Welcome back

WELCOME BACK to campus for the 105th Alumni Day celebration, Princeton’s mid-winter gathering to celebrate some of our most accomplished alumni, recognize the amazing works of current students, and enjoy each other’s company — and the nostalgia that comes with walking these halls and grounds.

We are thrilled to acknowledge this year’s Woodrow Wilson Award recipient, Anthony D. Romero ’87, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, and this year’s James Madison Medal winner, Kip Thorne ’65, co-winner of the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics. In addition, we are certain that you will be impressed and humbled by the honorees of the undergraduate Pyne Prize and the graduate Jacobus Fellowship. You are in for a great day!

Following our luncheon in Jadwin Gym, we hope that you will join us at the University Chapel for the Service of Remembrance to pay tribute to the alumni, faculty, staff, and students who passed away in the prior year. We then invite you to close out your day at a reception at Chancellor Green, where we will toast the 50th anniversary of undergraduate coeducation.

Today, Princeton is where you are. However, we know that this isn’t the case every day for all alumni, around the globe and at different phases of their lives. Your Alumni Council takes very seriously the charge to ensure that you have the opportunity to feel the warmth of a Princeton embrace, regardless of your geography, age, experience here on campus, or even your favorite Hoagie Haven sub. We are hopeful that your participation in Alumni Day strengthens your Princeton connection, so that you may feel that Princeton is where you are, always.

Richard J. Holland ’96
President of the Alumni Association

LUNCHEON PROGRAM

11:30 a.m. Reception

12:15 p.m. Alumni Day Luncheon
Welcome from Richard J. Holland ‘96
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Blessing by Alison L. Boden
Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel

Announcements and Award Presentations
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Timothy M. Kingston ’87
Annual Giving Chair

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Christopher L. Eisgruber ’83
President of Princeton University

James Madison Medal
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Louise “Weezie” Sams ’79
Chair of the Board of Trustees of Princeton University

Remarks by President Christopher L. Eisgruber ’83

Adjournment and singing of “Old Nassau”

Pictured on the cover is the newly renovated cupola atop Nassau Hall, the University’s oldest building. Restoration of the iconic cupola began in June 2018 and was completed last winter. Learn more about the restoration at princeton.edu.

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REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE ALUMNI TRUSTEES

WE ARE PLEASED to announce the 2020 candidates for Region I Alumni Trustee and Recent Graduate School Alumni Trustee. The election materials will be available to all alumni after April 13, 2020.

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- Janet L. Holmgren *74
- Joshua D. Poag ’95
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- Eric C. Seale ’81
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- Monica Moore Thompson ’89
- Jennifer A. Daniels ’93, Ex Officio

REPORT ON GIVING TO PRINCETON

ANNUAL GIVING provides unrestricted funds that support the core of the academic experience at Princeton. These funds enable Princeton to meet critical needs and seize new opportunities. Last year, alumni, parents and friends donated $68.6 million with 55.4 percent participation of undergraduate alumni. This generosity allows Princeton to meet its highest priorities, including financial aid, and to sustain the quality and breadth of Princeton’s programs.

The 2019-20 Annual Giving Campaign is underway and, with the support of Princetonians around the world, we hope to reach our goals of $70 million and 56 percent participation by June 30.

The Harold H. Helm Award
This prize, first given in 1978, is named in honor of Harold H. Helm ’1920, chair of Annual Giving’s first campaign in 1940. Mr. Helm, an ardent champion of Annual Giving, was also chair of the Alumni Council and a charter trustee of Princeton. The Helm Award recognizes “exemplary and sustained service to Annual Giving.” This year’s award goes to Thomas C. Hoster ’72 of Palo Alto, California.
The Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship

ESTABLISHED IN 1905 by the generosity of Mrs. Clara Cooley Jacobus, this honorific fellowship is conferred annually upon the graduate students who, in the judgment of the Faculty Committee on the Graduate School, display the highest scholarly excellence. The fellowship now provides full tuition and a stipend for the final year of study for four graduate students.

The following students have received the Jacobus Fellowship for the 2019-20 academic year: Vinicius de Aguiar Furuie, Anthropology; Talmo Pereira, Neuroscience; Karan Singh, Computer Science; and Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande, Religion.

