

# Graduate School Program Document for August 2025

## Doctoral Graduates

### Doctor of Education

Caitlin Erin Moore

Department of Higher and Adult Education

BA, 2017 Auburn University

MS, 2018, Troy University

Dissertation: Black Lives in Ivory Towers: Unveiling the Racialized Experiences and Belonging of African American College Students at a Predominantly White Institution in the Southeast

Major Professor: Dr. Daniel Collier

Matt Erik Vanover

Department of Higher and Adult Education

BS, 1991, Illinois State University

MA 1998, University of Illinois-Springfield

Dissertation: Perception of Florida Political Actions by Higher Education Faculty

Major Professor: Dr. Daniel Collier

### Doctor of Liberal Studies

Kendra Lynne Murphy

Department of Liberal Studies

BA, 2003, University of Central Arkansas

MA, 2007, University of Memphis

Dissertation: Statistical Literacy as Health Literacy: The Role of Emotions in Health Decision-Making

Major Professor: Dr. Gretchen Peterson

Wendy Lynn Wallace

Department of Liberal Studies

BA, 1992, Christian Brothers University

MA, 1999, University of Memphis

Dissertation: The impact of gender on nonprofit solicitation materials

Major Professor: Dr. J. Elliott Casal

### **Doctor of Musical Arts**

Shekinah Ball

Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

BS, 2014, Florida A&M University

MM, 2016, University of Central Arkansas

Dissertation: The Evolution of the African-American Spiritual: Origins, Performance Practice, and its use in Art Music

Major Professor: Dr. Martin McCain

Weipeng Liu

Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

MM, 2010, Indiana University Bloomington

AD, 2012, Yale University

Dissertation: Cross-Cultural Dialogue in Sound: An Analytical Exploration of Tan Dun's Elegy: Snow in June

Major Professor: Dr. Janet Page

### **Doctor of Philosophy**

Mark'Quest Ajoku

Department of Epidemiology

BA, 2014, Columbus State University

MPH, 2016, Florida Agricultural University

MS, 2018, Troy University

Dissertation: The Impact of Comorbidities on Cognitive Function among the U.S. Elderly Population

Major Professor: Dr. Xinhua Yu

Bernardo Alba

Department of Philosophy

BA, 2015, Occidental College

MA, 2018, Loyola Marymount University

Dissertation: The Changing Style of Change in Style: A Critical Case Study on the Aesthetics of De-Radicalization Experiences

Major Professor: Dr. Daniel J. Smith

Dalal Albalawi

Department of English

MSc, 2013, Nazareth University

BA, 2009, Northern Border University

Dissertation: The Rhetorical Veil of Digital Anonymity: Feminist Resistance in Saudi Women's

Digital Activism

Major Professor: Dr. Katherine Fredlund

Gabriel A. Alfaro

Counseling Psychology

M.A., 2020, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Dissertation: Jet Fuel Melts Steel Democracies: The Relationships Among Dark Personality, Belief in Conspiracy Theories, and Political Violence

Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Lease

Iyad Mohd Eid H Almadani

Department of Engineering

BSc, 2012, Al-Balqa' Applied University

MS, 2023, University of Memphis

Dissertation: Vision-Based Estrus Detection: Integrating YOLO Segmentation, Thermal Imaging, and Depth Estimation for Precision Livestock Monitoring

Major Professor: Dr. Aaron L Robinson

Asaad Hamed M Almohammadi

Department of English

BA, 2012, King Abdul Aziz University

MA, 2018, University of Memphis

Dissertation: EFL SAUDI UNIVERSITY LEARNERS' PERCEPTIONS AND USE OF GENERATIVE AI SOFTWARE IN LANGUAGE LEARNING

Major Professor: Dr. Emily Thrush

Sara Hisham Alsuradi

Department of Mathematical Sciences

BSC, 2016, University of Jordan

MA, 2018, University of Jordan

MA, 2022, University of Memphis

Dissertation: Energy Decay Rates in Second-Order Evolution with non-linear underdamped and overdamped Equations

