# Investiture Michael H. Schill

Eighteenth President of the University of Oregon



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Kate Brown Governor

June 1, 2016

Michael H. Schill President and Professor of Law University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403

Dear President Schill,

Congratulations on your investiture as the 18th president of the University of Oregon.

You have been entrusted with leading one of the state's iconic universities, and I know it is a responsibility you take seriously. The University provides the next generation of thinkers and doers with the skills, knowledge, and experiences necessary to tackle society's most pressing challenges. UO is a hub for research, innovation, and collaboration that produces the leaders and ideas that benefit our state, nation, and world.

As Governor, I travel to every corner of the state. No matter where I am, I am sure to see the iconic green and yellow "O" on car bumper stickers, on flags waving outside of homes, or being worn proudly by fans and alumni. Oregonians love their Ducks, and today we celebrate your investiture and entrust in you the privilege of leading this great institution during a time of opportunity in higher education. The University of Oregon is in capable hands, and I look forward to a fruitful partnership with you as we embark upon a new chapter of excellence.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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### Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

June 1, 2016

Michael H. Schill, President and Professor of Law University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403

Dear President Schill,

Congratulations on your investiture as the 18th president of the University of Oregon.

Today's ceremony invests in you the responsibility to serve and lead the University of Oregon. It symbolizes the trust the people of Oregon have placed in you and the university to prepare the next generation to become tomorrow's leaders. We know that you will continue the university's esteemed reputation of cultivating knowledge and discovery for the benefit of society and our state.

The establishment of the University of Oregon was envisioned in the Oregon Acts of Admission. As Oregon's representatives in Congress, we are confident that with your leadership the University of Oregon will continue to be a center of innovation, research, and discovery. Several of us have carned undergraduate and graduate degrees at the university, and all of us recognize how important your leadership will be.

With this investiture we celebrate your leadership and entrust you to care for and nurture the University of Oregon, one of Oregon's most precious resources.

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio

Member of Congress

Greg Walden Member of Congress

Suzanne Bonamici Member of Congress

United States Senator

Earl Blumenauer Member of Congress

Kurt Schrader Member of Congress

Ron Wyden

United States Senator

### Order of Exercises

#### Prelude

University of Oregon Brass Ensemble

#### Video

President Schill's First Year

#### Welcome

Paul Peppis, Professor of English and Director, Oregon Humanities Center

### Posting of the Colors Please stand

University of Oregon ROTC

#### Processional

University of Oregon Brass Ensemble

### Honor Song Please stand

Grand Ronde Singers

#### Remarks

Stefani Aleman, Senior, Biology and Psychology, Chemistry Minor

Gene D. Block, MS '72, PhD '75, Chancellor, University of California, Los Angeles

#### A Capella Performance

Divisi

#### Investiture

Charles M. Lillis, PhD '72, Chair, University of Oregon Board of Trustees

#### Presidential Address

Michael H. Schill

#### A Capella Performance

On the Rocks

#### Closing

Geraldine Richmond, Presidential Chair in Science and Professor of Chemistry

#### Recessional

University of Oregon Brass Ensemble

Reception to follow at the Lee Barlow Giustina Ballroom and Donald R. Barker Courtyard, Cheryl Ramberg Ford and Allyn Ford Alumni Center

Music: Green Garter Band Don Latarski Trio

## Platform Party

Geraldine Richmond

Presidential Chair in Science and Professor of Chemistry

Paul Peppis

Professor of English

Director, Oregon Humanities Center

Gene D. Block

Chancellor, University of California at Los Angeles

Stefani Aleman, Senior, Biology and Psychology Double-Major, Chemistry Minor

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# University of Oregon Presidents

| 1876-1893 | John Wesley Johnson       | 1961–1968 | Arthur S. Fleming      |
|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1893      | John Straub*              | 1968-1969 | Charles E. Johnson*    |
| 1893-1899 | Charles Hiram Chapman     | 1969      | N. Ray Hawk*           |
| 1899-1902 | Frank Strong              | 1969–1975 | Robert D. Clark        |
| 1902-1925 | Prince Lucien Campbell    | 1975-1980 | William B. Boyd        |
| 1926-1933 | Arnold Bennett Hall       | 1980      | Paul Olum *            |
| 1932-1933 | Clarence Valentine Boyer* | 1981–1989 | Paul Olum              |
| 1934–1938 | Clarence Valentine Boyer  | 1989–1994 | Myles Brand            |
| 1938-1943 | Donald Milton Erb         | 1994–2009 | Dave Frohnmayer        |
| 1944–1945 | Orlando John Hollis*      | 2009–2011 | Richard W. Lariviere   |
| 1945–1953 | Harry K. Newburn          | 2012      | Robert Berdahl*        |
| 1953-1954 | Victor Pierpont Morris*   | 2012–2014 | Michael R. Gottfredson |
| 1954-1960 | O. Meredith Wilson        | 2014-2015 | Scott Coltrane *       |
| 1960-1961 | William C. Jones*         | 2015-     | Michael H. Schill      |
|           |                           |           |                        |

<sup>\*</sup> Interim

## Michael H. Schill

The UO Board of Trustees introduced Michael H. Schill as the 18th president of the University of Oregon on April 14, 2015. He began his tenure on July 1, 2015. Before becoming the UO's president, Schill served as the dean and Harry N. Wyatt Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School. Prior to joining the University of Chicago in 2010, Schill served as the dean of the University of California at Los Angeles School of Law from 2004 to 2009.

