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THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE  
2024

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA  
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### GREETING OF THE DRUMS

Gendo Taiko  
Drums of Mali

#### PRELUDE

Marche Triomphale  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)  
Mark Steinbach, *University Organist and  
Distinguished Senior Lecturer in Music*  
Festival Brass and Timpani

#### BROWN UNIVERSITY LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### BROWN LION DANCE TROUPE

#### \*PROCESSION

“Jupiter” from “The Planets”

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)  
Mark Steinbach  
Festival Brass and Timpani

#### \*STANDARD BEARERS

Becca Erdenebulgan '24 and Logan Torres '24  
2024 Co-Presidents, 2024 Class Board

#### \*PRESENTING THE ROSES OF REMEMBRANCE

*These roses honor the lives of deceased  
Brown students, faculty and staff.*  
Mina Sarmas '24, President, Undergraduate  
Council of Students  
Erum Choudry '24 MPH

#### \*WELCOME TO THE MEETING HOUSE

The Rev. Jamie Washam  
*Minister, The First Baptist Church in America*  
Christina H. Paxson  
*President, Brown University*

#### GREETING FROM THE INDIGENOUS TRADITIONS

FROM THE NARRAGANSETT PEOPLES  
Nkeke Harris '25

#### FROM KĀNAKA MAOLI

Kalikoonāmaukūpuna Kalāhiki '24

#### \*HYMN

*Tune: “Hymn to Joy”*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
Adapted by Edward Hodges  
Text: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Henry van Dyke (1852-1933)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, God of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in thee!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus;  
Stars of morning, take your part;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Binding those of tender heart;  
Ever singing, moving onward,  
Loving in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

#### FROM HINDUISM

*Kauthuvam: An Invocation to Lord Ganesha*  
Aparajitha Anantharaman '24  
*Śrī Guru-Gītā-Stotram* (॥ श्रीगुरुगीता-स्तोत्रम् ॥)

In Praise of the Guru  
Moksha Kachhia '24

ॐ गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः।  
गुरुरेव परं ब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥१॥  
अखण्डमण्डलाकारं व्याप्तं येन चराचरम्।  
तत्पदं दर्शितं येन तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥२॥  
अज्ञानतिमिरान्धस्य ज्ञानाञ्जनशलाकया।  
चक्षुरुन्मीलितं येन तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥३॥  
चैतन्यं शाश्वतं शान्तं व्योमातीतं निरञ्जनम्।  
बिन्दुनादकलातीतः तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥४॥  
ब्रह्मानन्दं परमसुखदं केवलं ज्ञानमूर्तिं  
द्वन्द्वानीनं त्रिगुणरहितं तत्त्वमस्यादिलक्ष्यम्।  
एकं नित्यं विमलमचलं सर्वधीसाक्षिभूतं  
भावातीतं त्रिगुणरहितं सद्गुरुं तं नमामः॥५॥

1. The Guru is Brahmā, the Guru is Viṣṇu, the  
Guru is the great god Śiva. The Guru alone is the  
Supreme Brahman. To him, the Guru be my  
salutation.

2. By whom the entire universe, both the moving  
and the unmoving is pervaded; who is of the  
undivided form of the universe; to the One who

has revealed to me that State — to that Guru be my salutation.

3. Who removes the darkness of ignorance, and opens my eyes by applying the collyrium of the Light of Knowledge — to that Guru be my salutation.

4. Who is the eternally tranquil Consciousness, spotless and pure, and beyond the ether; who is untouched by the primal creative forces (of bindu, nāda, kalā) — to that Guru be my salutation.

5. Salutation to the true Guru, who is the embodiment of the bliss of Brahman and the bestower of supreme happiness, who is detached, Knowledge personified and beyond duality; who is like the sky, and is indicated by such Vedic dicta as “Thou art That,” and who is One, eternal, pure, immovable in the buddhi, beyond all states and devoid of the three guṇas — to that Guru be my salutation.

