



DOCTORAL HOODING AND HONORARY DEGREE CEREMONY

2024

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024
CAMPUS CENTER BALLROOM
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

Honorary Degree Recipient

**Judge Roberto
Andrés Gallardo**

*Doctor of
Humane Letters*



The Honorable Roberto Andrés Gallardo, an Argentinian judge and renowned champion of social justice, has long been an advocate for those less fortunate. Judge Gallardo has held numerous high-level judicial posts in his home city of Buenos Aires and has written several books on the topics of human rights and global justice. Judge Gallardo's commitment to social justice led His Holiness Pope Francis to appoint Gallardo in 2023 to serve a five-year term as president of the Pan-American Committee of Judges for Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine, an international public association of the faithful whose global mission is to educate and advocate for respect for human rights – especially of Indigenous and poor people – in courts throughout the Americas.

Judge Gallardo earned his law degree from the University of Buenos Aires in 1989. He then completed his master's degree in state law in 1998 from the Office of the Attorney General of the National Treasury (Ministry of Justice) and was honored with the Ramón Ferreyra award for his academic performance.

Presently a judge of first instance in administrative litigation in Buenos Aires, Judge Gallardo previously served as the city's acting deputy general defender. He is also a professor of state theory and an interim professor of elements of law at the University of Buenos Aires. Earlier in his career, he worked as a solo practitioner and also served as an attorney for several unions and cooperatives.

Judge Gallardo is the author of many legal articles and multiple books, including *Francisco vs. Moloch – Ideas para una revolución ecosocial* (2018) (*Francisco vs. Moloch – Ideas for an Eco-Social Revolution*), *El Paco* (2016) (*The Paco*), and *Dos Lecturas Para las Nuevas Teorías del Estado* (2015) (*Two Readings for the New Theories of the State*).

The Pan-American Committee of Judges for Social Rights and Franciscan Doctrine, which Judge Gallardo has served as president since 2023 when His Holiness Pope Francis appointed him to the position, consists of 120 magistrates who advocate for respect for human rights in courts throughout the Americas. The committee currently has established chapters in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Mexico, the United States, and Paraguay, and is expanding throughout the rest of the American continent. Among other topics, the committee has examined creating legislation to protect against social injustice and establishing support mechanisms for judges facing undue political pressures.

In recognition of his unwavering commitment to social justice, the University of Massachusetts Boston is proud to bestow upon Judge Roberto Andrés Gallardo the honorary doctorate of humane letters.



Academic Procession

Welcome

Tracy Baynard, *Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education*

Remarks

Joseph B. Berger, *Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, *Chancellor*

Honorary Degree Conferral

Judge Roberto Andrés Gallardo

Hooding Ceremony

Academic Recession

**Reception with light refreshments to follow in the
Campus Center, Food Court, 1st floor**

Graduates planning to participate in the commencement celebration on the lawn should report to the Clark Athletic Center Rink by 1 p.m. for robing and lineup.

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Education

Ravi Lakshmikanthan *Higher Education*

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Lauren Faber Collier *Nursing Practice*

Anne Marie Desmond *Nursing Practice*

Maeghan Dillon *Nursing Practice*

Kristina Donovan *Nursing Practice*

Doctor of Philosophy

Lana Andoni *Clinical Psychology*

Kenneth Arsenaault *Sociology*

Olivia Aveson *Clinical Psychology*

John Mark Awad *Integrative Biosciences/
Biochemistry*

Allyson Marie Bachtla *Global Governance and
Human Security*

Mohammad Bakhsh *Business Administration/
Management Information Systems*

Staci Christine Ballard *Counseling and School
Psychology/School Psychology*

Gregory Thomas Banks *Chemistry/Chemistry
Education Research*

Lindsay Elizabeth Beatty *Urban, Multilingual and
Global Contexts for ECEC*

Karl V. Bell *Higher Education*

Hayden A. Bender *Biology/Molecular, Cellular
and Organismal Biology*

Jonathan Samuel Brisenno *Counseling and School
Psychology/Counseling Psychology*

Elizabeth Johansson Bristol *Higher Education*

Melissa Brown *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and
Organismal Biology*

Cindy Nhu Bui *Gerontology*

Joseph Ralph Bunker *Biology/Molecular, Cellular
and Organismal Biology*

Katherine Frances Carelli *Nursing/Health Policy*

Chia Po Cheng *Counseling and School
Psychology/Counseling Psychology*

Vic Shao-Chih Chiang *Developmental and Brain
Sciences*

George Romeo Chichirau *Public Policy*

Antonio Matteo Cinelli *Urban Education,
Leadership and Policy Studies*

Carol Civello Connolly *Nursing/Population Health*

Dawn Colquitt-Anderson *Global Inclusion and
Social Development*

Saida Cora *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical
Chemistry*

Timothy Dennis Dacey *Sociology*

Shannon Elizabeth Davis *Marine Science and
Technology*

Rosiane Barcelos de Oliveira *Applied Linguistics*

Tyler Delaney *Counseling and School Psychology/
Counseling Psychology*

Denisse Delgado Vazquez *Public Policy*

Eliza Goodhart Denooux *Nursing/Master's to PhD*

Grace Derboglossian *Nursing/Population Health*

Deepshe Dewett *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and
Organismal Biology*

Jaxon Dii Horne *Environmental Science*

Laura Driscoll *Gerontology*

Haohui Duan *Integrative Biosciences/
Biochemistry*

Eric Dusseault *Higher Education*

Hamid El Hamidi *Applied Physics*

Lilian Onyinyechi Elekwachi *Environmental
Sciences*

Alexis Stearns Ervin *Counseling and School
Psychology/School Psychology*

Shengqi Fan *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical
Chemistry*