Vinicius de Aguiar Furuie’s dissertation, “Argonauts of the Amazon: River Trade and Moral Economy in the Xingu River Basin,” analyzes Amazonian river trade with an emphasis on the labor of the traders who connect the inhabitants of the Iriri River valley to the city of Altamira. His ethnographic research details an economy that exists beyond the large development projects that are seen by environmentalists as a threat to the survival of the Amazon forest. He received a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of São Paulo in Brazil and holds a master’s degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Tokyo, where he wrote his thesis on the Tokyo-based antinuclear groups that emerged after the Fukushima disaster. He already has a number of publications based on his work in Brazil and Japan. His adviser, João Biehl, states that “Vinicius’s work conveys an all too rare and creative combination of ethnographic sensibility, theoretical originality, and commitment to making anthropology relevant to pressing social and environmental debates.”
Talmo Pereira’s dissertation, “Mapping the Structure of Behavior through Computational Ethology,” uses fruit flies to investigate how biological neural circuits use sensory information in model systems. He earned a B.S. in bioinformatics and computational biology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and his current research draws on techniques from machine learning, computer vision, statistical physics and probabilistic modeling to study animal behavior. Pereira has coauthored seven papers from his graduate work and is a first author on a Nature Methods paper. A software package he designed called LEAP technology has been influential on campus and beyond. His adviser, Joshua Shaevitz, notes, “To our knowledge there are at least eight groups on campus using Talmo’s technology to study behavior in worms, flies, bees, and mice across the Princeton Neuroscience Institute, molecular biology, and ecology and evolutionary biology, and many more around the world. Talmo’s success in graduate school and his impact on the research environment at Princeton are truly extraordinary.” Professor Samuel Wang further notes, “[Talmo] is a star of the neuroscience Ph.D. program and has moved the research agendas of half a dozen labs. He is the best we have to offer.”

In his dissertation, “Provably Efficient Algorithms for Reinforcement Learning and Control,” Karan Singh addresses critical challenges in feedback-driven interactive learning by designing principled machine-learning reinforcement algorithms, which can be applied to sequential decision-making under uncertainty. This type of reinforcement learning extended machine learning beyond limited and predictable tasks. He has also made notable contributions to online learning and privacy issues and solved an open problem posed by one of the founders of differential privacy, Boston University Professor Adam Smith. Singh has coauthored papers in notable publications in the field and has more in the submission process. His adviser, Elad Hazan, notes, “Karan is remarkably productive. He has made breakthrougths in control theory that are here to stay.” Singh earned a BTech from the Indian Institute of Technology.
Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande

**ADVISERS**

*Eric Gregory*, Chair, Council of the Humanities, and Professor of Religion

*Muhammad Qasim Zaman*, Chair, Department of Near Eastern Studies, and Robert H. Niehaus ’77 Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Religion

In her dissertation, “The Politics of Fitra and the Limits of Contemporary Islamic Ethics,” Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande contributes to the study of intellectual history and comparative ethics by examining Platonic and Aristotelian strands in the Islamic concept of “fitra,” which assumes that humans are created in certain ways and can, in her reading, lead to political and social hierarchies. Her analysis spans a time period that stretches from late antiquity into the Middle Ages, and she works in eight languages: Arabic, English, Latin, French, Persian, German, Greek and Hebrew. Her advisers note that she is the first graduate student to work simultaneously in two subfields: Islam; and religion, ethics and politics. Adviser Muhammad Qasim Zaman notes that, “In the years following her Ph.D. from Princeton, I expect Raissa to establish herself as one of the most sophisticated scholars of her generation in the area of Islamic ethics.”

She received her bachelor’s in theology from the University of Oxford and holds a master’s in religion from the Yale University Divinity School.

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**AWARDS**

**Jacobus Fellowship**

**Pyne Prize**

**The Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize**

**FOUNDED IN** 1921 in remembrance of the life and character of Moses Taylor Pyne, class of 1877 and trustee of Princeton University from 1885 to 1921, by his cousin, Mrs. May Taylor Moulton Hanrahan, the Pyne Prize is the highest general distinction the University confers upon an undergraduate. The Pyne Prize is equivalent in amount to the prevailing undergraduate comprehensive fee for one academic year and is awarded annually to the senior who has manifested in outstanding fashion the following qualifications: excellence in scholarship, character and effective support of the best interests of Princeton University.

This year’s recipients of the Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize: Emma Coley ’20 and Benjamin Press ’20.

*Emma Coley ’20*, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is a religion major pursuing certificates in urban studies, ethnographic studies and humanistic studies. She is a two-time recipient of the Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence.

*Benjamin Press ’20*, of Vienna, Virginia, is a history major pursuing certificates in medieval studies and history and the practice of diplomacy. He is a recipient of the Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, as well as the Department of History’s Stone-Davis Prize and Carter Kim Combe ’74 Prize.