Major Professor: Dr. Irena Lasiecka

Hannah Renee Anderson

Department of Psychology

Dissertation: The Face of Fluent Reading: Using Eye Tracking and Spectrographic Analysis of Prosody to Predict Comprehension  
Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Meisinger

Avani Aravind

Department of Engineering  
BTech, 2017, University of Kerala  
MTech, 2020, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay  
Dissertation: ENHANCING PUBLIC TRANSIT BY INTEGRATING ON-DEMAND AND FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICES: A FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION, ADAPTION, EQUITY AND ACCEPTANCE  
Major Professor: Dr. Sabyasachee Mishra

Hannah Grace Badley

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
BA, 2017, Shepherd University  
MS, 2021, Shenandoah University  
Dissertation: Gender and Sexuality in Homeschooling: An Analysis of Gender Constructs and Sexual Behaviors within Homeschooling Communities  
Major Professor: Dr. Latrice Pichon

Luis Ivan Bazan Flores

Department of Earth Sciences  
BSc, 2016, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla  
MSc, 2018, University of Aberdeen  
MSc, 2024, The University of Memphis  
Dissertation: Modeling Dynamic and Static Earthquake-Induced Stress Changes Across Fault and Magmatic Systems: Insights from Finite Element Simulations  
Major Professor: Dr. Christodoulos Kyriakopoulos

Jasric Bland

Department of Psychology  
BA, 2018, University of Memphis  
MA, 2019, University of Memphis  
EdS, 2021, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: A Critical Seat at the Table: A Qualitative Examination of Resiliency and Retention Among Black School Psychologists  
Major Professor: Dr. Alexandria Golden

Mya Elizabeth Bowen

Department of Psychology  
BA, 2019, Transylvania University  
MS, 2022, University of Memphis

Dissertation: All in God's Plan?: Examining Positive and Negative Religious Coping as Moderators of Posttraumatic Stress and Alcohol Use Following Intimate Partner Violence Exposure  
Major Professor: Dr. J. Gayle Beck

Curtis Ladrillo Chamblee

Department of Communication

BA, 2018, University of Nevada

MA, 2020, University of Nevada

Dissertation: Tell Me A Story About Home: The Impact of Place on Representations of Black Masculinity in the Marvel Cinematic Universe

Major Professor: Dr. Marina Levina

Jing-Chi Chen

Department of Business Administration

MF, 2022, University of Memphis

Dissertation: Three Essays in Forward-Looking Statements, social media

Collaboration, and Climate Talents

Major Professor: Dr. Pankaj K. Jain

Kaylee E. Cook

Department of Counseling Psychology

BA, 2019, Texas Tech University

Dissertation: Examining the Active Ingredients in an Anti-Stigma Intervention for Individuals with A Criminal History

Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Lease

Clifford James Crafford

Department of Mathematical Sciences

MA, 2020, University of Memphis

Dissertation: Statistical Methods for Analyzing Biomarker Data that are subject to Limit of Detection

Major Professor: Dr. Ebenezer Olusegun George

Lidong Cui

Department of Business Administration

BA, 2016, University of Leeds

MS, 2018, Binghamton University

MS, 2019, Baruch College

Dissertation: Three Essays on Classification Shifting

Major Professor: Dr. Steve Lin

Sheldon Clarence Ebron, Jr.

Department of Computer Science

BA, 2017, Rhodes College

MS, 2019, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: Towards Trustworthy Federated Learning: Enhancing Robustness, Privacy, and Reliability in Collaborative AI  
Major Professor: Dr. Kan Yang

Thomas Ryan Eddy

Department of Counseling Psychology  
BA, 2011, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
MA, 2016, University of Denver  
Dissertation: THE JURY IS IN: A COMPARISON OF PERCEPTIONS OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY EVALUATIONS COMPLETED IN-PERSON VS. USING VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Lease

Jill Nicole Fredenburg

Department of Communication  
BA, 2017, Rhodes College  
MA, 2020, Georgetown University  
Dissertation: At the "Core": Identity and Internet Aesthetics in the Age of Algorithmic Community Building  
Major Professor: Drs. Andre Johnson & Elja Roy

