



DOCTORAL HOODING AND HONORARY DEGREE CEREMONY

2025

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025  
CLARK ATHLETIC CENTER GYMNASIUM  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

## Honorary Degree Recipients

### **Cathleen Douglas Stone**

*Doctor of  
Humane Letters*



Cathleen Douglas Stone is president of the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation, which is dedicated to promoting a more knowledgeable and inclusive society, with emphasis on fostering environmental sustainability and mitigating wealth inequality. Previously, she was of counsel and a past partner of the law firm Foley, Hoag & Eliot. Appointed Boston's first chief of environmental services in 1994, Stone helped launch the Sustainable Boston initiative and helped create the Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Boston Harbor Now and The Wilderness Society, and she is on the Museum of African American History (MAAH) Stone Book Award Honorary Committee. She served more than 25 years on the Boston Water and Sewer Commission; was chair of the Museum of African American History Board of Directors; and served on the Board of Directors of The Nature Conservancy, National Public Radio, the Supreme Court Historical Society, WBUR Boston, and Match Charter Public High School.

In 2006, Stone received the Eleanor Roosevelt Following In Her Footsteps Award, and in 2017, she received the Norman B. Leventhal Excellence in City Building Award. She earned her BA and JD from American University and an LLM from Georgetown University Law Center.

For her continuing commitment to environmental sustainability and the promotion of equality, the University of Massachusetts Boston is pleased to award Cathleen Douglas Stone the honorary doctorate of humane letters.

### **Martin J. Walsh**

*Doctor of  
Humane Letters*



The Honorable Martin J. Walsh has long been an advocate for working people, equity, and community empowerment. From his early days as a union laborer to leading the Building and Construction Trades Council, serving two terms as mayor of Boston, and later as U.S. secretary of labor, he has championed fair wages, safer workplaces, and workers' rights. Known for his pragmatic, community-first leadership, Walsh now brings these same values to his role as executive director of the National Hockey League Players' Association.

A proud Dorchester native, Walsh attended The Newman School before graduating from Boston College. As mayor of Boston, he helped generate 140,000 jobs, attracted major employers, and expanded affordable housing. He focused on closing the racial wealth gap, addressed veterans' homelessness, and revitalized the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement. He expanded universal pre-K, introduced free community college programs, and established the nation's first municipal Office of Recovery Services. During the pandemic, Walsh swiftly transformed the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center into a 1,000-bed field hospital to ease the burden on health care facilities.

As U.S. secretary of labor, Walsh prioritized workers' rights nationally. He launched the Good Jobs Initiative to expand employment opportunities and apprenticeship programs. He advanced key policy reforms and finalized rules enforcing protections against surprise medical billing.

In recognition of his lifelong dedication to improving communities across the nation, promoting equity, and giving people a voice, the University of Massachusetts Boston is proud to confer upon Martin J. Walsh an honorary doctorate of humane letters.



## **Academic Procession**

### **Welcome**

Tracy Baynard, *Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education*

### **Remarks**

Joseph B. Berger, *Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*

Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, *Chancellor*

### **Honorary Degree Conferral**

Cathleen Douglas Stone

The Honorable Martin J. Walsh

### **Hooding Ceremony**

### **Academic Recession**

**Reception with light refreshments to follow in the  
Integrated Sciences Complex, 1st Floor Atrium**

*Graduates planning to participate in the commencement celebration on the lawn should report to the Clark Athletic Center Rink by 1 p.m. for robing and lineup.*

# Doctoral Degrees

## Doctor of Nursing Practice

Donnell Carter *Nursing Practice*  
Elizabeth Jane Castle *Nursing Practice*  
Ashley Marie Davis *Nursing Practice*

## Doctor of Philosophy

Muhammad Ali *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Wael Khalil Altali *Global Inclusion and Social Development*  
Benjamin Amankwata *Computer Science*  
Rockson Ansong *Nursing*  
Betul Arda Bas *Business Administration/Finance*  
Monica Arkin *Clinical Psychology*  
Joshua H. Armentrout *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Austin Alexander Ashe *Higher Education*  
Allyson Marie Bachta *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Nicole DeJeet Bartlett *Environmental Sciences*  
Patricio Gabriel Bello *Public Policy*  
Talia Shoshana Berkman *Counseling and School Psychology/School Psychology*  
Tiana Bierwert *Higher Education*  
Matthew Paul Bond *Public Policy*  
Cindy Nhu Bui *Gerontology*  
Gustavo Burkett *Higher Education*  
Kathryn Butterworth *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Shibo Cao *Developmental and Brain Sciences*  
Dawn Colquitt-Anderson *Global Inclusion and Social Development*  
Evan Wayne Craig *Environmental Sciences/Environmental Earth and Ocean Sciences*  
David Andrew Daggett *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*  
Phoompat Dangwung *Business Administration/Finance*  
Quentin Darcy *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*  
Odgerel Dashzeveg *Global Inclusion and Social Development*  
Eliza Goodhart Denoeux *Nursing*  
Shailee Manish Desai *Environmental Sciences/Environmental Earth and Ocean Sciences*  
Hannah Diebboll *Biology/Environmental Biology*  
Jamie Lee Donenfeld *Developmental and Brain Sciences*  
Rylei Loren Donovan *Developmental and Brain Sciences*  
Laura Driscoll *Gerontology*  
Lance Victor Eaton *Higher Education*  
Lilian Onyinyechi Elekwachi *Environmental Sciences*  
Alexis Stearns Ervin *Counseling and School Psychology/School Psychology*  
Candace Michelle Famiglietti *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Gianna Marie Famolare *Counseling and School Psychology/School Psychology*  
Shengqi Fan *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical Chemistry*  
Sumayah Kamal Fatane *Nursing/Health Policy*  
Jonathan Flores *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical Chemistry*  
Danielle Maria Fowler *Counseling and School Psychology/School Psychology*

