

Honorary Degrees

1872 - 2020

1872

R. A. Pearson, Doctor of Agriculture
John J. Pershing, Doctor of Laws
Roscoe Pound, Doctor of Civil Law
Theodore Roosevelt, Doctor of Civil Law

1918

Charles S. Lobingier, Doctor of Civil Law

1919

William L. Seibert, Doctor of Engineering

1920

Raymond Eli Benedict, Master of Forestry
Clarence Curtis Culver, Doctor of Electrical
Engineering
Charles R. Richards, Doctor of Engineering
Roscoe W. Thatcher, Doctor of Agriculture

1921

Harold Gifford, Doctor of Laws
David Kinley, Doctor of Laws
John Holland Rose, Doctor of Laws

1922

Charles W. Pugsley, Doctor of Agriculture
Sergei V. Rachmaninoff, Doctor of Music

1923

William Granger Hastings, Doctor of Laws
Albert Watkins, Doctor of Laws

1924

William Edwin Hardy, Master of Arts

1925

1937

Christian L. Christensen, Doctor of Agriculture
Robert Anderson Gantt, Doctor of Engineering
Walter Jacob Wohlenberg, Doctor of Engineering

1938

John Davidson Clark, Doctor of Laws
Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Doctor of Letters
Harry Levi Hollingworth, Doctor of Laws
Leta Stetter Hollingworth, Doctor of Laws
John Torrence Tate, Doctor of Science
William Linn Westermann, Doctor of Laws

1939

Hartley Burr Alexander, Doctor of Letters
LaMonte Judson Belnap, Doctor of Engineering
Orien Wesley Fifer, Doctor of Laws
Frederic Benjamin Garver, Doctor of Laws
Ernest Emmanuel Howard, Doctor of Engineering
Frederick Maurice Hunter, Doctor of Laws

1940

Frederic Edward Clements, Doctor of Laws
Gladys Henry Dick, Doctor of Laws
Alvin Saunders Johnson, Doctor of Laws
Joel Stebbins, Doctor of Laws
Alexander Jerry Stoddard, Doctor of Laws

1941

Viola Florence Barnes, Doctor of Laws
Thomas Jean Hargrave, Doctor of Laws
Mark Morton, Doctor of Agriculture
John Chatfield Page, Doctor of Engineering
Arthur Sperry Pearse, Doctor of Laws
Karl Chandler Randall, Doctor of Engineering

1942

Charles Michael Bracelen, Doctor of Laws

1943

Frederick James Kelly, Doctor of Laws
Charles Franklin Kettering, Doctor of Engineering
Research
Ralph Scott Mueller, Doctor of Engineering
John Todd Zimmer, Doctor of Science

1944

Stanley Bracken, Doctor of Engineering
Eugene Edward Lundquist, Doctor of Engineering
Howard Remus Smith, Doctor of Agriculture

1945

Edwin Harrison Brown, Doctor of Engineering
Edwin Ray Guthrie, Doctor of Laws
Edgar Franklin Howe, Master of Agriculture
Harry Clyde Ingles, Doctor of Engineering
Frank Henry Woods, Doctor of Laws
Ruth Frances Woodsmall, Doctor of Laws

1946

Ernest Athern Bessey, Doctor of Laws
Ben Mark Cherrington, Doctor of Laws

1947

Frederick Carl Holtz, Doctor of Engineering
Andrew Conway Ivy, Doctor of Science
Gilmour Byers MacDonald, Doctor of Agriculture
Charles W. Mc

1952

Joy Paul Guilford, Doctor of Laws
Henry Albert Jones, Doctor of Science
Trygve Halvdan Lie, Doctor of Laws
George Paul Luckey, Doctor of Engineering
Ruth O'Brien, Doctor of Science
Charles Augustus Weymuller, Doctor of Science

1953

Edgar van Nuys Allen, Doctor of Science
Herbert Brownell, Jr., Doctor of Laws
Charles Mitchell Candy, Doctor of Engineering
Reuben Gilbert Gustavson, Doctor of Humanities
Jane Margueretta Hoey, Doctor of Humanities
Hazel Gertrude Kinscella, Doctor of Music
Harry Scott Smith, Doctor of Science

1954

Frederick Adam Figi, Doctor of Science
Jay Wright Forrester, Doctor of Engineering
Howard Kramer Gray, Doctor of Science
Kenneth Fisher Warner, Doctor of Agriculture
Ivan Daley Wood, Doctor of Agriculture
Louis Christian Zopf, Doctor of Science

