

TRINITY LAW SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2023
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY





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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Regents, the faculty, and the staff of Trinity International University, I want to congratulate this year's graduates. Some of you may have wondered if this day was ever going to come, but by God's grace you have persevered. You have fought the good fight; you have finished the race.

You earned your degree from Trinity and today we celebrate your accomplishment. More than that, we celebrate you, those who supported you along the way, and the God we serve – the same God who called you here and is now sending you out.

Some of you have traveled many, many miles to study at Trinity. Many of you have made significant sacrifices to complete your journey, but your family members and support base have also shared in these sacrifices. Many supporting cast members present here today have tirelessly encouraged you and cheered you on. Other unsung heroes have prayed for you. We are grateful to God not only for each one of you, but also for every person who has provided help along the way—whether by encouragement, or prayers, or financial support.

You have had the privilege of studying with one of the best teaching faculties in the entire evangelical world. Now fully equipped, you are ready for the next step in your journey – the next step God has for you.

Today you are also joining the network of Trinity alumni who have served or who are now serving in various contexts around the world. Welcome to the Trinity alumni family! As a family we count on and have a certain responsibility to one another. So, I encourage you to be proactive in staying in touch with us as we continue to find ways for you to engage with us beyond graduation. We want to continue to serve you, even as we will need your support in our on-going efforts to keep Trinity education as missional, accessible, and transformational as possible.

As you prepare to depart, we—the Board of Regents, the administration, the faculty, and the staff—will be praying for you. Pray for us, too, that God might find us faithful in our expanding mission. For now, however, on this special day, I leave you with this charge: “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain” (1 Cor. 15:58). Amen!

Nicholas Perrin
President, Trinity International University

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him, all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:13–20

ABOUT TRINITY LAW SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

Preparing students to flourish as attorneys dedicated to advocating for justice, serving the church, and pursuing the truth throughout the world for Christ

UNIVERSITY VERSE

On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. —1 Thessalonians 2:4

HISTORY

In 1980, a trio of Christian leaders—Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, Dr. Harold Lindsell, and Dr. Walter Martin had a vision for an institution called the Simon Greenleaf School of Law. Their goal was the academic integration of law, human rights, and defense of the Christian faith. Eventually, this school was renamed Simon Greenleaf University to reflect broader educational goals.

In 1997, Simon Greenleaf University joined Trinity International University and was renamed Trinity Law School. Trinity International University is the educational ministry of the Evangelical Free Church of America with regional centers in California, Illinois, and Florida. Trinity's broadly evangelical ethos includes many of the same emphases that accompanied the law school's original founding in 1980, including the integration of the Christian faith and other disciplines such as law and the humanities. In addition to Trinity Law School, the schools of TIU include Trinity College, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Trinity Graduate School.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Trinity Law School Alumni Association offers opportunities for professional development, networking, and fellowship to all graduates at no cost. Students automatically become members of the Alumni Association upon graduation. Visit tls.edu/alumni to connect!



ORDER OF CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

Pomp and Circumstance
by Edward Elgar

WELCOME

Dana C. Clark
Associate Dean

SCRIPTURE READING

Andrew DeLoach
Associate Professor and Director of Center for Human Rights
Colossians 1:13–20

INVOCATION

Craig Hawkins
Visiting Scholar, Center for Human Rights

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Carl Trueman
Professor, Calderwood School of Arts and Humanities
Grove City College

EXCEPTIONAL MASTERS STUDENT AWARD PRESENTATION

Joy Statler
Assistant Professor, Director of Academic Support and Clinical Programs

STUDENT-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD PRESENTATION

R. Neil Rodgers
Clinical Professor

DEAN'S AWARD PRESENTATION

Eric Halvorson
Interim Dean

DEGREE PRESENTATION AND HOODING

Eric Halvorson
Interim Dean

Dana C. Clark
Associate Dean

Master of Legal Studies Recipients

Juris Doctor Recipients

REMARKS

Eric Halvorson
Interim Dean

PRAYER

Kevin Holsclaw
Associate Professor

CLOSING REMARKS

Dana C. Clark
Associate Dean

THE RECESSIONAL

Jerusalem
by Hubert Parry

RECEPTION

All are invited to celebrate the Class of 2023 at a lunch reception hosted by Trinity Faculty and Staff. The reception will be held in the Commons and on the adjoining patio immediately following the ceremony.



