



25th Annual

# CONVOCATION

Celebrating the Class of

2025

Saturday, April 26

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

## Graduation Verse | John 14:27

*An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and  
the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*

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### PAX Award 2025: Bob Haverluck

Bob Haverluck is a multidisciplinary artist, educator, and theologian whose work utilizes comedy and takes seriously the power of humour to engage, wrestling with our most urgent and ever-present issues. He is a highly acclaimed and decorated visual artist whose drawings have appeared in *Harpers*, *New Statesman*, *This Magazine*, *ARTS: Arts in Religious and Theological Studies*, and many others. He is the author of numerous books that highlight the transformative power of conscientious peacemaking. His most recent publication, *When God Was Flesh and Wild: Stories in Defence of the Earth*, is an imaginative retelling of various biblical stories that plays with the juxtapositions and prevalence of grace. Through integrating his drawings and humour into serious environmental discernment, Haverluck teaches us the necessity of humour to understand the Bible.

Haverluck is a leader who lives with integrity and care for both people and the land. His education and outreach work have led to numerous arts-based community projects where he has administered conferences and workshops across the country, including Renewing Our Peace Treaty with the Earth in collaboration and co-led with Cree Elder Stanley McKay.

CMU is inspired by Haverluck's wisdom and distinctive storytelling capabilities. As a community leader, Haverluck has encouraged wonder and passion for environmentalism and driven us to care for our neighbours in big and small ways. His dedication to social transformation embodies the foundational cornerstone of the CMU mission to “equip for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.”

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### Academic Dress

The commencement procession is a colourful affair, with faculty and staff dressed in various robes, gowns, and hats. This academic dress is a tradition that dates back to the first universities in the Middle Ages, which in turn was derived from the dress worn by clerics of that day. At universities today, the different academic dress represents the attainment of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, and the colours of the hoods indicate the graduate's or professor's field of study. At CMU, principal colours for graduates are white (arts), pink (music), yellow (science), brown (business), and scarlet (theology).

## CMU Convocation Service

Knox United Church | Saturday, April 26

### Processional

Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552 – J.S. Bach

### Welcome

Dr. Cheryl Pauls, President

### Prayer

Rev. Elder Vince Solomon

### Congregational Song

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

### Valedictory Addresses

Undergraduate: Tai Linklater

Graduate: Shantelle Morrison

### CMU Singers

We Are Not Alone – Pepper Choplin

### CMU PAX Award 2025 and Convocation Address

Bob Haverluck

### Congregational Song

Between Darkness and Light

### Conferral of Degrees

Mr. Jeremy Perrott, Registrar

Dr. Jonathan Dueck, VP Academic

### President's Medals

### CMU Singers

Yôtin (The Wind) – Sherryl Sewepagaham

### Prayer of Blessing

Prof. Kenton Lobe

### CMU Singers

A Celtic Prayer – Barry Peters

### Benediction

### Recessional

Fugue in D Major – Dmitri Shostakovich

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**Choral song explanation:** Yôtin (The Wind) was inspired by watching the wind swirl leaves and debris. I reflected on the wind, realizing that it can be gentle, playful, demanding, fierce, or biting. Traditional Cree teachings about wind teach that the wind carries prayers and songs to others or the Creator. Yôtin (the Wind) honours the wind and the gifts it brings. - Sherryl Sewepagaham

**Musicians** | Conductor: Dr. Janet Brenneman; Organ: Prof. Neil Weisensel; Piano: Prof. Verna Wiebe, Dr. Cheryl Pauls



# CMU Graduating Class of 2025

## Bachelor of Arts, Honours, Four-year

Tai Peyton Marie Linklater	Major: Ecological Pacifism   Minor: Biology
Micah Peters Unrau	Majors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies

