Commencement

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016
We would like to welcome the graduates and their families and friends to this commencement celebration. Oklahoma City University is a United Methodist affiliated institution, which combines a unique blend of tradition, quality, community, and innovation.

PHOTOGRAPHS
Candid Color Photography will photograph each degree candidate as he or she crosses the stage. Proof copies will be mailed to each graduate, and pictures can be ordered from the photographer. Purchase is optional. All inquiries should be made to Candid Color Photography at (405) 951-7300. Photos can be viewed online at www.okcpartypics.com. A photo area for family and friends is available at the northwest corner of the arena following the ceremony. We ask that photos of your graduate be taken at that time. There will be no access to the graduate seating or stage areas during the ceremony.

MISSION
Oklahoma City University embraces the United Methodist tradition of scholarship and service and welcomes all faiths in a culturally rich community dedicated to student success. Men and women pursue academic excellence through a rigorous curriculum focused on students’ intellectual, moral, and spiritual development to prepare them to become effective leaders in service to their communities.

Graduates who are wearing a blue and white tassel have contributed to the Class of 2016 Senior Class Gift. We deeply appreciate these donors for providing opportunities for future OCU students. You can contribute at www.okcu.edu/classgift
OPEN ATTRACTIONS
on the Oklahoma City University Campus

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

ALVIN’S CAFÉ
McDaniel University Center, lower level
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy a full menu of deli sandwiches, salads, pastries, desserts, snacks, and Starbucks coffees.

CAMPUS STORE
McDaniel University Center, lower level
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
The Campus Store has snacks and OCU gear for you and your graduate!

THE OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS
2016 Senior Capstone Art Exhibition
Nona Jean Hulsey Gallery
Norick Art Center
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Visitors are welcome to view this special exhibition.

DULANEY-BROWNE LIBRARY
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
First floor
Religious paintings from the Burbridge Foundation
Fifth floor
McKenney and Hall portraits of great Indian leaders
N. Scott Momaday Reading Room
Baccalaureate Service of Worship

Saturday, May 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel • Oklahoma City University

Organ Prelude

“St. Anne” Fugue in E-flat, BWV-552—J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Imperial March, op. 32—Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Dr. Melissa M. Plamann
Adjunct Faculty, School of Music

Processional Hymn*

“All Creatures of Our God and King”—#62

Invocation

The Reverend Dr. Charles Neff
Vice President for University-Church Relations

First Reading

Psalm 139: 7–12

John Edward Hiller
Class of 2016, Bachelor of Arts in Religion

Psalter and Response

Psalm 150, Response 2 (862)

The Reverend Dr. Leslie Long
Associate Professor of Religious Education, Harris Endowed Chair in Christian Education, Wimberly School of Religion

Prayer of the Community

The Reverend Dr. Sharon Betsworth
Associate Professor of Religion, Director, Wimberly School of Religion

(in unison)

Sustaining God, we gather this day in gratitude for all the work that has gone before us. We are thankful for students who persevere in studies, for teachers who feel a call to open minds and hearts as they mature, for leaders who believe in the future of these students gathered—and in the future of those who are on the journey.

Bless this life passage as a doorway into new life, life that is connected with you in all ways. Let ambitions be tempered by your call. Let us all listen closely to what you would have us do, no matter what the world tells us. In the name of the One who gives us life. Amen.
Second Reading

Romans 8:35–38
Taylor Morgan Barnett
Fall of 2016, Bachelor of Arts in Religion

Anthem

“Even When He is Silent” by Kim André Arnesen
University Chamber Choir
Dr. Randi Von Ellefson
Professor of Music
Director of Choral Activities, Conductor

Greetings and Introduction of Speaker

President Robert H. Henry
President, Oklahoma City University

Baccalaureate Message

“More Than Conquerors”; Romans 8:35–38
Sarah Nichols
Oklahoma United Methodist Conference
Director of Young Adult Mission and Service