1955

Elmer Clark Bratt, Doctor of Laws
Hollis Leland Caswell, Doctor of Laws
Arthur William Farrall, Doctor of Engineering
Donald Marion Pillsbury, Doctor of Science
Homer Leroy Shantz, Doctor of Laws
John Clare Whitehorn, Doctor of Science
Leslie Lewis Zook, Doctor of Science

1956

Benjamin Albert Botkin, Doctor of Letters
Ward Darley, Doctor of Science
Alfred M. Gruenther, Doctor of Laws
Lee Alton Kilgore, Doctor of Engineering
Darryl Francis Zanuck, Doctor of Humanities

1957

Clarence A. Davis, Doctor of Laws
Henry Margenau, Doctor of Science
Paul Bigelow Sears, Doctor of Laws
John Kent Selleck, Doctor of Laws
William Jay Turnbull, Doctor of Engineering

1958

Franklin D. Murphy, Doctor of Science
George Fred Sprague, Doctor of Science

1959

John Moore Allison, Doctor of Laws
Walter Dietrich Behlen, Doctor of Engineering
Milton E. Mohr, Doctor of Engineering
Charles Yoder Thompson, Doctor of Agriculture

1960

Loren Corey Eisely, Doctor of Letters
Earl O. Heady, Doctor of Science
William Arthur McConnell, Doctor of Engineering
Gerald Lloyd Phillippe, Doctor of Laws

1961

Howard F. Ahmanson, Doctor of Laws
Ruth M. Leverton, Doctor of Science
J. Lee Rankin, Doctor of Laws

1962

Glenn Willard Burton, Doctor of Science
Arthur Thomas Jersild, Doctor of Laws
Milan James Kopac, Doctor of Science
Louis Carl Lundstrom, Doctor of Engineering
Donald Frederick Othmer, Doctor of Engineering
Carl M. Reinert, Doctor of Laws

1963

Hazel Pearl Abel, Doctor of Laws
Samuel Miller Brownell, Doctor of Laws
G. Robert Coatney, Doctor of Science
Thomas James Hartford, Doctor of Science
Otto H. Liebers, Doctor of Laws
Anatole G. Mazour, Doctor of Laws

1964

Georgian Adams, Doctor of Science
Arthur C. Bryan, Doctor of Laws
Peter Kiewit, Doctor of Laws
William Charles Norris, Doctor of Science
Wayne Otis Reed, Doctor of Laws
Vestor Joseph Skutt, Doctor of Laws
Percy Craig Spencer, Doctor of Laws
Theos Jardin Thompson, Doctor of Science
Samuel C. Waugh, Doctor of Laws
Wayne H. Worthington, Doctor of Engineering

1965

Forrest Edwin Behm, Doctor of Laws
John Robert Brown, Doctor of Laws
Ihsan Dogramaci, Doctor of Laws
William O. Jones, Doctor of Science
Arjay Ray Miller, Doctor of Laws
Albert Henry Moseman, Doctor of Science

Elmo B. Roper, Jr., Doctor of Science
Lowell Thomas, Doctor of Laws

1966

Earl Meloy Cline, Doctor of Laws
David Fellman, Doctor of Laws
Doretta Schlaphoff Hoffman, Doctor of Science
James Herbert Jensen, Doctor of Laws
Harold Frank Robinson, Doctor of Science
Edward Stanley, Doctor of Laws
Carruth J. Wagner, Doctor of Science

1967

Robert Arnold Alberty, Doctor of Science
Merle Eugene Curti, Doctor of Letters
Robert Henry Dietz, Doctor of Science
Joseph McVicker Hunt, Doctor of Science
J. Martin Klotsche, Doctor of Laws
Joseph Grant Knapp, Doctor of Science
Aileene Simpson Lockhart, Doctor of Science
Hart Perry, Doctor of Laws

1968

Ralph Johnson Bunche, Doctor of Humane Letters

1983

Harry A. Blackmun, Doctor of Laws
 Donald C. Cox, Doctor of Science
 Paul H. Harvey, Doctor of Science
 John W. Henderson, Doctor of Science
 Paul H. Henson, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Lawrence R. Klein, Doctor of Science
 Fred W. McLafferty, Doctor of Science
 Joseph G. Noh, Doctor of Science
 Henry Pascale, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Walter Scott, Jr., Doctor of Letters
 Fred Waring, Doctor of Arts & Letters
 John W. White, Jr., Doctor of Humane Letters
 Sir Oliver Wright, Doctor of Humane Letters

