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FIFTH ANNUAL
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TOURO UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE

Sunday, June Fifth
Two Thousand Sixteen
Two O’Clock

Cypress Community Center
Cypress, CA
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MISSION

The mission of Touro University Worldwide (TUW) is to offer online degree programs to serve the needs of adult learners (service to society), professionals (intellectual pursuit), and the underserved (social justice). TUW is committed to its doctoral, graduate, bachelor and associate degree programs to support this mission. The mission is also shared through the campus-based undergraduate education programs at Touro College Los Angeles Division which serves a specific student body. Together, the campus based and online programs contribute to the achievement of the overall Touro core values driving this mission to provide opportunities for those who are underserved, provide service to society and achievement of the overall Touro University Worldwide student success.

HISTORY OF THE TOURO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

In 1790, George Washington visited the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, and spoke eloquently of democracy, ethics, equal opportunity and the American ideal. Little did he know how far his words would carry. Washington's vision inspired Isaac and Judah Touro, leaders in colonial America, to pioneer their family's efforts to enrich the lives of all people, regardless of creed or color, through educational opportunities, spiritual outreach, and vocational enterprise. The Touro family began providing major endowments for universities, the first free library in North America, independent health facilities across the United States, and communities in Israel.

In 1970, in the tradition established by the early Jewish-American leaders for whom it is named, Dr. Bernard Lander founded Touro College to strengthen the Judaic tradition and serve the broader community with compassion and dignity. Chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, the College welcomed its first 35 students in the Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1971.

From humble beginnings, Dr. Lander built a flourishing institution that reaches across the country and the world. Touro is currently enrolling over 18,000 students a year in a broad range of disciplines, including business, law, social work, Jewish Studies and technology. Each decade has ushered in a wave of new academic and professional programs designed to give students an advantage in an increasingly competitive world:
The 1980s
The Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center and the School for Lifelong Education opened, as well as a college for recent immigrants. The latter would eventually evolve into the New York School of Career and Applied Sciences (NYSCAS).

The 1990s
Touro University California, Touro University International, and the School of Health Sciences were established, introducing colleges of osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, health sciences, and education. Touro expanded its undergraduate offerings with new campuses in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The New Millennium
Since 2000, the Touro network has grown to include international sites in Paris and Berlin, as well as coastal campuses in Los Angeles, Orange County, and Miami. In 2004-5, the new Touro University Nevada launched programs in osteopathic medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, and education. Between 2007-2009 the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Pharmacy opened in Harlem, and in 2011 New York Medical College, in Valhalla, NY, became part of the Touro family.

In 2010, when Dr. Alan Kadish took over as president of Touro following Dr. Lander’s esteemed tenure, he renewed our commitment to ensure that even as we grow, each campus, every program, and all of our students are held to the standard set for us over 220 years ago.

Touro is a system of non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was chartered in 1970 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American and global community. Approximately 18,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has 29 branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem and Moscow. New York Medical College; Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus; Touro University Worldwide and its Touro College Los Angeles division; as well as Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Ill. are separately accredited institutions within the Touro College and University System. For further information on Touro College, please go to:
http://www.touro.edu/news/
**HISTORY OF TOURO UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE**

The Touro College and University System has a long track record of offering high quality online degree programs in professional fields at the Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate levels. Touro University International (TUI) was founded in 1998 by Dr. Yoram Neumann and Dr. Edith Neumann and was the first university in the world to offer a regionally accredited PhD program online with no residency requirements. Government and military students had exceptional participation. Drs. Neumann, the founders, led TUI for 11 years (1998-2009). At that time, TUI had graduated 14,000 proud alumni. From no courses in 1998, TUI offered more than 50,000 course registrations in 2009. In 2007, TUI was sold to a private equity group.

Touro University Worldwide (TUW) was founded in 2008 by Dr. Bernard Luskin to replace the void that the sale of TUI had created. Drs. Neumann, the founders of TUI, returned to Touro in July 2012 and assumed the leadership of Touro University Worldwide. The mission of online education at Touro University Worldwide is to offer professional degree programs to serve the needs of adult learners (service to society), professionals (intellectual pursuit), and the underserved (social justice).
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

To be an educated person is to be caught up in a world of ideas. Many people have helped you navigate through this world. Faculty and staff who have taught and guided you, family members who have supported you, and friends you’ve made here, are all part of your success. The course of your life has been changed through your experiences at Touro University Worldwide and we are all proud to have taken this journey with you.

Welcome to the ranks of Touro University Worldwide alumni who have gone out into the world and made a difference. Knowledge is empowerment and I am confident that you have the necessary skills to build a successful future. You now go forward with new knowledge, charged with helping to make our world a better place. Marian Wright Edelman once said, “Service is the rent we pay for living on this earth.” I would add that those who are educated are uniquely positioned to serve others and there is no greater joy.