Benediction Hymn*

“God of the Ages”—#698

Benediction*

The Reverend Rodney Newman
Director of Religious Life

Postlude/Recessional**

Now Thank We All Our God
—Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)
Dr. Melissa Plamann

* Congregation stands as able
** Congregation seated for Postlude
Sarah Nichols is the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference Director of Young Adult Mission & Service. Nichols, a lifelong United Methodist, attended Oklahoma City University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and justice studies in 2010. After college, Nichols was accepted into the Teach For America program. While participating in Teach For America and teaching secondary social studies in Indianapolis, she completed her graduate program at Marian University, earning a Master of Arts in Teaching. After teaching in Indianapolis, Sarah accepted a position as manager in Teacher Leadership Development on Teach For America’s staff in Alabama.

The Oklahoma United Methodist Disaster Response Office called Nichols into ministry to coordinate volunteers after the May 2013 storms in central Oklahoma. In 2014, she applied for and accepted the position of Director of Young Adult Mission & Service, which includes directing Project Transformation (a United Methodist/AmeriCorps literacy camp for low-income children) and working with the General Board of Global Missions to recruit and manage young people participating in mission work. Nichols is engaged to Jairus Lofton, and together they are happily handled by their cat, Quincy.
The history of academic dress reaches back to the oldest universities. Statutes as early as 1321 prescribed the wearing of a long robe. Academic costume today is regulated by the Intercollegiate Code, first presented to American institutions of higher learning in 1895. With few changes, it is still in use, giving America a beautiful and impressive yet simple method of signifying scholastic honors.

The Code deals with three main parts: caps, gowns, and hoods.

The cap in widest use is the square mortarboard. It is usually black and may be covered with any material except velvet, which is reserved for doctors. Tassels may be black for any college degree, or in the color of the major field of learning. The colors associated with the various fields are listed below. A gold tassel designates a doctorate or the head of an institution.

The gown is usually all black. The bachelor’s style is simplest, with long pointed sleeves. The gown for the master’s degree has long sleeves with square ends that terminate near the wearer’s knee. A doctor’s gown is an elaborate costume designed with velvet panels on the front and on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The hood is lined with the official colors of the college or university that conferred the wearer’s degree. A binding of velvet in the color of the major subject field of study is used. The colors associated with the various subjects are:

- Arts, Letters, Humanities . . . White
- Business Administration . . . Drab
- Economics . . . . . . . . . . Copper
- Education . . . . . . . . . . Light Blue
- Engineering . . . . . . . . . Orange
- Fine Arts . . . . . . . . . . . . Brown
- Journalism . . . . . . . . . Crimson
- Law . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Purple
- Library . . . . . . . . . . . Lemon
- Medicine . . . . . . . . . . Green
- Music . . . . . . . . . . . . . Pink
- Nursing . . . . . . . . . Apricot
- Philosophy . . . . . . . . Dark Blue
- Physical Education . . . Sage Green
- Public Health . . . . . . . Salmon Pink
- Science . . . . . . . . . . Golden Yellow
- Social Work . . . . . . . . Citron
- Speech . . . . . . . . . . . Silver Gray
- Theology . . . . . . . . . . . Scarlet

The official colors of Oklahoma City University are royal blue and white.
UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016, 11:00 A.M.
Henry J. Freede Wellness and Activity Center

The Academic Procession
Petree College of Arts and Sciences
Wimberly School of Religion
Meinders School of Business
Margaret E. Petree College of Performing Arts
  Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment
  Wanda L. Bass School of Music
  School of Theatre
Kramer School of Nursing
Faculty
Trustees
Administration
President Henry

(The audience will remain seated)

The National Anthem
The Star Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key
Led by Arden A. Walker
Class of 2016, Bachelor of Music

Invocation
Philip Blake Younts*
Class of 2016, Bachelor of Arts

Student Address
Chance Johnson
Class of 2016, Bachelor of Arts
Student Government Association President 2015–2016