The Speaker
CARL TRUEMAN

Born and raised in England, Carl Trueman is a graduate of the Universities of Cambridge (M.A.) and Aberdeen (Ph.D), and has taught on the faculties of the Universities of Nottingham and Aberdeen before moving to the United States in 2001 to teach at Westminster Theological Seminary (PA). In 2017-18 he was the William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion and Public Life in the James Madison Program at Princeton University. Since 2018, he has served as a professor at Grove City College in the Calderwood School of Arts and Humanities. He is widely published in both academic and popular circles, is a Contributing Editor at *First Things* and *Touchstone Magazine*, an opinion columnist at *World* magazine, and a Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington DC. His most recent books are *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self: Expressive Individualism, Cultural Amnesia, and the Road to Sexual Revolution* and *Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution* (both from Crossway) and (with Bruce Gordon) *The Oxford Handbook to Calvin and Calvinism* (Oxford University Press). His writing has also appeared in *Deseret Journal*, *Wall Street Journal*, *National Review Online*, and *Public Discourse*. He and his wife Catriona have two adults sons and a granddaughter.



HONOR CORDS

LAW REVIEW

Gold

MOOT COURT

Red

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Purple

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

Green, White

MLS DEGREE, SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Blue, White

MLS DEGREE, MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Blue

MLS DEGREE, E CUM LAUDE

White

STUDENT AWARDS

EXCEPTIONAL MASTERS STUDENT AWARD PRESENTATION

This award recognizes a Masters level graduate student who, by vote of the faculty, demonstrates a high level of excellence in his field by virtue of academic achievement, quality of papers, and commitment to advancing his studies.

STUDENT-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD PRESENTATION

The Student-of-the-Year Award is given to a J.D. candidate who, by vote of the faculty, exemplifies the mark of a complete lawyer: warm of heart, scholarly in thought, rich in vision, vigorous in act, steadfast in ethics, exemplary in bringing honor to Trinity Law School, and inspiring to all with whom he comes into contact.

DEAN'S AWARD PRESENTATION

The Dean's Award is given to a J.D. candidate who has contributed to the Trinity community through dedication and hard work on behalf of the school.



GRADUANDS

TRINITY LAW SCHOOL MASTER OF LEGAL STUDIES RECIPIENTS 2023

Melodye M. Aben
BS, Liberty University

Cesia Rebeca Alvarenga-Fuentes
BS, Liberty University

Jane Bassey Anikwe
BS, University of Maryland University College

Deidra Renee Baker
MA, George Washington University
BS, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore

Karen Burdine Barnes
BS, Capella University

TaShawna Danease Bennett
BA, Western Governors University
ME, Western Governors University

Zara Blakely
AAS, Shelton State Community College
BS, Stillman College

Benjamin Brown, Jr.
BA, Marymount Manhattan College

Whanda Brown-Madrid
AA, Cerritos College
BS, University of Phoenix

Tedra Butler
AS, Central Pennsylvania College

Ivylyn Suzanne Clark
BS, Pennsylvania State University

Denisha Collins
AA, University of West Florida
AA, University of West Florida

Sara Elizabeth Compean
BS, California State
Polytechnic University-Pomona
JD, Trinity Law School, TIU

Elizabeth Contreras
BS, San Diego State University

Delora Coulson-Skeene
BSW, University of Hertfordshire

Laurie Dean-Newton
AA, Pasadena City College
AS, Pasadena City College
BS, University of Phoenix
MA, University of Phoenix
MBA, University of Phoenix
Ph.D., Capella University

Rebecca DeLuca
BA, Oral Roberts University

Te'Rah Gilbreath Dominique
AAS, Heald College
BS, National Paralegal College

Angela R. Dougherty
AAS, SUNY-Delhi-Technology
BS, Argosy University-Dallas

Roberta Downey
AA, Coastline Community College
BA, Vanguard University
of Southern California
MS, Vanguard University
of Southern California