Graduates, you may feel uncertain about your next steps. That is to be expected. But I urge you to “trust in the you of now,” as the saying goes, and I am confident you will find your path. The challenges and triumphs of your student years have prepared you for future accomplishments, and it is now time to take your ideas out into the world. I wish you great success, happiness, and prosperity. Whether you’re pursuing a career or furthering your education, it is time to declare yourself to the world.

Your greatest accomplishments are yet to come!

Dr. Yoram Neumann
Chief Executive Officer
Touro University Worldwide
“Pomp and Circumstance March no. 1”
Composed by Sir Edward Elgar

Faculty Marshals
Commencement Candidates
Faculty Representatives

PLATFORM PARTY

Yoram Neumann, Ph.D
CEO, Touro University Worldwide
Touro College Los Angeles

Aldwin Domingo, Ph.D
Director of the School of Psychology
Touro University Worldwide

Edith Neumann, Ph.D
Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Touro University Worldwide
Touro College Los Angeles

Adriana Reza, Esq.
Director of Educational Effectiveness
General Studies and Business Programs
Touro University Worldwide

Shelia Lewis, Ph.D
Assistant Provost of Quality Insurance
Director of the School of Business and Management
Touro University Worldwide

Kaleena Prate, MS, LMFT
Assistant Director of the MFT Program
Touro University Worldwide

Michael Hamlin, Ph.D
Dean of Touro College Los Angeles
Touro College Los Angeles

Arnie Dahlke, Ph.D
Director of Industrial and Organizational Psychology Program
Touro University Worldwide

Godwin Igein, Ph.D
Director of Program Review
Director of the General Education Program
Touro University Worldwide

Donna Lynn Daniels-Guzman
Valedictorian
Touro University Worldwide
ATTENDING FACULTY

Karen Savlov, Psy.D
IOP, MFT, and Business Programs
Touro University Worldwide

Jennifer Whitmon, DHSC
Health and Human Services and Business Programs
Touro University Worldwide

Carrie Hammond, MA, LMFT
MFT Program
Touro University Worldwide

Jeff Jafari, MSc
Business Programs
Touro University Worldwide
Convening of the Fifth Annual Commencement of Touro University Worldwide

Dr. Shelia Lewis, Master of Ceremonies

National Anthem
“The Star Spangled Banner”
Performed by Laura Cerna

Welcome
Dr. Shelia Lewis

Recognition of Platform Party
Dr. Yoram Neumann

Commencement Address
Dr. Yoram Neumann

Valedictorian
Donna Lynn Daniels-Guzman

Presentation and Investiture of Graduates
Dr. Edith Neumann

Hooding Ceremony

Conferring of Academic Degrees
Dr. Yoram Neumann

Closing Remarks
Dr. Yoram Neumann

Academic Recessional
"Coronation March"
by Giacomo Meyerbeer

The audience is requested to remain seated for the recessional of the platform party, faculty, and graduates.

Please join us immediately following the ceremony for a light dessert reception.
COMMENCEMENT CANDIDATES

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES
TerryAnn Hart, magna cum laude
Eric Ahene Nunoo
Patricia Paden, summa cum laude

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
Eli Smith, Jr., magna cum laude
Trevor Scott Myers, summa cum laude
Yosef Rosenbluth, summa cum laude
Batchimeg Yondongombo, magna cum laude

MASTER OF ARTS IN INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
Amanda Cherie, summa cum laude
Christopher James Griffin, summa cum laude
Marlene Sosa, summa cum laude

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
DuWanda Beacham, magna cum laude
Rajani Dahal, magna cum laude
Marina Davidashvilly, summa cum laude
Fredrick B. Frowner, summa cum laude
Andrea E. Garcia, summa cum laude
Amandeep Momi, magna cum laude
Sarah Nahum, magna cum laude
Ferdinand Ngangue, magna cum laude
Romual Perard, summa cum laude
Jennifer Helaine Sabin, summa cum laude
Evan Seltzer
Lisa Shurley, magna cum laude
Marc A. Thompson, summa cum laude
Mary Williams, cum laude
Nikayla A. Yates, magna cum laude

**Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences**
Noemi Arce Romero, magna cum laude

**Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy**
Jennifer Jones-Phillips, magna cum laude
Maxine Angela Kuesters, summa cum laude
Tai Nicole Maddox, summa cum laude
Jeffrey Edward Quessenberry, summa cum laude
Vanessa Ramirez, summa cum laude
Sharon Shenker, summa cum laude
Vivian A. Singleton, magna cum laude
Kelli Wall, summa cum laude

**Master of Science in Health Sciences**
Maureen Bartlebaugh, summa cum laude
Roger T. DeCoste, summa cum laude
Moses Win, summa cum laude

