechanical Engineering and Business, Economics, and  
Management  
Brian Chibueze Okoro *Chino, California* Economics and Computer Science (Minor)  
Quinn Liebling Osha *Houston, Texas* Electrical Engineering  
Arpit Panda\* *Maple Grove, Minnesota* Bioengineering and Computer Science (Minor)  
Jeong Joon Park\* *Seoul, Republic of Korea* Computer Science  
Nicholas E. Parker *Corpus Christi, Texas* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
Aleena Laxmi Patel\* *Fairfax, California* Bioengineering  
Eric Seth Pelz\* *Boca Raton, Florida* Computer Science and Business, Economics, and  
Management  
Jeffrey Treyer Picard *Cameron Park, California* Physics  
Alexander Maxwell Port *Denver, Colorado* Mathematics  
Ellen Marie Price\* *Gardendale, Alabama* Astrophysics  
Shuyang Sue Qin\* *Fort Lee, New Jersey* Biology  
Brynan Ruinan Qiu\* *Vernon Hills, Illinois* Electrical Engineering  
Matthew David Queen *Sacramento, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Misha Raffiee\* *Reno, Nevada* Bioengineering and Business, Economics, and Management  
Matthias Jelani Raives *San Rafael, California* Astrophysics  
Meera Reghunathan\* *Agoura Hills, California* Bioengineering  
Stephanie Nicole Reynolds\* *Tallahassee, Florida* Chemical Engineering (Materials)  
Kexin Rong\* *Nanjing, People's Republic of China* Computer Science  
Connor Edwin Rosen\* *Hillsborough, California* Chemistry  
Nicholas Sandro Salzetta\* *Chicago, Illinois* Physics  
Alejandro Montserrat Sanchez Chavarria *San Carlos, California* Mechanical Engineering  
Elizabeth Caldwell Schroder† *Mooresville, North Carolina* Electrical Engineering



## *Bachelor of Science continued*

- Mehmet Şencan† *Istanbul, Turkey* Applied Physics
- Marec Serlin\* *Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania* Physics
- Jacob Quinn Shenker\* *Berkeley, California* Physics
- Emily Shih *Rockville, Maryland* Computer Science
- Natalie Melinda Shih *Laramie, Wyoming* Biology
- Corwin Shiu\* *El Cerrito, California* Physics
- Haran Kumar Shiv Kumar\* *New Delhi, India* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems) and Business, Economics, and Management
- Vighnesh Leonardo Shiv *Portland, Oregon* Computer Science
- Kiara Camille Da Silva Simpao *Millbrae, California* Chemical Engineering (Materials)
- Timothy S. Sinclair\* *Albany, California* Chemistry
- Samuel Frank Szuffita\* *Brooklyn, New York* Computer Science
- Stephanie Tan\* *Pasadena, California* Chemical Engineering (Process Systems)
- Grace Yow-Zhong Tang *San Jose, California* Chemistry
- Nicolas John Tedeschi\* *San Diego, California* Mathematics
- Michael Teng\* *Clarendon Hill, Illinois* Computer Science
- Ruijie Darius Teo\* *Singapore, Republic of Singapore* Chemistry
- Leslie Ann Timms *San Diego, California* Mechanical Engineering
- Lillian Jie Tong\* *Little Rock, Arkansas* Bioengineering
- Christopher M. Tonge *Kent, Ohio* Chemistry
- Hueyru Tsai *Los Altos, California* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems)
- Charles Lincoln Tschirhart\* *Naperville, Illinois* Applied Physics and Chemistry
- Ratnalekha Venkata Naga Viswanadham *Cupertino, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics and Business, Economics, and Management
- Allika Rao Walvekar *Los Altos Hills, California* Computer Science
- Ann Miao Wang\* *Rochester, New York* Physics
- Benjamin Wang\* *Livingston, New Jersey* Biology
- Esha Wang *Peoria, Illinois* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Lawrence Wang\* *Apple Valley, Minnesota* Biology
- Max Li-Hua Wang\* *Vienna, Virginia* Electrical Engineering
- Melissa Ling Wang\* *Saint Louis, Missouri* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Winnie Wei-Chieh Wang\* *Brookline, Massachusetts* Mechanical Engineering and English (Minor)
- Carla Lim Watson *San Diego, California* Applied Physics
- Rochelle Ann Weber\* *Bend, Oregon* Engineering and Applied Science (Materials Science)
- Nicholas Ryan Weil\* *Houston, Texas* Physics and Computer Science
- Jake Lee Wellens\* *Wynnewood, Pennsylvania* Mathematics

