The Inauguration
of the Thirteenth
President of
Cornell University

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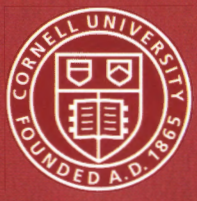
Elizabeth Garrett

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The Inaugural Procession, 10:00 a.m.

The Inaugural Ceremony, 10:30 a.m.



The Arts Quadrangle

The communal and historic heart of Cornell University's Ithaca campus is the Arts Quadrangle, a tranquil green space bordered by venerable stone and brick buildings. It is the site of the university's original campus, and a favorite gathering place for Cornellians. Students study, chat, or toss Frisbees on the lawn in the warmer months, and sculpt snow figures there between classes in the winter.

Founder Ezra Cornell is said to have stood on the future quadrangle's northwestern corner when he announced his intention to build a university on this site. He and co-founder Andrew Dixon White, Cornell's first president, visited many campuses, including those of Oxford, Harvard, and Yale, while planning the layout of the original quadrangle of the new university. White even sought the counsel of Frederick Law Olmsted, the designer of New York City's Central Park. Succeeding generations of Cornellians have made only minor changes, preserving the Arts Quadrangle much as the founders planned it: a lovely, shady place for community activities, socializing, and reflection, on one of the most beautiful campuses in America.

The founders' statues face each other across the quadrangle. White's is on the east side, and Cornell's on the west, in the middle of "Old Stone Row," which consists of Morrill, McGraw, and White halls. Morrill Hall, the first building constructed on the original campus, is a National Historic Landmark. Built of bluestone quarried from the land directly to the west of the quadrangle, which created the steep hill every Cornellian now knows as Libe Slope, these three earliest buildings still house a portion of the College of Arts and Sciences, as do Lincoln Hall and the massive Goldwin Smith Hall on the eastern side of the quadrangle.

The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art Building, designed by renowned I.M. Pei, stands just off the northwestern corner of the quadrangle. Its neighbors, framing the quadrangle's northern end, are Tjaden, Sibley, and Rand halls, headquarters of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning.

In March of every year for the past 114 years, each first-year architecture class has built a dragon in Rand Hall. The huge beast, escorted by throngs of costumed students, is paraded through campus and back to the Arts Quadrangle, where it does battle with a phoenix created by rival engineering students. This rite of spring is one of Cornell's best-known traditions.

Uris Library, on the southwest corner of the Arts Quadrangle, incorporates Cornell's most famous landmark, Jennie McGraw Tower, whose chimes and clock are part of daily campus life. Olin Library, one of the world's great research libraries, anchors the southern boundary. On Cornell's commencement day each May, the president, trustees, and guests gather on Olin's terrace to view the degree candidates and faculty members as they assemble on the quadrangle and begin the march to Schoellkopf Stadium for the graduation ceremonies and celebration.

The Prelude and the Inaugural Procession

Academic Regalia

Academic regalia in the United States generally conforms to an intercollegiate code established in 1895. The gown is commonly black, but may be designed with special variations to indicate the level of the wearer's degree. The doctoral gown is paneled in velvet with three matching velvet bars on the sleeves that are black or a color associated by convention with the general field of the degree preferred; i.e., blue velvet is worn by a Doctor of Philosophy, and gray by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Cornell University trustees wear the doctoral gown. The University Marshal, Bearer of the Mace, and Faculty Marshals wear ceremonial gowns of solid carnelian. Recipients of the Cornell doctorate may wear gowns of carnelian.

The tassel on the academic cap is black or the color associated with the degree field. Colors for Cornell degrees include *agriculture and life sciences*: maize; *architecture*: blue violet; *arts and sciences*: white; engineering: orange; fine arts: brown; *hotel administration*: dark red; *human ecology*: maroon; *industrial and labor relations*: orange yellow; law: purple; *management*: drab; *medicine*: green; and *veterinary science*: gray.

The hood bears a resemblance to the medieval cowl from which it derives. The Cornell hood has a distinctive lining of carnelian with two white chevrons.

Other institutional colors that are frequently seen at Cornell ceremonies include Brown's brown, California's gold with blue chevron, Chicago's maroon, Columbia's light blue with white chevron, Harvard's crimson, Illinois's dark blue with gold chevron, Massachusetts Institute of Technology's bright red with silver gray chevron, Michigan's maize with azure chevron, Pennsylvania's cardinal with blue chevron, Princeton's orange with black chevron, Stanford's cardinal, Wisconsin's bright red, and Yale's dark blue.

PROCESSIONAL

Cornell Chimes

ORDER OF MARCH

University Marshal

Delegates Representing Other Universities and Colleges

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Inaugural Poet

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Bearer of the Great Seal of the University

Bearer of the University Mace

University President

Alma Mater

Far above Cayuga's waters,
With its waves of blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

Lift the chorus,
Speed it onward,
Loud her praises tell;
Hail to thee our Alma Mater!
Hail, all hail, Cornell!

Far above the busy humming
Of the bustling town,
Reared against the arch of heaven,
Looks she proudly down.

Lift the chorus,
Speed it onward,
Loud her praises tell;
Hail to thee our Alma Mater!
Hail, all hail, Cornell!

Narrator
David Feldshuh, Professor of Theater

Performers
A special thank you to the performers who are sharing their talents with us:
Yamatai
Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club
Cornell Wind Symphony
Big Red Marching Band

Community Picnic
Please join us on the Agriculture Quadrangle following the installation ceremony for a picnic celebrating the inauguration of Elizabeth Garrett.

For this occasion, Cornell Dairy has unveiled a new ice cream flavor — 24 Garrett Swirl.

