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Virtual Reception

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Eunice Ashman Lewin

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President and cofounder of Impacto Consulting Associates, **Eunice Ashman Lewin** was appointed to the **SUNY Board of Trustees** in February 2010. She was instrumental in reinstating the Student Life Committee, on

which she serves as co-chair. In that capacity, she spearheaded the creation of both the Food Insecurity and the Mental Health task forces. Lewin serves on the board's Executive Committee and the committees for academic affairs, communications and external affairs, community colleges, and academic medical centers and hospitals.

A former commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Lewin was a founding member of the Roswell Park Alliance and a board member of both the Buffalo Urban League and Hispanics United of Buffalo. She is also a member of the Hispanic Women's League and the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable.

Among Lewin's honors are the Distinguished Alumni Award from UB's Graduate School of Education, the Governor's Award for Excellence in Education, and the National Conference for Community and Justice of Western New York 50th Annual Citation Award. She is a member of the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame and was named a 2015 Citizen of the Year by The Buffalo News.

A retired bilingual social worker for the Buffalo Board of Education, she is a leader and champion for STEM education in the Buffalo Public Schools.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Lewin immigrated to the United States with her family in 1967. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Marymount Manhattan College and master's degrees in American and Puerto Rican studies, and in educational administration, from UB.

Jeremy M. Jacobs

Chairman of the University at Buffalo Council



Jeremy M. Jacobs was appointed to the UB Council in 1997; in 1998, Gov. George Pataki named him chairman. Jacobs is chairman of Delaware North, a global hospitality company with almost 55.000

employees serving half a billion customers in the U.S., Canada, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the U.K. The company's operations include food and retail at airports and sports venues, sports facility ownership and management, operations of parks and major tourist attractions, hotel ownership and management, gaming operations and the Patina Restaurant Group.

Jacobs owns the Boston Bruins and serves as chairman of the National Hockey League's Board of Governors. In 2018, he received the sport's highest honor when he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

An alumnus of UB's School of Management and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, Jacobs holds honorary doctorates in humane letters from UB, Canisius College, Niagara University and Johnson & Wales University. In 2015, his family donated \$30 million to advance UB's medical school, which was renamed the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Jacobs has served Western New York for more than four decades with his business expertise and philanthropic leadership, and Delaware North has received multiple awards for social responsibility, community service and environmental stewardship.

A longtime friend and supporter of UB, Jacobs has served as chairman, trustee and director of the UB Foundation, chairman of the President's Board of Visitors and adviser to the School of Management.

Satish K. Tripathi University President



An internationally distinguished researcher and higher education leader, Satish K. Tripathi, PhD, is the University at Buffalo's 15th president.

Tripathi, who served as UB's provost from 2004-2011, was dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California-Riverside from 1997-2004. Previously, he spent 19 years as professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, including seven years as department chair.

Tripathi graduated at the top of his class from Banaras Hindu University (BHU). He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto, as well as master's degrees in statistics from both the University of Alberta and BHU. A fellow of the IEEE and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he was awarded honorary doctorates from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, and Brock University in Canada.

An active leader in the national higher education community, Tripathi is chair of the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and serves on the boards of the NCAA Division I, NCAA Board of Governors, College Football Playoff Board of Managers and Internet2. He has also served on the board of directors for the Association of American Universities, the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo as an inaugural co-chair of the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council in 2011, he served in that position until 2017.

A. Scott Weber Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



As provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, A. Scott Weber, PhD, serves as the university's chief academic officer, responsible for leading the development and implementation of the

university's academic vision. Weber provides leadership across the academic enterprise including research, scholarship and creative activities; undergraduate, graduate, professional and international education; faculty development; diversity and inclusion initiatives; and university libraries.

A member of UB's faculty since 1983. Weber is an innovative scholar and teacher and former chair of UB's Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, where he helped establish UB's transportation engineering program and oversaw the department's significant rise in national rankings among U.S civil engineering programs. Weber has held progressively responsible administrative roles at UB, including senior vice provost and vice provost for academic affairs, where he was instrumental in the creation of the UB Curriculum and the nationally recognized Finish in 4 program; and vice president for student life, where he focused on enhancing the student experience on campus and promoting overall student wellness.

Weber's research focuses on biodegradation of chemicals in water and soil and the reclamation of environmentally impacted brownfield sites. He earned bachelor's and master's of science degrees in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and a PhD in civil engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Robert G. Shibley Dean, Professor and Commencement Speaker



Bob Shibley has dedicated his career to advancing knowledgebased design and placemaking in service to the public. Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning since 2011, he joined UB in 1982 and

holds professorships in architecture and urban planning. Over the past nine years, Shibley has guided the school to a top-ranked position in research generation among schools of architecture and planning in the prestigious Association of American Universities.