1984

Otto F. Baumann, Doctor of Humane Letters
 R. L. "Dick" Herman, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Peter Hermes, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Shirley Hill, Doctor of Humane Letters
 David H. Murdock, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Ned S. Raun, Doctor of Science
 Richard A. Schleusener, Doctor of Science
 Eugene W. Skinner, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Henry Nash Smith, Doctor of Letters
 Robert H. Storz, Doctor of Science
 Zhang Wenjin, Doctor of Humane Letters

1985

Robert W. Allington, Doctor of Science
 Robert Anderson, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Malcolm Baldrige, Doctor of Letters
 Rabbi Sidney Brooks, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Melvin R. Gibson, Doctor of Science
 John L. Holland, Doctor of Letters
 Philip Johnson, Doctor of Letters
 Herbert C. Modlin, Doctor of Science
 Charles Peebler, Doctor of Humane Letters
 John W. Reps, Doctor of Arts & Letters
 Paul C. Schorr, III, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Sam Segnar, Doctor of Law
 Gladys E. Sorenson, Doctor of Science
 Robert Van Pelt, Doctor of Laws

1986

Richard M. Bressler, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Flavia Waters Champe, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Charles M. Harper, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Theodore Hesburgh, Doctor of Laws
 Tom S. Miya, Doctor of Science
 Mary Jean Mulvaney, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Joseph L. Parker, Doctor of Science

Charles John Tupper, Doctor of Science
 Lloyd Dale Van Vleck, Doctor of Science
 Dale E. Wolf, Doctor of Science

1987

Norman H. Cromwell, Doctor of Science
 Adele Coryelle Hall, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Christina Hixson, Doctor of Humane Letters
 F. Kenneth Iverson, Doctor of Laws
 William Jovanovich, Doctor of Laws
 Eugene Kamprath, Doctor of Science
 Marilyn Mason, Doctor of Music
 James E. Olson, Doctor of Laws
 Kazuo Takechi, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Thomas R. Thomsen, Doctor of Science
 Varro E. Tyler, Doctor of Science
 Austin L. Vickery, Jr., Doctor of Science

1988

Virgilio Barco, Doctor of Laws
 James P. Collman, Doctor of Science
 Steve A. Eberhart, Doctor of Science
 W. Grant Gregory, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Yorio Hinuma, Doctor of Science
 Ralph Leonard Ireland, Doctor of Science
 Ding Shi-Sun, Doctor of Science
 William C. Smith, Doctor of Laws
 Joseph Soshnik, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Beryl W. Sprinkel, Doctor of Laws
 Cecil L. Wittson, Doctor of Science
 Han Xu, Doctor of Laws
 Clayton K. Yeutter, Doctor of Laws

1989

Gene A. Budig, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Warren Buffett, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Donald J. Cram, Doctor of Science
 Charles W. Durham, Doctor of Humane Letters Margre
 H. Durham, Doctor of Humane Letters
 Carroll M. Leevy, Doctor of Science
 Leon S. McGoogan, Doctor of Science
 Stuart O. Nelson, Doctor of Science
 John Milton Roberts, Doctor of Letters
 Milo B. Tesar, Doctor of Science
 Charles Thone, Doctor of Laws
 Joseph D. Williams, Doctor of Science

1990

Kathryn Elaine Barnard, Doctor of Science
 Gretchen G. Berggren, Doctor of Science
 Warren L. Berggren, Doctor of Science
 Herman Cain, Doctor of Science

Donald O. Clifton, Doctor of Humane letters
Jack A. MacAllister, Doctor of Science
John W. Madden, Jr., Doctor of Laws
Radim Palous, Doctor of Humane Letters
Donald R. Ross, Doctor of Laws
Mike Royko, Doctor of Humane Letters
James Stuart, Sr., Doctor of Humane Letters

1991

Daniel W. Cook, III, Doctor of Humane Letters
Michael J.C. Echeruo, Doctor of Humane Letters
Milton J. Hassel, Doctor of Humane Letters
George Klein, Doctor of Science
Eva Klein, Doctor of Science
A. Bruce Maunder, Doctor of Science
Robert C. Rosenlof, Doctor of Humane Letters
Elwood N. Thompson, Doctor of Humane Letters