**AWARDS**

The James Madison Medal

**Kip Thorne ’65**

Thorne, the Feynman Professor of Theoretical Physics, Emeritus, at the California Institute of Technology, joined Rainer Weiss and Barry Barish in winning the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics “for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves.” As a graduate student in the early 1960s at Princeton, Thorne overlapped with Weiss, who was a postdoctoral researcher at the University.

Thorne was a co-founder, with Weiss and Ronald Drever, of the LIGO (the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory). On Sept 14, 2015, LIGO picked up a signal of two black holes colliding to merge into one larger black hole — a breakthrough discovery of gravitational waves arriving at Earth from a collision that had happened in the universe 1.3 billion years ago. LIGO has since detected 10 more mergers, including a collision of neutron stars, spawning an entire new field of astronomy.

From 1967 to 2009, Thorne served on the faculty at Caltech, his undergraduate alma mater, and led a research group working on relativistic astrophysics and gravitational physics. He has won numerous awards for his research and teaching and is a member of several academies.

Thorne is a co-author with Charles Misner ’57 and John Archibald Wheeler, the Joseph Henry Professor of Physics, of the 1973 graduate-level textbook “Gravitation,” which was re-issued by Princeton University Press in 2017. Soon after, the press published the award-winning “Modern Classical Physics,” which Thorne co-authored with Roger Blandford. Thorne also is known for writing for a broader audience which he offered scientific insights, and followed with the book “The Science of Interstellar.” Thorne came to Princeton in April 2018 to give the 43rd Donald R. Hamilton Lecture and to highlight the history of gravitational research at the University.

Named for James Madison, the fourth president of the United States who is considered Princeton’s first graduate alumnus, the Madison Medal was established in 1973 by the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni (APGA). Upon the recommendation of the APGA Committee on Nominations and Awards and the Madison Medal Selection Committee, this honor is conferred each year on an alumnus or alumna of the Graduate School who has had a distinguished career, advanced the cause of graduate education or achieved a record of outstanding public service.

For a list of past award recipients, please visit:

alumni.princeton.edu/volunteer/awards/jamesmadisonmedal/previous-award-recipients

The Woodrow Wilson Award

**Anthony D. Romero ’87**

Romero, a public interest attorney, took the helm of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in 2001, one week before the Sept. 11 attacks. He quickly launched the Keep America Safe and Free campaign to help protect civil liberties and basic freedoms. He created the ACLU’s National Security Project, focusing on illegal practices associated with the Patriot Act.

Under Romero’s tenure, the ACLU has filed hundreds of legal actions, including some 200 against the Trump administration’s policy proposals, especially regarding immigration and blocking the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

Romero has overseen the ACLU’s expansion of advocacy efforts and political work to challenge injustices. For example, the ACLU lobbied to win the freedom to marry for same-sex couples and launched a nationwide campaign to reduce prison populations and combat racial disparities within the criminal justice system.

In 2017, the ACLU launched People Power, a grassroots effort to push local governments across the United States to protect immigrants, expand voting rights and education, and inform the public about civil liberties issues.

Romero was born in New York City to parents from Puerto Rico and was the first in his family to graduate from high school. He has a J.D. from Stanford Law School and is a member of the New York Bar Association. In 2005, he and NPR correspondent Dina Temple-Raston published the book “In Defense of Our America: The Fight for Civil Liberties in the Age of Terror.”

The Woodrow Wilson Award was established by an anonymous donor in 1956 during the centennial year of Wilson’s birth. It has since been conferred annually upon an undergraduate alumnus or alumna whose achievements exemplify Woodrow Wilson’s memorable phrase “Princeton in the nation’s service.” A Princeton graduate and faculty member, Wilson served as president of the University, governor of New Jersey, and president of the United States.

For a list of past award recipients, please visit:

alumni.princeton.edu/volunteer/awards/woodrowwilson/previous-award-recipients
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Animoso

Melody 1st Tenor

Melody 2nd Tenor

1. Tune ev’ry heart and ev’ry voice, Bid ev’ry care with-draw;
2. Let mu-sic rule the fleet-ing hour, Her man-tle round us draw;
3. And when these walls in dust are laid, With re-ver-ence and awe
4. Till then with joy our songs we’ll bring, And while a breath we draw,

refrain
Piu mosso

Melody 1st Tenor

Melody 2nd Tenor

Let all with one ac-cord re-joice, In praise of Old Nas-sau.
And thrill each heart with all her pow’r, In praise of Old Nas-sau.
An-oth-er throng shall breathe our song, In praise of Old Nas-sau.
We’ll all u-nite to shout and sing; Long life to Old Nas-sau.

* The melody is in 2nd Tenor, except where, as indicated, it passes temporarily to 1st Tenor.

** Last verse, “Long life to”...