Greetings
Dr. Ronald J. Norick
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Letzeiser Awards
Robert H. Henry
President, Oklahoma City University

First Place
Rileigh Elizabeth Darby-McClure*
Stephan Christopher Good
Emma Cathrynne Gassett
John Edward Hiller
Chance Johnson
Eleanor Claire Nason*
Outstanding Faculty Award for 2016

President Robert H. Henry

Dr. Stephen G. Prilliman
Chair, Department of Chemistry and Department of Science
Petree College of Arts and Sciences

Oklahoma City University Servant-Leader Award

President Robert H. Henry

Jane Jayroe Gamble and Gerald Gamble
Oklahoma City University Trustees and friends of the university

Conferral of 2015–2016 Honorary Degrees

President Robert H. Henry

Honorary Doctor of Humanities

Dr. Bob L. Blackburn
Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director

Honorary Doctor of Public Administration

James D. Couch
City Manager of the City of Oklahoma City

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Dr. Jerry B. Vannatta
Clinical Professor and Medical Director,
OCU Physician Assistant Program

Honorary Doctor of Humanities

Bart Conner
Olympic Gold Medal Gymnast,
Businessman, Inspirational Speaker

Honorary Degree to be Awarded at a Future Date

Honorary Doctor of Humanities

Nadia Comaneci
Olympic Gold Medal Gymnast, Inspirational Speaker

Honorary Degrees Presented During the 2015–2016 Academic Year

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe
Humanitarian
Director, Saint Monica Girls’ Tailoring Centre, Gulu, Uganda

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Kelli O’Hara
Class of 1998, Bachelor of Music
2015 Tony Award Winner for Leading Actress in a Musical

Honorary Doctor of Musical Arts

Florence Birdwell
OCU Professor Emerita of Voice Performance

Introduction of Speaker

President Robert H. Henry

Commencement Address

Bart Conner
Olympic Gold Medal Gymnast,
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Presentation of Degree Candidates

Dr. Kent L. Buchanan
Interim Provost, Oklahoma City University

Conferral of Degrees

President Robert H. Henry

Announcement of Degree Candidates

Dr. Robert B. Griffin
Professor of TESOL

Presentation of Diplomas

President Robert H. Henry

Oath of Commissioning Ceremony

Montray D. Fox
Class of 2016, Bachelor of Science

Covenant

Nic Rhodes
Student Government Association Vice President 2015–2016
Student Government Association President 2016–2017

Lance Marsh
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Outgoing Outstanding Faculty Member for 2015

Mike Slack
Alumni Board President

Benediction

Hannah T. Lampi
Class of 2016, Bachelor of Arts

The University Hymn

Hail, Alma Mater
James Morris
Class of 1940
Led by Colin A. Briskey
Class of 2016, Bachelor of Music

Recessional

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GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

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Led by Susan Elise Dillard
Class of 2016, Master of Music

Invocation
Lucas Lee Tarrant
Class of 2016, Master of Music

Greetings
Robert H. Henry
President, Oklahoma City University

Conferral of Honorary Degree
President Robert H. Henry

Tan Sri Dr Lim Wee Chai
Honorary Doctor of Business Administration
Executive Chairman of Top Glove

Introduction of Speaker
President Robert H. Henry

Commencement Address
Dr. Stephen G. Prilliman
Chair, Department of Chemistry and Department of Science
Outstanding Faculty Award 2016

Student Address
Ivan Matip Ma Oum
Class of 2016, Master of Liberal Arts

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The University Hymn

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Class of 1940
Led by Tevyn Jermaine Hill
Class of 2016, Master of Music

Recessional

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Long regarded as a symbol of academic dignity, maces were originally weapons wielded by warrior bishops who vowed they would draw no blood yet were compelled to aggressively defend their beliefs. The legacy of the mace remained, however, long after it ceased to be considered an effective weapon. In the late Middle Ages, royalty adopted the practice of outfitting their bodyguards and sergeants-at-arms with maces engraved with the royal seal. Messengers or envoys carried the mace when conducting the official business of the monarch. Once a weapon of war, the mace became a symbolic reminder of royal authority. Academics adopted the tradition of the mace when the first higher education institutions were formed. Again as a symbol of authority, the beadle displayed the mace to command order in classes and later as an emblem of academic dignity. The modern university mace is often composed of images and made of materials that are meaningful to the institution.