In 1990, Shibley founded The Urban Design Project, a university center for the study and critical practice of urban design. Under his leadership, the center developed an international award-winning ensemble of plans for the City of Buffalo's downtown, waterfront and Olmsted park system, and its citywide comprehensive plan. He continues to advance this work through the UB Regional Institute (UBRI), which aligned with the Urban Design Project in 2011 and today leads a new wave of regional planning efforts, including communitydriven redevelopment of Buffalo's East Side and public involvement in the transformation of Buffalo's waterfront LaSalle Park into the Ralph Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park.

Prior to his appointment as dean, Shibley led the development of UB 2020: The Comprehensive Physical Plan as a senior advisor to UB's president. He continues to guide implementation of that plan as UB's campus architect.

Shiblev has authored or co-authored 14 books and more than 100 publications. In 2014, the American Institute of Architects awarded Shibley with the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture. Shibley is also a recipient of the UB President's Medal.

Candidates For Degrees

Subject to the completion of all degree requirements, degrees will be conferred as indicated upon those individuals listed herein who were identified by April 4, 2020, and upon such others as may meet the requirements of their respective degrees. Candidates are listed according to actual date of degree conferral (September 2019, February 2020, and June 2020).

Latin Honors

Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of the following minimum criteria, Latin honors may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements. To qualify for Latin honors, students must present a minimum of 60 credit hours of UB undergraduate coursework, at least 54 of which must be graded credits (i.e., not satisfactory or unsatisfactory [grades of 'S' or 'U']). The UB GPA must be a minimum of 3.2 (to 3.499) for cum laude, 3.5 (to 3.749) for magna cum laude and 3.75 (to 4.0) for summa cum laude.

To receive the Latin honors designation in the printed commencement programs, candidates for the June 2020 degree conferral date must qualify based upon their UB cumulative GPA through the Winter 2020 session and total number of UB credit hours projected through the Spring 2020 semester. Standings for Latin honors MAY change once final grades are posted or degrees conferred.

Tau Sigma Delta

Tau Sigma Delta is the national academic honor society for architecture and allied arts representing the top 20 percent highest achieving undergraduate students.

Legend

Cum laude is denoted by an * Magna cum laude is denoted by ** Summa cum laude is denoted by *** Tau Sigma Delta is denoted by #

Baccalaureate Degrees

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

September 2019

Andrew W. Dugan Jenna Herbert***# Wenze Lin

February 2020

Aleiva Als* Emily Battaglia* Autumn Bender** Zuecheng Cai* Leah Elizabeth Carpenter Thomas Joseph Cleary* Eryn Conlon** Camilo Copete **Christian Copete** Nicholas Ryan Eichelberger***# Benjamin Ezquerra**# Rene Franqui Kaetlyn Cecilia Hanlin***# Marissa Havden**# Olivia Xuan He* Erin Ashley Hens* Yaliana Hernandez Reid Hetzel* Nicholas James Hills**# Xing Hua Lin* Sakeena Theresa Nazir** Madelaine Allison Ong Griffin Perry***# Jennifer Persico* Jaidon Jimmy Ramirez Zeno Kendall Angel Roman* Alexander Sansolo**# Edinam Oladapo Segbefia Althea Seno

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June 2020

Ana M. Alarcon

Jacob Barkan

Nicholas A. Bonora Christopher T. Chudy**# Ryan Christopher Cortazzo* Brendan Nicholas Cross Carlos Cuadrado Ying Ying Feng# Samantha Goembel Robin Greninger***# Denice M. Guillermo Matthew Hange Jonathon Patrick Harris Jack Heiser* Lydia Ho* Christopher D. Hopkins* Sheikh Khalid Hossain Clifford W. Imes Xiaofeng Jiang* Lovepreet Kaur* Marietta Koeberle Carter John Laramee John G. Lauder* Brianna Marie Mancini Kevin Joel Medina Cindy Mierzwa* Louie Miscioscia**# Gabrielle Nicole Morales Brian Andrew Nicpon Zoe Nye* **Brian Mark Pacos**

Michael R. Pawlak* Christian Perrone Nathan George Roukous* Dylan Robert Russ Michaela Jacey Senay Benjamin William Starr* Robert Sullivan* Peter Mark Vidulich**# Jared Yadegar David Zhu Adara Marie Zullo**

Minor in Architecture

September 2019

Sean Joseph Cook

February 2020

Nicholas Domenico Barile**# Ariadne Alejandra Billy Sergy Dossous James Douglas Farrow Jaxon Edj Klein Seung Jun Lee Brett William Moore* Ausra Marie Mussett**#

