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UNDERGRADUATE AND
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College of Social
Sciences and Humanities
May 4, 6:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

Welcome and Dean's Address

Kelle Tsai

Dean

Celebration Duet

Jessica Teresa Garcia

Bachelor of Arts in Human Services

Julia C. Mariano, '25

Bachelor of Arts in English

Student Addresses

Maina Wachira

Master of Science in Applied Quantitative Methods and Social Analysis

Laurel Agnes Schlegel

Master of Arts in History

Jada Marine Howard

Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Sage Anne Shumate

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Psychology

Keynote Address

Amy Farrell

Director School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Alumni Welcome

Edward Meehan, '79

Chair of Dean's Strategy Council

Recognition of Graduates

Closing Remarks

Kellee Tsai

Dean

Ceremony Speakers

Kellee Tsai

Dean

Kellee Tsai, PhD, became the new Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities on February 26, 2024. Her career spans leadership roles in higher education, most recently as dean of the School of Humanities and Social Science and Chair Professor of Social Science at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. At Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Dean Tsai served as associate director of the Center for AI Research and founding director of the center's AI Ethics and Governance Lab, where she brought the social sciences and humanities into conversations on ethical uses for AI.

Previously she spent thirteen years at Johns Hopkins University, as a Professor of Political Science; Vice Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences; and the Director of the East Asian Studies Program. Dean Tsai is also an international board member of the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore and the India-China Institute at the New School for Social Research in New York.

Dean Tsai's research focuses on the political economy of China, with an emphasis on party-state capitalism, the surveillance industry and the local developmental impact of reverse migration in China and India.

Dean Tsai holds a BA in Political Science from Barnard College, a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, and a PhD in Political Science from Columbia University.

Amy Farrell, Director, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Amy Farrell is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University. Her scholarship seeks to understand arrest, adjudication, and criminal case disposition practices. Professor Farrell also conducts research on police legitimacy and law enforcement responses to new crimes such as hate crime and human trafficking.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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STUDENT SPEAKER

Maina Wachira

Master of Science in Applied Quantitative Methods and Social Analysis

Maina Wachira is graduating with an MS in Applied Quantitative Methods and Social Analysis. He previously worked in Kenya to promote a more inclusive, interdisciplinary, and problem-oriented global research system. Maina will be starting a PhD in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Michigan in the fall, where he plans to use computational tools to understand Global South urbanism.

Laurel Agnes Schlegel

Master of Arts in History

Laurel Schlegel is a master's student in Public History with a certificate in Digital Humanities. While at Northeastern, she has worked in a variety of positions and taken advantage of every opportunity in the program that came her way. Laurel was awarded the University's Outstanding Masters Student in Leadership award for 2024. After graduation, Laurel hopes to apply all the skills she learned at Northeastern as she enters the public history field.

Jada Marine Howard

Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Jada Howard is graduating with a BA in International Affairs with minors in Arabic and International Security Studies. She has been a CSSH Ambassador, a peer mentor for the Summer Bridge program and International Affairs, and the president of Kappa Delta sorority. Jada will be working as a Threat Intelligence Researcher with Control Risks while completing her PlusOne MS in Security and Resilience Studies from Northeastern, which she will receive in December 2024.

Sage Anne Shumate

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Psychology

Sage Shumate is a Criminal Justice and Psychology major with a minor in Law and Public Policy. She is the President of the Northeastern Sexual Assault Response Coalition, a Research Assistant in the Violence and Justice Research Lab, and a certified Medical Advocate for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. After graduation, Sage plans to pursue a career in criminal law.

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