#### FROM JUDAISM

“Geshher”

Baruch Chait

Words attributed to Rabbi Nachman of Breslov

The Alef Beats

Kol Ha'olam kulo

Geshher Tsar me'od

Geshher Tsar me'od

Geshher Tsar me'od —

Kol Ha'olam kulo

Geshher Tsar me'od —

Geshher Tsar me'od.

Veha'ikar — veha'ikar

Lo lefached —

lo lefached klal.

Veha'ikar — veha'ikar

lo lefached klal.

As I walk along this very narrow bridge

I will not to be afraid —

Knowing you are with me

Introduction by Rabbi Jason Klein

*Psalms 121*

Melody by Yosef Karduner

Yonatan Najman-Licht '24

שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֲשֶׁר לִי אֵלֵי אֱלֹהִים מֵאֵן יָבֵן עֲזָרִי:  
עֲזָרִי מִעַם יְיָ עֲשֵׂה שְׁפָתַי וְאֶרְוֶה:  
אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לִמּוֹט רַגְלִי אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲזָרִי:  
הֲגַה כֹּחַ יָמַי וְכֹחַ יְיָ עֲזָרִי יִשְׂרָאֵל:  
יְיָ עֲזָרִי יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲזָרִי מִיְמִינִי:  
יָוָם הַשָּׁמַיִם לֹא יִכְפֹּה וְיָוָם בְּכֹל יְמֵיהֶם:  
יְיָ יִשְׂרָאֵל מִכֹּסֶלֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל:  
יְיָ יִשְׂרָאֵל צִדְקָתָהּ וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יְעַד עֲלֵיכֶם:

A song for the ascents, I lift my eyes to the mountains, from where does my help come? My help is from the Eternal, Creator of the heavens and the earth.

The One who will not let your foot stumble, your Guardian never slumbers,

Wow, this One never slumbers nor sleeps, the Guardian of Yisrael.

The Eternal is your Guardian, the Eternal is your Protector at your right-hand side,

By day the sun will not harm you nor the moon by night.

The Eternal will guard you from all evil, will keep your lifebreath safe,

The Eternal will guard your coming out and your returning home, from now until forever.

*The Shehecheyanu*

Margaret Bauer '24

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מְלֶכֶת הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁהֲחַיְנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעְנוּ לְזְמַן הַזֶּה.

#### FROM CHRISTIANITY

*The Beatitudes*

*Matthew 5:3-12a*

Kyle Nunes '24

Μακάριοι οἱ πτωχοὶ τῷ πνεύματι, ὅτι αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

μακάριοι οἱ πενθοῦντες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ

παρακληθήσονται.

μακάριοι οἱ πραεῖς, ὅτι αὐτοὶ κληρονομήσουσι

τὴν γῆν.

μακάριοι οἱ πεινῶντες καὶ διψῶντες τὴν

δικαιοσύνην, ὅτι αὐτοὶ χορτασθήσονται.

μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ ἐλεηθήσονται.

μακάριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ, ὅτι αὐτοὶ τὸν

θεὸν ὄψονται.

μακάριοι οἱ εἰρηνοποιοί, ὅτι αὐτοὶ υἱοὶ θεοῦ

κληθήσονται.

μακάριοι οἱ δεδιωγμένοι ἕνεκεν δικαιοσύνης, ὅτι

αὐτῶν ἐστὶν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

μακάριοι ἔστε ὅταν ὀνειδίσωσιν ὑμᾶς καὶ

διώξωσιν καὶ εἰπωσιν πᾶν πονηρὸν καθ' ὑμῶν

ψευδόμενοι ἕνεκεν ἔμοῦ. χαίrete καὶ

ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, ὅτι ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς ἐν τοῖς

οὐρανοῖς· οὕτως γὰρ ἐδίωξαν τοὺς προφῆτας  
τοὺς πρὸ ὑμῶν.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.*

