



Convocation Ceremony

# McMaster Divinity College

May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



McMaster Divinity  
College

McMaster Divinity College's

*Sixty-sixth*

and

McMaster University's

*Six hundred  
and forty-first*

*Convocation*

## PRINCIPALS & DEANS

### CANADA BAPTIST COLLEGE

1838–1843 . . . . . Benjamin Davies  
1843 . . . . . Robert Alexander Fyfe  
1844–1849 . . . . . John M. Cramp

### CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE

1860–1878 . . . . . Robert Alexander Fyfe  
1878–1881 . . . . . John Torrance

### TORONTO BAPTIST COLLEGE

1881–1889 . . . . . John H. Castle

### McMASTER UNIVERSITY

1889 . . . . . Daniel A. McGregor  
1890–1892 . . . . . Calvin A. Goodspeed  
1892–1895 . . . . . Theodore H. Rand  
1895–1903 . . . . . Oates C. S. Wallace  
1903–1928 . . . . . John H. Farmer  
1928–1931 . . . . . Howard P. Whidden  
1931–1937 . . . . . John MacNeill  
1939–1952 . . . . . Harold S. Stewart  
1952–1957 . . . . . Nathaniel H. Parker

### McMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE

1957–1966 . . . . . Nathaniel H. Parker  
1966–1978 . . . . . Ivan C. Morgan  
1978–1989 . . . . . Melvyn R. Hillmer  
1989–2000 . . . . . William H. Brackney  
2001– . . . . . Stanley E. Porter

## CHANCELLORS OF MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

1887–1890 . . . . . Malcolm MacVicar  
1892–1895 . . . . . Theodore H. Rand  
1895–1905 . . . . . Oates C. S. Wallace  
1905–1911 . . . . . Alexander C. McKay  
1911–1922 . . . . . Abraham L. McCrimmon  
1922–1941 . . . . . Howard P. Whidden  
1941–1950 . . . . . George P. Gilmour  
1950–1955 . . . . . E. Carey Fox  
1955–1960 . . . . . Roy L. Kellock  
1960–1965 . . . . . Charles P. Fell  
1965–1971 . . . . . D. Argue C. Martin  
1971–1977 . . . . . Lawrence T. Pennell  
1977–1986 . . . . . H. Allan B. Leal  
1986–1992 . . . . . John H. Panabaker  
1992–1998 . . . . . James H. Taylor  
1998–2007 . . . . . Melvin M. Hawkrigg  
2007–2013 . . . . . Lynton R. Wilson  
2013–2019 . . . . . Suzanne B. Labarge  
2019– . . . . . Santee Smith / Tekaronhiákhkwa

## PRESIDENTS OF MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

1949–1961 . . . . . George P. Gilmour  
1961–1972 . . . . . Henry G. Thode  
1972–1980 . . . . . Arthur N. Bourns  
1980–1990 . . . . . Alvin A. Lee  
1990–1995 . . . . . Geraldine A. Kenney-Wallace  
1995–2010 . . . . . Peter J. George  
2010–2019 . . . . . Patrick Deane  
2020– . . . . . David H. Farrar





## MESSAGE FROM STANLEY E. PORTER



I wish to congratulate all of McMaster Divinity College's graduands on reaching this important day. Our prayer for you as you came to McMaster Divinity College was that you would reach this day knowing the Word of God, being transformed into Christ's image, and prepared for doing the work of ministry. We hope that you have experienced the fruit of this prayer. We now pray that you will leave this seminary and graduate school better equipped to take your place as a Christian leader. Some of you are heading towards vocational ministry, others into teaching ministry, and still others into various kinds of valuable Christian service. Whatever God has in store for you, we trust that your time here has been one of deep spiritual, personal, and academic development, so as to become the person whom God will continue to use in His work in the world.

Although this occasion marks the completion of much work, effort, and sacrifice, it also marks the beginning of so much more. As you pursue your Christian vocation, we wish God's greatest blessings on you and your endeavours. In all that you do, whether the times are hard or easy, trying or trouble-free, we trust that they will be rewarding as you answer a genuine call to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and work to His glory. We want you to know that our continued prayers, concern, and interest will go with you. We would love to hear from you again regarding how God is working in your life and using you for His purposes.

