

MASTER OF ARTS

Allen, Abigail
Young, Jessica Meredith

French Language and Literature
Second Language Acquisition

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Arabic

Deshong, Brian Kline
Iskander, Sarah Amel
Lee, Erica Susan
Magid, Jacob Craig
Sammarco, Joseph Santo °
Stevens, Emma Gabrielle
Tappert, Catherine Ansley

Chinese

De La Oliva, Maria De Fatima Berenice
Felton, Inanna Almitra
Ryan, Christian Jeremiah
Smith, Shannell Taylor

French

Bredikhina, Nataliya
Johnson, Brandon Royce
Wang, Erica

German

Christopher, Menyae Elijah
McNeill, Robert Harold
Vallandingham, Chadwick P

Japanese

Ma, Fred Jon
Nowlin, Kristin Le'Ana

Linguistics

Ketter, Michael Sean
Loehrer, Caleb Joseph
McCasland, Brittney
Midgett, Antonie Nichole

Welsh, Jasmine Tammy

* *Summa Cum Laude*

° *Magna Cum Laude*

**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

and

The Department of Linguistics



Wednesday, December 21, 2016

12:30-2:00pm

Gildenhorn Recital Hall

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Mary Ellen Scullen
Associate Director, School of Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

Dr. Fatemeh Keshavarz
Director, School of Languages, Literatures, & Cultures

SLLC Undergraduate Speaker

Mr. Menyae Christopher
BA in Government and Politics and Germanic Studies

Ms. Claire Fields
BA in Spanish and Portuguese

SLLC Faculty Speaker

Dr. Valerie Anishchenkova
Department of Arabic Studies

Presentation of Graduates

French

Dr. Mary Ellen Scullen

Arabic

Dr. Valerie Anishchenkova

Italian

Dr. Mary Ellen Scullen

Persian

Dr. Ali Abasi

Romance Languages

Dr. Mary Ellen Scullen

Russian

Dr. Cynthia Martin

Linguistics

Dr. William Idsardi
Dr. Tonia Bleam

Second Language Acquisition

Dr. Mary Ellen Scullen

Germanic Studies

Dr. Julie Koser

Spanish

Mr. Fabian Faccio
Dr. Eyda Merediz

Chinese

Dr. Minglang Zhou

Dear Graduates, Parents, Relatives, and Friends,

On behalf of the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, I welcome you to this milestone event. We are here today to celebrate the achievements of the young men and women who now leave us to join a global world very much in need of their energy, wisdom, and the linguistic and cultural skills they have gained. 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.

*Fatemeh Keshavarz, Director
School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures*

After the ceremony, please remain seated until after the faculty and graduates have processed out.