The Lord's Prayer in the Languages of Our Families

*Igbo*

Chinazo Ebisan Onyema '24

*Ya mere, kpenu ekpere otu a: Nna-ayi Nke bi n'elu-igwe, Ka edo aha-Gi nsọ. Ka ala-eze-Gi bia. Ka eme ihe nāchọ, dika esi eme ya n'elu-igwe, ka eme kwa otu ahu n'uwa. Nye ayi nri ta nke gēzuru ayi n'ubochi ta. Baghara kwa ayi ugwo nile ayi ji, dika ayi onwe-ayi bagharawo-kwa-ra ndi ji ayi ugwo. Ewebala ayi nime onwunwa, kama doputa ayi n'aka ajọ onye ahu.*

*Spanish*

Fernanda Coello Carmona '24

*Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo.*

*Santificado sea tu nombre.*

*Venga tu reino.*

*Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.*

*Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.*

*Perdona nuestras ofensas,*

*como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.*

*No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.*

*Amén.*

*Korean*

Claire Yoonsoo Park '24

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지  
아버지의 이름이 거룩히 빛나시며  
아버지의 나라가 오시며  
아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이 땅에서도 이루어지소서.  
오늘 저희에게 일용할 양식을 주시고  
저희에게 잘못된 이를 저희가 용서하오니  
저희 죄를 용서하시고  
저희를 유혹에 빠지지 않게 하시고  
악에서 구하소서.  
아멘.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
(Most Protestants conclude with the doxology:)  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen

ANTHEM

“Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory”

Psalm 91

Harmonizing Grace Gospel Choir

FROM ISLAM

Surat al-Fatiha, 1-7

A reading from the Quran.

Imam Amir Toft

Associate Chaplain of the University for the Muslim Community

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ  
الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ  
الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ  
وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

In the name of God, the All-Merciful, the Mercy-Giving.  
All praise is for God alone, Lord of all the worlds,  
the All-Merciful, the Mercy-Giving,  
Master of the Day of Judgment.  
You alone we worship,  
and You alone we ask for help.

Guide us along the straight way —  
the way of those upon whom You have  
bestowed grace,  
not those upon whom there is wrath,  
nor those astray.

*Surat al-Nisā', 135–36*

A reading from the Quran

Injy El-Dib '24

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ  
شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ  
وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ  
بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىَٰ أَن تَعْدِلُوا وَإِن تَلَوْا أَوْ  
تُعْرَضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿١٣٥﴾  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا ءَامِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ  
وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ عَلَىٰ رَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ  
الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مِن قَبْلُ وَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ  
وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا  
بَعِيدًا ﴿١٣٦﴾

O you who believe!  
Be most upright in 'upholding' justice,  
Bearing 'true' witness  
for 'the sake of' God alone—  
even if it be against your own selves,  
or 'against' parents and nearest kin.  
Whether one is rich and 'the other' poor,  
God is most regardful  
of 'what is good for' them both.  
So do not follow your whim  
such that you deviate 'from equity'.  
For if you distort 'testimony'  
Or turn away 'from the truth',  
God is indeed all-aware  
of all that you do.

O you who believe!  
Have faith in God, His Messenger,  
the Book that He has sent down to His  
Messenger,  
and every 'revealed' Book that  
He has sent down before.  
For whoever denies God,  
His angels, His books, His messengers,  
and the Last Day  
has truly strayed far astray.

