



The Department of English

at Cornell University

cordially invites you and your guests to our

Diploma Ceremony and Reception

Friday, May 25, 2018

Statler Auditorium

3:00 pm reception

4:00 pm ceremony

Light refreshments will be served

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English Department Diploma Ceremony 2018
Friday, May 25th, 3:00 – 5:00pm, Statler Auditorium
Information for Degree Candidates

Location

Statler Auditorium is located at the corner of Statler Drive and Campus Road. Building entrances are located on Statler Drive and East Avenue. For those with accessibility needs, please enter the building via Statler Drive.

Reception

Light refreshments will be served in the Beck Center Atrium outside the Statler Auditorium from 3:00pm until 4:00pm. **Please note: no food or drinks are permitted in the auditorium.**

Family and Guests

There is no restriction on the number of guests attending and tickets are not required. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you or your guests require any special needs or accommodations, please email the department at english_dept@cornell.edu.

Student Registration

Upon arriving at the Statler, students participating in the diploma ceremony MUST check-in with the English department staff and pick up a name card. Check-in will be available until 3:45pm. Do not lose your card –the department chair will use this card to read your name from the stage. Also, be sure to complete the informational survey you receive via email in advance of the event.

Photography

As a courtesy to all in attendance, please have your guests refrain from advancing to the front of the auditorium to take photos as graduates are walking across the stage. A team of professional photographers from Grad Images will be taking stage shots and individual portrait shots. Photographs will be available for purchase directly from [Grad Images](#).

Preparing for the Procession and Diploma Ceremony

At 3:45pm all degree candidates should proceed to the lower lobby of the Statler (follow the signs), and assemble in line for the procession. All Master degree and undergrad degree candidates assemble wearing their full academic regalia. PhD candidates should be carrying their hoods. **Guests and family members will be asked to take their seats in Statler auditorium by 4:00pm for the Diploma Ceremony.**

Procession and Staging

At 4:05pm all degree candidates begin the procession when prompted by the procession leader. The Diploma Ceremony begins at approximately 4:10pm. All degree candidates and their guests remain seated during the ceremony. Ushers will prompt candidates when to rise and move toward the stage. **Degree candidates will be called in the order they were originally lined up, so we ask that degree candidates please stay in order!**

Adjournment and Recession

After the closing remarks, the ushers will prompt the graduates to exit the auditorium. Guests remain seated until all graduates have exited.

General Information and Questions

Please visit the University's Commencement Web site (commencement.cornell.edu) for information on renting or purchasing regalia, lodging, and other commencement activities and schedules. Parking and location assistance can be found here: www.cornell.edu/visit/parking/#general and www.cornell.edu/about/maps. If you have further questions about the diploma ceremony, please call the English Department Office at 607-255-6800.