Rachel Elizabeth Goodman

Department of Counseling Psychology  
BFA, 2019, New York University  
MBA, 2019, Pacific University  
MS, 2019, Pacific University  
Dissertation: The Protective Role of Emotional and Sexual Intimacy in Romantic Relationship  
Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Emma Claire Gunnett

Department of Psychology  
BA, 2018, University of Missouri - Columbia  
MS, 2023, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: The Relation Between Systems of Support and Self-Regulated Learning on Academic Achievement in Middle Schoolers  
Major Professor: Dr. Elizabeth Meisinger

Darel Hargrove

Department of Business Administration

BA, Morehouse College  
MBA, Dartmouth College  
MSHR, Purdue University  
Dissertation: The Impact of Counseling Assistance on Entrepreneurial Venture Performance  
Major Professor: Dr. James Vardaman

Brianna R. Harrison

Department of History  
BS, 2017, Florida A&M University  
MASS, 2018, Florida A&M University  
Dissertation: Convict Labor and Disunion Along the Gulf Coast Pine Belt, 1870-1930  
Major Professor: Dr. Susan O'Donovan

Jade Renee Horton

Department of Counseling Psychology  
BA, 2019, Southeastern Louisiana University  
Dissertation: Predictors of Sanction Length Following Correctional Disciplinary Hearings: The Role of Individual Characteristics, Misconduct Type, and Placement in Segregation  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne H. Lease

Alyssa Aileen Hoyt

Department of Counseling Psychology  
BS, 2018, Arizona State University  
MA, 2021, Santa Clara University  
Dissertation: CORRECTIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND TRAINING IMPLICATIONS: A MIXED ANALYSIS OF TRAINEE KNOWLEDGE AND APPLICATION OF ETHICAL DILEMMAS IN CORRECTIONS, AND A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EXPERIENCE OF SUPPORT FROM GENERALIST TRAINING  
Major Professor: Dr. Sara Bridges

Morgan Christine Huenergarde

Department of Psychology  
BA, 2019, University of the Cumberlands  
MS, 2022, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: An Examination of Nationwide Identification and Reclassification Criteria for Active Bilingual Learners/Users of English  
Major Professor: Dr. Randy Floyd

Ravi Kumar

Department of Engineering  
BS, 2018, University of Delhi  
MS, 2020, National Institute of Technology Trichy

Dissertation: Experimental investigation of strongly coupled finite clusters in two-dimensional dusty (complex) plasma  
Major Professor: Prof. Ranganathan Gopalakrishnan

Siddhartha Kushwaha

Department of Business Administration  
BE, 2007, RGPV-Bhopal  
MBA, 2011, IBS-Hyderabad  
Dissertation: Essays on The Role of Mortality Saliency in Consumer Behavior  
Major Professor: Dr. Subhash Jha

Andrew Milowsky

Department of Counseling Psychology  
BS, The Pennsylvania State University  
MEd, Vanderbilt University  
Dissertation: Amateur Athletes' Psychological Experiences of Participation-Altering and Participation-Ending Injuries  
Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Lease

Jordan Danielle Moreno

Department of Psychology  
BA, 2019, University of Memphis  
MS, 2023, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: Self-Compassion and Openness to Experience: A Meta-Analysis of Relations  
Major Professor: Dr. Randy Floyd

Melissa Sue Beyer Naumer

Department of Psychology  
MA, 2017, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Dissertation: The impact of intimate partner violence on female survivors' quality of life: Exploring the roles of shame and dissociation  
Major Professor: Dr. J. Gayle Beck

Samia Noor

Department of Earth Sciences  
MS, 2019, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: Tectonic Geomorphic analysis of the Central U.S.  
Major Professor: Dr. Randel T. Cox

Nikita Ariel Mae-Seane Pike

Department of Psychology  
MS, 2022, University of Memphis



Dissertation: Examining the Factor Structure and Correlates of the Flourishing-at-Work Scale in United States School Psychologists  
Major Professor: Dr. Randy Floyd

