



**SCHOOL OF INFORMATION
AND LIBRARY SCIENCE**

Spring 2024 Commencement

**May 10, 2024
Memorial Hall**

Ceremony

Welcome

Dr. Jeffrey Bardzell

Dean, School of Information and Library Science

Commencement Address

Lessons on Kindness and Information, Presented by Fred Stutzman (Ph.D. '11)

Presentation of Awards

Dean's Achievement Awards

Presented by Dr. Ericka Patillo, Associate Dean and Professor of the Practice

Outstanding Teaching Award

Presented by Dr. Elliott Kuecker, Assistant Professor

Outstanding Service to the Program, Carolina Health Informatics Program

Presented by Dr. David Gotz, Program Director and Professor

Diversity Advocate Certificate

Presented by Dr. Sandra Hughes-Hassell, Associate Professor

Greetings from the SILS Alumni Association

Outstanding Service to the School Award

Presented by Jamin Friday, SILSAA President

Recognition of Degree Recipients

B.S. in Information Science

M.S. in Information Science

M.S. in Library Science

M.P.S. in Digital Curation & Management

Ph.D. in Information and Library Science

Presented by Dr. Ericka Patillo, Associate Dean and Professor of the Practice

M.P.S. in Biomedical & Health Informatics

Presented by Dr. David Gotz, Program Director and Professor

Closing Remarks

Dr. Jeffrey Bardzell

Dean, School of Information and Library Science

Please join us outside Memorial Hall for a casual reception following the ceremony.

Graduates

Bachelor of Science in Information Science

Naomi Daniel Admasu	David Gonzalez Chavez	Nicholas Michael Payst
Huda A. Altholaya	Mary Alice Greer	Alison Marie Polito
Jasmin Alvarez Martinez	Caden Li Gregorio	Emma Grace Quinn
Navya Susan Babu	Ronik Marcelo Grewal	Afia Rahman
Robert Dolan Barringer	Thuy Thanh Ho	Madison Grace Rank
Jaleah Dionne Battle	Kendall Howard	Justin Henry Robinson
Nora Rawan Benallal	Justin Huang	Vincent Mark Rottger
Ruth Daniel Berhana	Shanelle Jayawickreme	Fawaz Ali Sahib
Rebecca Bridenbaugh	Rashi Jagani	Muktha Santhoshkumar
Nathan Allen Cavender	Arnav Jain	Iteka Bibi Shah
Stuti Chegoori	Anna Jang	Alicia Christina Slater
Andre Chiquito	Amulyavani Katragadda	Sherin Stanley
Stephen Hyuntae Cho	Morgan Grace Kennedy	Matthew Joseph Stavish
Pruthvi Chodisetty	Ali Masood Khan	Jared Stolzberg
William Stephen Cobb II	Luz Garcia Lara	Owen M. Surett
Katelyn Elizabeth Crespo	Gary D. Lee Jr.	Julianna Webster Surkin
Henry Alexander Cruz	Shannon Katherine Little	Henry Wessels Swift
Reyes Jr.	Mikayah Locklear	Laura Ellen Tinkler
Noah Isaac Davis	Krishana N. Makwana	Vivian Tran
Tyler James Dean	Krupa N. Makwana	Natalie Jane Tuinstra
Sarah S Dereje	Christopher David	Isabella Ureh Ukariwo
Ruiyi Di	McCroary	Nara Aracely
Elaine Dong	Andrea A. McLendon	Valera-Simeon
Krystal Chidi Donovan	Aayush Mehra	Katharine Webb
Christian Michael Duggins	Sheena Meng	Tyler Werden
Nicole E. Dunkak	Nehemiah Miggianni	Isaac Miles Williamson
Ce'Niyah Raijine Ellison	Jennifer	Sarah Engebretson
Deniz Atilla Erdal	Modesto-Martinez	Wooster
Daniella Marie Escobar	Riley Paige Modlin	Norman Xie
Macy Elizabeth Faw	Natnael Tefera Mulatu	Brian Yang
George Bilton Fieldsend V	Osman Mustafic	Bohollomonde Yapo
Hailey Katharina Flo	Joshua Chester William	Jack Ye
Melina Mercedes Flores	Myatt	Vicki Ye
Ian M. Gadow	Anh Thuc Nguyen	Li-La Youn
Kiara Janet Garcia	Neha Kaushik Patel	Ella E Young
Brandon Anthony Gaviola	Sonia Manish Patel	Eastern Zheng
	Tvisha Anupam Patel	

Master of Science in Information Science

Elizabeth Anna Allen	Amber Nichole Artis	Joshi Ramya Teja Battula
Anirudh Patil Andhe	Yunbing Bai	Nishitha Bottu
Karunaker	Kerry Anne Bannen	Ramakanthchowdary

