

HISTORY DEPARTMENT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Keynote Speaker: Mary Elizabeth Berry, The Class of 1944 Professor of History, Department of History, UC Berkeley

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Location: Zellerbach Auditorium (main theater in Zellerbach Hall)

Order of Events:

- Doors Open for Guests: 8:30 a.m.
- Musical Interlude: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Ceremony Starts: 9:30 a.m.
- Reception: Following the ceremony in Ishi Courtyard (Dwinelle Hall)

When to Arrive:

Doors open for guest seating at 8:30 a.m. Seats are general assignment, so the earlier you arrive, the more seating choices are available for you. Although we have not sold out this venue in years, we still expect to fill most seats on the main floor.

Note: Cal Performances does not allow strollers, balloons, food, drinks (except for water), confetti, or air horns inside Zellerbach Auditorium. These items or other large items, such as large flower arrangements, can be checked once you enter the venue. Cal Performances staff will also assist in storing strollers in the lobby area.

Schedule:

The ceremony will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will last approximately 2 hours (usually less). Then, follow the crowd as the masses move toward Dwinelle Hall for the reception in Ishi Court.

Tickets Available for Purchase: April 11–May 16

If you have not purchased tickets before the day of the event, they will be available at the Cal Performances Box Office for \$10 each. Note that all children will need their own ticket, including babes in arms.

There are three ways to purchase tickets:

- **In person at the Zellerbach Hall Ticket Office:** The ticket office is located at the northeast corner of Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. Open Tuesday–Friday, 12–5:30pm; Saturday and Sunday, 1–5pm; closed Monday. \$10 each.

Purchasing tickets (continued):

- **By phone:** Call (510) 642-9988, Tuesday–Friday, 12–5:30pm; Saturday and Sunday, 1–5pm; closed Monday. "Will Call" tickets ordered by phone may be picked up at the Zellerbach Ticket Office on Commencement Day. \$10 each, plus a per call service fee.
- **Online Ticket Sales:** [Visit the Zellerbach Hall Ticket Website](#) \$10 each plus a per order service fee.

Parking:

Parking is limited. Detailed information can be found on the following website:
<http://pt.berkeley.edu/special-events/commencement-ceremonies>

The Parking and Transportation office updates their website on April 1 of each year, so be patient for their current commencement posting.

Special Parking for Disabled Guests:

Parking is available for \$10 at all designated disabled spaces and non-reserved spaces for those with disabled placards or license plates. These spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For the disabled parking map showing the locations of lots and individual parking spaces please see: http://pt.berkeley.edu/pt_disability

As a courtesy to our guests, the History Department reserves a limited number of parking spaces for guests with mobility issues. Please contact history-events@berkeley.edu if you would like for us to reserve a disabled parking space for you. In the email, please confirm that you have a disabled placard for your car, and provide the name of the disabled guest as well as the name of the graduate. If you choose **not** to make a reservation through the History Department, plan to arrive early, as these spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Although we will make every attempt to make last-minute accommodations, we cannot guarantee any reservations made after 12pm Friday May 5th.

Special Seating:

Guests who require wheelchair seating should send an email to history-events@berkeley.edu. Because wheelchair seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, we encourage you to contact us ASAP so that we can be certain to have an accurate count of who will require special seating. We will make every attempt to allow two attendants to sit with each wheelchair user. Please note that Cal Performances does not provide wheelchairs. Because over half of the seating in Zellerbach is accessible without stairs, there will be no reserved special seating section for those with mobility problems. For that reason, we recommend that if anyone in your party needs special seating, please ARRIVE AT THE VENUE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE in order to be seated before the crowd pours into the auditorium.

Vendors Available:

PHOTOGRAPHY

Professional photography services will be available. GradImages provides a donation to the department; therefore, patronizing this vendor not only rewards you with a great product, it helps to give back to the History Department.

For more information about their services, please contact them at 1-800-261-2576 or visit <http://www.gradimages.com>.

FLOWERS

Ashby Flowers graciously provides us with a large vase of flowers for the stage. Please reward Ashby Flowers' generosity by buying your flowers from their stand. Flowers will be sold in Lower Sproul Plaza by the entrance to Zellerbach before (and after) the ceremony. Let them know that you are there for the History Commencement and they will also give a portion of the proceeds to the department.

If you want to pre-order a bouquet, or an orchid lei with specific colors or flowers, you can order in advance by calling (510) 849-3121. You may also see their prices and options online at: <http://www.ashbyflowers.com/>.

If you order online, please specify the following so that your order will be waiting at the venue:

- Use promotion code GRAD17 when ordering
- Include the ceremony date (5/16 at 9:00 am) and location (Zellerbach Auditorium) in the special instructions
- Indicate that you are ordering for a History graduate

Additional Resources:

UC Berkeley Campus Map:

<http://www.berkeley.edu/map>

UC Berkeley Visitor Services:

<http://visit.berkeley.edu/>

Berkeley Convention and Visitors Bureau:

<http://www.visitberkeley.com>