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**Doctoral Degree Candidates**

**Master’s Degree and Bachelor’s Degree Candidates**

**“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”** ..... **Dwight A. McBride**

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS** ..... **Dwight A. McBride**

**GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS** ..... **B. Joseph White**  
President

**GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** ..... **Niranjan S. Shah**  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER** ..... **The Honorable  
Pat Quinn**  
Governor, State of Illinois

**CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE** ..... **B. Joseph White**  
**Barbara Anna Schaal**  
Recipient of Doctor of  
Biological Sciences

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES** (see list on page 24)

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**Clark Hulse, Dean of the Graduate College**

**Dwight A. McBride, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

**PRESENTATION OF THE SILVER CIRCLE AWARDS** ..... **R. Michael Tanner**  
Provost

**CONCLUDING REMARKS** ..... **Dwight A. McBride**

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LAS Interdisciplinary Research Award Program Recipients 2008

- Professors David Wise and Moira Zellner (Biological Sciences, Environmental Science and Policy, and Urban Planning and Policy). Management of Woodland Biodiversity in Chicagoland: Using Agent-based Modeling to Understand the Dynamics of a Linked Social Ecological System.
- Professors David E. Featherstone, Thomas Park, Michael Ragozini, and Scott Shippy (Biological Sciences, Psychology, and Chemistry). Regulation of Mammalian Brain Chemistry and Behavior by Cystine-glutamate Transporters.
- Professors Brandon Valeriano, Clement Yu, Philip S. Yu, and Douglas Gibler (Political Science and Computer Science). Triggers of Deadly International Conflict: A Social Informatics Early Warning and Monitoring System for Territorial Disputes.
- Professors Anne Eaton, David Hilbert, Colin Klein, Dave Wirtshafter (Philosophy and Psychology). Pleasure, Perception, and Aesthetic Appreciation.
- Professors Miquel Gonzalez-Meier, Emily minor, Neil Sturchio, Moira Zellner, and Donald Hey (Biological Sciences, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Urban Planning and Policy, and Wetland Initiative). Nutrient Farming: A Market-based Strategy that Links Air and Water Quality Improvement with Restoration of Natural Areas.
- Professors Barbara Ransby and Lynette Jackson (Gender and Women's Studies, African American Studies, and History). Chicago Institute on Engaged Scholarship and Social Justice Research.
- Professors Paul Zeleza and Dick Simpson (African American Studies and Political Science). Conference on Development and Democracy in Postconflict African Nations.

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**Message from the Dean**

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure . . . We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? . . . Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do . . .*

*It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.*

—Marianne Williamson

These powerful words have always meant a great deal to me personally. As a first generation college student, I was not always sure of my place in the hallowed halls of academia. That feeling came mostly from the mistaken notion that I needed to be someone other than myself in order to be successful in this world. What I have long since learned instead, is that the most powerful thing I can do is to live in the world fully and completely as who I am—bringing to bear my particular history, culture, and gifts.

I have said to many students over my many years of teaching that the most important thing a liberal arts education does for us is to provide the means by which we become more articulate about our ideas, our experiences, and our struggles as human beings. In so doing we become better students, teachers, and, indeed, citizens.

At UIC, we often speak of the importance of the diversity of our student body. This is because we recognize that to become communicative, capable, and critically informed citizens of our increasingly globalizing society, we must be exposed to a variety of perspectives on our complex world. All of our graduates today know that our diversity is central to that educational mission that we hold so dear. Each of you, by coming to UIC and living fully and completely as who you are, has enriched not only your own life, but also the lives of the countless others you've been in classes and seminars with, been in laboratories with, lived with, worked with, and shared in dialogue with. That is not only central to the mission of this great university, but also part of its incredible beauty.

I congratulate you and your families this graduation day on your enormous accomplishment. I welcome you to the distinguished alumni of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. And I urge you to continue to be your own specific brand of "brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous." It's not just good for you; it is essential to the progress of our world.

*Dwight A. McBride, PhD*

*In addition to being dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dwight A. McBride is a professor of English, African American studies, and gender and women's studies and a widely recognized author and specialist in gender and race studies.*



**PAT QUINN** was sworn in as the 41st governor of the State of Illinois on January 29, 2009. He has served the people of Illinois—both as a citizen and a public official—for more than a quarter of a century. Prior to becoming governor, Pat Quinn served as lieutenant governor since 2002 and previously served as Illinois state treasurer, commissioner of the Cook County Board of Tax Appeals, and revenue director for the City of Chicago. As governor, Quinn serves as an advocate for consumers, taxpayers, and military men and women and their families. He also spearheads countless initiatives that foster a cleaner environment and encourage economic development in historic business districts and rural communities. Governor Quinn has led countless efforts to help people across Illinois, serving as chairman of the Illinois delegation to the Great Lakes Commission, the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, the Illinois Main Street Advisory Council, the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council, and the Broadband Deployment Council. Governor Quinn has been a strong proponent of the Mud-to-Parks initiative, an innovative award-winning environmental project using sediment dredged from the Illinois River in Peoria to create new parklands and restore landfill sites as far away as Chicago. His office maintains one of the country's most widely accessed Web sites, [www.OperationHomefront.org](http://www.OperationHomefront.org), which offers information to military personnel, their families, and civilians seeking opportunities to support our troops. A longtime consumer advocate, Governor Quinn launched the 1983 drive to create the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), a statewide membership organization that supports safe, reliable, and affordable utility service. In 1980, he organized the Cutback Amendment to reduce the size of the Illinois General Assembly—the first and only Illinois constitutional amendment ever adopted by citizen initiative.

Governor Quinn graduated from Fenwick High School, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and Northwestern University School of Law. Governor Quinn has two sons and lives in Springfield at the Governor's Mansion.



**BARBARA ANNA SCHAAL**, an alumna of the University of Illinois at Chicago, is a leading evolutionary biologist. Currently the Mary-Dell Chilton Distinguished Professor at Washington University, she is recognized for her work on the genetics of plant species, particularly for her studies that use DNA sequences to understand evolutionary processes such as gene flow, geographical differentiation, and the domestication of crop species. Her recent work examines the domestication and cultivation of genetically modified crops, especially corn and rice, as well as issues related to invasive plant species and the potential use of both types of plants in acts of bioterrorism. She is engaged in conserving natural processes and educating the general public on genetically modified foods, global warming, and energy.

Her youthful fascination with plants began with family camping trips spent picking and studying plants and plant populations. Born in Berlin, Germany, Schaal grew up in Chicago, graduated from UIC with a degree in biology, and earned her doctorate from Yale University in 1974. She joined the faculty of Washington University in 1980, after appointments at the University of Houston and The Ohio State University. Schaal has been president of the Botanical Society of America and president of the Society for the Study of Evolution. She has been associate editor of the journals *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, *The American Journal of Botany*, *Molecular Ecology*, and *Conservation Genetics*. She was president of the Botanical Society of America in 1995–96. In 2005, Schaal became the first woman elected to the vice presidency of the National Academy of Sciences.

Today, the University of Illinois at Chicago takes utmost pride in presenting Professor Barbara Anna Schaal for the conferral of the honorary degree Doctor of Biological Sciences.