Justine Piontek

Department of Counseling Psychology  
BA, 2001, University of Massachusetts Amherst  
MA, 2019, University of New York in Prague  
Dissertation: Cultural humility training with a simulated therapy client: A qualitative case study  
Major Professor: Dr. Sara K. Bridges

Ala' Eyad Qatramez

Department of Engineering  
BS, 2017, Jordan University of Science and Technology  
MS, 2021, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: The Role of Lithium-Ion Batteries Vent Gas Production on Thermal Runaway Propagation in Containerized Energy Storage Systems  
Major Professor: Drs. Daniel Foti & Alexander Headley

Kang Keun Rhee

Department of Business Administration  
MA, 2021, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: Two Essays on International Trade  
Major Professor: Dr. Joonhyung Lee

Mason David Ruby

Department of Applied Physics  
BS, 2018, Union University  
MS, 2022, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: Do mergers drive SMBH-galaxy coevolution? Comparison of Feeding and Feedback in Single and Dual AGN  
Major Professor: Dr. Francisco Muller-Sanchez

Ellen Ann Shelton

Department of English  
MA, 1994, The University of Mississippi  
EdD, 2000, The University of Mississippi  
Dissertation:  
Major Professor: Dr. Joseph Jones

Andrew Norman Snell

Department of Psychology  
BS, 2019, Brigham Young University

MS, 2021, University of Memphis  
Dissertation: Treatment Credibility, Outcome Expectations, the Therapeutic Alliance, and  
Therapist Empathy: Construct Explication via Model Testing  
Major Professor: Dr. Jeffrey Berman

Jolaikha Sultana  
Department of Applied Physics  
Dissertation: Doping-Driven Modulation of Structural, Magnetic, and Magnetocaloric Properties  
in orthochromites for Advanced Cooling Technologies  
Major Professor: Professor Sanjay R. Mishra

Francis Edward Tillman  
Department of Biology  
BS, 2017, University of Dubuque  
M.S. Biology, 2019, Indiana State University  
Dissertation: Infection with Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Affects Foraging Behavior of House  
Finches (Haemorrhous Mexicanus) with Implications for Disease Spread  
Major Professor: Dr. James Adelman

Jasmine Yvette McGee Williams  
Loewenberg College of Nursing  
BSN, 2009, New Mexico State University  
MSN, 2019, Grand Canyon University  
MBA, 2019, Grand Canyon University  
Dissertation: Exploring the Lived Experiences of Nurse Managers: Leadership Development and  
Competency Acquisition During Role Transition  
Major Professor: Dr. Leanne Lefler

Jingjing Wu  
Department of Business Administration  
Dissertation: Can Voice-Based AI Help Us Feel Less Lonely?  
Major Professor: Dr. Huigang Liang

Rabeta Yeasmin  
Department of Biomedical Engineering  
BSc, 2015, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology  
MSc, 2018, Tennessee Technological University  
Dissertation: Evaluation of Tether Techniques for Effective Local Drug Delivery from Chitosan  
Nanofiber  
Major Professor: Dr. Jessica Amber Jennings

Eduard Yelagin

Department of Business Administration  
BA, 2002, Padjadjaran University  
MA, 2013, University of Birmingham  
Dissertation: Three Essays in Gamification, Innovation, and Cybersecurity  
Major Professor:

Liang Zhang

Department of Engineering  
MS, 2019, University of Memphis  
MS, 2015, Tianjin University of Science and Technology  
BS, 2012, Dezhou University  
Dissertation: DATA AUGMENTATION AND IMPUTATION FOR SPARSE LEARNER PERFORMANCE  
DATA IN INTELLIGENT TUTORING SYSTEMS  
Major Professor: Dr. Mohammed Yeasin

## College of Arts & Sciences

### **Master of Arts**

Briahna Michelle Macklin

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Christine Ann Smith  
BA, 2023, University of Memphis

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BA, 2024, University of Memphis