June 2020

Travis Macpherson Alexander Daisy Yanira Castro Jordan Drezelo* **Tiffany Yuet Ming** Fong***# Felicia Fortunato# Kaitlyn Mary Johnson Kaigi Le Amaris Marghueritte Lighty Rey Ricardo Medina* Sulaiman Meriles Demry

Master Degrees

Joseph Robert Meyers Maya Miller# Shyne Mon Oluwafewa Ogunmola Joseph Vincent Panella* Alexis Scheelar* David Tabak Tyler Vorsane

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design

September 2019

Sean Joseph Cook Savannah Rose Fedell

February 2020

Nicholas Domenico
Barile**#
Ariadne Alejandra Billy
Kenrick Young Brown
Sergy Dossous
James Douglas Farrow
Govind Grewal
Seung Jun Lee
Brett William Moore*
Ausra Marie Mussett**#
Christian Oliveira Demelo

June 2020

Travis Macpherson
Alexander
Craig Bingham*
Daisy Yanira Castro
Bridget C. Dooley*#
Jordan Drezelo*
Tiffany Yuet Ming
Fong***#
Felicia Fortunato#
MinHua Huang
Zachary Korosh*
Kaigi Le

Amaris Marghueritte Lighty Rey Ricardo Medina* Sulaiman Meriles Demry Joseph Robert Meyers Maya Miller# Shyne Mon Oluwafewa Ogunmola Joseph Vincent Panella* Marco John Pasqualetti Alexandra Lauren Piasecki Alexa Batsheva Ringer# Joshua Rogers Romanol Islam Sarker Alexis Scheelar* David Tabak Tyler Vorasane Tommy Wei Shugi Zhao Yiming Zhu**#

Minor in Environmental Design

February 2020

Aleiya Als*
Sen Bai
Nicholas Ryan
Eichelberger***#
Erin Ashley Hens*
Eric Caswell Johnson
Griffin Perry***#
Edinam Oladapo Segbefia
Mira J. Shami***
Harsana Siva*
Christopher Alexander
Welch
Austin Wyles**

June 2020

Christopher T. Chudy**#
Carlos Cuadrado
Samantha Goembel
Denice M. Guillermo
Sheikh Khalid Hossain
Marietta Koeberle
Carter John Laramee
Cindy Mierzwa*
Percy A. Oppon
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Jacob Stasko
Jake Frazer Wenger
Jared Yadegar

Master of Architecture

September 2019

Lemma Al-Ghanem# Laura Carless Elias Nikolaos Kotzambasis Frank C. Kraemer Fatima Mohammed

February 2020

Hadi Emmanuel Al-Jabi-Lopez Trezz Bailey Jose Ruel Valdehueza Bozzolo-Fabia# Aubrey DeSalvo Fan Heidi Melissa Flores# Michael Gac Rania Moussa# Henry Saldana Jarrett M. Trudeau

June 2020

Samendy Theodora Brice
Craig Alexander
Brozowski
Garth Reginald Burke
Liangying Chen
Qiuyu Chen
Ashley Lynn Chiffy
Surabhi Santosh
Dhopeshwarkar
James Kenneth Feind
Lukas Xavier Fetzko#
Hope Tallin Forgus#
Rumaldo Genao
Garima Gupta
Natalie Rose Harack#

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Yifan He# James Philip Hedger Michael Rudy Hoover# Michelle Jihyun Jeong Roger Russell Kolker Katharyn Lass Taylor Owen Mortorff# Mehrad Naghizadeh Kaial Dineshkumar Patel lai Kishor Pathade **Abigail Peters** John Quigley Rutuja Santosh Shinde William Sokol Ivan Gabriel Todd Kevin James Turner# Ryan Vigiolto Alexandrea Volungus# Jonathan Der-Yeong Wan Stephen Donald Winkle

Master of Urban Planning

February 2020

Mustafa Sardar Ardalan Juweria Dahir Mandali Kejjo Maria Christine Melchiorre Nina Marie Zesky#

June 2020

Nkosi Alleyne
Danielle Natalia Anderson
Rachel Sarah Bailey
Priyadharshini Balan
Jocelyne Bello
Monica Lynn Boutin
Drew Danielle Canfield#
Grace Elizabeth DeSantis#

Doctoral Degrees

Courtney Domst Sarah Donohue Megan Nicole Koury Tyler Wade Madell# Nicholas Allen Miller Violet Perry **Evan Andrew Roorand** Andrew Schaefer# Nirupama Stalin **Kristopher Cornell** Walton Julia White Sydney Belle Zuckerman