*Stanley E. Porter, PhD  
President and Dean, McMaster Divinity College*

## McMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE

McMaster Divinity College is heir to an educational tradition that reaches back to 1838. In 1881, William McMaster, a wealthy merchant, banker, and Senator of the Dominion of Canada, urged the creation of a theological school in Toronto, eventually helping to found Toronto Baptist College through his generous financial support. In 1887, this institution, which had provincial degree granting powers, joined with Woodstock College to become McMaster University. After relocating from Toronto to the current campus in west Hamilton in 1930, the University separated from the Divinity College in 1957. McMaster University was reorganized, transferring governance of the institution from the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec to a privately chartered, publicly funded arrangement. McMaster Divinity College, as a separately and independently chartered college, though affiliated with the University, continues the legacy of Toronto Baptist College to this day. With its own Senate and Board of Trustees, MDC is freestanding and responsible for its own governance and finances. McMaster Divinity College currently offers the Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Theology, Master of Arts in Christian Studies, Doctor of Practical Theology, Master of Arts in Theology & Ministry, Master of Arts in Counselling & Spiritual Care, Master of Arts in Global Christianity, and Master of Divinity degrees, as well as Graduate Certificates in Church and Culture, Spiritual Care, Spiritual Formation, Pastoral Ministry, Worship Studies, Church Leadership, Christian Thought & History, Biblical Languages, Christian Studies, Biblical Studies, and Theology.

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

## Musical Prelude

*Dr. Wendy J. Porter, Professor of Music and Worship, McMaster Divinity College*

The Graduand Procession, The Academic Procession, The President's Procession\*

*The audience will rise as the Processions enter L.R. Wilson Concert Hall*

## National Anthem\*

*Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter and Ashley St. Pierre, MDiv Student, McMaster Divinity College*

## Welcome and Opening of Convocation Ceremony

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter, President and Dean, McMaster Divinity College*

## Opening Prayer

*Dr. Kelvin F. Mutter, Associate Professor of Counselling and Spiritual Care, McMaster Divinity College*

## Responsive Scripture Reading—Psalm 104

*Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter*

## O Worship the King\*

*Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter and Ashley St. Pierre*

The Presentation of Degrees by Authority of the McMaster University Senate

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter*

*and*

*Dr. James D. Dvorak, Vice President Academic, McMaster Divinity College*

The Presentation of Degrees and Certificates by Authority of the McMaster Divinity College Senate

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter*

*and*

*Dr. James D. Dvorak*

## Graduate Reflections

*Olufunke Olajumoke Dinneh (MTS)*

*Jung Hoon Lee (PhD)*

## Interlude Solo—It Is Well

*Ashley St. Pierre accompanied by Dr. Wendy J. Porter*

*\*Please stand during these occasions of the ceremony*

*ORDER OF EXERCISES (CONTINUED...)*

Recognition of the Retirement of Dr. Michael P. Knowles

*Dr. Phil C. Zylla, Professor of Pastoral Theology, McMaster Divinity College*

Acknowledgment

*Dr. Michael P. Knowles, Professor of Preaching, McMaster Divinity College*

The Trustee Address

*David Huctwith, Chair, Board of Trustees, McMaster Divinity College*

Presentation of the President's Gold Medal Awards for Academic Excellence

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter*

Take My Life\*

*Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter and Ashley St. Pierre*

The President's Address

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter*

Commissioning of Graduates

*Dr. Cynthia Long Westfall, Associate Professor of New Testament, McMaster Divinity College*

Prayer of Commissioning

*Dr. Michael P. Knowles*

Be Thou My Vision and Doxology\*

*Led by Dr. Wendy J. Porter and Ashley St. Pierre*

Dismissal of Convocation Ceremony\*

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter*

Recessional\*

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Immediately following the ceremony, a reception, to which all are invited, will be held in Cullen Hall at McMaster Divinity College.*

# THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREES BY AUTHORITY OF THE McMASTER UNIVERSITY SENATE

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter*

## MASTER OF DIVINITY

*Presented by Dr. James D. Dvorak*

Nancy Elizabeth Anderson	<i>BSc (Guelph)</i>
Erikan Olaye	<i>BASc (Ryerson), MPH (Waterloo)</i>
Janie Stewart	<i>Dip (George Brown), BA (Toronto Metropolitan)</i>

## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

*Presented by Dr. James D. Dvorak*

William Spencer Adams	<i>BSc (Houghton)</i>
R. Mark Sneath	<i>BTh (Master's)</i>
Marcie Janelle Wakem	<i>BTh (Master's)</i>

# THE PRESENTATION OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES BY AUTHORITY OF THE McMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE SENATE

*Dr. Stanley E. Porter*

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY)

*Presented by Dr. James D. Dvorak*

Hojoon Ahn  
*BA (Chongshin–Korea), MDiv (Presbyterian Theological–Korea),  
ThM (Ezra Bible Institute–Korea)*  
Dissertation: Finding the Synoptic Gospels' Construction Process: A  
Comparative-Linguistic Analysis of the Eucharist and its Co-Texts