Dedicated on October 15, 2009, the current University Mace was designed and handcrafted by Haven Mankin of Oklahoma. This University Mace replaces an older mace that was designed by the Reverend Doctor Bonner Teeter and hand-carved by the Reverend Delbert Carter. The original cherry cross signifying the Christian values of higher education sits atop in its rightful position. The open Bible with the lamp of knowledge now rests inside a new global grid made of olivewood from Bethlehem signifying the fruitfulness of education. The bloodwood pedestal on which the Reverend Carter’s carving rests represents the Blood of Christ that holds up all truth and wisdom. An oak barrel symbolizes the Knightwood Oak, one of the oldest trees in England, the country where John Wesley founded the United Methodist Church in the eighteenth century at Oxford University. Within this barrel are exotic wood inlays, similar to the original mace: the Oklahoma City University emblem is made of holly and purpleheart with an OCU star of bloodwood, the peace pipe is of holly and ebony with bloodwood features, the doorway and tent flaps of the wenge-wood wigwam are holly, and the United Methodist Church logo features an ebony cross and bloodwood flames. The mace handle is black walnut, similar to the walnut of the original. Three bands of the Bethlehem olivewood, flanked by the regal purpleheart, are inlaid into the handle to represent the Trinity.
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William Mee  
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Marsh Pitman  
George R. Randall  
John Richels  
Patrick Rooney  
Robert Ross  
Meg Salyer  
William F. Shdeed**  
Jeanne Hoffman Smith  
B. Craig Stinson  
Steven W. Taylor  
Bryan Tener  
Jerry B. Vannatta  
James Wade*  
David M. Wilson  
*Emeritus  
**Voting Emeritus
Dr. Bob L. Blackburn, a native Oklahoman, has served as executive director of the Oklahoma Historical Society since 1999. He joined the OHS in 1980 as editor of The Chronicles of Oklahoma and became deputy director for agency operations in 1990. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Oklahoma State University. Blackburn published several articles and his first book while still in graduate school, and has since written or co-authored 18 books and numerous articles, journal entries, and screen plays. He is a steady source of historical information to the media, and he has appeared numerous times on the History Channel. He was instrumental in planning and building the Oklahoma History Center, a 215,000 square foot museum and research center with a budget of $61 million.

Blackburn has served on numerous national and regional boards and committees, including the Western History Association, the Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians, the American Institute of Architects, and Leadership Oklahoma City. His hobbies are reading, running, carpentry, landscaping, and golf. He is married to former State Representative Debbie Blackburn and they have one son, Beau, who is a professional photographer in Colorado.
Tan Sri Dr. Lim Wee Chai is chairman and founder of Top Glove Corporation Berhad, a Malaysian company listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. Under his visionary leadership, the company has grown into the world’s largest rubber glove manufacturer, with 25 percent of the global market share. Top Glove owns 27 factories across Malaysia, Thailand, and China with 484 production lines and a production capacity of 45 billion pieces of gloves per annum. It serves a growing network of more than 2,000 customers in 200 countries. As of March 28, 2016, Top Glove’s market capitalization stood at USD 1.55 billion.

He holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in physics from the University of Malaysia and received his Master of Business Administration in 1985 from Sul Ross State University, Texas, United States. In 2015, he obtained his Ph.D. in management from University of Selangor, Malaysia. He has also been actively involved in many Malaysian associations and organizations and garnered several prestigious business awards. In recognition of his vast contributions to the nation’s economic development, in 2007 he was conferred the Darjah Kebesaran Panglima Setia Mahkota (P.S.M.), which carries the title “Tan Sri” by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia.

His personal motto for success is “Work is my hobby; exercise is my duty; health is my wealth.”

Dr. Jerry B. Vannatta, M.D., is the clinical professor and medical director of the Physician Assistant Program at Oklahoma City University. He is also a David Ross Boyd Professor Emeritus of Medicine and professor emeritus of humanities in medicine at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He joined the College of Medicine faculty in 1979. He served as executive dean of the OU College of Medicine from 1996–2002, and as associate provost of the OU Health Sciences Center from 1995–2002. During his tenure, the College of Medicine opened the OU Physicians Clinic, secured funding of the General Clinical Research Center through a $6 million National Institutes of Health grant, established the third geriatric medicine department in the country, and finalized a joint operating agreement to stabilize operations of the OU Medical Center’s teaching hospitals.

Vannatta is a member of the OCU Board of Trustees. He completed his Bachelor of Arts at Oklahoma City University in 1970. He is co-author of the educational DVD “Medicine and Humanistic Understanding: The Significance of Narrative in the Everyday Practices of Medicine.” He also is co-author of the book “Chief Concern of Medicine: The Integration of Humanities and Narrative Knowledge into the Practices of Medicine.” He is engaged presently in curriculum design and faculty development at the OCU Physician Assistant Program and in teaching humanities of medicine at both OCU and the OU College of Medicine.
BART CONNER  
Honorary Doctor of Humanities  
Commencement Speaker

Bart Conner is the only American male gymnast to win gold medals at every level of national and international competition. Conner has been a USA Champion, NCAA Champion, Pan-American Games Champion, World Champion, World Cup Champion, and an Olympic Champion.

He was a member of three Olympic Teams in 1976, 1980, and 1984. It was in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where he made a dramatic comeback from his second torn biceps injury to win two gold medals, one as a member of the U.S. team. Conner earned his second gold with a score of a perfect 10 on the parallel bars.

In fall 1976, Conner moved to Norman, Oklahoma, to attend the University of Oklahoma and to be coached by Paul Ziert. While at OU, Conner earned 14 NCAA All-America honors and led his team to two NCAA team titles.

After graduating with a degree in journalism in 1984, Conner went into business with Ziert. Today, they own several gymnastics-related business interests, including the Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy. In 1992, Conner and Ziert took over International GYMNAST magazine, the premier international gymnastics magazine. In 1996, they formed Grips, Etc., a gymnastics supply company, and they opened a new office building and factory in Norman to produce gymnastics grips, T-shirts, and tumbling shoes.

Conner is a TV color commentator and public speaker. His production company, Perfect 10 Productions, has produced gymnastics TV shows for ESPN, Fox Sports Net, Oxygen TV, and the World Championship Sports Network, now known as Universal Sports. He has also appeared in television and feature films, including “RAD” about BMX bike racing, “Peaceful Warrior,” and the 2006 Disney gymnastics feature “Stick It” starring Jeff Bridges.

In 1991, Conner was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame, and in 1997, he was inducted into the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame. In 2006, Conner’s 1984 Olympic gold medal-winning team was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

In 1996, Conner married Romanian Olympic Champion Nadia Comaneci. On June 3, 2006, Conner and Comaneci welcomed their son, Dylan Paul Conner, into the world. Today, Conner and Comaneci are involved in several charities including the executive board of Special Olympics International and the board of directors of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. He is the chairman of the board of the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame, and he serves on the board of visitors for the University of Oklahoma College of International Studies. He and Comaneci continue to travel the world delivering inspirational speeches and promoting their charities, gymnastics, fitness, and healthy lifestyles. They also contributed a chapter to an inspirational book called “Awaken the Olympian Within” along with some of their fellow Olympic medalists.
NADIA COMANECI
Honorary Doctor of Humanities

Nadia Comaneci is a Romanian gymnast who became the first woman to score a perfect 10 in an Olympic gymnastics event at the 1976 Olympic Games. She holds nine Olympic medals, including five gold medals.

