

FOURTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

TOURO UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE



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ABOUT TOURO UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE

Mission

The mission of Touro University Worldwide (TUW) is to offer online degree programs to serve the needs of adult learners (service to society), professionals (intellectual pursuit), and the underserved (social justice). TUW is committed to its doctoral, graduate, bachelor and associate degree programs to support this mission. The mission is also shared through the campus-based undergraduate education programs at Touro College Los Angeles Division which serves a specific student body. Together, the campus based and online programs contribute to the achievement of the overall Touro core values driving this mission to provide opportunities for those who are underserved, provide service to society and achievement of the overall Touro University Worldwide student success.

History of the Touro College and University System

In 1790, George Washington visited the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, and spoke eloquently of democracy, ethics, equal opportunity and the American ideal. Little did he know how far his words would carry. Washington's vision inspired Isaac and Judah Touro, leaders in colonial America, to pioneer their family's efforts to enrich the lives of all people, regardless of creed or color, through educational opportunities, spiritual outreach, and vocational enterprise. The Touro family began providing major endowments for universities, the first free library in North America, independent health facilities across the United States, and communities in Israel.



In 1970, in the tradition established by the early Jewish-American leaders for whom it is named, Dr. Bernard Lander founded Touro College to strengthen the Judaic tradition and serve the broader community with compassion and dignity. Chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York, the College welcomed its first 35 students in the Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1971.

From humble beginnings, Dr. Lander built a flourishing institution that reaches across the country and the world. Touro is currently enrolling over 19,000 students a year in a broad range of disciplines, including business, law, social work, Jewish Studies and technology. Each decade has ushered in a wave of new academic and professional programs designed to give students an advantage in an increasingly competitive world:

The 1980s

The Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center and the School for Lifelong Education opened, as well as a college for recent immigrants. The latter would eventually evolve into the New York School of Career and Applied Sciences (NYSCAS).

The 1990s

Touro University California, Touro University International, and the School of Health Sciences were established, introducing colleges of osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, health sciences, and education. Touro expanded its undergraduate offerings with new campuses in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

The New Millennium

Since 2000, the Touro network has grown to include international sites in Paris and Berlin, as well as coastal campuses in Los Angeles, Orange County, and Miami. In 2004-5, the new Touro University Nevada launched programs in osteopathic medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, and education. Between 2007-2009 the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Pharmacy opened in Harlem, and in 2011 New York Medical College, in Valhalla, NY, became part of the Touro family.

In 2010, when Dr. Alan Kadish took over as president of Touro following Dr. Lander's esteemed tenure, he renewed our commitment to ensure that even as we grow, each campus, every program, and all of our students are held to the standard set for us over 220 years ago.

History of Touro University Worldwide

The Touro College and University System has a long track record of offering high quality online degree programs in professional fields at the Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate levels. Touro University International (TUI) was founded in 1998 by Dr. Yoram Neumann and Dr. Edith Neumann and was the first university in the world to offer a regionally accredited PhD program online with no residency requirements. Government and military students had exceptional participation. Drs. Neumann, the founders, led TUI for 11 years (1998-2009). At that time, TUI had graduated 14,000 proud alumni. From no courses in 1998, TUI offered more than 50,000 course registrations in 2009. In 2007, TUI was sold to a private equity group.

Touro University Worldwide (TUW) was founded in 2008 by Dr. Bernard Luskin to replace the void that the sale of TUI had created. Drs. Neumann, the founders of TUI, returned to Touro in July 2012 and assumed the leadership of Touro University Worldwide. The mission of online education at Touro University Worldwide is to offer professional degree programs to serve the needs of adult learners (service to society), professionals (intellectual pursuit), and the underserved (social justice).

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

To be an educated person is to be caught up in a world of ideas. Many people have helped you navigate through this world. Faculty and staff who have taught and guided you, family members who have supported you, and friends you've made here, are all part of your success. The course of your life has been changed through your experiences at Touro University Worldwide and we are all proud to have taken this journey with you.