1992

Forrest E. Behm, Doctor of Humane Letters
Ada S. Hinshaw, Doctor of Science
Hubert Locke, Doctor of Humane Letters
Barney Oldfield, Doctor of Letters
W. Ann Reynolds, Doctor of Humane Letters
Phil Schragger, Doctor of Letters
John Sculley, Doctor of Humane Letters
Virginia Smith, Doctor of Laws

1993

Viorel Barbu, Doctor of Letters
James B. Coffman, Doctor of Science
Harold E. Enarson, Doctor of Humane Letters
Mary Gray, Doctor of Laws
Bernice Harris, Doctor of Humane Letters
Norman Y. Harris, Doctor of Humane Letters
Leland S. Holdt, Doctor of Humane Letters
Joe E. Lutjeharms, Doctor of Humane Letters
Martin E. Marty, Doctor of Letters
Michael G. Morrison, Doctor of Humane Letters
Edwin C. Nelson, Doctor of Humane Letters
Samuel D. Proctor, Doctor of Humane Letters
Marvin G. Schmid, Doctor of Humane Letters
Virginia C. Schmid, Doctor of Humane Letters

1994

F. Gene Dixon, Doctor of Science
Claudia Goldin, Doctor of Humane Letters
Frances Hesselbein, Doctor of Humane Letters
Clifton K. Hillegass, Doctor of Humane Letters
Nobuyuki Ito, Doctor of Science
Howard R. Lamar, Doctor of Letters
C. Peter Magrath, Doctor of Letters

Saburo Nagakura, Doctor of Science

1995

Val L. Fitch, Doctor of Science
J. Leonard Goldner, Doctor of Science
Kermit R. Hansen, Doctor of Humane Letters
Barbara Jordan, Doctor of Laws
Ulrich Littmann, Doctor of Humane Letters
Dorothy H. Olson, Doctor of Science
Leland J. Olson, Doctor of Science
Steven B. Sample, Doctor of Letters
James L. Woodress, Doctor of Letters

1996

Augusto Boal, Doctor of Humane Letters
Myron K. Brakke, Doctor of Science
Marvin H. Caruthers, Doctor of Science
Paulo Freire, Doctor of Humane Letters
Shirley Goldstein, Doctor of Humane Letters
Frank W. Hale, Jr., Doctor of Humane Letters
Raymond A. Hicks, Doctor of Humane Letters
Merle Hinrichs, Doctor of Humane Letters
Libby Larsen, Doctor of Humane Letters
Hugh Sidey, Doctor of Humane Letters
Melig Sipahioglu, Doctor of Humane Letters
Thomas C. Sorensen, Doctor of Humane Letters
Donald M. Stewart, Doctor of Humane Letters

1997

J. James Exon, Doctor of Humane Letters
Peter J. Gomes, Doctor of Humane Letters
Moshe Katsav, Doctor of Humane Letters
William McBain Kizer, Doctor of Humane Letters
Trudy Lieberman, Doctor of Humane Letters
Henry M. Munger, Doctor of Science
Franklin A. Sonn, Doctor of Humane Letters
Leroy B. Townsend, Doctor of Science
Jerome Warner, Doctor of Humane Letters

1998

Tom H. Allan, Doctor of Humane Letters
William Sloane Coffin, Doctor of Humane Letters
Roger Kennedy, Doctor of Letters
Norman Krivosha, Doctor of Laws
Menahem Pressler, Doctor of Music

1999

Marion Marsh Brown, Doctor of Humane Letters
John I. Goodlad, Doctor of Humane Letters
Vinod Gupta, Doctor of Humane Letters
Denham Harman, Doctor of Science
Alan J. Heeger, Doctor of Science

George W. Lundeen, Doctor of Humane Letters
Kay A. Orr, Doctor of Humane Letters
Paul Volcker, Doctor of Philosophy

2000

Patricia S. Broder, Doctor of Letters
President William Jefferson Clinton, Doctor of
Humane Letters
Natalie D. Hahn, Doctor of Humane Letters
Eugeniu Hriscev, Doctor of Letters
Stanley Ikenberry, Doctor of Humane Letters
Charles A. Mebus, Doctor of Sciences
Thomas E. Starzl, Doctor of Science
Desmond Tutu, Doctor of Humane Letters