In 1996, Comaneci married American Olympic Champion Bart Conner. During the same year, she was inducted into the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

In December of 2003, she wrote a book titled “Letters to a Young Gymnast,” detailing her inspirational story.

Currently, Comaneci and Conner are business partners with their manager, Paul Ziert, in the Bart Conner Gymnastics Academy; International Gymnast magazine; Perfect 10 Productions, Inc., a TV production company; and Grips, Etc., a gymnastics supply company.

SISTER ROSEMARY NYIRUMBE
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe is the director of Saint Monica Girls’ Tailoring Centre in Gulu, Uganda and a member of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through her humanitarian work, she has drawn the attention of Bill and Chelsea Clinton, Forest Whitaker, and other high-profile supporters. She has dedicated her life to helping girls formerly held captive by warlord Joseph Kony and the so-called Lord’s Resistance Army. She is a past CNN Hero and one of Time magazine’s 100 Most Influential People.
KELLI O’HARA
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Tony Award-winning actress Kelli O’Hara Naughton earned her Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from Oklahoma City University in 1998. She is the 2015 Tony Award winner for Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her role in “The King and I.”

Lauded as “Broadway’s golden girl and luminous star” by The New York Times, O’Hara has had an additional five Tony Award nominations for her performances in “South Pacific,” “The Pajama Game,” “The Light in the Piazza,” “Nice Work if You Can Get It,” and “The Bridges of Madison County.”

Among her film and television credits are “Sex & The City 2,” “Blue Bloods,” “Alexander Hamilton,” “NUMB3RS” and numerous live performances on national television shows.

She has released two solo albums, “Wonder in the World” and “Always.” Her cast album recordings for “The Pajama Game” and “The Light in the Piazza” earned Grammy nominations.

FLORENCE BIRDWELL
Honorary Doctor of Musical Arts

Florence Birdwell served as a professor of voice for 67 years at Oklahoma City University from 1946 to 2014. Her students have gone on to win Tony Awards, Emmy Awards, and Miss America titles, and earn acclaim on opera stages around the world.

In a 2015 feature in The New York Times, Birdwell was dubbed a “fearsome fairy godmother” to alumna Kelli O’Hara and Kristin Chenoweth.

Birdwell, a member of the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame, credits her teaching success to techniques learned while overcoming a throat injury at the age of 21, the same year she had been invited to join the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera and to audition for the role of Laurey for the movie “Oklahoma!” The injury ended the possibility of a singing career. The knowledge she gained in her rehabilitation, however, opened the door to a life of teaching.
Dr. Stephen G. Prilliman
Outstanding Faculty Award

Stephen Prilliman is chair of the Department of Chemistry and Department of Science. He joined the OCU faculty in 2009 and teaches general chemistry, general chemistry lab, and inorganic chemistry. Prior to coming to OCU, he taught chemistry and advanced placement chemistry at Harding Charter Preparatory, a school he helped launch in 2003.

While at Harding Charter Preparatory School, he began experimenting with new methods of teaching. In 2005 he first began using a method known as POGIL—Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning. In a POGIL classroom, students work in small groups on specially designed activities that introduce them to new concepts. Students learn not only the material but also skills such as working in a team, analyzing data, and commutation. POGIL forces students to be engaged in learning and understanding rather than passively listening to lecture. Prilliman's classes are now almost entirely POGIL based and lecture free. For his use of POGIL in the classroom, Prilliman was recognized in 2013 with the Excellence in Teaching Award for Full-Time Faculty by OCU’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

With colleagues Dr. John Nail and Dr. David Engebretson, Prilliman helped design and prepare for the recent renovation of the university’s chemistry labs, a $2.2 million construction covering 7,400 square feet in the Dawson-Loeffler Center. The labs were opened to students in October.

