

## *Doctor of Philosophy*

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## *Bachelor of Arts*

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+ *Magna Cum Laude*

\* *Summa Cum Laude*

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**Reception immediately following the ceremony in  
The Language House Multi-Purpose Room of St. Mary's Hall**

# UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK

## *Commencement Exercises*

### *The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures*

*East Asian Languages and Cultures*

*French and Italian*

*Germanic Studies*

*Middle Eastern Studies*

*Russian*

*Second Language Acquisition*

*Spanish and Portuguese*

### *The Department of Linguistics*



*Thursday, December 20, 2012*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Dekelbaum Recital Hall*

*Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center*

***Processional***

Faculty, Graduates, & Platform Party

***Welcome and Introduction of Speaker***

Dr. Carol Mossman

Director, School of Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

***Commencement Address***

Dr. Sandra M. Cypess

Professor and Former Chair

Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
School of Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

***Presentation of Graduates***

**Germanic Studies**

Dr. Rose-Marie Oster

Dr. Elke Frederiksen

**Middle Eastern Studies**

Ms. Dina El-Hefnawy (Arabic)

**Russian**

Dr. Elizabeth Papazian

**Spanish and Portuguese**

Dr. Roberta Lavine

Ms. Karen Krausen

**East Asian Languages and Cultures**

Dr. Satoko Naito (Japanese)

Mr. Carlos Pimentel (Japanese)

Dr. Minglang Zhou (Chinese)

**French and Italian**

Dr. Caroline Eades (French)

Ms. Stefania Amodeo (Italian)

**Linguistics**

Dr. Margaret Antonisse

Dr. Tonia Bleam

Dr. William Idsardi

*Dear Graduates, Parents, Relatives, and Friends,*

*On behalf of the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, I welcome you to this milestone event. My colleagues and I look forward every semester to honoring the achievements of our graduates, and to conferring the degrees that their talents and tenacity have earned them. We have been entrusted with the intellectual care and development of these young scholars, and we feel a special bond with them – both intellectual and personal. We salute their commitment to fostering understanding of cultures other than their own and, in some cases, to deepening their understanding of their own heritage.*

*Graduates, we wish you all success as you move forward into the next phase of your lives. I invite you to stay in touch with your professors and mentors and especially to share with us news of your future achievements. I speak for all the faculty and staff of the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures in offering my congratulations to you and to those who have supported you throughout the years of your study. Do come back and bring us your stories.*

*Carol Mossman, Director*

*School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures*