Graduates Continued

Master of Science in Information Science, continued

Zachary R. Boyce	Ikra Javed	Joanna Gwen Tingen
Catherine Elizabeth Byrd	Shivani Lavkumar Kale	Chandramouli Velicheti
Yunwei Cao	Yating Ke	Hangyu Wang
Mrudula Chavali	Yehee Kim	Huilong Wang
Jiajia Chen	Binhang Li	Ziyue Wang
Jiayi Chen	Ye Liu	Xinxi Wei
Ruihan Chen	Jenna Elizabeth Lloyd	Saija Denay Wilson
Matthew Joseph Christian	Alexandra Hayley Martin	Samuel Winemiller
Chun-Yu Chueh	Alona Madrea' Norwood	Avianna Wooten
Joel Christian Collier	Tong Pan	Taelor Wright
Megan Elizabeth Cross	Luyao Pei	Xiao Wu
Amrut Ashok Dagade	Xinyu Peng	Dantong Xiang
Xiaoyu Gao	Justin Mark Pfeifer	Chi Xu
Kaden Patrick Graham	Wenchenghao Pian	Zihe Xu
Jessica Shontel Green	Griffin William Robert Powell	Qi Xue
Alejandro Gutierrez-Ochoa	Mohan Ram Rajendran	Wenyi You
Shannon Harvey	Andrew Conrad Sadler	Grayson Yount
Runqi Hou	Lilyth P. Shepard	Lei Zhang
Harry Connor Hoy	Oliver Edward Sherren	Luxin Zhang
Adam James Hudnut-Beumler	Shreyasri Pranathi Sirlapu	Yuyu Zhang
Hannah L. Jacobs	Mariam Tariq	Zhaoxi Zhang
Samone Nyshai Jacobs	Sarah F. Throm	Kuangzheng Zhao
		Zijie Zhao
		Zhongle Zhou

Master of Science in Library Science

Destry Anthony Adams	Miranda Catherine Clinton	Simone Gillespie
Ebtehal Hussain Alhashem	Madeline Frances Conley	Julia Elizabeth Greene
Julia Elizabeth Amodeo	Abigail Coupe	Jade Amber Gregory
Haleigh Allison Ardolino	Geniviéve Christina Crites	Hannah Helmey
Luke Owen Barron	Lauren Crowe	Ross Edward Herman
Breanne Michelle Basnight	Carrie Michelle Dean	Logan Emily Hill
Callie Rae Beattie	Miro Deluca	Hannah Lynne Holmes
Jesse Hansford Bethany	Sarah Catherine Doyon	Sophia Grace Hutchens
Matthew Davis Boone	Collin A Drummond	Gabriel Israel
Taylor Michelle Brannan	Sarah Costello Dwyer	Sana Jeong
Rebecca Lynne Brantley	Alaina Ann Economus	Shiloh Rebecca Jines
Ella Breed	Madison Leigh Ferrell	Shriya Savitri Kelly
Aidan Canner	Elizabeth Wagner Findley	Samantha Nicole Killmer
Connie Weijen Chen	Flannery Jean Fitch	Marina Klimova
	Caroline Helen Galt	Isabelle Anne Kozubowski

Master of Science in Library Science, continued

Chelsea Jade Lancaster	Megan Elizabeth Mead	Erin Elizabeth Simon
Kensington B. Laube	Jessie Danielle Meager	Matthew James Thieroff
Katelynn Taylor Laws	Emily Rose Michaels	Wylie Thornquist
Isabella Ann Luongo	Emma Hartmen Mitchum	Samantha Skylar Titus
Fiona Pauline Lynch	Victoria N. Neff	Teagan Jean Marie Watkins
Rachel Suzanne Lyons	Hannah Lyn Nicholson	Sarah Isabel Waugh
Jillian Wallis MacKinnon	James Richard Onorevole	Hannah Rachele Whitaker
Absaroka Frances Mann-Wood	Joy Pasin	Elizabeth Simonton Williams
Denise Adjoa Mantey	Rachel Kaye Priesman Marquez	Kalei Edwards Woodford
Kenyatta McDonald	Chelsea Leann Romero	Kellie Woolever
James McKinnell III	Nathanael John Rosenberger	Emily Jean Zimmermann
Deirdre Marie Michelle McLeod	Mary Kathryn Schrader	River Zorich

Master of Professional Science in Digital Curation and Management

Stephanie Alison Johnson	Kylie McDonald	Kathryn C. Wymer
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Master of Professional Science in Biomedical and Health Informatics

Nibras Ar Rakib	Andrea Del Pilar Gonzalez-Vallejo	Kaniqua La'Shawn Outlaw
Anuradha Bankar	Krishnaveni Gorijavolu	Divya Patel
Denise Barrett	Yachna Goyal	Carlos M. Perez IV
Monika Baskaran	Shweta Vishal Jaiswal	Eesha Pisal
Haritha Sri Bhatta	Ashik Jayakumar	Pavani Puppala
Anchal Bisht	Kahlia I. Jones	Sanju Rajan
Biren Chaudhary	Heather Kincaide	Ashley Jeckel Schopps
Prabal Chourasia	Vinod Kumar	Shipla Sundar
Sujitha Rao Dasari	Wan-Ting Liao	Rohit Simha Torpunuri
Harish Chandra Dega	Shradha Mohanty	Sai Tejwasini Velpuri
Jacqueline Dullea	Sriya Mulupuri	Charita Chowdary Vemulapalli
Denise Ann Garner	Tanmayee Muppidi	Ashley Victor
Jyothsna Ginjupalli	Sanah Murtuza	

Doctor of Philosophy in Information and Library Science

Yuan Li

Advisor: Rob Capra

Dissertation: "Stopping and Resuming: How and Why Do People Search Across Sessions for Complex Tasks?"

