

2022 Commencement Ceremony

SATURDAY, OCT. 8
ORPHEUM THEATRE
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA



Adler University continues the pioneering work of the first community psychologist, Alfred Adler, by graduating socially responsible practitioners, engaging communities, and advancing social justice.

Alfred Adler began community psychology by articulating the constructs of *Gemeinschaftsgefühl* (social interest or the connection between individual and community well-being) and systemic community intervention, such as preventative public health measures.

As a higher education institution, Adler University furthers Alfred Adler's vision today by producing the three outcomes specified in its mission:

Socially Responsible Practitioners

Socially responsible practitioners are educated to be effective personal and social change agents in the pursuit of justice.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is collaborative partnership that strengthens communities, provides service, and prepares students.

Social Justice

Social justice refers to the equitable distribution of economic, political, civil, cultural, social, and other resources and opportunities in society in order to promote the optimal development of persons and communities.

**NOT FOR OURSELVES
ALONE BUT FOR ALL**

2022 Commencement Ceremony

Oct. 8, 2022 • 1:30 p.m.

Processional

Spakwus Stolem/Eagle Song Dancers, Squamish First Nation

Welcome

Bob Baker

Elder, Squamish First Nation

Bradley O'Hara, Ph.D.

Executive Dean, Vancouver Campus

Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D.

President

Graduate Address

Introduced by Bradley O'Hara, Ph.D.

Executive Dean, Vancouver Campus

Nigel Mojica

Master of Counselling Psychology

Commencement Address

Introduced by Jeannine Diddle Uzzi, Ph.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Ninu Kang

Executive Director, Ending Violence Association

Presentation of Graduates

Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D.

President

Bradley O'Hara, Ph.D.

Executive Dean, Vancouver Campus

Sandra Song, Ph.D.

Program Director, Public Policy and Administration

Shawn Ireland, Ed.D.

Program Director, Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Keturah Welton, Ph.D.

Program Director, Counselling Psychology: Art Therapy

Asa-Sophia Maglio, Ph.D.

Program Director, Counselling Psychology

Manal Guirguis-Younger, Ph.D.

Program Director, Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology

Closing Remarks

Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D.

President

Recessional

John Ralston, Bagpiper

REGALIA

The tradition of wearing academic regalia in the United States and Canada dates back to the first universities in Europe, founded in the 12th and 13th centuries. Academic robes, hoods, and caps have evolved over time.

In the United States, caps and gowns have been used since colonial times. In 1885, a widespread student movement in America pushed to wear caps and gowns at commencement ceremonies. In British Columbia, academic dress began to be adopted in the mid-19th century and, over time, a full range of gowns, hoods, and headdresses was prescribed and worn by officers and graduates of higher learning.

By 1894, colleges and universities across North America began standardizing the style and colors of robes and hoods. All robes were black and the lining and border color of the hood differentiated faculties and academic institutions.

ACADEMIC COSTUME

An academic costume describes the academic origin and accomplishments of the wearer. Holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are recognizable by their costume, and the trained eye may identify the university that conferred the degree, as well as the individual's field of learning.

The shape and decorations of the gown designate the highest degree earned by an individual. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist or upper arm; the rear part of its oblong shape is square cut. The doctoral gown may be readily identified by the velvet facing down its front and by three velvet bars on each sleeve.

Master's degree holders wear mortarboards with a tassel noting the year of their graduation. The tassel may also be color-coded according to the degree program. Doctoral degree holders can wear tams (as worn by our Chicago Campus graduates) or befeater caps (as worn by our Vancouver Campus graduates).

The hood is an important and distinctive feature of academic pageantry. The master's hood is three feet long with a three-inch edge. The doctoral hood is four feet long with a five-inch edge. The color of the hood's velvet edge represents the field in which the wearer earned his or her degree and the inner lining showcases the official academic colors of the institution that conferred the degree. Adler University graduates from the Chicago and Online campuses, for example, wear linings that are burgundy and gold. Graduates from the Vancouver Campus wear linings that are orange, green, and brown.

GRADUATE SPEAKER: NIGEL MOJICA

Nigel Mojica is a settler of Filipino and English/Scottish ancestry, born and raised on the Coast Salish lands. He is an artist, facilitator, and graduate of the Master of Counselling Psychology program. Mojica is a playful, mostly lighthearted person whose life has been full of twists and turns. Prior to graduate school, he spent 10 years doing frontline mental health work in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside neighbourhood and around the Lower Mainland. He is an active rapper, an inactive radio host, and a creative facilitator. He is a co-host of the RADIUS Fellowship program and moonlights as an event emcee. Mojica is trying to be a good person, friend, son, partner, community member, and now, counsellor. He is excited about doing this work and aspires to bring his full self to the profession, and to practice in a way that would make his mother, his ancestors, and his late friend, Alex, proud.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: NINU KANG

Ninu Kang is executive director, Ending Violence Association of British Columbia (EVA BC). EVA BC coordinates and supports the work of victim-serving and other anti-violence programs around the province. With an academic background in economics and counselling psychology, Kang has worked as a researcher and consultant on projects with a community-based action focus. She has facilitated training in anti-violence and anti-racism across North America and the globe.