Prilliman’s research is in the development and use of innovative strategies and assessments for learning in chemistry. In collaboration with many undergraduate research assistants over the years, Prilliman has sought to develop new experiments for teaching chemistry at the high school and college levels. While at OCU, Prilliman has published two peer-reviewed articles in the Journal of Chemical Education and was part of the authorship team for a new lab manual for the revised AP chemistry curriculum. The lab manual was the subject of an invited talk he gave at this spring’s American Chemical Society National Meeting in San Diego.

As a consultant for the College Board, Prilliman conducts one-day and four-day workshops for AP Chemistry teachers, and he reviews syllabi for the College Board’s AP Chemistry audit process. In 2014, he was a member of the panel that determined the cut-off scores for the revised AP Chemistry exam.

Prilliman received his Bachelor of Arts cum laude in chemistry from Rice University and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. He was raised in Oklahoma City and is a graduate of Northwest Classen High School. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Oklahoma City where they are raising their two active and infinitely curious young children.
JANE JAYROE GAMBLE AND GERALD GAMBLE

Oklahoma City University Servant Leader Award

Gerald (Jerry) L. Gamble is president and owner of Gerald L. Gamble Co, Inc., commercial and industrial real estate brokers. He holds the prestigious Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR), Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM), and Counselors of Real Estate (CRE) Realtor designations and is past president of the Oklahoma Association of Realtors. Gamble is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Oklahoma, received his master’s from Stanford University, and graduated first in his class from Oklahoma City University School of Law.

In 1997, he received an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Sciences from OCU. He is a past president of the Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America, and is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club, Fortune Club, and Economic Club. Gamble is a member of the United Methodist Church of the Servant and has served on the Pastor/Parish Committee.

Jane Jayroe Gamble has been a television personality and news anchor in Oklahoma City and the Dallas-Fort Worth area. She enjoyed a 16-year career in television journalism.

She is currently pursuing a career as a writer and speaker with two recent books published, along with an active speaking career. Her books include “Oklahoma III” with David Fitzgerald (Graphic Arts Publishing); “More Grace than Glamour,” an autobiography with Bob Burke (Oklahoma Heritage Association, in its second printing); and “Devote Forty Days” (Tate Publishing). Jayroe is the author of several articles including publications in McCall's magazine and books such as “Out of the Blue, Delight Comes in Your Life,” and “Chicken Soup for the Mother’s Soul.” She was producer of a set of audio recordings by area ministers called “Daily Devotionals,” and created a seminar for women titled “Living Grace-fully.” In addition, she developed a project titled “Esther Women: Created for Such a Time as This.”

Jayroe is a former trustee of the Sarkeys Foundation and was appointed by Governor George Nigh to the Commission on the Status of Women, by Governor Henry Bellmon to chair “Oklahoma Reunion 89” and to the Legislative Compensation Board by Governor David Walters. Governor Frank Keating appointed her to be cabinet secretary of tourism.

In 1966, Jayroe was crowned Miss Oklahoma and was chosen to be Miss America 1967. Jayroe started the annual tradition of Miss America USO shows for American Military Forces. She has performed in the musical theater and worked in the production of radio and television commercials.