Welcome to the ranks of Touro University Worldwide alumni who have gone out into the world and made a difference. Knowledge is empowerment and I am confident that you have the necessary skills to build a successful future. You now go forward with new knowledge, charged with helping to make our world a better place. Marian Wright Edelman once said, "Service is the rent we pay for living on this earth." I would add that those who are educated are uniquely positioned to serve others and there is no greater joy.

Graduates, you may feel uncertain about your next steps. That is to be expected. But I urge you to "trust in the you of now," as the saying goes, and I am confident you will find your path. The challenges and triumphs of your student years have prepared you for future accomplishments, and it is now time to take your ideas out into the world. I wish you great success, happiness, and prosperity. Whether you're pursuing a career or furthering your education, it is time to declare yourself to the world. Your greatest accomplishments are yet to come!



Dr. Yoram Neumann
Chief Executive Officer
Touro University Worldwide

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PROCESSIONAL ORDER

“Pomp and Circumstance March no. 1”
Composed by Sr. Edward Elgar

Faculty Marshals
Commencement Candidates

Platform Party

Yoram Neumann, Ph.D
*CEO, Touro University Worldwide
Touro College Los Angeles*

Godwin Igein, Ph.D
*Director of Program Review
Director of General Education Program
Touro University Worldwide*

Edith Neumann, Ph.D
*Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Touro University Worldwide
Touro College Los Angeles*

Karen Savlov, PsyD
*IOP, MFT and Business Programs
Touro University Worldwide*

Shelia Lewis, Ph.D
*Director of Quality Insurance
Director of the School of Business
and Management
Touro University Worldwide*

Ida Zarrabizadeh, MS, MLFT
*Marriage and Family Therapy Program
Touro University Worldwide*

Michael Hamlin, Ph.D
*Director of Psychology Programs
Dean of Touro College Los Angeles
Touro University Worldwide
Touro College Los Angeles*

Arnie Dahlke, Ph.D
*Director of, Industrial and
Organizational Psychology
Touro University Worldwide*

Tzvi Eleff
*Valedictorian
Touro University Worldwide*

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

**Convening of the Fourth Annual Commencement of
Touro University Worldwide**

Dr. Shelia Lewis, Master of Ceremonies

National Anthem

*"The Star Spangled Banner"
Performed by Laura Cerna*

Welcome

Dr. Shelia Lewis

Recognition of Platform Party

Dr. Yoram Neumann

Commencement Address

Dr. Yoram Neumann

Valedictorian

Tzvi Eleff

Presentation and Investiture of Graduates

Dr. Edith Neumann

Conferring of Academic Degrees

Dr. Yoram Neumann

Closing Remarks

Dr. Yoram Neumann

Academic Recessional

*"Coronation March"
by Giacomo Meyerbeer*

*The audience is requested to remain seated for the recessional of the
platform party, faculty, and graduates.*

Please join us immediately following the ceremony for a light dessert reception.

COMMENCEMENT CANDIDATES

Master of Arts in Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Michael C. Braun II, summa cum laude

Kimberly Bryson, summa cum laude

Ashley Griswold, magna cum laude

Dennis Moore

Olga Moreno

Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

Nicole Barkhordari, summa cum laude

Shanice Harris, cum laude

Sarah Klugmann, summa cum laude

Leona Parker, magna cum laude

Christina Satterwhite

Rosalyn Soils

Master of Arts in Media & Communication Psychology

Autum Dixon

Shana Insel, summa cum laude

Ella Vardi-Zamir

Master of Business Administration

Tim Brundle, summa cum laude

Tzvi Eleff, summa cum laude

Jasmine Jackson, magna cum laude

Derek Myers, magna cum laude

Eboni Rainey, magna cum laude

Elizabeth Sciolto, summa cum laude

Disclaimer: Names listed are not an official record of degrees awarded by TUW nor limited to individuals participating in the 2015 Commencement exercises.

