

**CLASS OF 2025**



*Statistics PhD*  
Graduation Program

**May 1, 2025 | 12:00 p.m.**

Forum Hall, Palmer Commons

# Program

## WELCOME

**Professor Liza Levina**

*Department Chair*

## REMARKS

**Professor Kerby Shedden**

*Director of the PhD Program*

**Weijing Tang**

*PhD Alumna Speaker,  
Assistant Professor of Statistics & Data Science,  
Carnegie Mellon University*

**Kihyuk Hong**

*Graduating Student Speaker*

**Declan McNamara**

*Graduating Student Speaker*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AWARDS

**Professor Stilian Stoev**

*Associate Director of the PhD Program*

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING STUDENTS AND HOODING

**Professor Kerby Shedden**

*Director of the PhD Program*

## RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

*Windows Lounge, 3rd Floor*

# *University Awards*

Rackham Outstanding GSI Award

**Paolo Borello**

Rackham International Student Fellowship

**Shihao Wu**

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship

**Felipe Maia Polo**

**Unique Subedi**

**Shihao Wu**

Rackham ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award

**Subha Maity**



# *Departmental Student Awards*

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award

**Kihyuk Hong**

**Tim White**

**Marc Brooks**

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Team Award

**Abhiti Mishra**

**Ethan Schubert**

**Xinhe Wang**

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Team

Award Honorable Mention

**Jaylin Lowe**

**Jesse Wheeler**

PhD Student Service Awards

**Alexander Kagan**

**Shushu Zhang**

PhD Outstanding Dissertation Awards

**Kihyuk Hong**

**Trong Dat Do**

PhD Outstanding Dissertation Award Honorable Mention

**Sunrit Chakraborty**

## *External Awards*

2025 Apple Scholars in Artificial Intelligence &  
Machine Learning PhD Fellowship

**Vinod Raman**

2025 Outstanding Paper at the Conference for Algorithmic Learning Theory  
*A Unified Theory of Supervised Online Learnability*

**Vinod Raman**

**Unique Subedi**

2025 American Statistical Association Mental Health  
Statistics Section Student Paper Award

**Chengyu Cui**

2025 Eastern North American Region Distinguished Student Paper Award  
*Causal Inference with Text-Based Treatments and Outcomes*

**Kevin Wibisono**

2024 International Meeting of the Psychometric Society  
Graduate Student Research Competition  
*Expanding the Scope of Data Sources in Psychometric Research  
by Embedding Individual Records using Generative AI*

**Chengyu Cui**

**Bo Meng**

**Jing Ouyang**

**Shihao Wu**

**Zhiwei Xu**

2024 IMS International Conference on Statistics  
and Data Science Student Travel Award

**Shihao Wu**

# *Doctor of Philosophy*

Sunrit Chakraborty

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Pramit Das

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# *Master of Arts in Statistics Dual Degree*

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Julian Bernado

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Xuanyu Chen

Chengyu Cui

Soham Das

Pramit Das

Gabriel Durham

Mason Ferlic

Yizhou Gu

Yiling Huang

Alexander Kagan

Yuxuan Ke

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**The Department of Statistics would like to  
congratulate all of our graduates on the successful  
completion of their programs. Good luck with your  
future plans, and we hope you will keep in touch!**

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