

The College of Letters and Science, UCLA

# Department of English

## 2023 Graduation

Sunday, June 18, 2023, 1:30 pm, Dickson Court North

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### *Welcome to Guests*

Yogita Goyal, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Undergraduate Studies  
2022 UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award

### *Procession of Students*

### *Department Welcome*

Saree Makdisi, Ph.D., Department Chair

### *Recognition of Department Honors and Awards*

Sarah T. Kareem, Ph.D., Director of Department Honors

### *Commencement Faculty Speaker*

Professor Emeritus King-Kok Cheung, Ph.D. in English, 1984, UC Berkeley

### *Commencement Alumni Speaker*

Antoine Wilson  
B.A. in English, UCLA, 1994  
Award-winning Author

### *Presentation of Graduating Students*

Helen E. Deutsch, Ph.D.; Stephen J. Dickey, Ph.D;  
Jennifer A. Sharpe, Ph.D.; Justin J. Torres, M.F.A.

### *Closing Words*

Saree Makdisi

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The UCLA English Department is dedicated to providing its students with a liberal arts education, one that develops the reading, writing, and critical thinking skills necessary for them to excel in today's world. With over 60 faculty and 800 declared majors and minors, the department is a vibrant place for intellectual exchange, learning, and inquiry, offering a wide range of courses on British, American, and Anglophone literatures and cultures. Within the current graduating class, qualified students may have elected a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Literature and Culture or English, with an optional concentration in creative writing, or a minor in English, Literature and the Environment, or Professional Writing.

The students assembled here today have completed what we believe is the most rigorous English major in the nation. We congratulate them and the loved ones who have supported them!

*The Department of English is part of the Division of Humanities in UCLA's College of Letters and Science.*