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- Caroline Andrea Werlang\* *Houston, Texas* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular)
- Connor K. Wilson† *Republic, Washington* Engineering and Applied Science (Computation and Neural Systems)
- Chatarin Wong-u-railertkun *Bangkok, Thailand* Astrophysics
- Benjamin Wu\* *Yorba Linda, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Cheng (Teresa) Xu *Santa Monica, California* Business, Economics, and Management
- Jing J. Xu\* *Mountain View, California* Biology
- Jade Yu Yang\* *Westford, Massachusetts* Computer Science
- Kevin Han Yang\* *Los Altos, California* Computer Science
- Perren Yang *San Diego, California* Geochemistry and Computer Science (Minor)
- Stacy Kate Yeh\* *University Place, Washington* Computer Science and Business, Economics, and Management
- Hwan Seung Yeo\* *Daegu, Republic of Korea* Computer Science
- Kevin Yin\* *San Marino, California* Mathematics
- Patrick Wai-Kit Yiu\* *San Gabriel, California* Electrical Engineering and Business, Economics, and Management
- Madeleine Kendall Youngs\* *Santa Monica, California* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Allen Yu *Henderson, Nevada* Mathematics and Economics
- Paul Zhang\* *Great Neck, New York* Computer Science
- Yichi Zhang\* *Omaha, Nebraska* Computer Science
- Evan Zhao \* *Clarence Center, New York* Chemical Engineering (Biomolecular) and Business, Economics, and Management
- Kevin Zhao\* *Naperville, Illinois* Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Andy J. Zhou\* *Slidell, Louisiana* Electrical Engineering
- Danielle Zhu\* *San Antonio, Texas* Electrical Engineering
- Yuqi Zhu *Shanghai, People's Republic of China* Applied Physics
- Linus L. Ziemba *Livonia, Michigan* Electrical Engineering

## Master of Science

- Anish Agarwal (*Computer Science*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.
- Catherine Michelle Alvarez (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.A., University of Colorado at Boulder 2013.
- Dana Eklund Anderson (*Planetary Science*) B.S., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2012.
- Heather Audesirk (*Chemistry*) B.S., Harvey Mudd College 2011.
- Antoine Barizien (*Aeronautics*) B.S., École Polytechnique 2013.
- Kevin Julien Bonnet (*Space Engineering*) B.S., Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace 2013.
- Stephen Kramer Brand (*Chemical Engineering*) B.S., Northwestern University 2012.
- Nina Budaeva (*Physics*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.
- Peter Benjamin Buhler (*Planetary Science*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.
- Kayla Nicole Busby (*Chemistry*) B.S., University of California, San Diego 2012.
- John Kenneth Buyco (*Civil Engineering*) B.S., Harvey Mudd College 2013.
- Juan Pablo Cardenas (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.
- Finn Carlsvi (*Space Engineering*) B.S., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 2014.
- Kin Chan (*Physics*) B.S., Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey 2013.
- Christopher Wayne Chatellier (*Space Engineering*) B.S., United States Military Academy 2009.
- Chien-Chang Kyle Chen (*Physics*) B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2011.
- Tzu-Chieh Chou (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., National Taiwan University 2014.
- Justin Daniel Cohen (*Physics*) B.S., University of Florida 2009.
- Tales de Barros Caldas (*Electrical Engineering*) Engenheiro Eletrônico, Instituto Tecnológico de Aeronáutica 2003.
- Chandru Dhandapani (*Aeronautics*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras 2014.
- Javier Mauricio Gonzalez Duarte (*Physics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2010.
- Gina Elizabeth Duggan (*Astrophysics*) B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara 2013.
- Jordan Nathaniel Dykes (*Chemical Engineering*) B.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 2013.
- Marcelo Ariel Fernández (*Social Science*) Licenciado, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina 2010.
- Serena Ferraro (*Space Engineering*) B.S., Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II 2008; M.S., 2011.
- Kevin Robert Fiedler (*Physics*) B.S., University of Colorado at Boulder 2011.
- Patrick Daniel Fischer (*Planetary Science*) B.S., The University of Iowa 2013.
- Michael Cameron Floyd (*Materials Science*) B.S., University of California, Berkeley 2011.
- David Conwell Foor (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Texas A&M University 2005.