Master of **Architecture/ Master** of Urban Planning

June 2020 Micaela Brianne Barker Nicole C. Little#

Master of Urban Planning/Juris **Doctor**

June 2020 Eliza Jean Frank Carrington Marie Garber

Master of Science in Architecture

September 2019 Lemma Al-Ghanem# Richard Horvatis

February 2020

Shayan Amirirad Ramola Narayan Khamitkar Neeta Khanuia Tabitha O'Connell#

June 2020

Pablo Ernesto Argibay Wikander# Nishika Niraj Dhariwal Sarah Kost Yizhi Shi

Master of Science in **Real Estate Development**

September 2019

Ye Wu

February 2020

Nicholas Manuel Aja# Nicholas Anto Helen Juliette Brown Alexander James Eisenhauer# Joshua David Fraass# Jake Albert Gunning Lyndsey Morgan Hook Yingjin Huang Paul Martucci Sean Oliver **Matthew Charles** Pearson Kevin James Turner# Michael Velasco

Sarah Grace Waski

June 2020

Andrew Harold Battaglia Janhavi Joglekar Joseph Epifanio Quinn# Louis Vincent Tommassi

Advanced Certificate in **Historic Preservation**

September 2019 Lemma Al-Ghanem#

February 2020 Tabitha O'Connell#

June 2020 Yizhi Shi

Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Planning

June 2020 Hao Zhang

Dean's Message

Congratulations, members of the Class of 2020!

Graduation is a time for celebration, reflection, and perspective. The Class of 2020 will always be remembered for marking this milestone at an extraordinary moment for our university, nation, and world.

The novel coronavirus has brought our world to a halt. It has been a time of dislocation, disorientation, isolation, and anxiety, but also unprecedented global cooperation and citizenship.

The good news is that these are the times for which you were educated. You are spirited makers and doers, skilled in translating your ideas into built works and plans that improve communities. You are entrepreneurial and boundary-pushing scholars and practitioners, nimble at working across disciplines, technologies, and a complex built and social landscape. And you are committed to inclusivity as we strive to improve quality of life and place for all. Now is your time. With the hope and perspective offered by this historic moment, take your skills and knowledge into the world and make it better.

I join the faculty and staff of our school as we look forward to watching you succeed in the challenges ahead and in the joy you take in meeting those challenges.

In this 50th year since the founding of our school, you join more than 5,800 alumni advancing innovative models of practice worldwide and mobilizing the design, planning, and development professions in new spheres of influence. Thank you, as our next class of alumni, for your service ahead, and congratulations on your commencement. I look forward to the day we can gather with you in person and shake your hand in collective recognition of all you have earned.

Class of 2020, here's to all you have accomplished, and all that's to come. Congratulations!

All the best,

Robert G. Shibley, FAIA, FAICP

Professor and Dean

School of Architecture and Planning





The Mace

Designed to tell the story of the university and the Niagara Frontier, the University at Buffalo mace was fashioned by silversmith Hudson Roysher of Arcadia, CA. It was used for the first time in the 1962 general commencement.

The mace is silver with accents oflapis and how lite to represent the university's colors. It is topped by a miniature-walled structure representing the City of Buffalo. Engraved atop the city are three arrows bound together, symbolizing the unity of UB and the city.

A band of alternating jewels of lapis and howlite encircles the head of the mace and bears the founding dates of the 13 divisions that composed the university in 1962.

The UB arms appear on the front of the head. On the back are the arms of the United States, encircled by the name Millard Fillmore and the dates during which he was president and UB chancellor. The discovery of Lake Erie in 1669 by Louis Joliet and early explorations by Robert de LaSalle are symbolized on the left side of the head. A crest on the right side symbolizes the university's role as a dynamic center of human growth and welfare.

The wild rose, the state flower, is depicted in a floral motif at the top and bottom of the mace's head. Encircling the ends of the shaft are three wavy lines representing intellect and water, the latter a reference to the Niagara River and Great Lakes.

The motto "University and City: Community" is lettered in Latin around the knob of the shaft.

Traditionally used in university ceremonials, the mace is a symbol of enlightened authority. The macebearer is the chair of the university's Faculty Senate.



UB Alma Mater

Music by UB students in 1903. Lyrics adapted by UB students in 2006 for contemporary use.

Verse 1:

The pride of our spirit and tradition,
Our alma mater's truth and name declare.
Celebrate our history and wisdom,
O let us all prepare to sing her glory.

Refrain:

To Buffalo all hail to thee, Noble and strong, it's our university! To blue and white pledge loyalty, Singing, I will always remember thee!

Verse 2:

We'll ever keep our standards high, And sing UB's praises to the sky. Receiving the finest education, Our knowledge we impart unto the nations. (Repeat refrain)

Verse 3:

Our friends we've made with ties that bind, A union of our spirit, heart and mind. Together we'll continue life's journey, O may dear Buffalo forever be. (Repeat refrain)

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