### **Master of City and Regional Planning**

Truus Apoanaba Abuosi  
BS, 2021, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Joyanta Basak

### **Master of Science**

Kishan Rajan Desai

BA, 2019, New York University

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BS, 2024, Sri Indu College of Engineering & Technology

Alexis Elise Gallegos

BS, 2021, University of Hawaii

Wang Li

BS, 2024, Sichuan University

Joshua Leo Myers

BS, 2020, The University of Alabama

Camden Noelle Patterson

BS, 2023, Mississippi State University

Megan Marie Purvis

BA, 2019, University of Memphis

Kevin Joseph Russell

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BTech, 2022, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

Leela Sai Uppalapati

BTech, 2019, Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation

Victoria Elizabeth Williams

BA, 2022, University of Memphis

## College of Communication and Fine Arts

### Master of Arts

Aaliyah De'Sha Brown

BA, 2020, University of Memphis

Ellia Shiyan Parrish

BA, 2024, University of Memphis

Renu Swamy  
BS, 2003, Manipal Academy of Higher Education

### **College of Education**

#### **Master of Arts in Teaching**

Porsha Monae Dixon  
BPS, 2019, University of Memphis  
MS, 2022, University of Memphis

Qamar Raza

#### **Master of Science**

Madelyn Miller Bynum  
BPS, 2023, University of Memphis

Shaneka Lynn Carter  
BA, 2021, University of Memphis

Chantal Rose Davis  
BSED, 2009, University of Memphis

Asia Gibson  
BA, 2024, Christian Brothers University

Douglas Maurice Green  
BA, 2021, Clark Atlanta University

Caroline Hanson Greene  
BS, 2022, University of Tulsa

Andrea Faith Hall  
BA, 2014, University of New Mexico  
Med, 2021 Vanderbilt University

Tinese Hazlett Harris  
BPS, 2019, University of Memphis

Jasaantua Renee Johnson  
BBA, 2010, LeMoyne-Owen College  
MBA, 2015, University of Phoenix

Catherine Maley  
BSN, 2011, University of Memphis

Briana Mills  
BS, 2015, Winston-Salem State University

Gracie Lee Pickens  
BA, 2015, University of Memphis

Jacretia Aleese Porter

Jennifer Ramos  
BA, 2024, University of Mississippi

Clancey Kaylee Saigeon  
BA, 2024, University of Memphis

Barrett Henry Schwarz  
BA, 2012, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

Alexandria Nicole Slater  
BS, 2023, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Sherika Ilean Starnes  
MEd, 2016, Cambridge College

Rebecca I. Yarbrough

Gabriela Zarate-Hernandez  
BPS, 2023, University of Memphis

[College of Health Sciences](#)

### **Master of Science**

Santoshia Davis Fitchpatrick  
BPS, 2012, University of Memphis

Justin Wade Resendez  
BS, 2022, University of Memphis

Karely Lizabeth Rodriguez  
BS, 2024, University of Memphis

Tyler Coleman Ross  
BS, 2023, University of Memphis

Zoe K. Simpson

### **College of Professional & Liberal Studies**

#### **Master of Arts in Liberal Studies**

Ashley Kate Adams  
BA, 2010, University of Cincinnati

#### **Master of Professional Studies**

Amoriana Ziere Davis  
BA, 2019, University of Memphis

Cedric Cornell Johnson  
BBA, 2023, University of Memphis

Lakeshia Evette Johnson  
BA, 2017, Lane College

### **Fogelman College of Business & Economics**

#### **Master of Business Administration**

Sandra Albarran Torres  
BLS, 2023, University of Memphis

Timothy Hyunsung Baik

Billy Eugene Brooks, Jr.  
BS, 2024, University of Memphis

Nicole Falodun  
BS, 2023, Rhodes College

Bryn Elainelee Ferguson  
BS, 2022, Slippery Rock University

Therese Carolyn Glance

Cameron Latavius Gray  
BBA, 2023, University of Memphis

Daniela Elizabeth Herrera  
BA, 2023, Rhodes College

Ashley Marie Howell  
BA, 2023, University of Memphis

John Alexander Huddleston  
BS, 2021 University of Tennessee

Mark Jackson

Siminder Kaur  
MS, 2011, University of Memphis

Sarah Kugler  
BS, 2022, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College