## *Master of Science continued*

- Katherine Theresa Fountaine (*Chemical Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara 2010.
- Nikola Georgiev (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.E., University of Edinburgh 2013.
- Gregory Paul Harlow (*Chemistry*) B.S., University of Oregon 2013.
- Luke Deane Harrison (*Chemical Engineering*) B.S., Brigham Young University 2012.
- Magnus Albert Haw (*Applied Physics*) B.S., University of British Columbia 2012.
- Jane Elizabeth Herriman (*Materials Science*) B.S., Carnegie Mellon University 2011.
- Ying-Yu Ho (*Physics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2012.
- Kangping Hu (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Boston University 2013.
- Cecilia Huertas Cerdeira (*Aeronautics*) Ingeniero, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid 2014; École Nationale Supérieure de Mécanique et d'Aérotechnique 2014.
- Yuewei Lucy Ji (*Chemical Engineering*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2012.
- Jingjing Jiang (*Materials Science*) B.S., Nanjing University 2013.
- Dongwan Kim (*Applied Physics*) B.S., Seoul National University 2005; M.S., 2008.
- Taeyong Kim (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Yonsei University 2013.
- Yonghui Kim (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Yonsei University 2011; M.S., 2013.
- Deepan Kishore Kumar (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani 2014.
- Pushkar Kopparla (*Planetary Science*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi 2011; M.S., Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich 2013.
- Katerina Marie Korch (*Chemistry*) B.S., Juniata College 2012.
- Christophe Leclerc (*Space Engineering*) B.E., École Polytechnique de Montréal 2014.
- Jong Yeon Lee (*Physics*) B.S., California Institute of Technology 2015.
- Matthew Gregory Leibowitz (*Aeronautics*) B.S., University at Buffalo, The State University of New York 2013.
- Dunzhu Li (*Geophysics*) B.S., Peking University 2008; M.S., 2010.
- Lu (Lydia) Li (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications 2014.
- Nicole Renate Lingner (*Physics*) A.A., Santa Monica College 2007; B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2008.
- Joseph John Lydon II (*Materials Science*) B.S., University of Pennsylvania 2010.
- Yiran Ma (*Geophysics*) B.S., Nanjing University 2010.
- Henry Livingston Macdonald (*Mathematics*) B.Sc., Victoria University of Wellington 2010.
- Huajun Mai (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.E., Tsinghua University 2013.
- Shupin Mao (*Electrical Engineering*) B.E., Zhejiang University 2013.