## Bachelor of Arts, Four-year

Beth Olivia Dillabough	Major: Music   Minor: Communications and Media
Troy Emmitt William Ferguson	Major: History   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Political Studies
Brian C. Finlayson	Major: Communications and Media   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
William Robert Foley	Major: Communications and Media   Minor: Business and Organizational Administration
Nicholas Koop Harder	Majors: Communications and Media, Psychology
Magnolia Hollander	Majors: Psychology, Music
Connor Kenneth Hrabchak	Major: Communications and Media   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Hillary Lillian Jorgenson	Major: Psychology   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Biology
Dora Joy Kenny	Major: Social Science, Social Service   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Annika Rae Kornelsen	Major: Psychology   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Biology
Kara Susanna LeBlanc	Major: Communications and Media   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Sociology
Katrina Lengsavath	Major: Arts and Science (Biochemistry, Social Science)   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Grayson Wolfe Lewer	Major: History   Minor: English
Mia Karyn Penner Loeppky	Major: Psychology
Chelsea Cleora Norton	Major: Communications and English   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Hannah Grace Peters	Major: Political Studies   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Communications and Media
Annika Grace Scheelar	Major: Social Science   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies
Grace Justina Loewen Siemens	Major: Social Science   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, English
Alayna Katherine Smith	Major: Design and the Common Good
Theodore Vincent Sorensen-Kurtz	Major: Communications and English
Felix Ambrosius Stetefeld	Major: History   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Business and Organizational Administration
Clarissa Anne Funk Unger	Major: Social Science, Counselling Studies
Alexander Blaine Unrau	Major: Psychology   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Jordyn Maria Van De Kerckhove	Major: Psychology   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Sociology
Kathe Amara Warkentin	Major: Social Science, Intercultural Studies   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Communications and Media
Nina Elizabeth Weber	Major: Psychology   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Business and Organizational Administration
Emily Maureen Whittaker	Major: Business and Organizational Administration

## Bachelor of Arts, Three-year

Jesse Oluwatoni Ajai	Major: Business and Organizational Administration
Isaiah Roger Armbruster	Major: Social Science
Natasha Fe Bogoya Enns	Major: English   Minor: History
Talbot Luigi D'Ottavio	Major: Social Science, Counselling Studies   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Cassidy Leona Driedger Froese	Major: Social Science   Minor: Communications and Media
Oluwanifemi Abike Gbadamosi	Major: Business and Organizational Administration   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Tiffany Gail Katherine Gilbert	Major: Psychology
Ingrid Paulette Koss	General
Sophia Anne Derksen Lobe	General
Rosana Rebecca Maendel	Major: English   Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Psychology
Sage Davies Penner	Major: English   Minor: History
Renae Annette Stahl	Major: English   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Angela Waldner	General
Julian Mark Waldner	Majors: English, Philosophy   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Philemon Thomas Waldner	Major: English   Minors: Philosophy, Psychology

## Bachelor of Business Administration

William Thomas Duffin	Major: Social Entrepreneurship
Abraham Kibret Jember	Major: Business Management
Jacob Carlos Loewen	Major: Business Management
Dylan Lee Tully	Major: Accounting

## Bachelor of Music

Carolynne Irene Bracken	Concentration: Music Education, Early/Middle Years
Erik R. Gillespie	Concentration: Music Education, Senior Years
William Elliot Pauls Harder	Instrumental
	Concentration: Performance, Instrumental

Aiden James Ross Penner	Concentration: Music Education, Senior Years Instrumental
Samuel Todd Russell Perrott	
Nicholas Justin Robinson	Concentration: Music Ministry
Ellen Marjorie Toews	Concentration: Music Education, Senior Years Instrumental
Bethany Anne Wiebe	Concentration: Comprehensive

## Bachelor of Music Therapy

Monica Joy Bock  
Sui Ki Chow  
Vina Jalihn Marie Dimayuga  
Kaija Jean Feldbusch  
Levi Edward Penner  
Nicole Dee Steinley

## Bachelor of Science, Four-year

Rachel Sierra Bartel	Major: Biology
Briana Elisabeth Rose Ehrmantraut	Major: Biology
David Friesen Nelson	Major: Biology
Eleanor AnnMarie Ratzlaff Reimer	Major: Biology
Joshua Reece Werbiski	Major: Biology

## Bachelor of Science, Three-year

Arnav Anuj Ahuja	Major: General
Noella Ajazi	Major: General
Micah Ernest Jacob Boschmann	Major: Mathematics
Jane Marilyn Grace Julia Côté-Paré	Major: General
Danielle Lisa Ehmman	Major: Mathematics
Mayah Lara Petkau-Hamm	Major: General
Annikah Marie Reimer	Major: General

## Master of Arts

Emmanuel Babatunde Ajagun	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Emmanuel Ansong	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Laura Camila Chisco Benavides	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Kristi Alana Degenhardt	Concentration: Christian Ministry
John Hartmann Dodsworth	Concentration: Christian Ministry
Dwayne Dean Dyck	Concentration: Theological Studies
Luz Adriana Herrera Rueda	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Hannah Esther Bauman Janzen	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Cleto Mhuru	Concentration: Theological Studies

Shantelle Shasanna Morrison	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Abimbola Adetayo Onijamah	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Christina Michelle Plett	Concentration: Theological Studies
Fahad Riaz	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Nihad Abdullah Shamsaldin	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Rashid Ssenteza	Concentration: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development