A nationally recognized expert in property, real estate, and housing law and policy, Schill is the author or coauthor of three books and more than 40 scholarly articles. His work includes studies of the determinants of value in condominium and cooperative housing, the impacts of housing programs on property values, the enforcement of fair housing laws, mortgage securitization, and the deregulation of housing markets. His casebook, Property, coauthored with Jesse Dukeminier, James Krier, Greg Alexander, and Lior Strahilevitz is one of the best-selling casebooks used in American law schools.

Schill also holds a tenured faculty appointment in the University of Oregon School of Law.



## The Academic Procession

University Marshal Geraldine Richmond, Presidential Chair in Science and professor of chemistry, leads the academic procession bearing the university mace. Behind her march the deans of the university's schools and colleges in the order of their founding date. Following the deans are members of President Schill's executive staff, followed by faculty members from all units of the university. Included in this assembly are professors emeriti, university administrators, and staff members.

Following next are members of the University of Oregon Board of Trustees and representatives from other universities and colleges. Last is the platform party.

The academic procession evolved from medieval religious cavalcades at a time when universities and their teaching faculties were closely allied with the church. The garments worn by the faculty during medieval religious processions set church and university members apart from the laity. Today the academic regalia—cap, gown, and hood—indicate by style and ornamentation the chief academic degree attained by the wearer, as well as the

major field of study and the college or university that awarded the degree.

Most gowns are black. The bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves, is untrimmed, and is worn closed. The master's gown, with long, crescent-shaped sleeves, are worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown, edged on the collar and front panels with velvet, has bell-shaped sleeves with bands of either black velvet or velvet in the color of the wearer's major field of study. It is worn open.

The mortarboard or Oxford cap is the traditional head covering. The tassel is displayed on the left side. Gold metallic-thread tassels denote the doctoral degree; colored tassels indicate the discipline studied.

The hood, which hangs over the back of the gown, dates to the 12th century, when it was used as both a head cover and a shoulder cape. Its shape, the color of the trim, and the colors in the lining provide additional academic information about the wearer. The colors of the lining indicate the institution granting the degree. The velvet trim indicates the major field of study or, in some cases, the type of degree held.

## University Mace

In medieval times the mace was usually carried into battle by kings, bishops, and other leaders for use as a weapon. Later it came to be used more for ceremonial occasions. Today it is a symbol of authority.

The mace leading our academic procession was designed and made in 1981 by *C*. Max Nixon, professor emeritus of fine and applied arts, as a gift to the university he had served since 1958. The creative use of copper, bronze, silver, and walnut typify the spirit of the university since its founding in 1876.

The head of the mace is a sphere made up of four university seals joined at a common axis. The outer rims of the seal are copper. The university's name and motto, in Latin, are in bronze; the mountain at the center of the sphere is in silver; the forests and hills are in bronze. Surmounting the linked seals is a replica of Deady Hall, the university's first building, cast in bronze.

At the top of the oiled walnut shaft and within the sphere created by the seals is the university's founding date. At the base of the shaft is a finial ornament in bronze, finished with a stylized pine-



cone pattern. Embedded in its tip is the seal of the State of Oregon, also in bronze.

Professor Paul E. Buckner of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts designed and built a stand for the university mace in 1996. The stand's four slightly curved legs and four supporting dowels echo the four-sided character of the mace. Constructed of black walnut to complement the walnut shaft of the mace, the stand has a simple, elegant design that draws attention to the mace itself.





## President's Centennial Medallion

The Centennial Medallion was commissioned in 1975 to be worn by the president of the university as a badge of office. Professor Paul E. Buckner of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts created and executed the design. The medallion is composed of an Oregon myrtlewood inner disc edged in bronze. The obverse side incorporates interpretations of Oregon's natural environment encircled by the words *Universitas Oregonensis* 1876–1976.

The reverse is encircled by the university motto, *Mens agitat molem*. The motto is from Virgil's *Aeneid* and is translated as "mind moves the mass," and at the UO as "minds move mountains," as a reminder of the power of learning. The medallion also consists of stylistic interpretations of circles suggesting human experience in the Oregon environment—a cross section of a log, a wagon wheel, an electron orbit, and a globe.

### Investiture Tree

The beautiful 295-acre University of Oregon campus is an arboretum with well over 3,000 trees. In honor of the investiture of President Michael H. Schill as the 18th president of the UO, a yulan magnolia (*Magnolia denudata*) has been planted east of *The Pioneer*. Students planted the tree as part of

University Day festivities. University Day is a campus-wide beautification event that takes place each spring. The tradition dates back to 1905; though University Day has evolved since then, its roots still lie in campus spirit and community service.