## *Master of Science continued*

- Hilary Rose Martens (*Geophysics*) B.A., The University of Montana 2008; M.Sc., University College London 2009; M.Phil., University of Cambridge 2010.
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- Samet Oymak (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., Bilkent University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Convex Relaxation for Low-Dimensional Representation: Phase Transitions and Limitations.
- Alex Hao-Yu Pai (*Electrical Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Berkeley 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Sensing and Actuation from Biology to Electronics.
- Mayank Raj (*Electrical Engineering*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Injection Locked Clocking and Transmitter Equalization Techniques for Chip to Chip Interconnects.
- Michael Brian Rauls (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.S., University of California, Los Angeles 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Shock Wave Behavior of Heterogeneous Materials.
- Boris Revechkiis (*Computation and Neural Systems*) B.S., New York University 2008.  
Thesis: Neural Prosthetics and Parietal Cortex.
- Bruno Savard (*Aerospace*) B.S.E., École Polytechnique de Montréal 2011; M.E., Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace 2011; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Characterization and Modeling of Premixed Turbulent *n*-Heptane Flames in the Thin Reaction Zone Regime.
- Hemanth Siriki (*Civil Engineering*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Quantifying Collapse Risk of Tall Steel Moment Frame Building using Rupture-to-Rafters Simulations.
- Niranjan Srinivas (*Computation and Neural Systems*) M.S., Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur 2008.  
Thesis: Programming Chemical Kinetics: Engineering Dynamic Reaction Networks with DNA Strand Displacement.
- John Bradley Steeves (*Aerospace*) B.S., University of Saskatchewan 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Multilayer Active Shell Mirrors.
- Noelle Rebecca Barry Stiles (*Computation and Neural Systems*) B.S., University of Southern California 2009.  
Thesis: Behavioral and fMRI Measures of Crossmodal Plasticity Induced by Auditory Sensory Substitution.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Nicolette Jean Sullivan (*Computation and Neural Systems*) B.A., Miami University 2002; M.A., The University of Chicago 2007.  
Thesis: The Neural Computational Basis of Self-Control Success and Failure.
- Ramathasan Thevamaran (*Mechanical Engineering*) B.Sc., University of Peradeniya 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Rate and Microstructure Effects on the Dynamics of Carbon Nanotube Foams.
- Ho-Cheng Tsai (*Materials Science and Physics*) B.S., National Tsing Hua University 2006; M.S., National Chiao Tung University 2009.  
Thesis: Quantum Mechanics Studies of Fuel Cell Catalysts and Proton Conducting Ceramics with Validation by Experiment.
- Robert Ezra Usiskin (*Materials Science*) B.A., Stanford University 2002; M.S., 2004.  
Thesis: Surface Activity and Bulk Defect Chemistry of Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Cathodes.
- Swetha Veeraraghavan (*Civil Engineering*) B.Tech., Indian Institute of Technology, Madras 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Toppling Analysis of Precariously Balanced Rocks under Earthquake Excitation.
- Yaakov Vilenchik (*Applied Physics*) B.Sc., Tel Aviv University 2008.  
Thesis: Narrow-Linewidth Si/III-V Lasers: A Study of Laser Dynamics and Nonlinear Effects.
- Xin C. Wang (*Mechanical Engineering*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: A Variational Framework for Spectral Discretization of the Density Matrix in Kohn-Sham Density Functional Theory.
- Samantha Stricklin Wilson (*Materials Science*) B.S., Stanford University 2009.  
Thesis: Zn-VI/Cu<sub>2</sub>O Heterojunctions for Earth-Abundant Photovoltaics.
- Charles Stanley Wojnar (*Aeronautics*) B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Exploring the Kinetics of Domain Switching in Ferroelectrics for Structural Applications.
- Chih-Kai Yang (*Materials Science*) B.S., National Tsing Hua University 2004; M.S., 2006.  
Thesis: An Exploration of Perovskite Materials for Thermochemical Water Splitting.
- Xiang Zhai (*Applied Physics and Applied and Computational Mathematics*) B.S., Tsinghua University 2009; M.S., University of California, San Diego 2010.  
Thesis: Experimental, Numerical and Analytical Studies of the MHD-driven Plasma Jet, Instabilities and Waves.
- Xuan Zhang (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., Beijing Normal University 2007; M.S., Peking University 2010.  
Thesis: Investigation of Fundamental Processes Governing Secondary Organic Aerosol Formation in Laboratory Chambers.