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**
Gina Denise Hunter, summa cum laude
Alexander Weiss, magna cum laude

**Master of Arts in Psychology**
Kimberly B. Cox, magna cum laude
Cherell Crowell
George Allen Mitchell, Jr., summa cum laude
Aries Sanders, summa cum laude
Jessica Spivey, summa cum laude

**Master of Arts in Media & Communication Psychology**
D. Dawn Maxwell, summa cum laude

**Doctor of Psychology in Human and Organizational Psychology**
Mohamadou M. Amar, summa cum laude
Donna Lynn Daniels-Guzman, summa cum laude

*Disclaimer: Names listed are not an official record of degrees awarded by TUW nor limited to individuals participating in the 2016 Commencement exercises.*
GRADUATES

School of General Studies

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES
Stephen Allenbach**
Andrew Barnes**
Justin Boudiere
Miguel Calderon*
Alberto Castilleja**
Israel Corella
Angela DiCostanzo*
Dario Gonzalez*
Christopher Harper
TerryAnn Hart**
Kayla Henriquez***
Marie Jocelyn***
Shanique Miller
Edward Mills*
Trevor Scott Myers*
Eric Ahene Nunoo
Patricia Paden*
Shaun Parker*
Sunil Ramdas
Erin Schroeder*
Maurice Thomas
David Yitzhakov**

School of Business and Management

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT
Shane Akery**
Raphael Benizri**
Cheryl Bernath**
Jacob Engelberg*
Melvin Gangstad*
Abigail Gerson**
Deanna Godfrey
Ebony Jones
Meir Krausz*
Aaron Leach***
Jacob Milch*
Trevor Scott Myers*
Irungu Naantaanbuu***
Charles Ochonma*
Christopher Pierce*
Katiria Rodriguez*
Yosef Rosenbluth*
Brittany Rowland
Bayla Silver*
Eli Smith, Jr.**
Ilana Yarmak*
Batchimeg Yondongombo**
MASTER OF ARTS IN
INDUSTRIAL AND
ORGANIZATIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY
Leah Aharoni*
Rosanne Arnet*
Natalie Arroyo**
Catherine Bardo*
Lydie Benjamin*
Steven Bernstein*
Shawn Bigham**
Judah Blumenthal**
Emily Boileau**
Seth Borkowski**
Kimberly Bryson*
Sandra Marie Burrowes*
Jeisson Cardona*
Amanda Cherie*
Brian Cravo*
Lindsay Dayan*
Stephanie Dowell*
Christopher Gonzalez**
Christopher James Griffin*
Nadia Hawatmeh*
Mark Hayes-Curry***
Shakia Henderson
Lesley Kaplan*
Shoshana Klein*
Jeff Lichtfuss***
Rena Lunzer
Kimberly Manherz*
Julie Manning**
Michaela McTurk*

Dennis Moore**
Olga Moreno*
Erica Morgan*
Alberto Pellot***
Laura Popowych**
Stephanie Sadler*
Rivka Schwarzbaum*
Catherine Joan Sidoti*
MariaLucrecia Sondon*
Marlene Sosa*
Michael Tubens**
June Walker**

MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION
Na’Tyna Arnold
Leisa Baldwin-Rodriguez*
DuWanda Beacham**
Alan Bell**
Andrew Bevington*
Rachel Bickford*
Linda Boateng
Michael Braun**
Xenia Brown
Tim Brundle*
Richard Budke*
Anthony Cepeda**
Herschel Chaitoff
Lakeya Cooper*
Rajani Dahal**
Marina Davidashvilly*
Linor Elya*
Hannah Farkas*
Harriet Fenner*
Fredrick B. Frowner*
Robert Fuchs
Andrea E. Garcia*
Moshe Genack
Rachel Gershonowitz*
Yaakov Ginsparg*
Stuart Halpern*
Mike Harris**
Ron Hirschhorn*
Chaim Homnick*
Celestine Ishiekwene*
Linda Onome Ishiekwene*
Sarah Kessler*
Eli Korn*
Menachem Lazar
Shari Lemoine*
Kimberlee MacVicar*
Giliane Menos*
Amandeep Momi*
Naiomy Mota*
Sandra Munoz***
Sarah Nahum**
Ferdinand Ngangue**
Scottie Nicholson*
Christopher Pellot*
Romual Perard*
Sasha Pol**
Shlomo Ressler*
Roy Reynolds*
Leslie Robinson*
Sherryanne Robinson**
Daniel Rose*

Jennifer Helaine Sabin*
Evan Savage*
Frida Savage*
Christopher Schwartz***
Evan Seltzer
Joe Sharp*
Lisa Shurley**
Alia Smith**
Renee Sohn*
Dina M. Thompson*
Marc A. Thompson*
Martin Torrents*
Tetyana Tyniv*
Robin Uzzle**
Nathaly Vargas**
Candice Velez***
Haya Mouchka Vidal*
Yelena Volis
Judah Weinberger*
Elisheva Weinberger*
Dov Weinschneider**
Mary Williams***
Tiffany Wilson
Nikayla A. Yates**
Nathaniel Yuan*
Naftali Yudkowsky**

