



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

Graduation Ceremony

Sunday, May 9, 2021  
11:00 A.M.  
Zoom



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**OPENING REMARKS**

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

**STUDENT SPEAKER**

Jacob Pankratz  
Master of Public Affairs Candidate

**FACULTY SPEAKER**

Lindsay Jacobs  
Assistant 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  
Admissions & Advising Coordinator,  
La Follette School of Public Affairs

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Susan Yackee  
Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs

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## 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 R. 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



**Jacob Pankratz** graduates today with a master of public affairs degree. Jacob graduated from UW–Madison in 2015 with a degree in history and social welfare and spent two years as a middle school science teacher at American Horse School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation as well as two years at Epic Systems before coming to the La Follette School. Jacob held two project assistant roles while at the La Follette School, working on geoenvironmental governance research with Professor Greg Nemet and as a fellowships and funding project assistant in the Graduate School Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Funding. He also served as a graduate student representative on the Associated Students of Madison (ASM) Student Council, advocating for graduate students across campus. Jacob is grateful to La Follette School faculty and staff for their valuable mentorship throughout his graduate school experience, and to the Class of 2021 for their friendship and mutual support. He is also eternally grateful to his parents, Mary and Don, and sisters, Kelly and Erin. On Wisconsin!

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Mandela Barnes** serves as Wisconsin's 45th Lieutenant Governor. He was elected on November 8, 2018. 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.

## FACULTY SPEAKER



**Assistant Professor Lindsay Jacobs** specializes in labor economics, with an emphasis on older populations. Her current research projects look at retirement preparedness and modeling the interactions among health, job tasks, and labor supply decisions. Prior joining the La Follette School, she was an economist at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

## Class of 2021 Charitable Donation

The La Follette School Student Association (LSSA) will be donating \$500 to the Fair Housing Center of Madison and \$500 to the PEOPLE Program in the name of LFS 2021 graduates.

## THANK YOU!

The 2021 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.



**Robert M. La Follette  
School of Public Affairs**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MADISON

## 2021 GRADUATING CLASS

### MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Barry, Anna Marie ~	Kolanowski, Peter ◊
Boldt, Sawyer	Leikin, Cayla Maureen
Bozich, Adam	Martinez, Jose □ Ψ
Busker, Andrew David › §	Mathur, Krinjal
Capodarco, Emily Hoffmann +	McFarlane, Mitchell Patrick ◊ Ψ
Casola, Victoria	McIlhon, Madeline Rose Ψ
Claybaugh, Trent	O'Leary, Mary Kate π
Dreisbach, Johannes Wedin	Pankratz, Jacob Reuben
Durbin-Matrone, Reanna Coleen	Pratt, Charles
Ebben, Sarah ◊	Shayan, Muhammad ◊
Escalona Aldana, Victor «	Smith, Erin Elizabeth ◊
Fink, Riley §	Starrett, Lindsey ~
Fottrell, Amy Katherine ›	Stutzman, Emma Sveum ~
George, Grace Chevalier #	Westhoff, Tia
Harrison, Abby ~	Zhang, Mingxin ◊

### MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Akram, Tamanna § ◊ Ψ	Mosher, Peter
Chattopadhyay, Oindrila (Lily)	Mueller, Eric Trey ◊
Cheng, Yixuan ~ π	Pearlman, Logan Bennett ~
Donker, Jason +	Roca, Seth Robert ◊ § ◊
Dooley, Alyssa ◊ Ψ	Schaefer, Nicholas Noah ~ §
Doty, William Sterling	Sopukeeva, Tolgonai ± ◊
Downer, Laura Ann ~	Stastney, Amelia ~ ◊
Hwang, Sun Joo ◊	Stewart, Hannah › ◊ Ψ
Kulinski, Caleb	Tuttle, Hannah Florence +
Luosta, Lauri Antero Ψ	Welcher, Christine K.

◊ Cellular Molecular Biology Ph.D. Dual Degree  
# Neuroscience Ph.D. Dual Degree  
+ Juris Doctor (Law) Dual Degree  
π Master of Public Health (MPH) Dual Degree  
› Urban & Regional Planning Double Degree  
§ Certificate in Business, Environment, and Social Responsibility  
| Certificate in Community-Engaged Scholarship  
◊ Certificate in Energy, Analysis and Policy (EAP)  
± Certificate in Entrepreneurship  
« Certificate in Strategic Innovation: Organizations, Technology, and Society  
~ Member of the Accelerated Program Cohort  
◊ La Follette School Student Association Board Member (LSSA)  
Ψ La Follette School Student Association Community Service Award