*Doctor of Philosophy continued*

**DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL AND PLANETARY SCIENCES**

- Kangwoo Cho (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) B.S., Seoul National University 2004; M.S., 2006.  
Thesis: Wastewater Electrolysis Cell for Environmental Pollutants Degradation and Molecular Hydrogen Generation.
- Jena Elaine Johnson (*Geobiology*) Sc.B., Brown University 2009.  
Thesis: Manganese: Minerals, Microbes, and the Evolution of Oxygenic Photosynthesis.
- Fathima Rifkha Kameel (*Environmental Science and Engineering*) M.S., Kent State University 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.  
Thesis: Oxidation of Volatile Organic Compounds in Aqueous Solution and at the Air-water Interface of Aqueous Microdroplets.
- Joshua Andrew Kammer (*Planetary Science*) B.A., Texas A&M University 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.  
Thesis: Analyses of Planetary Atmospheres Across the Spectrum: From Titan to Exoplanets.
- Sebastian Hermann Kopf (*Geobiology*) B.S., Jacobs University 2008; S.M., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: From Lakes to Lungs: Assessing Microbial Activity in Diverse Environments.
- Ajay Brian Sanjay Limaye (*Planetary Science*) B.A., University of California, Berkeley 2007; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Valley Evolution by Meandering Rivers.
- Alison Martha Piasecki (*Geology*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Site-Specific Isotopes in Small Organic Molecules.
- Kathryn Marie Stack Morgan (*Geology*) B.A., Williams College 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.  
Thesis: Reconstructing Past Depositional and Diagenetic Processes through Quantitative Stratigraphic Analysis of the Martian Sedimentary Rock Record.
- Erika McGoldrick Swanson (*Geology*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2007; S.M., 2008.  
Thesis: Structural and Clumped-Isotope Constraints on the Mechanisms of Displacement along Low-Angle Detachments.
- Adam Waszczak (*Planetary Science*) B.A., Cornell University 2009.  
Thesis: Solar System Small Body Demographics with the Palomar Transient Factory Survey.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

Dongzhou Zhang (*Geophysics*) B.S., Peking University 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.

Thesis: Applications of Nuclear Resonant Scattering to Further Our Understanding of Earth's Interior.

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

Kyle Ian Carlson (*Behavioral and Social Neuroscience*) B.A., The University of Memphis 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.

Thesis: Three Essays on Economics and Information Shocks.

Matthew C. Chao (*Social Science*) B.A., Dartmouth College 2006; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2013.

Thesis: How Behavioral Economics Can Shape Firm Strategy and Public Policy: Lessons from the Field and Laboratory.

Jonathan Neil Chapman (*Social Science*) B.A., University of Cambridge 2005; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: Death or Taxes? The Political Economy of Sanitation Expenditure in Nineteenth-Century Britain.

Khai Xiang Chiong (*Social Science*) B.A., University of Cambridge 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: Essays in Social and Economic Networks.

Geoffrey Worth Fisher (*Behavioral and Social Neuroscience*) B.A., Cornell University 2010.

Thesis: Value Estimation and Comparison in Multi-Attribute Choice.

Jaclyn Kimble (*Social Science*) B.A., Yale College 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2011.

Thesis: The Voting Rights Act, Shelby County, and Redistricting: Improving Estimates of Racially Polarized Voting in a Multiple-Election Context.

Matthew Luke Kovach (*Social Science*) B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: Essays in Behavioral Decision Theory.

Allyson Leigh Pellissier (*Social Science*) B.A., Rhodes College 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: At Your Convenience: Facilitating Voting and Registration.

Kirill Pogorelskiy (*Social Science*) B.S., R.Y. Alekseev Nizhny Novgorod State Technical University 2007; M.S., State University Higher School of Economics 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: Essays on Correlated Equilibrium and Voter Turnout.

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**DIVISION OF PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY**

Vernon Hampden Chaplin (*Physics*) B.A., Swarthmore College 2007.

Thesis: Battery-Powered RF Pre-Ionization System for the Caltech Magnetohydrodynamically-Driven Jet Experiment: RF Discharge Properties and MHD-Driven Jet Dynamics.

Yi Chen (*Physics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2008.

Thesis: Extraction of CP Properties of the H(125) Boson Discovered in Proton-Proton Collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  and 8 TeV with the CMS Detector at the LHC.

Yi-Ju Chen (*Physics*) B.S., National Taiwan University 2008.

Thesis: The Mechanical Genome in Regulation and Infection.

Liubomir Chiriac (*Mathematics*) B.S., Princeton University 2010.

Thesis: Special Frobenius Traces in Galois Representations.

Justin Daniel Cohen (*Physics*) B.S., University of Florida 2009.

Thesis: Fiber-Optic Integration and Efficient Detection Schemes for Optomechanical Resonators.

Vaclav Cvicek (*Physics*) A.B., Princeton University, 2007; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2009.