George Anthony Palton

Namita Bhadrash Patel

Thuy Trang Thanh Pham  
BBA, 2014, University of Memphis



Logan Cameryn Settles  
BA, 2022, University of Tennessee

Jasmyn Jeanaye Tate  
BS, 2024, University of Memphis

**Master of Science**

Bhanuprakash Bandi  
BTech, 2022, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

Sudheer Chennamsetty  
BTech, 2020, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

Himabindhu Kuna

Haneesh Nellore

**Herff College of Engineering**

**Master of Science**

Rabin Nepal

Vedant Singh  
MSc, 2023, National Institute of Technology Calicut

Noah David Wargo  
BS, 2024, University of Memphis

**Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management**

**Master of Science**

Hanna E. Box

Brea Nicole Elmore  
BA, 2018, University of Memphis

Gerald Jerome Williams  
BBA, 2023, University of Memphis

**Loewenberg College of Nursing****Master of Science in Nursing**

Holly Ann Bailey  
BSN, 2021, University of Memphis

Ginger Nichole Barnes  
BSN, 2021, University of Memphis

Abigail Lea Brown  
BSN, 2021, University of Memphis

Meagan Nicolle Carver  
BM, 2012, University of Memphis

Kathryn Coleman  
BS, 2024, Western Governors University

Cynthia Peyton Combs  
BS, 2018, University of Memphis

Leona Nichole Dickson  
BSN, 2019, University of Memphis

Leticia Harris

Darian A. Harrison

Linh N. Hoang

Kristen Camille Horton  
BSN, 2022, University of Memphis

Caterina Devone Johnson  
BSN, 2020, University of Memphis

Melissa Kennamore  
BSN, 2022, University of Memphis

Amanda Roberts Kennedy

Julia T. Le  
BSN, 2021, University of Memphis

Tiffany Maria Lester

Alexis Rae Maestas  
BSN, 2021, Westminster College

Anna Kate Perry

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BSN, 2020, Dixie State College

David Smith  
BS, 2021, Aspen University

LaMonica Stingley  
BSN, 2015, University of Memphis

Allison Claire Waters  
BSN, 2020, University of Tennessee

## [School of Communication Sciences and Disorders](#)

### **Master of Arts**

Caroline R. Finger

BS, 2024, Samford University

Alenna Belle Fletcher

Gracie Elaine Fogerty

BA, 2024, Christian Brothers University

Mercedes Morelia Leticia Herrera

BA, 2023, University of California, Davis

Emily Mischak

BS, 2022, Florida State University

Ashton Taylor Mitchell

BA, 2024, University of Memphis

Jackson Hillard Moore

BS, 2024, University of Tennessee, Martin

Abigail Elise Powell

BS, 2024, University of Memphis

Sydney Hall Rickman

BSED, 2024, University of Tennessee, Martin

Cara D. Smith

BSED, 2023, University of Memphis

Hsin-Pei Su

BS, 2019, University of Tennessee

Leah Herndon Warren

BS, 2023, Union University

## School of Public Health

### **Master of Public Health**

Reindolf Arthur

BS, 2014 Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

MBBS, 2017, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Anna Trace Brewer

BS, 2023, University of Mississippi

Kaiya Zacoria Colbert

MS, 2022, Christian Brothers University

Logan Michael Stoltenborg Longo

BA, 2024, University of Memphis

BS, 2024, University of Memphis

Afreen Momin

BS, 2021, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Miguel Gonzalo Navarrete Mejia

BS, 2006, Pontifical Bolivarian University

### **Master of Science**

Luke Pirrotta

BS, 2018, Pennsylvania State University

Jingyou Yu

BA, 2021, University of Memphis

Shiyuan Zhang

MS, 2024, University of Memphis