A lifetime Methodist, she grew up in rural Oklahoma. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma City University, a master’s degree from the University of Tulsa, and she received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from OCU.
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2016 Faculty Teaching Academy Completion 2015–2016
Dr. Gina Crawford, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr. Cené Gibson, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Dr. Amrita Sen, Associate Professor of English

Outstanding Service-Learning Partner Award
Melanie Shelley, Associate Dean and Professor of Arts Management
Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment & Community
Partner: Positive Tomorrows

Distinguished Achievement in the Scholarship of Discovery Award
Dr. Tracy Floreani, Professor of English, Chair of the English Department

Distinguished Achievement in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Dr. James Ma, Associate Professor of Finance

Distinguished Service Award
Beth Landon, Biology Lab Technician

Excellence in Teaching Award for Adjunct Faculty
Dr. Rachel Barnard, Vocal Music

Excellence in Teaching Award for Full-Time Faculty
Dr. David Easley, Associate Professor of Music Theory
Retiring Faculty

ANN LACY SCHOOL OF AMERICAN DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Veronica Wilcox
Artist in Residence—Ballet. 2003–2016

KRAMER SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nelda Hobbs
Clinical Instructor of Nursing. 2003–2016
Diploma, St. Anthony Hospital School of Nursing; B.S.N., M.S.N., Oklahoma City University

MEINDERS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Jane Austin
Associate Professor of Accounting. 1981–2015
B.S., M.B.A., Central State University; Ed.D., Oklahoma State University; C.P.A.

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Dr. Susan Barber
Professor of Biology, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. 1983–2015
B.S., Howard Payne University; M.S., Oklahoma State University;
Ph.D., University of Oklahoma

Jacques Buttin
Associate Professor of Modern Languages. 1969–2015
Licence des Lettres d’Anglais, Licence de Linguistique, Grenoble, France

Dr. Blue Clark
Professor of History. 1998–2016
B.A., M.A., Ph.D., University of Oklahoma

Dr. Charles Hoot
Professor of Physics and Mathematics. 1997–2015
B.A., University of California at San Diego; M.A., Princeton University;
Ph.D., University of Illinois.

Bruce Macella
Professor of Mass Communications. 1997–2015
A.S., Triton College; B.F.A., M.F.A., University of Oklahoma

Dr. Harbour Winn
Professor of English/Director for Center for Interpersonal Studies
through Film and Literature. 1982–2016
B.S., Spring Hill College; Ph.D., D.A., University of Oregon;
Preprimary Certificate, American Montessori Society
COVENANT

Faculty, alumni, and the university’s newest graduates pledge their faith and trust in one another. Each group recites the covenant with their leader.

FACULTY
Just as parents raise their children to leave them, teachers hope to make their students wise enough that we become superfluous. A true teacher has succeeded when a student “lives” his or her education. We will have taught you well if you know that intelligence is important, but wisdom is vital. Don’t just go and “do.” Go and “be” men and women of virtue.

CLASS OF 2016
We have learned much more from you than the syllabus covered, because you have taught us by example. We have learned that knowledge is power, but character is enduring. Thank you for not just “doing” your job, but for “being” our teachers.

ALUMNI
We all once stood where you now stand, thinking mostly about the future. But as alumni, we know that the past is prologue to the future. Don’t forget the gift you have been given here. Find a way to give something back to this community that has given so much to you.

CLASS OF 2016
We will not forget. As we join the unbroken line of OCU alumni, you can depend on us to think not just about where we’re going but about where we came from. We pledge to honor Oklahoma City University and uphold the United Methodist tradition of academic excellence, spiritual development, and service to others. We are not just OCU graduates; we are now proud OCU alumni!
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star Spangled Banner
John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets’red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater, honored by all;
We love your Gothic towers so stately and tall.
Cherish your noble name but hold still more dear
Your wisdom, truth, and faith to us given here.

Your sons and daughters, scholars so true,
Carry your banner high of white and blue.
May those who are to follow in future days
Find light to guide their steps in all their ways.
As you continue your journey of life and learning beyond our campus, remember the lessons lived and learned here at Oklahoma City University:

To know scientifically
to understand humanistically,
to explore artistically,
and to act morally:

“Do[ing] all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

Keep Oklahoma City University in your heart and mind as you dedicate yourself to a meaningful new role in a world that needs you.

1 Attributed to John Wesley, founder of Methodism (1703-1791)

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