Thesis: Structure Prediction of G-Protein Coupled Receptors.

Nakul Dawra (*Mathematics*) B.A., Cornell University 2010.

Thesis: On the Link Floer Homology of  $L$ -space Links.

Jennifer Clair Driggers (*Physics*) B.S., University of Washington 2008.

Thesis: Noise Cancellation for Gravitational Wave Detectors.

Ross Filip Elliot (*Mathematics*) A.B., Princeton University 2008; M.A.St., University of Cambridge 2010.

Thesis: Topological Strings, Double Affine Hecke Algebras, and Exceptional Knot Homology.

Sin Tsun Edward Fan (*Mathematics*) B.S., The Chinese University of Hong Kong 2007; M.S., 2009.

Thesis: On the Construction of Higher étale Regulators.

Krzysztof Findeisen (*Astrophysics*) B.A., Cornell University 2007.

Thesis: New Insights from Aperiodic Variability of Young Stars.

Scott Davidson Geraedts (*Physics*) B.Sc., McMaster University 2010.

Thesis: Numerical Studies of Topological Phases.

Akihisa Goban (*Physics*) B.S., The University of Tokyo 2007; M.S., 2009.

Thesis: Strong Atom-Light Interactions along Nanostructures: Transition from Free-Space to Nanophotonic Interfaces.

## *Doctor of Philosophy continued*

- Casey John Handmer (*Physics*) B.S., The University of Sydney 2009.  
Thesis: Gauge Invariant Spectral Cauchy Characteristic Extraction of Gravitational Waves in Computational General Relativity.
- Victor Kasatkin (*Mathematics*) B.S., St. Petersburg State University 2007; M.S., 2010.  
Thesis: Some Constructions, Related to Noncommutative Tori; Fredholm Modules and the Beilinson–Bloch Regulator.
- Shu Ping Lee (*Physics*) B.S., National Taiwan University 2008.  
Thesis: Signatures of Topological Superconductors.
- Daiqi Linghu (*Mathematics and Computer Science*) B.S., University of Science and Technology of China 2010; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2014.  
Thesis: Chains of Non-regular de Branges Spaces.
- Jing Luan (*Physics*) B.S., Peking University 2008.  
Thesis: Toward Understanding Multiple Astrophysical Phenomena.
- Denis V. Martynov (*Physics*) B.S., Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology 2010.  
Thesis: Lock Acquisition and Sensitivity Analysis of aLIGO Interferometers.
- Kunal Prakash Mooley (*Astrophysics*) B.S., Fergusson College 2008; M.S., Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay 2009.  
Thesis: Exploring the Dynamic Radio Sky: The Search for Slow Transients with the VLA.
- Alexander Robert Mott (*Physics*) S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2009.  
Thesis: Search for Higgs Boson Production beyond the Standard Model using the Razor Kinematic Variables in pp Collisions at 8 TeV and Optimization of Higgs Boson Identification using a Quantum Annealer.
- Richard Alexander Norte (*Physics*) B.S., Stanford University 2007.  
Thesis: Nanofabrication for On-Chip Optical Levitation, Atom-Trapping, and Superconducting Quantum Circuits.
- Matthew Aaron Schenker (*Astrophysics*) B.A., Dartmouth College 2009.  
Thesis: Did Galaxies Reionize the Universe?
- Leo Pound Singer (*Physics*) B.S., University of Maryland, College Park 2009.  
Thesis: The Needle in the 100 deg<sup>2</sup> Haystack: The Hunt for Binary Neutron Star Mergers with LIGO and Palomar Transient Factory.
- Brian Paul Skinner (*Mathematics*) B.Sc., M.Sc., University of Toronto 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2014.  
Thesis: Logarithmic Potential Theory on Riemann Surfaces.

*Doctor of Philosophy continued*

Grant Paul Teply (*Physics*) B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison 2009; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2012.

Thesis: Measurement of the Polarization of the Cosmic Microwave Background with the BICEP2 and *Keck Array* Telescopes.

Ryan Francis Trainor (*Astrophysics*) B.S., University of California, Irvine 2008; M.S., California Institute of Technology 2010.