## FROM CONTEMPLATIVE TRADITION

Daodejing Chapter 16

Translated by DC Lau

Justin Lu '23.5

致虛極，守靜篤。萬物並作，吾以觀  
復。夫物芸芸，各復歸其根。歸根曰  
靜，是謂復命。

I do my utmost to attain emptiness;  
I hold firmly to stillness.  
The myriad creatures all rise together  
And I watch their return.  
The teaming creatures  
All return to their separate roots.  
Returning to one's roots is known as  
stillness.  
This is what is meant by returning to one's  
destiny

*This meditation will end with a time of  
silence signaled by the chiming bowl*

## \*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Janet M. Cooper Nelson,  
Chaplain of the University

## \*BROWN FAMILY NECROLOGY

Eric Estes, *Vice President for Campus Life  
and Student Services*

Francis J. Doyle III, *Provost of  
the University*

Rashid Zia, '01 *Dean of the College*

## ANTHEM AND DANCE

"Light in the Hallway"

Pentatonix

Shades of Brown and Fusion Dance  
Company

## INTRODUCTION

Christina H. Paxson

## ADDRESS

*Taking Flight*

Jessica Meir '99

## CELEBRATION

*Gendo Taiko*

*\*The congregation is asked to stand as able.*

*These programs contain sacred text. Please handle them with care. If you do not  
wish to keep them, please leave them on your seats so that they may be collected  
and properly disposed of.*

## \*THE ALMA MATER

Tune: “Araby’s Daughter”

George Kiallmark (1781—1835)

Text: “Alma Mater”

James Andrews DeWolf, Class of 1861

Alma Mater! We hail thee with loyal devotion / And bring to thine altar our off’ring of praise; / Our hearts swell within us with joyful emotion / As the name of Old Brown in loud chorus we raise. / The happiest moments of youth’s fleeting hours / We’ve passed ’neath the shade of these time-honored walls; / And sorrows as transient as April’s brief showers / Have clouded our life in Brunonia’s halls.

## \*CLOSING BLESSING

The Rev. Delphain Demosthenes,

*Associate Chaplain of the University for the Protestant Community*

## \*BENEDICTION

The podium party, led by Father Edmund McCullough, *Associate Chaplain of the University for the Catholic Community*, with senior class responding:

Podium: The time has come to go forth.

**Senior Class: Our hearts are grateful for all we have learned.**

Podium: This is a moment full of sorrow and joy.

**Senior Class: We celebrate the bonds of friendship, even as we bid farewell.**

Podium: From this moment take courage for the days ahead.

**Senior Class: We embrace with hope all that awaits us.**

Podium: Go now in peace and rejoicing, and may all your days be blessed. Amen.

*Podium party precedes students.*

## \*RECESSIONAL

“Grand Choeur in D”

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Mark Steinbach



*Photo Credit: Magdalena Wosinska*

## THE BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER

NASA astronaut and marine biologist Jessica Meir spent 205 days in space in 2019-20 while serving as a flight engineer onboard the International Space Station, contributing to experiments in biology, Earth science, human research, physical sciences and technology development. During her mission, she made history when she conducted the first three all-woman spacewalks.

As a scientist with Lockheed Martin’s Human Research Facility at the NASA Johnson Space Center, she supported research in human physiology on the space shuttle and the International Space Station from 2000 to 2003. She served as a crew member in the Aquarius underwater habitat with a NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations team. She also took part in Smithsonian Institution diving expeditions to the Antarctic and Belize. For her Ph.D. and post-doctoral work, and subsequently as an assistant professor at the Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital, Meir studied the physiology of animals in extreme environments, ranging from emperor penguins in the Antarctic to the high-flying bar-headed goose.

In 2013, Meir was selected as one of eight members of the 21st NASA astronaut class — her preparation included intensive instruction in International Space Station systems, robotics, physiological training, T38 flight training and water and wilderness survival training. In 2018, she was named one of the first astronauts for Artemis, NASA’s exploration program that will return humans to the Moon.

Meir earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Brown University in 1999, a master’s degree in space studies from the International Space University in 2000, and a Ph.D. in marine biology from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego in 2009. In 2021, Brown awarded Meir an honorary doctor of science degree in recognition of her contributions to the field of science and space exploration.

Meir lives in Texas with her husband and their daughter.