## Master of Business Administration

Sherifat Abike Abolarinwa  
Monica Ruth Bruinooge  
Jocelle Amanda Campbell-Stephen  
Yan Deng  
Dale Brent Friesen  
Matthew Len VanderMeer

Asmait Bekuretsion Asgedom (from Eastern Mennonite University)  
Laura Jane Daily (from Eastern Mennonite University)  
Frances Fonseca (from Goshen College)  
Denait Tsegay Gebretsadik (from Eastern Mennonite University)  
Jacob Thomas Horsley (from Eastern Mennonite University)  
Amethyst Denice Romo Merino (from Goshen College)  
Jennifer L. Miller (from Goshen College)  
Maynard Miller (from Goshen College)  
Quincy A. Mussio (from Goshen College)  
David A. Thomson (from Goshen College)  
Riya Tingwa (from Eastern Mennonite University)  
Philip Steven Tyson (from Eastern Mennonite University)  
Amy Katherine Moncure Whitney (from Eastern Mennonite University)

## Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies

Aleah Krischelle Isaak Toews

# Praise with Joy the World's Creator

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,  
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,  
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - at - ing  
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -

love, and peace, source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,  
 finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,  
 truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,  
 mu - ni - ty, call - ing Chris - tians to em - bod - y

God whose grace shall nev - er cease. Cel - e - brate the  
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's  
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the  
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. This the world shall

Mak - er's glo - ry— pow'r to res - cue and re - lease.  
 con - stant pres - ence— friend and strang - er, guest and host.  
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.  
 see re - flect - ed: God is One and One in Three.

Alternate tune: REGENTSQUARE (#265 or #705)

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 Music: John Goss (England), *The Supplemental Hymn and Tune Book*, 1869

# Between Darkness and Light

BETWEEN DARKNESS AND LIGHT Irregular

Hebrew: Bein ha - cho-shekh la' - or e - lekh ta - mid;  
 Arabic: Bay - nal at - ma wal nur sa - am - shi da'i - man;  
 English: Be - tween dark - ness and light I will al - ways walk;

u' - v' - khol ma - kom she'-e - lekh, ef -  
 wa bi - kul ma - kan sa - am - shi, sa -  
 and wher - ev - er I will go, I will

tach cha - lon, cha - lon shel or v' - ez - ra zir' -  
 af - tach shu - bak, shu - bak a - nur, wa sa - az - ra bu -  
 o - pen a win - dow of light, and will plant the

ei a - ha - va. Ef - tach cha - lon, cha -  
 zur - a hoob. Sa - af - tach shu - bak, shu -  
 seeds of love. I will o - pen a

lon shel or v' - ez - ra zir' - ei a - ha - va.  
 bak a - nur, wa sa - az - ra bu - zur - z hoob.  
 win - dow of light, and will plant the seeds of love.

בין החושך לאור אלך תמיד  
 ובכל מקום שאלך  
 אפתח חלון חלון של אור  
 ואזרע זרעי אהבה

بين العتمة والنور سأمشي دائما  
 وبكل مكان سأمشي  
 سأفتح شباك.. شباك نور  
 وسأزرع بذور حب

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 Music: Daphna Rosenberg; acc. Benjamin Bergey (USA), 2019  
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# Academic Excellence at CMU

CMU is a university rooted in the Anabaptist Christian tradition, committed to peace, justice, hospitality, and dialogue. Students learn together in an intentional environment shaped by academic excellence, compassion, and hope.

CMU graduates are in demand. They step into careers with purpose, lead in their communities and churches, and shape the world with conviction and clarity. Whether entering competitive graduate programs, launching professional careers, or serving in frontline roles, they are out there in the world and noted for their unique contributions.



## **Academic Excellence, Individual Mentorship**

Small class sizes mean professors don't just teach well; they challenge, mentor, and invest in every student's success.



## **A Supportive Environment**

The CMU campus is a place where people actually know and support each other – professors know students' names and students become lifelong friends.



## **Learning Beyond the Classroom**

Every student gains practical work experience and has opportunities to engage actively in career preparation.



## **Affordable and Accessible**

Competitive tuition, robust scholarships, and generous financial aid make CMU accessible.

**At CMU, students don't just prepare for a career—they prepare for a life of curiosity, courage, and change-making.**



*Artwork by Bob Haverluck*

## The CMU Mission

CMU is an innovative Christian university,  
rooted in the Anabaptist faith tradition,  
moved and transformed by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Through teaching, research, and service  
CMU inspires and equips for lives of service,  
leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.



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(A POS machine is available in the foyer.)

### CMU25 in 2025

With joy we honour the 25-year story of a remarkable learning  
community and thousands of alumni whose lives call us forward.  
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CMU's 25th anniversary on September 19 and 20, 2025.

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