Thesis: Faint Galaxies in the Megaparsec-Scale Environments of Hyperluminous QSOs at Redshifts  $2 < Z < 3$ .

Emma Edwina Wollman (*Physics*) B.A., Swarthmore College 2009.

Thesis: Quantum Squeezing of Motion in a Mechanical Resonator.

Ke Zhang (*Astrophysics*) B.S., Beijing Normal University 2005; M.S., 2008.

Thesis: Volatiles in Protoplanetary Disks.



## **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

*Prizes and awards are listed only for those students receiving degrees in 2015, 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.

*2015 Karsyn Nicole Bailey*

### **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.

*2015 Adam Sean Jermyn*

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

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

*2015 Adam Sean Jermyn*

### **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.

*2013 Janani Mandayam Comar*

### 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.

*2012 Ross Filip Elliot*

*2013 Nakul Dawra*

*2014 Liubomir Chiriac*

*2015 Liubomir Chiriac*

### 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 Xin Ning*

*2013 John Bradley Steeves*

*2014 Charles Stanley Wojnar*

### 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.

*2014 Jake Boleslaw Marcinek, Jake Lee Wellens*

### WILLIAM F. BALLHAUS PRIZE

Awarded to aeronautics students for outstanding doctoral dissertations.

2015 *Neal Phillip Bitter, Xin Ning*

### ERIC TEMPLE BELL UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICS RESEARCH PRIZE

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

2014 *Mark Joseph Greenfield*

2015 *Zhaorong Jin, Jake Boleslaw Marcinek*

### 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 *Bryan Dawei He*

### 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.

2013 *Juan Ignacio Adame, Margaux Katherine Lopez*

### RICHARD G. BREWER PRIZE IN PHYSICS

Awarded to the freshman with the most interesting solutions to the Physics 11 “hurdles,” in recognition of demonstrated intellectual promise and creativity at the very beginning of his or her Caltech education.

2011 *Jacob Quinn Shenker*

2012 *Charles Lincoln Tschirhart*

### ROLF D. BUHLER MEMORIAL AWARD IN AERONAUTICS

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

2010 *Xin Ning*

2011 *Neal Phillip Bitter*

2015 *Léopold Cyrus Raoul Marie Shaabani Ardali, Chandru Dhandapani*

### 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.

2014 *Madeleine Kendall Youngs*

### 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 *Hannah Lin Dotson, Justin Robert Koch, Jeffrey Treyer Picard, Connor Edwin Rosen*

2015 *Justin Robert Koch, Jeffrey Treyer Picard*

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

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

2015 *Max Anton Cubillos-Moraga*

### BONNIE CASHIN PRIZE FOR IMAGINATIVE THINKING

Awarded each year to the entering freshman who has written the most imaginative essays in the Application for Freshman Admission.

2012 *Jacqueline Avery Maslyn*

## 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.

*2015 Keng Wit Lim, Michael Brian Rauls*

## 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.

*2015 Vedran Coralic*

## 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.

*2014 Karsyn Nicole Bailey, Alexander Evan Hartz*

## 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.

*2015 John Bradley Steeves, Charles Stanley Wojnar*

## 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.

- 2014 *James Mac Bern, Student Life and Master's*  
*Ritchie Hernandez, Student Life and Master's*  
*Bryan Weston Joel, Student Life and Master's*  
*Justin Robert Koch, Student Life and Master's*  
*Connor Edwin Rosen, Student Life and Master's*
- 2015 *Mark Joseph Greenfield, Deans' Cup*  
*Erin Elizabeth Evans, Student Life and Master's*  
*Connor Edwin Rosen, 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.

- 2015 *Lingwen Gan*

## 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.

- 2015 *Alborz Mahdavi*

#### 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.

2015 *Niranjana Srinivas*

#### 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.

2010 *Rui Wang*

2011 *Amy Hau Yu Fu*

#### EVERHART DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE STUDENT LECTURER AWARD

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

2014 *Brett Andrew McGuire*

#### 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.

2015 *Allika Rao Walvekar*

#### 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.

2015 *Sebastian Hermann Kopf*

### RICHARD P. FEYNMAN PRIZE IN THEORETICAL PHYSICS

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

2015 *Jong Yeon Lee*

### HAREN LEE FISHER MEMORIAL AWARD IN JUNIOR PHYSICS

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

2014 *Adam Sean Jermyn*

2015 *Sarah Anne 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.