Phillip Dale Haskell  
*BASc (Waterloo), MDiv (McMaster)*  
Dissertation: Differentiating Satan's Many Faces: A Reception History Approach

Daniel Hyung Seok Kim  
*BCS (Queen's), MDiv (Presbyterian Theological–Korea), MA (McMaster Divinity)*  
Dissertation: The Ethical Function of Intertextual References to  
Deuteronomy in Proverbs 1-9 as a Moral Tradition

Ji Hoe Kim  
*BA (Yonsei–Korea), MDiv (Presbyterian Theological–Korea),  
ThM (Ezra Bible Institute–Korea), MA (McMaster Divinity)*  
Dissertation: Moral Formation in the Letter of James: A Way Forward for the  
Structural Analysis in Light of a Systemic Functional Genre Theory

Jung Hoon Lee  
*BA (Handong Global–Korea), MDiv (Hapdong Theological–Korea),  
MA (Trinity Western), MA (McMaster Divinity)*  
Dissertation: Jews and Gentiles in Romans 1-3: Clues from  
Cohesive Chains and Grammatical Metaphor

Sung Min Park  
*BEng (Hoseo–Korea), MDiv (Presbyterian Theological–Korea),  
ThM (Calvin Theological)*  
Dissertation: Multilingual Peter and Paul in the Book of Acts:  
Sociolinguistic Approaches to the Prestige Religious  
Language of First-Century Christianity

Bonghyun Yoo  
*BPhEd (Myongji–Korea), MDiv (Liberty), MA (Liberty), ThM (Trinity International)*  
Dissertation: Jonathan Edwards's Theology of Providence: A Trinitarian Account

## MASTER OF ARTS (CHRISTIAN STUDIES)

*Presented by James D. Dvorak*

Isaac Benjamin Terrence Ginter

*BA (Adv) (Providence)*

Thesis: Life and Death in the Book of Jonah: A Rhetorical-Critical Study

## DOCTOR OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

*Presented by Dr. James D. Dvorak*

Nathan Daniel Robert Beresh

*BA (Hons) (McMaster), MTS (McMaster)*

Dissertation: Young Life Campaigners, the Bible, and Pedagogy: Exploring Strategies of Biblical Engagement

Mervyn John Budd

*BTh (Ontario Bible College), GradDipCS (Regent), MDiv (Regent)*

Dissertation: A Phenomenographic Study and Critique of Evangelistic Equipping among Pastors Aligned with the Evangelical Church Movement

Lily An Kim

*BA (Hons) (British Columbia), MTS (McMaster), MA (McMaster Divinity)*

Dissertation: Voices of Survivors: Post-Holocaust Dialogue as a Path to Reconciliation

Chang Soo Lee

*BA (Georgetown), MSC (Regent), MDiv (Gordon-Conwell), ThM (Gordon-Conwell)*

Dissertation: Reimagining Missional Small Groups through a Missional Reading of Ephesians and in Conversation with Alan Hirsch, Timothy Keller, and Mike Breen

David A. Long

*BTh (Master's), MTS (Tyndale)*

Dissertation: Pentecostal Sacramentality: Experiencing Christ's Presence in Pentecostal Praxis and the Performance of the Lord's Supper

Stefan Charles Matzal

*BA (Bucknell), MDiv (Clarks Summit), ThM (Clarks Summit)*

Dissertation: Preaching Ezra-Nehemiah's Religious Minority-Group Narratives for Post-Christendom Congregations

Elizabeth Joy Millar

*BA (Concordia), MTS (McMaster)*

Dissertation: Sacred Storytelling: Knowing God through the Practice of Mothering

Carson Ka Shing Mok

*BBA (Hons) (Wilfrid Laurier), MDiv (Tyndale)*

Dissertation: Congregational Singing as Social Identity Shaping in Toronto Cantonese Worship Services

Andrew Gordon Rutledge

*BTh (Emmanuel), MTS (McMaster)*

Dissertation: Growing Leaders: Engaging Young Adults in Church Leadership



## MASTER OF DIVINITY

*Presented by Dr. James D. Dvorak*

Robert Awil	<i>BA (California State Maritime Academy), MA (Assemblies of God Theological)</i>
Natasha Simone Crozier	<i>BA (Trinity Western)</i>
Ruth Ann MacKenzie	<i>CertCS (McMaster Divinity)</i>
Dai Hong Min	<i>BA (Tyndale)</i>
Johannes Christiaan Oberholzer	<i>BA (McMaster)</i>
Khuong Duy Pham	<i>BA (Hons) (Guelph), CertCS (McMaster Divinity)</i>
Leif Arna Albert Magee Strand	<i>BA (McMaster)</i>
Jocelyn Nicole Webber	<i>BHum (Carleton)</i>

## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

*Presented by Dr. James D. Dvorak*

Carolina Alejandra Bartholomew	<i>CertCS (McMaster Divinity)</i>
Harrison Cooper	<i>BSc (Hons) (Waterloo)</i>
Olufunke Olajumoke Dinneh	<i>LLB (Ibadan–Nigeria), LLM (University College London–United Kingdom)</i>
Seth Adam Johnson	<i>BA (Franciscan), MTS (Franciscan)</i>
Carmen Elizabeth Kinniburgh	<i>BRE (Ambrose)</i> Thesis: Hearing the Shepherd's Voice (John 10:27)
Layton Vincent MacCabe	<i>BA (Crandall)</i> Thesis: The Contextualization of Movement Missiology to Individualist Urban Contexts in the West
Daniel Joseph Martin	<i>BRE (Heritage), CertCS (McMaster Divinity)</i>
Rachel Kaitlyn Wall	<i>BSc (Redeemer), BEd (Redeemer)</i>
Martin Fredrick Raj Wilfred	<i>BA (Madras–India), MSc (Alagappa–India)</i>
Kevin Yan	<i>BEng (Ryerson)</i>

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

*Presented by James D. Dvorak*

Kenneth Charles Barr	<i>BRE (Ambrose)</i>
Jobin Palackamannil Mathai	<i>BA (Mar Thoma–India), MDiv (India Bible–India)</i>
Abraham Peter Paul	<i>BComm (Humber)</i>

# ACADEMIC AWARDS

Cynthia Arsenault  
*The Horace West Bursary*

Kwasi Boakye-Yiadom  
*The Catherine Thomson MacAlpine Memorial  
Scholarship*

Rachael Bohlender  
*The Reverend Fred Allen Jewell Scholarship*

Taina Chan  
*The William and Ines Watson Memorial Bursary*

Chun Yi Choi  
*The Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship*

Natasha Simone Crozier  
*The Salmon and Esther Vining Memorial Prize*

Brendan DePhillipeaux  
*The Catherine Thomson MacAlpine Memorial  
Scholarship*

Jonathan Germain  
*The Irene H. McDormand Prize  
The Gordon S. Martin Memorial Scholarship  
The Canadian Bible Society Prize*

Gareth Harker  
*The John Billes Scholarship*

Jordan Hay  
*The Gordon S. Martin Memorial Scholarship*

Jesse Hill  
*The Horace West Bursary*

Yadi Hu  
*The William and Ines Watson Memorial Bursary*

Aaron Jung  
*The Helen Winnifred Lang Scholarship*

Sang Hyun Jung  
*The John Billes Scholarship*

Kisoo Kim  
*The Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship*

Keri Love  
*The Lois Tupper Scholarship*

Shalom Mbindyo  
*The Edith Laurence McDermid Scholarship*

Cherie Michels  
*The Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship  
The Harvey Pike Memorial Prize*

James Mwendia  
*The Horace West Bursary*

Renan Oliveira Neri Dos Anjos  
*The Reverend Fred Allen Jewell Scholarship*

Mandy Ralph  
*The Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship*

Carla Ratzlaff  
*The William and Ines Watson Memorial Bursary*

Sara Russell  
*The Duncan R. MacNab Scholarship  
The William and Ines Watson Memorial Bursary*

Ashley St. Pierre  
*The Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship  
The E. Frank Wright Scholarship*

Jared Taylor  
*The John Billes Scholarship*

Erin Wildsmith  
*The Ker Memorial Scholarship  
The Silas H. Lamb Bursary*

Georgia Wray-Littlejohn  
*The John Billes Scholarship*

Tanya Yuen  
*The Muriel Israel Prize*

# HONOUR LIST

*Master of Theological Studies and Master of Divinity Programs*

## GRADUANDS

William Spencer Adams

Robert Awil

Harrison Cooper

Natasha Simone Crozier

Carmen Elizabeth Kinniburgh

Layton Vincent MacCabe

Daniel Joseph Martin

Dai Hong Min

Johannes Christiaan Oberholzer

R. Mark Sneath

Marcie Janelle Wakem

Rachel Kaitlyn Wall

## IN-COURSE

Nancy Anderson

Cynthia Arsenault

Rachael Bohlender

Lisa Broome

Daniel Cole

Jonathan Germain

Shereena Graham

Jordan Hay

Dana Kimoto

Jennifer Krueger

Patricia Leishman

Meghan Matthews

David McNeil

Cherie Michels

Renan Oliveira Neri Dos Anjos

Rebecca Persaud

Darryl Price

Sarah Robinson

Curtis Scott

Nicole Smith

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Quan Zhang

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