The Investiture of Dr. M. Duane Nellis as the Twenty-First President of Ohio University

Wednesday, the Eighteenth of October Two Thousand and Seventeen Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium
Dr. M. Duane Nellis

Dr. M. Duane Nellis was named the 21st president of Ohio University on February 22, 2017. As an internationally recognized scholar and national higher education leader, Dr. Nellis brings nearly four decades of experience in academia as a president, provost, dean, and professor to Ohio University.

Prior to arriving at Ohio University, Dr. Nellis was president of Texas Tech University from 2013 to 2016. While at Texas Tech, Dr. Nellis was committed to enhancing the University’s presence as a top-tier national public research university. He led Texas Tech to designation as a Carnegie ‘highest’ research activity national research university. The institution also was designated nationally as an Innovative and Economic Prosperity University and received special recognition for university engagement during Dr. Nellis’s tenure.

Prior to his time at Texas Tech, Dr. Nellis served as president of the University of Idaho from 2009 to 2013 where he led the university toward record enrollments and record levels of fundraising. He also served as provost and senior vice president at Kansas State University from 2004 to 2009 and dean of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences at West Virginia University, the institution’s largest academic college, from 1997 to 2004.

He is recognized nationally and internationally for his research that utilizes satellite data and geographic information systems to analyze various dimensions of the Earth’s land surface. This research has been funded by more than 50 sources, such as NASA, the National Geographic Society, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. His research has led to more than 160 articles and reports in a wide range of professional journals, and more than 20 books and book chapters, and his selection as a Fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Nellis received his bachelor’s degree in earth sciences/geography at Montana State University in 1976. He received his master’s and doctoral degrees in geography from Oregon State University in 1977 and 1980, respectively. He and his wife, Ruthie, have two adult sons.
Prelude
OhioBrass

Processional

Advancement of the Colors
Ohio University Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps
Cadet Color Guard

The National Anthem
Kelly W. Burns
Assistant Professor of Voice
and Debra L. Rentz
Associate Lecturer of Voice

Welcome and Introductions
Ms. Janetta King, Chair
Ohio University Board of Trustees

Inauguration Poem
Dr. Scott Minar, Professor of English,
Ohio University Lancaster Campus

Greetings
Landen Lama
President, Student Senate
Maria Modayil
President, Graduate Student Senate
Sharon Romina
Chair, Classified Senate
Jessica Wingett
Chair, Administrative Senate
Joseph McLaughlin
Chair, Faculty Senate

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Kamlesh Lulla
Director of the University Research,
Collaboration, and Partnership Office
Johnson Space Center, NASA

University Singers
Unclouded Day arr. Shawn Kirchner
Directed by Dr. Paul Mayhew

Investiture of the President
Ms. Janetta King

Presentation of the Seal of Office
Ms. Janetta King

Presentation of the Charter
of Ohio University
Ohio University President Emeritus
Dr. Charles J. Ping

The Inaugural Address
Dr. M. Duane Nellis
President

Alma Mater
University Singers

Closing
Ms. Janetta King

Recessional
Academic Symbolism

Academic Heraldry
The caps, gowns, and hoods worn in university ceremonies are patterned after the attire of monks and students in the Middle Ages. Those who have earned bachelor’s degrees wear gowns with a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front, intricate Shirring across the shoulders and back, and long, pointed sleeves. The holder of a master’s degree wears a similar gown, with long or short oblong sleeves that hang down in the traditional manner and open at the wrist.

Those possessing the doctoral degree wear gowns with broad velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the full, round, open sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or the color of the distinctive field of learning represented by the degree. Most of the color and meaning of the costume is found in the hoods. These are silk-lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. As can readily be observed, the official colors of Ohio University are green and white.

The Ceremonial Mace
For centuries, the mace has been used as a symbol of authority. Although it originated as a club-like weapon, in the Middle Ages a modified and less practical mace came to signify royal power. Over time, civic and then university officials also adopted maces ornamented with their own coats of arms. Today, the ceremonial maces carried in procession represent the authority of monarchs, legislatures, and universities around the world.

The late David R. Klahn, professor of art, designed the Ohio University Ceremonial Mace. It is modeled after one of the balustrades of an original stairway of Cutler Hall, the oldest building in use on the campus, and the University’s main administrative building. Cast in bronze, the mace is 46 inches long and weighs 16 pounds. It features the University seal and a stylized representation of the Cutler Hall cupola.

The mace is carried and displayed during official ceremonies at Ohio University, including Commencement.