## ABOUT THE SERVICE

The Meeting House of the First Baptist Church in America, completed in 1775, was built “for the Publick Worship of Almighty

God and also for holding Commencement in.” Central parts of the Brown Commencement ceremonies have been held here ever since. Moreover, during their tenure three Brown presidents were also ministers of this church, and all the presidents who held office between 1764 and 1937 were Baptist clergy.

Today’s Baccalaureate Service expresses our community’s gratitude in many languages of spirituality, and derives from the medieval European custom of presenting the candidates for the degree of bachelor with the laurels of sermonic oration.

In addition to the leaders of today’s service, the procession includes: Koren Bakkegard, *Associate Vice President for Campus Life and Dean of Students*; Rabbi Joshua Bolton, *Executive Director, Brown RISD Hillel*; Christian “Mac” Manning, *Director, Office of Military-Affiliated Students*; Asabe Poloma, *Associate Provost and Director, Office of Global Engagement*; Felicia Salinas-Moniz, *Director, Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender*; and Loc Truong, *Assistant Vice President for Campus Life Engagement*.

#### IN MEMORIAM

The white roses on the podium honor the lives of beloved classmates whose degrees are being granted posthumously: John Owen Habib ’24, and Benjamin J. Lotsoff ’24.

The red roses on the podium honor beloved, departed Brown faculty and staff members, including: Levi Adams, *Vice President Emeritus for Government and Community Affairs*; Edward James Aheam, *Professor Emeritus of Comparative Literature and French Studies*; Maureen A. Allwood, *Visiting Scientist in Psychiatry and Human Behavior*; Blake Cady, *Professor Emeritus of Surgery*; John D. Cahill, *Adjunct Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine*; Eugene Charniak, *Professor Emeritus of Computer Science and Cognitive Science*; Annette W. Coleman, *Stephen T. Olney Professor Emerita of Natural History and Professor Emerita of Biology and Medicine*; Ronald A. De Lellis, *Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; David Egilman, *Clinical Professor of Family Medicine*; Herbert M. Fried, *Professor Emeritus of Physics*; Generoso G. Gascon, *Professor Emeritus of Neurology and Pediatrics*; Larry Grant, *Food Service Worker, Dining Services*; Robert Iovino, *Cashier, Dining Services*; Nabil Houry, *Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology*; Louise Sadler Kiessling, *Professor Emerita of*

*Pediatrics and Family Medicine*; Robert E. Knisley, *Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Medicine*; George Landow, *Professor Emeritus of English*; Ruby Lee, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior*; James Manis, *Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Medicine*; Lowry Marshall, *Professor Emeritus of Theatre Arts and Performance Studies*; Thomas McCauley, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery*; Samir G. Moubayed, *Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology*; Ron J. Nelson, *Professor Emeritus of Music*; David W. Pearson, *Clinical Assistant Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry*; Georges Peter, *Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics*; Nicole Pope, *Grants and Financial Specialist, School of Public Health*; Kurt Raaflaub, *Professor Emeritus of Classics*; Alexander P. Robertson, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics*; Henry J. Robidoux, *Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Surgery*; Frank G. Rothman, *Professor Emeritus of Biology*; Malcolm J. Rutherford, *Professor Emeritus of Geological Sciences*; Barbara Schepps Wong, *Professor Emerita of Diagnostic Imaging and Clinician Educator*; Richard Schmitt, *Professor Emeritus of Philosophy*; Michael F. Sheff, *Associate Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*; Clarence H. Soderberg, *Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Surgery*; Newell Maynard Stultz, *Professor Emeritus of Political Science*; Sumner B. Twiss, *Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies*; Wilson F. Utter, *Clinical Associate Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics*; Bernard K. Waldrop, *Professor Emeritus of Literary Arts and the Humanities*; Jack R. Wands, *Professor of Medicine and Jeffrey and Kimberly Greenberg-Artemis and Martha Joukowsky Professor of Gastroenterology*; and Lea E. Williams, *Professor Emeritus of History*.