GRADUATES

Summer I 2014

AA
Daniel Silva

MFT
*Chanan Davis**
*Shalom Yachnes**

MAIOP
*Ashley Shumard**
*Eric Smith**

MCP
*Virginia Tipton***

MBA
*Tzvi Eleff**
*Don Yamashita***

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*Don Yamashita***

Summer II 2014

BSBA

*David Rott**
*Christopher Pierce***
*Candice Velez****

MFT

*Nicole Barkhordari**
*Ilana Brown**
*Katharine Kilpatrick**
*Rachel Schochet**

MAIOP

*Chana Cohen**
*Margaret Mouser**
*Melissa Weaver**
Hermine Williams

MCP

Kyla Aquino
*Danielle DePalo-Luczun***

MBA

*James Fender**
*Warren Harvey***
*David Patrie**
*Julia Shabat**
*Tyler Zarndt**

Fall I 2014

AA

*Troy Fuller**

BSBA

*Giliane Menos**

MAIOP

*Sandi Evans**
*Robert Taylor**
*Yolanda Van Haren**

MBA

*Jasmine Jackson***

MCP

*Yelena Tischenko****

MFT

*Chrystal Fox-McCormick**
*Amanda Hatch**
*Sarah Klugmann**
Christina Satterwhite

Fall II 2014

AA

Caitlin Calvert
*Melvin Gangstad***
*Jovan Martinez****

MAIOP

*George Jupin**
*Charles Washington***

MCP

*Elizabeth Anchondo**
*Ryan Welsh****

MFT

Roosevelt Morgan
*Leona Parker***
*Jana Tabaria***
*Jennifer Traurig**

MBA

*Derek Myers***
*Eboni Rainey***
*Elizabeth Sciolto**
*Glenda Smith-Leeth***

Spring I 2015

AA

*Robert Cook***
*Peter Deacon***
Alexander Rivers

BSBA

*David Levine****

MAIOP

*Michael C. Braun II**
*Ashley Griswold***
*Shimon Kahloun****
*Amber Mitchell***
*David Rott**

MBA

*Pnina Rosenfeld**

MFT

*Mark Goldberg**
*David Fredman**
*Katie McLeod***
*Navid Rafailmehr**

Spring II 2015

AA

*Miguel Calderon**

MAIOP

*Seth Borkowski***

Rena Lunzer

MFT

*Lauren Mclennon****

*Aryeh Minkin**

MCP

*Shana Insel**

*Nzinga Murray**

MBA

*Tim Brundle**

*Linor Elya**

*Shari Lemoine**

Yelena Volis

Disclaimer: Names listed are taken from TUW applications for graduation made to the Office of the Registrar by students who are expected to complete all degree or program requirements by Summer 2015. Names listed are not an official record of degrees awarded.

EXPLANATION OF LATIN HONORS

*summa cum laude (“with highest honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.90-4.0

**magna cum laude (“with great honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.75-3.89

***cum laude (“with honor”) –
signifies a graduating grade point average between 3.60 – 3.74

Honors are awarded at the time of graduation. Summer I, 2015 graduates will not have their honors noted in this program, but will have their honors noted in their transcripts and on their degree.

Thank you to the following people for their gracious contributions to our commencement.

Staff

Mackenzie Ammirato
Kristen Bang
Jayson Capuno
Jessica Drake
Melody Erbes
Jasmine Khong
Wei Ren
Mary Smith
Earvin Sorianosos
Hallie Yang

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Isaias Hernandez, violin
Yvette Melgoza, violin
Hector Ortiz, viola
Vanessa Ortiz, cello

Vocalist

Laura Cerna

Photographer

Pouya Nia Photography

Venue

Cerritos Public Library

Touro University Worldwide Faculty



***President and CEO, Dr. Alan Kadish
Touro College and University System
Board of Trustees***

*And to all the family and friends of our graduates
for their unending support.*



Touro University Worldwide is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). Touro College Los Angeles (Lander Campus) is a division of Touro University Worldwide.

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