



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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The Graduate School of The University of Memphis is the center of advanced study and research within the University. The basic objectives of The Graduate School are: (a) to preserve and disseminate knowledge now available in the humanities, the sciences, and the various professional areas represented by the departmental graduate faculties; (b) to extend knowledge through basic research; and (c) to prepare men and women to assume a more responsible and useful role in society.

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Simona Maria Barbu – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BM, 2004, Lynn University

MM, 2006, Southern Methodist University

Dissertation: *“Robert Valentine, Six Sonatas for Two Violoncellos: A Performance Edition”*

Major Professor: Dr. Janet Page

Renee Mae Clair – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BM, 1986, San Francisco State University

MM, 2005, Bowling Green State University

Dissertation: *“Glances: An Analysis of the Song Cycle of Tom Cipullo”*

Co-Major Professors: Dr. Janet Page and Dr. Pamela Gaston

Andra Ruth Hawks – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BM, 1994, Converse College

MMu, 1997, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Dissertation: *“Handel’s Opus 2: The Flutist’s Perspective”*

Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth R. Kreitner

Josef William McClellan – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

AS, 1998, Wallace State College

BM, 2002, University of Alabama at Birmingham

MM, 2004, The University of Alabama

Dissertation: *“A Comparative Analysis of Speech Level Singing and Traditional Vocal Training in the United States”*

Major Professor: Dr. Randal Rushing

Ana Maria Trujillo – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

Maestra, 2002, Universidad de Antioquia

MMu, 2006, The University of Memphis

Dissertation: *“Colombian Nationalism: Four Musical Perspectives for Violin and Piano”*

Major Professor: Dr. Kenneth R. Kreitner

Anthony N. Williams – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BM, 2003, University of Central Arkansas

MM, 2006, University of Northern Iowa

Dissertation: *“Interpretation of Jazz Influenced Solo Trombone Works by American Composers: Alec Wilder, William Goldstein, Richard Peaslee, and Jack Cooper”*

Major Professor: Dr. John T. Mueller

Angela On Yee Wong – Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BM, 2001, Chinese University of Hong Kong

MM, 2004, Cleveland Institute of Music

Dissertation: *“Songs from a Distant Memory: A Study of Bright Sheng’s Four Movements for Piano Trio and Tibetan Dance”*

Major Professor: Dr. Janet Page

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Nick A. Benesh – Department of Psychology
BS, 2006, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
MS, 2009, The University of Memphis
Dissertation: “*Narratives with an Impact: Linguistic Features of Cognitive and Emotional Engagement in Transportation*”
Major Professor: Dr. Max M. Louwerse
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Tamara Rose Haywood – Department of Philosophy
BA, 1994, Spelman College
Dissertation: “*The Racial Vindication Project of Alain Locke*”
Major Professor: Dr. Bill E. Lawson

Deepa Kunapuram – Department of Chemistry
BPharm, 2002, Osmania University
MS, 2007, The University of Memphis
Dissertation: “*Solution Conformation of Biologically Active Peptides as Determined by Hydrogen/Deuterium Exchange and Mass Spectrometry*”
Major Professor: Dr. Chhabil Dass

Yunyue Lin – Department of Computer Science
BS, 2004, Northwest University
ME, 2006, Zhejiang University
MS, 2009, The University of Memphis
Dissertation: “*Advance Bandwidth Scheduling in High-Speed Dedicated Networks*”
Major Professor: Dr. Qishi Wu

Xukang Lu – Department of Computer Science
BS, 2005, Information Engineering University
MS, 2008, Zhengzhou University
Dissertation: “*Performance Optimization and Dynamics Control for Large-Scale Data Transfer in Wide-Area Networks*”
Major Professor: Dr. Qishi Wu

Claudia Maria McCausland – Department of Psychology
AA, 1996, Thomas Nelson Community College
BS, 2002, Excelsior College
MS, 2008, The University of Memphis
Dissertation: “*A Randomized Clinical Trial of Computer Delivered Personal Feedback for Hazardous Drinkers in Primary Care*”
Major Professor: Dr. James G. Murphy

Sarah L. Petschonek – Department of Psychology
BA, 2004, The University of Memphis
MS, 2007, The University of Memphis
MBA, 2011, The University of Memphis
Dissertation: “*Developing the Just Culture Assessment Tool: A Method for Measuring Individual Cultural Perceptions in a Healthcare Setting*”
Major Professor: Dr. Ronald S. Landis

Nhu Quynh T. Tran – Department of Biological Sciences
BS, 2003, State University of New York at Stony Brook
MS, 2007, The University of Memphis
MS, 2007, The University of Memphis
Dissertation: “*EGFR Regulation of Epidermal Barrier Function*”
Major Professor: Dr. Thomas R. Sutter

Ashlee Anne Vaughn – Department of Biological Sciences
BS, 2003, Christian Brothers University
Dissertation: “*Sperm Allocation and Sociosexual Behavior in Meadow Voles*”
Major Professor: Dr. Michael H. Ferkin

Xiaodong Zhou – Department of Computer Science
BS, 1994, Anhui Normal University
MS, 1997, East China Normal University
MS, 2001, The University of Mississippi
Dissertation: “*Weighted Meta Analytic Procedure for Pooling High Throughput Biological Data*”
Major Professor: Dr. Ebenezer O. George