Rochelle Druckenmiller
BA, University of Toledo

Dawn Egan
BS, Bethel University-TN
MBA, Regent University
DO, University of Southern California

Nicole Escobar
BA, Trinity International University-FL

Renee Fiala
AA, Santa Ana College
BA, California State University-Fullerton
JD, Trinity Law School, TIU

Lisa Franklin
AA, Hilbert College
BS, Hilbert College

Karen Fruge
BS, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Omelina Garcia
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AAB, Cuyahoga Community
College-Metropolitan
BS, Indiana Wesleyan University

Jennifer Eileen Graham
BA, Brandman University

Isaac Leon Gray
AAB, National Paralegal College
BS, National Paralegal College

Leticia Ann Herrera-Green
BS, Brown Mackie College

Michelle Hebb-Bobowicz
BA, Thomas Edison State University

Avery Hieber
BA, Trinity International University-IL

Cassandra Marie Higareda
AA, Platt College-Alhambra
BSHCA, Platt College-Alhambra

Marlene Hopkins
BS, Roosevelt University

Jennifer King
BA, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
MS, University of Wisconsin-Stout

Priscila Fuentes Lucas
BS, Biola University

Larry Mackey
BA, Florida Atlantic University

Tonya Massey
BA, Jarvis Christian College

William McDonald
AS, SUNY-Empire State
BPS, SUNY-Empire State
MBA, Columbia Southern University
Ph.D., Walden University

Dr. Jay McLeeland
BA, Sam Houston State University
ME, Sam Houston State University
MA, Sam Houston State University
DO, Colorado Technical University



Jacqueline McLeeland
BS, Texas State University-San Marcos
MBA, Texas Woman's University

Christine Mead
BS, Charter Oak State College
MS, Walden University
MS, Central Connecticut State University
Ph.D, Capella University

Amanda Moore
BS, Herzing University

Oscar Moreno
BS, Southern New Hampshire University

Carla B. Morrison
BA, Rutgers, the State University
of New Jersey

Amanda Marie Mount
BBA, University of Alaska-Anchorage

Sheila B. Nealy
BA, University of Oklahoma
MBA, Mid-America Christian University

Enetta Nelson Rose
BME, Texas Southern University
ME, Texas Southern University
EdD, Fielding Graduate University

Neeraj Newton
BS, University of Phoenix

Lorna Nicholls-Brown
BA, CUNY-Queens College

Kevin Omae
MA, Saint Mary-of-The-Woods College

Sarai Ortiz
AA, Platt College-Riverside
BA, Howard Payne University

John Osborn
BS, Berea College
MS, Marshall University

Kathleen E. Pagani
BS, SUNY-Empire State

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BA, University of La Verne
MBA, University of La Verne

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BS, Purdue University Global

Samuel Otis Pratt
BS, Johnson C Smith University
MS, Clark Atlanta University

Arthur Mark Price
BS, Slippery Rock University

Yadira Elizabeth Rodarte
BS, University of Phoenix

Danette Soukup
BA, National-Louis University

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JD, Trinity Law School, TIU

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BBA, Berkeley College

Johane Tillery
BA, Florida Atlantic University

Wanda Torres-Alvarez
BA, Central Connecticut State University

Ann-Marie L. Vandenkooy
BS, Western Governors University

Gildardo Torres Vargas, Jr.
BS, San Diego State University

Louise E. Vincent
BS, University of the People

Christine Wheeler
BA, Trinity International University-IL

Tiffany Rinaldelli-Williams
AA, University of Phoenix
BS, University of Phoenix

GRADUANDS

TRINITY LAW SCHOOL JURIS DOCTOR RECIPIENTS 2023

William Adams
BIS, Murray State University-KY
MPA, California Baptist University

Amir Hossein Ahmadi
BA, Islamic Azad University
MA, Islamic Azad University

Polina Bilogrudova
AA, New York Film Academy
BS, University of Phoenix

Olivia Luisa Borrero
BS, Biola University
MA, Claremont Graduate University

Dickson Chan
EdD, Dallas Theological Seminary
MA, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
MS, University of Massachusetts-Lowell