Megan Petty *Nursing Practice*  
Emma Josephine Michl *Nursing Practice*  
Brittany Marie Murray *Nursing Practice*

Elizabeth Helena Fraser *Nursing/Population Health*  
Margaret Wanjiru Gatonye *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Shayna Rae Gleason *Gerontology*  
Eva Maria Gomez *Nursing/Population Health*  
Kairys Marin Grasty *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*  
Rachel Magdalena Hapenny-Rogers *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Margaret Hassey *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Tracey Lee Hathaway *Higher Education*  
Perpetual Anastasia Hayfron *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Valeria Hernandez Talavera *Environmental Sciences*  
Farahdeba Herrawi *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*  
Jacqueline Suzanne Hogan *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*  
Linda Katherine Holcombe *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Brady Inman *Biology/Environmental Biology*  
Michael Allyn Jacob *Applied Linguistics*  
Karen Michelle Jarvis-Thorne *Higher Education*  
Muneeba Jilani *Computational Sciences/Data Analytics*  
Cherrelle Leah Jones *Clinical Psychology*  
Kohrissa Chantal Jodelle Joseph *Clinical Psychology*  
Guotian Kan *Business Administration/Management Information Systems*  
Charlotte Kyeremah *Integrative Biosciences/Biophysics*  
Julie Calvert LaBagnara *Sociology*  
Khanh Lam-Kamath *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*  
Lydia Greene Landim *Global Inclusion and Social Development*  
J. X. Latshang *Higher Education*  
Ashley Emmanuela Lazarre *Global Inclusion and Social Development*  
Judah Jacob Levenson *Environmental Sciences/Environmental Earth and Ocean Sciences*  
Yaeli Lif *Business Administration/Organizations and Social Change*  
Zee Kee Emily Lim *Gerontology*  
Nana Lin *Computer Science*  
Mingyu Liu *Integrative Biosciences/Bioinformatics*  
Jessica Nicole MacNeil *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*  
Stephanie Marando-Blanck *Clinical Psychology*  
Elliot Marrow *Clinical Psychology*  
Nicole Elaine McLaren *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Daniel Richard Montagna *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*  
Jennifer D. Morgan *Nursing/Population Health*  
Rachel Elizabeth Muriph *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical Chemistry*

Sunday Wright Smith *Nursing Practice*  
Katherine Verdier *Nursing Practice*

Cindie Akiko Neilson *Urban Education Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Nghia Minh Nguyen *Applied Linguistics*  
Nasiba Norova *Applied Linguistics*  
Olanike Ayobami Ojelabi *Public Policy*  
Krystal-Gayle O'Neill *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Devon Rae Oosting *Clinical Psychology*  
Bianca Iris Ortiz-Wythe *Public Policy*  
Ryan Michael Parigoris *Clinical Psychology*  
Erin Thomas Pereida *Clinical Psychology*  
Jennifer E. Pletcher *Nursing/Population Health*  
Amanda Priest *Counseling and School Psychology/Counseling Psychology*  
Vannessa Quintana Sarria *Applied Linguistics*  
Tammy Reisman *Global Inclusion and Social Development*  
Troy Richter *Developmental and Brain Sciences*  
Nancy L. Riordan *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Katsyris Rivera-Kientz *Sociology*  
Elly I. Rostoum *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Mohamed Sahbani *Applied Physics*  
Carrie L. Sampson *Higher Education*  
Michael Scanlon *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Joseph William Silcox *Sociology*  
Kathy Situ *Biology/Molecular, Cellular and Organismal Biology*  
Julia Donnelly Spiegelman *Applied Linguistics*  
Yan-Jhu Su *Gerontology*  
Suthasinee Tilokruangchai *Business Administration/Management Information Systems*  
Chris Duc Tran *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*  
Mary Elizabeth Troxel *Clinical Psychology*  
Andrew Thomas Turchon *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Nidya Velasco Roldan *Gerontology*  
Rita Bernadett Vlocskó *Chemistry/Organic Chemistry*  
Shengwei Wang *Applied Physics*  
Jordan R. Weymer *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
James Corvin Whitacre *Global Governance and Human Security*  
Kerry S. Whiterell *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Christopher Ronald Whynacht *Business Administration/Organizations and Social Change*  
Deandra Williams *Urban Education, Leadership and Policy Studies*  
Shishi Wu *Business Administration/Management Information Systems*  
Zicheng Yang *Chemistry/Physical/Analytical Chemistry*  
Sida Ye *Computational Sciences/Bioinformatics*  
Kunyu Zhang *Gerontology*