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

Members of the Class of 2024 who received honors in Brown’s spiritual life lead today’s procession: Moksha Kachhia ’24, President James Manning Medal for Excellence in Scholarship and Practice of Religion; William Cardone ’24, The Gladys C. ’40 and Sherwin J. ’39 Kapstein Award for Interfaith Leadership; and Eden Allen ’24 (Black Christian Ministries), Erum Choudry ’24 MPH (Muslim Community), Justin Lu ’24 (Brown Meditation Community), Yonatan Najman-Licht ’24 (Brown RISD Hillel), Kyle Nunes ’24 (Brown-RISD Catholic Community) and Sarah Ogundare ’24 (Black Christian Ministries), Levi C. Adams Citation for Leadership.

FACULTY AND STAFF USHERS

Faiz Ahmed, *Joukowsky Family Distinguished Associate Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History*  
Lia Antico, *Visiting Scholar in Behavioral and Social Sciences*  
Karen Boehnke, *Assistant Vice President of Development*  
David Buchta, *Lecturer in Classics*  
Frank Campo, *Advancement*  
Lauren Daly, *Advancement*  
Timothy Flanigan, *Professor of Medicine and Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice*  
Françoise Hamlin, *Royce Family Associate Professor of Teaching Excellence in Africana Studies and History*  
Evelyn Hu-DeHart, *Professor of History and American Studies*  
Nancy Jacobs, *Professor of History*  
Mark Johnson, *Professor of Biology*  
Alison Kiely, *Advancement*  
Mark Ocegueda, *Assistant Professor of History*  
Susan Phillips, *Advancement*  
Alex Roy, *Adjunct Lecturer*  
Jessi Samuel, *Advancement*  
Pauline Talbott, *Advancement*  
Gary Wessel, *Professor of Biology*

THE ALEF BEATS

Jason Covey  
Arenal Haut  
Jordan Heinrich  
Happy Jara  
Allison Lowe  
Carly Mills  
Jitpuwapat Mokkaakkul  
Cerulean Ozarow  
Keyan Rahimi  
Samuel Salter  
Jenna Serotta  
Nadine Tendean  
Julia Toth  
Michelle Zemlyak

THE DRUMS OF MALI

Dillon and Marcia Brewer  
Seydou Coulibaly  
Moussa Traoré

FESTIVAL BRASS AND TIMPANI

Jimmy Curto, tuba  
Kevin Dugat, trombone  
Michael Iadevaia, timpani  
William MacDonald '23, trumpet  
Reynolds Martin, trumpet  
Dave Ruffino, horn

FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Allie Coonin  
Isabel Lukas  
Bryanna Pajotte  
Natalie Zhu

GENDO TAIKO

Filbert Aung  
Sophia Chiu  
Jedidiah Davis  
Rei Guo  
Jenn Huynh  
Ethan Jiang  
Sam Leung  
Joseph Maffa  
Ray Mandel-Mueller  
Fiona McGill  
Ford Rowe  
Kikuyo Shaw  
Caleb Solomon  
Emily Tom

HARMONIZING GRACE

Donnell Best, Director  
Yeabfikir Ayele Alemayehu  
Tomi Ayeni  
Faith Hardy  
Mariana Joyce  
Syrina Robinson

LION DANCE

Mia Cheng  
Sophia Dewar  
Lucy Du  
Sarah Liao  
Yuna Sato  
Minh Le Tran  
Michelle Tu  
Nancy Yao  
Yongkuan Zhang

SHADES OF BROWN

Christine Alcindor  
Sophi Aronson  
Eric Auguste  
Natalia Baños Delgado  
Inari Jade Barrett  
Jennora Blair  
André Davy  
Bryce Gray  
Gnaneswari Karayi  
Tyrone Killebrew  
Makayla McPherson  
Rohan Menon  
Myrna Ortiz San Miguel  
Manan Pancholy  
Sebastian Park  
Daiela Simon Seay  
Mikai Spencer  
Cecilia Valenzuela