Awards and Recognitions

Akers Fellow

Amrut Ashok Dagade
Simone Gillespie
Samantha Killmer
Isabella Luongo
Fiona Pauline Lynch
Jillian Wallis MacKinnon
Alexandra Martin
James McKinnell III
Mohan Ram Rajendran
Andrew Sadler
Shreyasri Sirlapu
River Zorich

ALA Spectrum Scholar

Denise Mantey
Rachel Priesman
Marquez

Ally Tech Scholar

Yuyu Zhang

Asheim Fellow

Taylor Michelle Brannan
Ella Ute Frankenstein
Breed
Carrie Dean
Alaina Ecomus
Sophia Grace Hutchens
Kensington Bay Laube
Andrew Sadler
Shreyasri Sirlapu

Association of Research Libraries Kaleidoscope Fellow

Alona Madrea Norwood

Bourne Family Excellence Award

Ce'Niyah Raijine Ellison

Burmeister Fellow

Chandramouli Velicheti

Carolina Academic Library Associate

Denise Mantey
Alona Madrea Norwood
Sajja Denay Wilson

Carolina Covenant Scholar

Ce'Niyah Raijine Ellison
Melina Flores
Nara A. Valera-Simeon

Carolina Graduate Certificate in Innovation for the Public Good

Nishitha Bottu
Ramakanthchowdary

Carolina Research Scholar

Natalie Jane Tuinstra

Carolina Technology Associate

James McKinnell III

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning Associate

Sarah Costello Dwyer

Community Workshop Series Member

Mary Alice Greer

Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies President

Deniz Erdal

EPA-RTP Library Interns

Destry Adams
Joel Collier
Harry Hoy
Samantha Skylar Titus

Hanes Graduate Fellowship

Zachary Ryan Boyce

Health Informatics Student Association

Yachna Goyal, Vice Pres.
Ashley Victor, President

Honors Carolina

Ronik Grewal
Julianna Surkin
Sarah Wooster

Kalp Fellowship

Mrudula Chavali
Sarah Costello Dwyer
Samone Jacobs
Kenyatta Aisha D'Nise McDonald
Victoria Nicole Neff
Elizabeth Simonton Williams

Library of Congress Junior Fellow

Hannah Rachel Whitaker

Líder Fellow

Melina Flores

Lookout Scholar

Nora Rawan Yiza Benallal

NC Fellow

Luz Garcia Lara
Ronik Grewal

Phi Beta Kappa

Natalie Jane Tuinstra

Phillips Travel Scholarship Recipient

Melina Flores

Pogue Scholar

David Gonzalez Chavez
Henry Alexander Cruz
Reyes

Poole Study Abroad

Endowment
Ronik Grewal

Primary Sources Teaching Fellowship

Zachary Ryan Boyce
Sarah Costello Dwyer

Psi Chi

Natalie Jane Tuinstra

Renwick Academic Scholar

Ruth Berhana

Ce'Niyah Rajjine Ellison

Alicia Christina Slater

SILS IDEA Advocate Certificate

Nishitha Bottu

Ramakanthchowdary

Lauren Crowe

Sarah Costello Dwyer

Jade Gregory

Logan Hill

Sophia Grace Hutchens

Samone Jacobs

Chelsea Jade Lancaster

Abbie Mann-Wood

Alexandra Martin

James McKinnell III

Joy Pasin

Vivian Tran

Hannah Rachelle

Whitaker

River Zorich

SILS IDEA Committee Representative

Lauren Crowe

Graduate School

Senate, SILS

Representative

Vinod Kumar

Wilson Library

Incubator Award

Research Grant for

Creative Artists

Sarah Costello Dwyer

Samone Jacobs

Wilson Special

Collection Library

Primary Source

Teaching Fellowship

Samone Jacobs

Graduate Papers, Projects, and Internships

Master's students in the library and information science program are required to complete either a paper or practicum project as a capstone to their degree program. Master's students in the biomedical and health informatics program complete an internship during their final semester. To see a list of these accomplishments, visit go.unc.edu/sils2024.



Commencement Speaker Fred Stutzman

Frederic D. Stutzman is the founder and CEO of the award-winning productivity software company Freedom (<https://freedom.to/>). Launched during his time at SILS, Freedom now helps over 3,500,000 people be more productive by reducing digital distractions. Previously, Fred was co-founder of ClaimID.com, visiting assistant professor at UNC-Chapel Hill and a postdoc at Carnegie Mellon University. He holds a Ph.D. in Information Science, a graduate certificate in quantitative research methods, and a B.A. in Economics, all from UNC-Chapel Hill.





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About the UNC School of Information and Library Science (SILS)

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