



**WISCONSIN**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The  
**ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC  
AFFAIRS**

**Graduation Ceremony**

**Sunday, May 15, 2022  
11:00 A.M.**

**Assembly Chambers  
Wisconsin State Capitol**



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Music by Beltline Bones*

Entrance of La Follette School Faculty

*The audience is to rise.*

### **PROCESSION OF GRADUATES**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Susan Yackee

Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs,  
Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science

### **STUDENT SPEAKER**

Carte'cia J. Lawrence

Master of Public Affairs

### **FACULTY SPEAKER**

Greg Nemet

Professor of Public Affairs

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes  
Wisconsin's 45th Lt. Governor

### **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Susan Yackee

Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs

## **PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES**

Mo O'Connor  
Graduate Program Manager,  
La Follette School of Public Affairs

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Susan Yackee  
Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs

## **RECESSIONAL**

*The audience is to remain until all officials and  
graduates have left the room.*



## **RECEPTION INFORMATION**

Please join us for a  
reception to honor the new graduates.  
- **The Monona Terrace** -  
1 John Nolen Dr, Madison, WI 53703  
The Grand Terrace Room  
Light hors d'oeuvres provided and a cash bar  
1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

## STUDENT AWARDS

**THE PENNIMAN PRIZE** is awarded to the graduating student who has written the most outstanding paper while a graduate student in public affairs. La Follette School faculty nominate the papers that best demonstrate the writing and analytic skills the school emphasizes. A specialist in taxation and public finance, Clara Penniman was the founder and director of the La Follette School's predecessor, the Center for the Study of Public Policy and Administration. She was the first female chair of the University of Wisconsin–Madison's (then otherwise all male) Political Science Department. She retired in 1984 and passed away in 2009.

**THE DIRECTOR'S AWARD** is given by the La Follette School at graduation to recognize a student for his or her outstanding academic record. The major criterion for the award is attained GPA, but there must also be evidence of being an outstanding public policy thinker and communicator. The school started the award in 1991 when Bob Haveman ended his term as director.

**THE PIORE PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER IN SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY** is named for Emanuel R. Piore and Nora Kahn Piore. The prize is awarded to recognize the best student paper in the area of science and public policy. Emanuel Piore was a research physicist who marshaled federal dollars for scientific research and helped IBM develop a new generation of digital computers. Nora Kahn Piore was a New York economist and health policy expert. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa in economics in 1933 from the University of Wisconsin, where she received an M.A. in economics a year later.

## STUDENT SPEAKER

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Innovative, inspirational, and intentional are a few words to describe Carte'cia J. Lawrence. A native of the north side of Milwaukee, Wisconsin she considers Madison, Wisconsin a second home. She earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she double-majored in legal studies and african american studies. Through work experiences, she found a passion for analyzing policy and elevating equity in education and state government. Carte'cia aspires to direct a state government agency and advocate for more thoughtful, robust policies that support vulnerable women, children and families. As Carte'cia earns her master of public affairs degree, she is grateful for her son Kareem, mother Carmen, family, friends, classmates, staff, and faculty. But, most importantly, she thanks God for the support she's received throughout her tenure at UW.

## FACULTY SPEAKER

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Professor Gregory Nemet teaches courses in energy systems analysis, policy analysis, and international environmental policy. Professor Nemet's research focuses on understanding the process of technological change and the ways in which public policy can affect it. He received his doctorate in energy and resources from the University of California, Berkeley. His A.B. is in geography and economics from Dartmouth College.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Mandela Barnes serves as Wisconsin's 45th Lieutenant Governor. He is the first African American to serve as a Lieutenant Governor in Wisconsin, and the second African American to ever hold statewide office. In 2012, at the age of 25, Lt. Gov. Barnes was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, where he served two terms.

His time in the State Assembly included serving as Chair of the Legislature's Black and Latino Caucus and becoming a recognized leader on progressive economic policies and gun violence prevention legislation. The Lieutenant Governor uses a platform of sustainability and equity to fight for solutions that invest in opportunities and fairness for every child, person, and family in Wisconsin, regardless of zip code.

## THANK YOU!

The 2022 La Follette graduating class would like to thank our families and friends. Without your support and encouragement, this day would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank the professors and staff at the La Follette School of Public Affairs. We are sincerely grateful for your instruction, guidance, and assistance. We now look forward to all that is coming in the future, knowing that the La Follette School has prepared us for the adventure.

# 2022 GRADUATING CLASS

## MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Barwick, Hayley	Keenan, William Michael ◊
Blank, Lew Alden ◊ #	Kenney, Ethan Ansell
Caffrey, Genevieve ◻ #	Kilaru, Indu « #
Connors, John Marston ~	Knorr, Alexandra Martine +
DeChavez, Mae ~	Lawrence, Carte'cia Jayleah #
Duffie, Elizabeth Werley Prieto	Leffin, Sonny Lee ~
Fofana, Muhammed M. ±	Lindquist, Philomena ~
Gallagher, Molly	Martin, Jessie Zakariah
Gordon, Kelsey Maria #	McMeeken, Max Ross ~
Gray, Katherine Elizabeth	Nielsen, Dana Marie #
Greene, Jenna Hatcher ◊	Pearson, Ian #
Hansen, Matthew G. +	Pollock, Katie Jo ~ ◊ #
Heins, Emma Claire ◊	Reilly, Tessa Charis ~
Helmenstine, Dylan Ray ~	Steck, Evan David ~
Hollnagel, Jacob Lloyd	Sucsy, Anna Ngaio #
Kalik, Alexandra Faye ~	Tebbe, Nova Marie ∓ ◊
Kanter, Adam Michael § ◊	Voss, Matthew Joseph
Kaur, Manpreet ›	Warzecha, Charlie ~

## MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Anderson, James Edmund + ◊	Livingston, Hana Clare
Behling, Abigail Jane	Marcus, Matthew
Brooks, Christopher Cain	Nikolay, Connor Robert ∓
Ding, Manman ◊	Tadross, Paul Kher +
Gams, Emily L.	Vilbert, Jean †
Liechty, Stephanie Lynn	

- § Certificate in Business, Environment, and Social Responsibility
- ◊ Certificate in Energy, Analysis and Policy (EAP)
- ± Certificate in Entrepreneurship
- « Certificate in Strategic Innovation: Organizations, Technology, and Society
- + Juris Doctor (Law) Dual Degree
- # La Follette School Student Association Board Member (LSSA)
- † Master of Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Double Degree
- ∓ Master of Public Health (MPH) Dual Degree
- ◻ Master of Social Work Double Degree
- ~ Member of the Accelerated Program Cohort
- › Urban & Regional Planning Double Degree



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