The Installation Ceremony

PRELUDE AND FANFARE
Cornell University Wind Symphony

CONVOCATION CALL
University Marshal

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
Strike Up a Song, by Richard H. Lee '41
Cornell University Glee Club

WELCOME
Robert S. Harrison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

POETRY READING
Alice Fulton, Ann S. Bowers Professor of English

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
Will the Circle Be Unbroken, trad. Appalachian hymn, arr. by J. David Moore
Cornell University Chorus

INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT
Robert S. Harrison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

INAUGURAL ADDRESS
Elizabeth Garrett, President of Cornell University

CONCLUDING REMARKS
Robert S. Harrison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

ALMA MATER
Cornell University Chorus, Glee Club, and Wind Symphony

RECESSIONAL
Big Red Marching Band

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Other Universities and Colleges

1636 Harvard University
1701 Yale University
1740 University of Pennsylvania
1746 Princeton University
1754 Columbia University
1787 University of Pittsburgh
1789 University of North Carolina
1793 Williams College
1795 Union College
1797 Hartwick College
1797 Hobart and William Smith Colleges
1819 Norwich University
1819 University of Virginia
1820 Indiana University
1821 Amherst College
1823 Trinity College
1826 State University of New York at Fredonia
1827 University of Toronto
1829 Rochester Institute of Technology
1831 New York University
1833 Oberlin College and Conservatory
1834 Tulane University
1835 The College at Brockport
1836 Alfred University
1837 Mount Holyoke College
1838 Duke University
1839 Boston University
1846 Bucknell University
1846 University at Buffalo
1847 University of Iowa
1850 University of Rochester
1851 University of the Pacific
1853 Manhattan College
1853 University of Florida
1853 Washington University in St. Louis
1853 Cornell College
1855 Elmira College
1855 Michigan State University
1856 St. Lawrence University
1856 University of Maryland
1858 Iowa State University
1858 St. Bonaventure University
1866 Carleton College
1866 Roberts Wesleyan College
1866 University of New Hampshire
1868 Wells College
1870 Syracuse University
1871 State University of New York College at Geneseo
1873 Texas Christian University
1873 Vanderbilt University
1875 Wellesley College
1876 Johns Hopkins University
1880 University of Southern California
1883 Houghton College
1885 Bryn Mawr College
1885 Georgia Institute of Technology
1885 Stanford University
1889 State University of New York College at Oneonta
1890 Keuka College
1891 California Institute of Technology
1892 Ithaca College
1894 University of Massachusetts Lowell
1896 Adelphi University
1908 Alfred State College
1908 Morrisville State College
1911 Connecticut College
1911 State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill
1912 Rice University
1916 The Sage Colleges
1919 University of California, Los Angeles
1926 Sarah Lawrence College
1929 Marist College
1944 University of California, Santa Barbara
1845 Helene Fuld College of Nursing
1946 Binghamton University
1946 Jilin University
1946 Le Moyne College
1946 Paul Smith's College
1946 Utica College
1948 State University of New York
1957 Corning Community College
1957 Dutchess Community College
1968 Tompkins Cortland Community College
1970 The Touro College and University System

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The University Mace and Baton

The Cornell University mace and baton are present at events such as commencement, inaugurations, and other formal ceremonies. The mace symbolizes the authority of the university as exercised by its principal officers. The baton is carried while forming and directing the procession.

President Deane Waldo Malott requested Sir Eric Clements of the Goldsmiths' Guild of London to design both the mace and the baton in 1962.

The mace consists of a tapered silver shaft surmounted by a golden terrestrial globe. Silver ribs surrounding the globe symbolize the universality of Cornell's interests and the world-wide affiliations of its faculty, students, staff, and alumni. Topping the mace is a silver bear holding an oar—he representing Cornell's unofficial mascot, the Big Red Bear, and the oar he holds represents rowing, a spring sport in which the university has an outstanding reputation.

The baton is a rosewood shaft with a wrought-silver triangular knob that bears a rendering of engraved ivy leaves.

The University Charter

As the land-grant university of New York State, Cornell University was chartered through an act of the New York State Legislature on April 27, 1865. The charter requires that the "several departments of study in the said university shall be open to applicants for admission thereto at the lowest rates of expense consistent with its welfare and efficiency, and without distinction as to rank, class, previous occupation or locality." Moreover, "persons of every or no religious denomination shall be equally eligible to all offices and appointments." The charter defined Cornell University's mission as ". . . to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and mechanic arts, including military tactics, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life. But such other branches of science and knowledge may be embraced in the plan of instruction and investigation pertaining to the university as the trustees may deem useful and proper."

Though the New York State Legislature has amended the charter from time to time over the course of the university's history to establish—for example, Cornell's four New York State contract colleges—its essence has remained unchanged.

The Great Seal of Cornell University

The Great Seal is affixed to every diploma awarded by Cornell University. Two inches in diameter, it features a profile likeness of founder Ezra Cornell in the center, encircled by his words: "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study."

The Past Presidents of Cornell University

Andrew Dickson White, 1866 to 1885

Charles Kendall Adams, 1885 to 1892

Jacob Gould Schurman, 1892 to 1920

Livingston Farrand, 1921 to 1937

Edmund Ezra Day, 1937 to 1949

Deane Waldo Malott, 1951 to 1963

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Frank H.T. Rhodes, 1977 to 1995

Hunter R. Rawlings III, 1995 to 2003

Jeffrey S. Lehman, 2003 to 2005

David J. Skorton, 2006 to 2015

So enter that daily
thou mayest
become more
learned and
thoughtful;
So depart that daily
thou mayest become
more useful to thy
country and mankind.

Inscription, Eddy Gate