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CLASS OF 2025

**UNDERGRADUATE
AND GRADUATE
CELEBRATION**

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES

MAY 10, 2025

PROGRAM

Welcome

Kellee Tsai
Dean

Introduction to Undergraduate Student Speaker

Laura Green
Senior Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Keneya Onuaguluchi, '25
History, Culture, and Law, BA

Introduction to Graduate Student Speaker

Jun Ma
Associate Dean of Graduate Studies

Graduate Student Speaker

Disha Shilpa Kamlesh Pansuriya, '25
Economics, MS

Celebration Speaker

Judge Roderick Ireland
Distinguished Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Alumni Welcome

Allen Lomax, '77
Dean's Strategy Council

Student Procession

Led by Dean Kellee Tsai

Charge to the Graduates

Kellee Tsai
Dean

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Keneya Onuaguluchi

Keneya Onuaguluchi is graduating with a BA in History, Culture, and Law, with a focus on transforming the criminal legal system. Keneya has had co-ops at the law firm MG+M, where she is currently a part-time paralegal intern, and at Northeastern's Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project. Keneya, a student in the John Martinson Honors program, has also worked with the Transformational Prison Project, where she helped draft Massachusetts Bill SD 2413 to end lifetime parole for juvenile offenders. She is a winner of the CSSH Award for Excellence in Work to Foster Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. In the fall, she will attend the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law with a full scholarship as a Distinguished Scholar.

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Disha Shilpa Kamlesh Pansuriya

Disha is graduating with an MS in Economics and has made significant contributions to the academic community through her roles as a research assistant, teaching assistant, analyst, and peer mentor for the Bridge to Calculus program. She also served as the President of the Master's Student Association, completed a rewarding co-op experience with McKinsey & Company and received the prestigious Laurel and Scroll 100 award. Following her graduation in May, Disha will be joining the State of Montana's Public Service Commission as an Economic Analyst.

CELEBRATION SPEAKER

Judge Roderick Ireland

Judge Roderick Ireland, Distinguished Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, is a graduate of Lincoln University, the first historic black college in the United States. He earned a JD degree from Columbia Law School, a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School, and a PhD in Law, Policy and Society from Northeastern University.

During the first six years of his legal career, Judge Ireland worked briefly as a legal services attorney before co-founding the Roxbury Defenders, a public defender organization in Boston. He then was tapped to serve in several high-visibility positions in state government before being appointed to the bench. He sat as a judge for 37 years, including his historic appointment as the first African American justice to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in 1997, later becoming its chief justice in 2010.

His judicial achievements were marked by the 2015 renaming of Terrence Street, where he lived as a child in Springfield, to “Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland Way,” and the 2017 renaming of the Hampden County Hall of Justice to the “Roderick L. Ireland Courthouse” by the Massachusetts Legislature.

Judge Ireland serviced as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (formerly the College of Criminal Justice) from 1978 to 2014, when he was appointed a Distinguished Professor. His interests include criminal law, juvenile law, and constitutional law, and he is the author of a two-volume treatise on Juvenile Law in the Massachusetts Practice Series.

A person in a graduation gown and cap stands with their back to the camera, looking at a large, dark shadow of a husky on a light-colored wall. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong light source from the right casting long shadows on the floor.

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