2001

Hans Brisch, Doctor of Letters
Bruce Chabner, Doctor of Science
Robert Hemenway, Doctor of Letters
James E. Miller, Doctor of Letters

2002

Nancy J. Andreason, Doctor of Humane Letters
Hal France, Doctor of Letters
Mikhail Gorbachev, Doctor of Laws
Charles Holland, Doctor of Letters
Gunter Kahn, Doctor of Science
William R. Nester, Doctor of Humane Letters
Dumitru Oprea, Doctor of Letters
Mary Louise Hanson Pritchard, Doctor of Science
Lee Simmons, Doctor of Science
Victor Yampolsky, Doctor of Letters

2003

Rita Colwell, Doctor of Letters
James W. Cronin, Doctor of Science
Richard K. Davidson, Doctor of Humane Letters
Stephen R. Lawhead, Doctor of Humane Letters
Admiral Richard W. Mies, Doctor of Laws
Frank Morrison, Doctor of Humane Letters
Richard Riley, Doctor of Laws
Marla E. Salmon, Doctor of Science
Mary Zimmerman, Doctor of Letters

2004

Marian Battey Andersen, Doctor of Humane Letters
Paul Berg, Doctor of Science
Ted Kooser, Doctor of Letters
Joseph M. McFadden, Doctor of Humane Letters
Alexander Payne, Doctor of Humane Letters
Jack Pulec, Doctor of Science
Maxine F. Singer, Doctor of Science

2005

John Beasley, Doctor of Humane Letters
Doug Bereuter, Doctor of Humane Letters
Linda Cronenwett, Doctor of Science
Phyllis Hunhoff, Doctor of Humane Letters
Hamid Karzai, Doctor of Letters
Ben Kuroki, Doctor of Letters
Ann Mactier, Doctor of Education
Paige Mulhollan, Doctor of Letters

2006

Lilian Faust, Doctor of Letters
Jun Kaneko, Doctor of Humane Letters
John W. Kenagy, Doctor of Science
Peter G. Peterson, Doctor of Humane Letters

2007

Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Doctor of Science
Charles H. Brim, Doctor of Science
Daniel Rusk Brooks, Doctor of Science
Sam Fried, Doctor of Humane Letters
Vard R. Johnson, Doctor of Humane Letters
Mahabir Pun, Doctor of Humane Letters
David Satcher, Doctor of Science

2008

John Gottschalk, Doctor of Letters
Ronald W. Roskens, Doctor of Humane Letters
Lawrence Tabak, Doctor of Science

2009

Eugene Cordes, Doctor of Science
Paul A. Johnsgard, Doctor of Science
Le Kang, Doctor of Science

2010

Jeffrey S. Raikes, Doctor of Letters
Xiaoming Shen, Doctor of Science

2011

Alberto Ibarguen, Doctor of Humane Letters
Louis W. Sullivan, Doctor of Science
Nanning Zheng, Doctor of Science

2012

Richard Holland, Doctor of Humane Letters
Gang Pei, Doctor of Science

2013

E. Benjamin Nelson, Doctor of Letters
Harold H. Saunders, Doctor of Humane Letters
Kimberly Siniscalchi, Doctor of Health Sciences

2015

Janet Gilsdorf, Doctor of Science
Barbara Hendricks, Doctor of Fine Arts
M. Ishaq Nadiri, Doctor of Humane Letters
Thomas Novotny, Doctor of Science
Aldo Tesi, Doctor of Humane Letters

2016

Sina Bavari, Doctor of Health Sciences
Victor Lewis, Doctor of Fine Arts

2017

Barbara Holland, Doctor of Humane Letters
Ruth and Bill Scott, Doctor of Humane Letters
Evan Williams, Doctor of Humane Letters

2018

Michael Crow, Doctor of Science
Lois Margaret Nora, Doctor of Health Sciences
Alexander Payne, Doctor of Fine Arts
Willy Thiesen, Doctor of Commerce

2019

Jon Bokenkamp, Doctor of Fine Arts
Jordan Cohen, Doctor of Health Sciences
Cathy Hughes, Doctor of Commerce
Michael Owen Johanns, Doctor of Law
Darrel Kirch, Doctor of Health Sciences

2020

Samuel Bak, Doctor of Humane Letters
Doyt Conn, Doctor of Health Sciences