Caitlin Elizabeth Ferrarini *Global Inclusion and
Social Development*

Michael J. Lally *Education/Leadership in
Urban Schools*

Meredith Gentes *Nursing Practice*

Karen A. Hussion *Nursing Practice*

Obianuju Ihechukwu *Nursing Practice*

Kylie Margaret Kuck *Nursing Practice*

Loraine Franke *Computer Science*

Kathryn Ann Franklin *Nursing/Health Policy*

Evans Frimpong Kyei *Nursing/Master's to PhD*

Elizabeth Amy Gallagher *Gerontology*

Meredith L. Gamble *Sociology*

Sharbari Ganguly *Sociology*

Reyaz Gonzalez *Chemistry/Biological Chemistry*

Kristina Simone Hall-Michel *Higher Education*

Muhammed Mahdi Hasan *Global Governance and
Human Security*

Hozami Adel Helwani *Business Administration/
Organizations and Social Change*

Linda Katherine Holcombe *Global Governance
and Human Security*

Shannon Marie Hughley *Clinical Psychology*

Sho Inaba *Computational Sciences/Data Analytics*

Dennis Jjuuko *Global Governance and Human
Security*

Joyce Iona Johnson *Nursing/Population Health*

Dustin P. Jones *Biomedical Engineering and
Biotechnology*

Sajani Kandel *Environmental Sciences*

Samiya Khalid *Public Policy*

Nina Michiko Kunimoto *Urban Education,
Leadership and Policy Studies*

Emmi Kurosawa *Biology/Environmental Biology*

Lynne Frances Lambert *Nursing/Population
Health*

Stephanie Lessing *Public Policy*

Muqing Li *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and
Organismal Biology*

Yibiao Liang *Developmental and Brain Sciences*

Jeremy Liew *Chemistry/Green Chemistry*

Yaeli Lif *Business Administration/Organizations
and Social Change*

Jessica Jeanne Lillquist *Environmental Sciences/
Environmental Earth and Ocean Sciences*

Yiran Liu *Integrative Biosciences/Biophysics*

Stephen Michael Loren *Business Administration/
Organizations and Social Change*

James March Mistler *Global Inclusion and Social
Development*

Matthew Lawrence McCarthy *Urban Education,
Leadership and Policy Studies*

Matthew Lee McClellan *Global Inclusion and
Social Development*

Anu Meacham *Higher Education*

Ellen Busolo Milimu *Global Governance and
Human Security*

Faraz Moghimi *Business Administration/Finance*

Jesus Montoya Jr. *Higher Education*

Jennifer D. Morgan *Nursing/Population Health*

Tracy L. Morin *Higher Education*

Erinda Morina *Developmental and Brain Sciences*

Abdelkrim Mouhib *Applied Linguistics*

Denise Renee Muro *Global Governance and
Human Security*

Alana Murphy *Chemistry/Inorganic Chemistry*

Aynur Nabiyeva *Business Administration/
Organizations and Social Change*

Madison Westbrook Natarajan *Counseling and
School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*

Cathleen McCarron *Higher Education*

Huong Nguyen Madrigal *Nursing Practice*

Tracy Lynn Markwell *Nursing Practice*

Kaitlin Patel *Nursing Practice*

Wildler M. Pinnock-Tooley *Nursing Practice*

Thanh Phuong Thi Nguyen *Clinical Psychology*

Ghadah Noorelahi *Applied Linguistics*

Stephanie Denise Okwudi *Urban Education,
Leadership and Policy Studies*

Chidimma Ozor Commer *Global Inclusion and
Social Development*

Ozden Hatice Pinar Irmak *Early Childhood
Education and Care/Leadership, Policy and
Finance in ECEC*

Anatole France Rayanesalgo Pitroipa *Global
Governance and Human Security*

Yui Sum Poon *Clinical Psychology*

Anyah Prasad *Gerontology*

Hefei Qiu *Computer Science*

Michael James Raymond *Biology/Molecular,
Cellular and Organismal Biology*

Tracy Leigh Reed *Sociology*

Jennifer Helen Reid *Higher Education*

Brooke Alexi Rich-Plotkin *Developmental and
Brain Sciences*

Joshua Rivera *Integrative Biosciences/
Bioinformatics*

Patrick Robinson-Link *Counseling and School
Psychology/School Psychology*

Isaac Rosenthal *Environmental Sciences*

Elly Rostoum *Global Governance and Human
Security*

Bryce Scottron *Counseling and School
Psychology/School Psychology*

Brian Christopher Seitz *Biology/Molecular,
Cellular and Organismal Biology*

Nachiket Shankar *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and
Organismal Biology*

Natalie Victoria Shellito *Gerontology*

Ceara Robyn Somerville *Gerontology*

Artis Carneal Street *Urban Education, Leadership
and Policy Studies*

Gail Silvers Stubbs *Higher Education*

Patcharapon Thammathorn *Clinical Psychology*

Chris Duc Tran *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*

Andrew Thomas Turchon *Urban Education,
Leadership and Policy Studies*

Mai Hu Vang *Higher Education*

Nidya Velasco Roldan *Gerontology*

Katy Venter *Higher Education*

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Development*

Shengwei Wang *Applied Physics*

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Molly Helene Wiseman Duffy *Urban Education,
Leadership and Policy Studies*

Guoshu Xie *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*

Ning Xie *Gerontology*

Shu Xu *Gerontology*

Joshua Ford Yee *Computer Science*

Rebecca Naa Yemoley Yemo *Global Governance
and Human Security*

Paul Yoo *Global Governance and Human Security*

Alptug Y. Yorulmaz *Business Administration/
Finance*