2014 *Dae Hyun Kim*

### 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.

2014 *Adam Sean Jermyn*

### 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.

2014 *Adam Sean Jermyn, Charles Lincoln Tschirhart, Ann Miao Wang*



### 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.

2015 *Robert Allen Craig II, Lisa Mary Mauger*

### 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.

2015 *Kerry Nicole Betz, Boyu Fan*

### DAVID M. GRETHER 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.

2015 *Jacob Quinn Shenker*

### 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.

2012 *Lisa Mary Mauger*

### 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.

2014 *Bridget Ann Connor*

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

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

2012 *Charles Lincoln Tschirhart*

#### HANS G. HORNING 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.

2015 *Bruno Savard*

#### 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.

2013 *Liubomir Chiriac*

#### 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.

2015 *Zhaorong Jin, Jake Boleslaw Marcinek*

#### 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.

2015 *Jean-Pierre Voropaieff*

#### D. S. KOTHARI PRIZE IN PHYSICS

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

2015 *Adam Sean Jermyn*

#### MARGIE LAURITSEN LEIGHTON PRIZE

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

2013 *Connie Lawwa Hsueh*

#### 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.

2013 *Jonathan Neil Chapman, Khai Xiang Chiong*

2015 *Marcelo Ariel Fernández*

#### 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.

2015 *Kerry Nicole Betz, Adam Sean Jermyn*

#### 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.

2015 *Justin Robert Koch*

#### 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.

2015 *Justin Robert Koch*

#### THE HERBERT NEWBY MCCOY AWARD

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

2015 *Marco Alberto Allodi, Thinh Quoc Bui, Jacob Steven Kanady, Zachary Kimble Wickens*

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

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

2013 *Vivian Huang Buhler*

2014 *Anna Liu*

#### MERCK INDEX AWARD

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

2015 *Linda Chio*

### JAMES MICHELIN SCHOLARSHIP

Given in memory of geologist James Michelin, who worked in the oil fields of Southern California in the 1930s and dreamed of returning to college at Caltech, this annual award recognizes undergraduate students for their contributions to the field of geology or geophysics.

2015 *Jennifer Rachel Caseres, John Randall Christian*

### 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.

2015 *Phoebe Ann, Wen Min Chen, Alexander Evan Hartz, Connor Edwin Rosen*

### HERBERT J. RYSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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

2014 *Zhaorong Jin, Jake Bolesław Marcinek, Jake Lee Wellens*

### 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.

2013 *Ingrid Margaret Fiedler, Samuel Frank Szufliuta*

2015 *Linda Chio, Nicholas John Tedeschi*

### 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.

2015 *Timothy S. Sinclair*

### 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 Aeronautical Laboratories of the California Institute of Technology). Preference is given to students working in structural mechanics.

2014 *Neal Phillip Bitter, John Bradley Steeves*

### RENUKA D. SHARMA AWARD

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

2013 *Ruijie Darius Teo*

### 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.

2012 *Vivian Huang Buhler, Lin Cheng, Margaux Katherine Lopez*

2014 *Janani Mandayam Comar*

2015 *Erin Elizabeth Evans, Connor Edwin Rosen, Corwin Shiu*

### 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.

2012 *Charles Lincoln Tschirhart*

2013 *Vivian Huang Buhler*

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

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

2014 *Harrison James Miller, Corwin Shiu*

## JOHN STAGER STEMPLE 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.

2013 *Alexander R. Mott*

## 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.

2014 *Margaux Katherine Lopez*

## CHARLES AND ELLEN WILTS PRIZE

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

2015 *Samet Oymak, Carlos Roberto González Palacios*

## FREDERICK J. ZEIGLER MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to an outstanding sophomore or junior in pure 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.

2013 *Zhaorong Jin, Benjamin Wu*

## 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 Ninth Symphony excerpt, after the poem "An die Freude ("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.





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