School of Health and Human Services
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
HEALTH SCIENCES
Noemi Arce Romero**

MASTER OF ARTS IN
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPY
Aviva Abish*
Daniel Acosta*
Katayoun Afshani*
Nicol Kanani Yuk Wan Aiu*
Randolph Beasley***
Elizabeth Berman*
Joshua Burnstein*
Michael Dear*
Rasha Duchman**
Efraim Eshaghian**
Yehudis Festinger-Sashitzky*
Avi Friedman*
Naomi Gillean
Vernal Gladstone
Shanice Harris***
Jennifer Jones-Phillips**
Maxine Angela Kuesters*
Candice Lancaster*
Francesca Lane***
Natanel Lauer*
Nechama Lever*
Audrey Lindsey**
Tai Nicole Maddox*
Melissa Malerba*
Lauren Mclennon***
Melissa Micucci-Gomez
Samara Miller***
Aryeh Minkin*
Ro’Candace Ze’Shima Iona Murray*
Jonathan Nash*
Mark Owen*
Jeffrey Edward Quessenberry*
Navid Rafailmehr*
Vanessa Ramirez*
Sharon Shenker*
Kim Simmons**
Vivian A. Singleton**
Rosalyn Soils
Toney Stephenson***
Kelly Tanaka*
Kelli Wall*
Sarah Wikler*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH
SCIENCES
Jose Balignasay*
Maureen Bartlebaugh*
Roger T. DeCoster*
Desiree Dreiling*
Molleth Guevarra*
Sandhya Harrypersaud**
Andrew Jackson**
Natacha Jharahy**
Andrea McKenzie*
Cynthia Lee Radiola*
Babita Shivnauth**
Valerie Thompson*
Moses Win*
School of Psychology

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Mordechai Barron*
Kory Brown***
Jennifer Cuadrado*
Gina Denise Hunter*
Samuel Katz**
Arielle Levine*
Shirene Mosley
Alexander Weiss**

Master of Arts in Psychology
Taylor Baggs*
Diyosa Carter**
Kimberly Cox**
Cherell Crowell
Nina Davis*
Julissa Feliciano**
Carol Gore
Dawn Mann**
Kristen McCall
George Allen Mitchell, Jr.*

Tara Paulsen
Liana Perez
Ronnie Price***
Bryan Rosales*
Aries Sanders*
Jessica Spivey*
Benjamin Teitelbaum*

Master of Arts in Media & Communication Psychology
Jocelyn Benjamin***
Suzanne Bonacci Bertagnole
Amy Crivello*
Autum Dixon
Arneatha Devonne Flemming**
Shana Insel*
Christina Killian*
D. Dawn Maxwell*
Matthew Murch*
Nzinga Murray*
Dana Pool*
Marisa Rubinger*
Ella Vardi-Zamir*

Disclaimer: Names listed are taken from TUW applications for graduation made to the Office of the Registrar by students Summer I 2015—Summer I 2016 who are expected to complete all degree or program requirements by Summer I 2016. Names listed are not an official record of degrees awarded.

Doctoral Students Only: Students who have successfully defended their completed dissertation (this does not mean only dissertation proposal) by Spring I 2016 and have been approved by the Provost are listed.
EXPLANATION OF LATIN HONORS

*summa cum laude (“with highest honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.90-4.0

**magna cum laude (“with great honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.75-3.89

***cum laude (“with honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.60 – 3.74

Honors are awarded at the time of graduation. Summer I, 2016 graduates will not have their honors noted in this program, but will have their honors noted in their transcripts and on their degree.
Thank you to the following people for their gracious contributions to our commencement.

**Staff**
Mackenzie Ammirato  
Kristen Bang  
Jayson Capuno  
Jessica Drake  
Melody Erbes  
Valda Judd  
Wei Ren  
Shirley Robinson  
Mary Smith  
Earvin Sorianosos

**Musician**
Gustavo Gordo, viola/ guitar  
Isaias Hernandez, violin  
Hector Ortiz, cello  
Adrian Perez, flute/keyboard

**Vocalist**
Laura Cerna

**Photographer**
Pouya Nia Photography

**Venue**
Cypress Community Center

**Touro University Worldwide Faculty**

*President and CEO, Dr. Alan Kadish*  
*Touro College and University System*  
*Board of Trustees*  
*And to all the family and friends of our graduates*
Touro University Worldwide is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). Touro College Los Angeles (Lander Campus) is a division of Touro University Worldwide.

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