



The
ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL OF
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Commencement

Sunday, May 12, 2019
11 a.m.
Assembly Chamber
Wisconsin State Capitol



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PRELUDE

Music by Aden Stier and Sean Lloyd

Entrance of La Follette School faculty and staff
The audience is asked to rise.

PROCESSION OF GRADUATES

OPENING REMARKS

Susan Yackee
Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs
Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

STUDENT SPEAKER

Claire Zautke
Master of Public Affairs

FACULTY SPEAKER

Rourke O'Brien
Assistant Professor of Public Affairs

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jim Doyle
Former Governor of Wisconsin

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Susan Webb Yackee
Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs
Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science

Gregory Nemet
Professor of Public Affairs and Environmental Studies

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Mo O'Connor
Admissions & Advising Coordinator
La Follette School of Public Affairs

CLOSING REMARKS

Susan Yackee
Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs
Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science

RECESSIONAL

The audience is to remain until all officials and graduates have left the room.



RECEPTION

Please join us for a
reception to honor the new graduates.

The Brink Lounge

701 East Washington Ave., Madison, Wisconsin
Light hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and cash bar
1 to 3 p.m.

STUDENT AWARDS



THE PENNIMAN PRIZE is awarded to the graduating student who has written the most outstanding paper while a graduate student in public affairs. La Follette School faculty nominate the papers that best demonstrate the writing and analytic skills the school emphasizes. A specialist in taxation and public finance, Clara Penniman was the founder and director of the La Follette School's predecessor, the Center for the Study of Public Policy and Administration. She was the first female chair of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Political Science Department. She retired in 1984 and passed away in 2009.

THE DIRECTOR'S AWARD recognizes a student for his or her outstanding academic record. The major criterion is GPA; however, the student must exhibit evidence of being an outstanding public policy thinker and communicator. The school started the award in 1991, when Bob Haveman ended his term as director.

THE PIORE PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER IN SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY is named for Emanuel R. Piore and Nora Kahn Piore. Emanuel R. Piore was a research physicist who marshaled federal dollars for scientific research and helped IBM develop a new generation of digital computers. Nora Kahn Piore graduated Phi Beta Kappa in economics in 1933 from the University of Wisconsin, where she received a master's degree in economics a year later. She was a union organizer and a research economist for a U.S. Senate subcommittee dealing with health legislation. She led a joint project with Hunter College that analyzed the economics of health initiatives in President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society program.

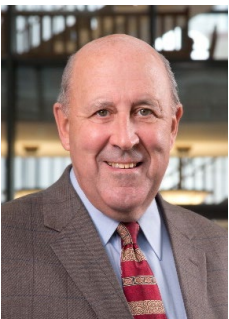
STUDENT SPEAKER



Claire Zautke graduates today with a master of public affairs degree. As secretary of the La Follette School Student Association, Claire developed opportunities for faculty and students to build relationships. She interned with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of the Inspector General, auditing agencies' compliance with workplace harassment regulations, and was a project assistant with La Follette School Director Susan Webb Yackee.

Previously, Claire served a four-year term on the Milwaukee School Board and worked for the Milwaukee County Executive as director of community relations. Claire will work as healthcare policy director for Citizen Action of Wisconsin. She is grateful to the La Follette School's faculty and staff for their mentorship and for creating a high-quality institution and to the Class of 2019 for their friendship and support. Claire cooks a mean coq au vin.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Jim Doyle served as the 44th governor of Wisconsin from 2003 to 2011. Governor Doyle is a national leader in healthcare, energy, natural resources, biotechnology, and many other areas. Governor Doyle is of counsel and a healthcare lawyer with Foley & Lardner LLP, where he provides strategic advice and counsel to clients regarding policy and regulatory issues in the areas of healthcare, energy, and other highly regulated industries.

Before serving as governor, Doyle served 12 years as Wisconsin's attorney general. He is a graduate, cum laude, of Harvard Law School (JD '72) and earned his bachelor's degree from UW-Madison after attending Stanford University for three years.

FACULTY SPEAKER



Rourke O'Brien joined the La Follette School of Public Affairs as an assistant professor in January 2016. Previously, he was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar at Harvard University and an affiliate of the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies.

O'Brien's research interests include taxation, household finance, and population health.

From 2012 to 2014, O'Brien served as a senior policy advisor at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He is coauthor (with Katherine S. Newman) of *Taxing the Poor*, which examines the consequences of regressive state and local tax policy, particularly in the southern states.

O'Brien earned his bachelor's degree from Harvard University, and his master's and doctoral degrees in sociology and social policy from Princeton University. O'Brien's recent scholarly articles have appeared in journals including *Sociological Science*, *Social Forces*, and *Social Science & Medicine*, and he has written for the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Washington Post*.

THANK YOU

The La Follette School's Class of 2019 would like to thank our families and friends. Without your support and encouragement, this day would not have been possible. We would also like to thank the professors and staff at the La Follette School. We are sincerely grateful for your instruction, guidance, and assistance. We now look forward to all that lies ahead of us, knowing that the La Follette School has prepared us well for the adventure.



**2019 GRADUATING CLASS
MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Brown, Ari ~	McBride, Benjamin ~
Calice, Mikhaila ◊	Morgan, Madeline
DeBoth, Alexa π	Roberts, Noah ~
Dederich, Ben	Rogers, Sophia + ◊
Edelman, Chet ~	Ross, Marisa Cathryn #
Enke, Logan	Schuit, Sarah π
Erickson, Claire #	Schultze, Lillian π
Frank, Emily	Senger, Brandon +
Frobom, Kiersten π Ψ	Singer, David ~
Gross, Tyler	Spaight, Ryan
Harper, Jonathan	Stanley, Kyle †
Hejna, Amanda †	Stephens, Hannah †
Janezcko, Elizabeth	Studer, Vanessa ~
Johnson, Jennifer † Ψ	Swetz, Abigail Victoria
Koolbeck, Madeline ◊	Vasiljevic, Eva ▷
Landers, Patrick Ψ	Vruwink, Craig
Maniola, Amy ~	Webb, Christopher William Ψ †
Martinchek, Kassandra	White, Liz Ψ
Maul, Brittaini	Zautke, Claire Marie † Ψ

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Benda, Marek	Qiu, Wendi
Chandra, Avneesh	Samoray, Alyse Charlotte Ψ
Erickson, Elizabeth Elaine	Vannucci, Jonathan ~
Janoska-Bedi, Signe	Wallo, William
Kane, Jamey	Weiner-Kaplow, Ayal
Kapustin, Nikolai Marshall † Ψ	Xu, Shushan ◊
Lamps, Morten Vincent	

- + Juris Doctor (Law) Dual Degree
- # Neuroscience Ph.D. Dual Degree
- ◊ Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy (EAP)
- ~ Member of the accelerated program cohort
- Ψ La Follette School Student Association Community Service Award
- † La Follette School Student Association Board Member (LSSA)
- ▷ Population Health Ph.D. Double Degree
- π Master of Public Health (MPH) Dual Degree

The La Follette School Student Association funds and coordinates this graduation ceremony in partnership with the La Follette School of Public Affairs.



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