Prior to her role at Ending Violence Association of British Columbia, Kang served in several leadership roles at MOSAIC, a nonprofit that served immigrant, refugee, migrant, and mainstream communities in Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley. She has also consulted with various women's groups and community organizations regarding equity, diversity, and inclusion issues.

Kang has received many recognitions over her career including the Surrey Board of Trade's Women in Business award, the Challenge Coin from the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit – British Columbia, and the Nehru Humanitarian Award.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

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Master of Public Policy and Administration: Concentration in Social Change Leadership

Diksha
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Karla Beatriz Acevedo Arbizu
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Sandra Almeida
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Athena Estremadura
Afsoon Javanjoo
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Harleen Kaur Mangat
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Zahra Nik Khah
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Master of Arts in Organizational Psychology

Jenelle McCulloch

Master of Arts in Industrial & Organizational Psychology

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Master of Counselling Psychology: Art Therapy

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Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology

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Master of Counselling Psychology: Concentration in School and Youth

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Debra Winter

**A special congratulations to the Class of 2021 graduates who are in attendance.*

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

Vancouver Campus

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology

Angela Fu

Dissertation Title: “The Experience of Chinese International Students in Vancouver: An Exploratory Study of Acculturation, Discrimination, Social Support and Other Protective Factors and Stress Coping”

Dissertation Committee Chair:
Johnson Ma, Ph.D.

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Dissertation Title: “The Struggle is Real: A Meta-Analysis on Burnout in Mental Health Professionals”

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Amir A. Sepehry, Ph.D.

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Dissertation Title: “Stories of Resilience: How Muslims in Vancouver Cope with Islamophobia”

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Dissertation Title: “Mental Health Therapists’ Provision of Psychosexual Health Care Services to Individuals Who Have a Traumatic Brain Injury”

Dissertation Committee Chair:
Jordan Maile, Ph.D.

Leslie Lummiss-Zanette

Dissertation Title: “Evaluation of a Pilot Modified Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills Group for Women in Residential Treatment of Drug and Alcohol Addiction”

Dissertation Committee Chair:
Michael Sheppard, Ph.D.

Victor Fong Yiu Mak

Dissertation Title: “Investigating the Effects of Cultural Background on Fit Performance in a Sample of European Canadians and Chinese Canadians Residing in Canada”

Dissertation Committee Chair:
Jordan Maile, Ph.D.

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Dissertation Title: “Attitudes Towards Alcohol Misuse in the Punjabi Community”

Dissertation Committee Chair:
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Dissertation Title: “A Cultural TOMM-orrow: Observing the effects of acculturation on the Test of Memory Malingering (TOMM) in an Iranian sample”

Dissertation Committee Chair:
Jordan Maile, Ph.D.

Carolyn Zwicky-Pérez

Dissertation Title: “Intersectionality in Practice: Psychologist-Activists

Dissertation Committee Chair:
Manal Guirguis-Younger, Ph.D.

Online Campus

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Olivia Robertson

Dissertation Title: “Autonomy of Choice in the Work Environment and the Effects Observed on Employee Engagement, Employee Motivation, and Team Effectiveness”

Dissertation Committee Chair:
Kelli Hogg, Ph.D.

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WELCOME TO THE ADLER UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Adler University is pleased to welcome the Class of 2022 to our ranks of more than 7,000 alums committed to advancing social justice globally. Today marks your first step into a larger world – one where you are uniquely qualified to address the health inequities and social injustices affecting marginalized communities. Your time at Adler has prepared you to meet these challenges as highly qualified and compassionate agents of change.

We invite you to continue your partnership with Adler University as a valued member of your ongoing journey. The University provides opportunities for alums to engage in educational and professional programs and is working to offer more benefits in the months ahead.

You are now a member of a vibrant community of individuals that work together to transform communities. We hope that you will take full advantage of it.

Non nobis solum sed omnibus.
Not for ourselves alone but for all.

Congratulations!

P.S. To stay connected and receive news about your fellow alums and upcoming events, please send your mailing address and email updates to alumni@adler.edu.

The Board of Trustees, Cabinet, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni of Adler University warmly congratulate the members of the graduating class of 2022. Today's commencement ceremony marks the beginning of your chosen professional life. We wish you well as you celebrate this special day and continue your journey as alumni of Adler University.



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