Minh Tam Do
AA, Santa Ana College
BA, California State University-Fullerton

Cynthia Douthwaite
AA, Orange Coast College
BA, California State University-Long Beach

Blake Nicholas Ducker
BA, Stonehill College

Kevin Michael Evaro
AS, Clovis Community College-CA
BS, California State University-Fresno

Shikira Haro
AA, Mt. San Jacinto College
AS, Mt. San Jacinto College
BA, University of California-Riverside

Tiffany Henderson
BA, Brigham Young University-Hawaii

Kenyon W. Jenkins
BA, University of Kansas

Alan Tan Khuu
BS, University of California-Los Angeles
MS, University of California-Los Angeles

Samuel Kiriakos
BA, Stephen F. Austin State University

Jason Thomas Newton
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BA, California State University-Los Angeles
MA, California State University-Los Angeles



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MA, Regent University School of Law

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BA, California State University-Fullerton

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BS, University of La Verne
MS, California Baptist University

Joel Parker
BS, Regis University-Colorado
MBA, Regis University-Colorado

Sandy Pultz
AA, Mt. San Jacinto College
BA, Brandman University

Sheila Veronica Ribas
AA, College of the Desert
AS, College of the Desert
BA, California State University-San Bernardino
BA, California State University-San Bernardino
MLS, Trinity Law School, TIU

Marquice Davon Robinson
AAS, Columbia-Greene Community College
BA, CUNY-John Jay College of Criminal Justice
MS, Kaplan University-Online
Ph.D, Walden University

Edward Rodriguez
AS, Reedley College
BBA, California State University-Fullerton

John Paul Roser
BS, Baptist Bible College
MLS, Trinity Law School, TIU

Stephanie Andia Safavi
AA, Saddleback College
BA, California State University-Fullerton

Farzad Eddie Sahba
BA, University of Washington

Tricha J. Smith
BS, University of California-Los Angeles

Jessica Tejada
BA, Biola University

Seth Tyler Uselton
Elias Vazquez, Jr.
BA, University of California-Santa Barbara

Lisa Jane West
BA, Brandman University

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Andrew DeLoach
JD, California Western School of Law

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JD, Trinity Law School

Craig Hawkins
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MA, Trinity Graduate School
MA, Claremont Graduate University

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Kevin Holsclaw
JD, Pepperdine University School of Law

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PhD, Capella University
JD, Nova Southeastern University Shepard
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JD, Loyola Law School

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JD, Loyola Law School

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Michael L. Parker

JD, McGeorge School of Law

Dr. Wendy Patrick

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JD, California Western School of Law

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JD, Simon Greenleaf School of Law

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Julie Resner

JD, Trinity Law School

Trevor Roberts

JD, Trinity Law School

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China Rosas

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Bradley Schoenleben

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Michael Schutt

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Sarah Sherman

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Rachel Toberty

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Samuel Webb

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PhD, Vrije University

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Kenneth Zuetel

JD, University of San Diego School of Law

A Message From the ALUMNI OFFICE

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation! Through your hard work, dedication, and by God's grace, you have reached an important milestone and we are here to celebrate it with you. As a graduate, you are now part of a legacy of more than 28,000 alumni who are living out the gospel all over the world. For some of you, God has made your next steps clear. For others, you are still waiting for God to open a door. Whatever the case, know that you are not alone! Your school, your fellow alumni and the God we all serve are with you! The alumni relations office at Trinity exists to serve graduates—to keep you up to date with Trinity news, events, prayer, and help to facilitate connections between graduates. We are also striving to find new and practical ways for you to engage and support our current students. Our office is always open, and we welcome hearing what God is doing in and through you, finding ways to support your work for the rest of your life. To that end, please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We can be reached at 847-317-8109. We can't wait to hear from you!

Sincerely,



David Magnuson, MBA

Vice President of Advancement and University Relations



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