



Vermont College of Fine Arts

WINTER 2024  
COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024  
Selinsgrove, PA

Welcome to our Winter 2024 Commencement.

We are a global community of artists continuously redefining what it means to be an arts college. We measure success by our ability to foster the excellence of emerging and established practitioners.

We believe that the arts are central to the human experience and have the ability not only to reflect reality but also to create it.

At VCFA, we are committed to working in partnership with all members of our college and the external community to build and sustain a welcoming and inclusive environment.

We recognize, honor, and support diversity and equity in every context. As an institution, we actively focus our resources on outreach, expansion, and inclusion. As a community, we are fully committed to fostering the artistic, intellectual, individual, and social identities, contributions, and development of every one of our members.



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order of events

**Processional**

Marcos Krieger, D.M.A., *University Organist and Professor of Music, Susquehanna University*

*Gonfalonieres: Members of the VCFA Community*

**Land Acknowledgement**

Katie Rasmussen, *Interim Dean of Administration, VCFA*

**Welcome Remarks**

Andrew Ramsammy, *Interim President, VCFA*

**Commencement Address**

Laurie Carter (W '10), *Dean of the School of the Arts and School of Humanities, Susquehanna University*

**Conferring of the Graduate Degrees**

Andrew Ramsammy, *Interim President*

Mary-Kim Arnold (W '16), *Interim Academic Dean*

**Closing Remarks**

Mary-Kim Arnold (W '16), *Interim Academic Dean*

**Recessional**

Marcos Krieger, D.M.A.



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**MFA IN FILM**

Joseph Daniel Anson  
 Uddip Joor Baruah  
 Summer Brooke Gómez  
 Michael-John Ilasi  
 Emilie Blythe McDonald  
 Rhonda Mitrani Buchman  
 Debra White-Stanley

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**MFA IN GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Jonathan H. Bybee  
 Leah Chutz  
 Jennifer Kapitulik  
 Christopher M. Lange  
 Janelle L. Paisley  
 Jonathan Ted Whisenhunt  
 Jonathan Wretlind

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**MFA IN MUSIC COMPOSITION**

Lloyd M. Dugger III  
 Henry McNulty

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**MFA IN VISUAL ART**

Sarah Edna Johnson-Brown  
 Alyssa Karis  
 Jessie Keating  
 Patricia L. Meriam  
 Shannon Cleere  
 Adria Zal  
 Jamie Zimchek

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**MFA IN WRITING**

Isa Adney  
 Rhonda Britten  
 Jacqui Castle  
 Lisa Crowe  
 Jen Graney  
 Wayne Lockwood  
 Jake Lyon  
 Tara McCann  
 Claire Muraoka  
 Eleonora Natilii  
 Vanessa Remmers  
 Gail Ann Schulte

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**MFA IN WRITING FOR CHILDREN  
 & YOUNG ADULTS**

Norma Adriana Balli-Borrero  
 Nadine Charon Ballot  
 Sara A. Bates  
 Rebecca Lee Blevins  
 Vijayalakshmi K. Chary  
 Elizabeth Anne Curry  
 Lori Michelle Daugherty  
 Christine Hartman Derr  
 Elizabeth Donnelly  
 Monique Duncan  
 Marie Kathleen Iding  
 Ashley Edward Jakubczyk  
 Eileen Janae Lamb  
 Andrea Levinger  
 Margaret Harriet Mason  
 Andrea “Drea” Mayer  
 Jorjeana Mosness  
 Stacy K. Nockowitz  
 Sarah O'Holla  
 Christine Lynn Pakkala  
 Karis Elizabeth Rogerson  
 Erin Madigan White

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## MFA IN FILM

Marya Cohn, *chair*

Brooke Berman  
Joan Darling  
Damon Davis  
Jessica Gorter  
Daphne McWilliams  
Dominga Sotomayor  
Emilie Upczak

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## MFA IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

James Chae, *co-chair*  
Silas Munro, *co-chair*  
Tasheka Arceneaux-Sutton  
Lorena Howard-Sheridan  
Natalia Ilyin  
Yoon Soo Lee  
Ian Lynam  
Matthew Monk  
Ziddi Msangi  
Dave Peacock  
Sereina Rothenberger  
David Schatz  
Ramón Tejada  
Anne West

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## MFA IN MUSIC COMPOSITION

Carla Kihlstedt, *co-chair*  
Roger Zahab, *co-chair*  
Rick Baitz  
Trudy Chan  
Don DiNicola  
Mike Early  
Rob Frankenberry  
Andy Jaffe  
Ravi Krishnaswami  
John Mallia

Lisa Mezzacappa  
Frank J. Oteri  
John Fitz Rogers

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## MFA IN VISUAL ART

Eshrat Erfanian, *co-chair*  
Mario Ontiveros, *co-chair*  
Luis Jacob  
Michael Minelli  
Humberto Ramirez  
Marie Shurkus

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## MFA IN WRITING

Sue William Silverman, *co-chair*  
Adam McOmber, *co-chair*  
Geoff Bouvier  
Michael Croley  
Caleb Curtiss  
Melissa Faliveno  
Fernando A. Flores  
Connie May Fowler  
Miciah Bay Gault  
Chachi Hauser  
Barbara Hurd  
Negesti Kaudu  
Richard Jackson  
T. Geronimo Johnson  
Samuel Kóláwolé  
Ellen Lesser  
Brian Leung  
Bret Lott  
Robin MacArthur  
Patrick Madden  
Clint McCown  
Philip Metres  
Tomás Q. Morín  
Wanjikū Wa Nugūgī  
Elena Passarello  
Natasha Sajé  
Betsy Sholl  
SJ Sindu

Hasanthika Sirisena  
Clifford Thompson  
Leslie Ullman  
Nance Van Winckel  
David Wojahn

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## MFA IN WRITING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Linda Urban, *chair*  
Will Alexander  
An Na  
Kathi Appelt  
Tom Birdseye  
Sheela Chari  
Melanie Crowder  
Evan Griffith  
Louise Hawes  
Corey Ann Haydu  
Veera Hiranandani  
K.A. Holt  
Varian Johnson  
Jane Kurtz  
Martine Leavitt  
Kekla Magoon  
Cory McCarthy  
Anna-Marie McLemore  
Emily X.R. Pan  
Erica Perl  
Matt Phelan  
Mary Quattlebaum  
Anica Mrose Rissi  
Sara Ryan  
Alex Sanchez  
Liz Garton Scanlon  
Laura Shovan  
Cynthia Leitich Smith  
Jasmine Warga  
Jennifer Ziegler

## ADMINISTRATION

Andrew Ramsammy, *Interim President*

Mary-Kim Arnold (W '16), *Interim Academic Dean*

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Jericho Parms (W '12), *VP for Institutional Advancement*

Katie Rasmussen, *Interim Dean of Administration*

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