The Seal of Office
Worn by the President at official Ohio University functions, the Seal of Office also was designed by the late Professor Klahn. Fabricated of silver and bronze, the primary medallion features a silhouette of Cutler Hall, the date of Ohio University’s founding (1804), and the words, “Ohio’s First University.” The secondary medallion, at the back of the chain, is the University seal. Smaller medallions, replicas of the two center portions of the University seal, are interspersed alternately with the chain’s links. The Seal of Office was created for the investiture of President Emeritus Robert Glidden in 1994 and will be passed on to future presidents of Ohio University.
The University Charter
Ohio University was chartered by an act of the Ohio General Assembly on February 18, 1804. The act, included in the Legal History of the Ohio University, compiled by William E. Peters, stated in part:

Whereas institutions for the liberal education of youth are essential to the progress of arts and sciences; important to morality, virtue, and religion; friendly to the peace, order, and prosperity of society; and honorable to the government that patronizes them:

Therefore,

Sec. I. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio that there shall be an University instituted and established in the town of Athens . . . by the name and style of the “Ohio University,” for the instruction of youth in all the various branches of liberal arts and sciences, for the promotion of good education, virtue, religion, and morality, and for conferring all the degrees and literary honors granted in similar institutions.

Academic Symbolism

The Bible
The book used for today’s swearing in is a 13th century illuminated Bible manuscript. It was presented in 1979 as Alden Library’s one millionth volume.

The document’s full, formal title is Biblia Latina, cum prologis S. Heironymi et Interpretationibus Herbraicorum Nominum.

Bound in brown goatskin over wooden boards, the volume’s cover is elaborately ruled and tooled. Decoration inside includes 144 illuminated initials in gold and up to seven additional colors.

Academic Processional
The processional consists of various representatives participating in the Presidential Investiture. The groups participating include: delegates from other institutions of Higher Education, Ohio University faculty, and members of the Platform Party. The Platform Party consists of representatives of the University’s five senates, Deans of the Academic Colleges, members and officers of the Ohio University Board of Trustees, the Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, Ohio University’s 18th President, other honored speakers, and Ohio University’s 21st President.
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Delegates

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<td>Dr. Robert Duncan&lt;br&gt;Dr. Annette Sobel&lt;br&gt;Dr. Keith Woodall</td>
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Former Presidents of Ohio University

Jacob Lindley
1809–1822

James Irvine
1822–1824

Robert G. Wilson
1824–1839

William H. McGuffey
1839–1843

Alfred Ryors
1848–1852

Solomon Howard
1852–1872

William H. Scott
1872–1883

Charles W. Super
1883–1896
and
1899–1901

Isaac Crook
1896–1898

Alston Ellis
1901–1920

Elmer B. Bryan
1921–1934

Herman G. James
1935–1943

Walter S. Gamertsfelder
1943–1945

John C. Baker
1945–1961

Vernon R. Alden
1962–1969

Claude R. Sowle
1969–1974

Harry B. Crewson
1974–1975

Charles J. Ping
1975–1994

Robert B. Glidden
1994–2004

Roderick J. McDavis
2004–2017
Distinguished Professors of Ohio University

1959
John F. Cady
Ph.D., history

Harvey C. Lehman
Ph.D., psychology

Paul Murray Kendall
Ph.D., English

1960
Robert L. Morton
Ph.D., education

Dwight O. Mutchler
lecturer in drawing

1962
John E. Edwards
Ph.D., physics

1963
George E. Hill
Ph.D., education

1964
Hollis Summers
Ph.D., English

1965
Troy W. Organ
Ph.D., philosophy

1966
Edward Stone
Ph.D., English

1968
William D. Huntsman
Ph.D., chemistry

Norman S. Cohn
Ph.D., botany

1969
Roma A. King Jr.
Ph.D., English

1970
William U. Snyder
Ph.D., psychology

William W. Paudler
Ph.D., chemistry

1971
Carl G. Gustavson
Ph.D., history

1972
Raymond O. Lane
Ph.D., physics

1973
Karl F. Ahrendt
Ph.D., music

1974
Lowell E. Gallaway
Ph.D., economics

1976
Lee C. Soltow
Ph.D., economics

1977
John M. (Jack)
Matthews
M.A., English

1978
Wai-Kai Chen
Ph.D., electrical engineering

1979
George R. Klare
Ph.D., psychology

1980
Peter R. Griffiths
Ph.D., chemistry

1981
Jacobo Rapaport
Ph.D., mathematics

1982
Guido Stempel III
Ph.D., journalism

1983
John L. Gaddis
Ph.D., history

1985
Richard K. Vedder
Ph.D., economics
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<td>Surender K. Jain</td>
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<td>Mark Phillips</td>
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<td>R. Damian Nance</td>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>Thomas Carpenter</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Christopher France</td>
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<td>2015</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>Alexander Govorov</td>
<td>Ph.D., physics and astronomy</td>
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<td>Judith Yaross Lee</td>
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Thomas Davis, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Interim President and CEO of The Ohio University Foundation

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Vice President for Student Affairs and Interim Chief Diversity Officer

Joseph Shields, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research and Creative Activity and Dean, Graduate College

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Chief Marketing Officer, University Communications and Marketing

John J. Biancamano, J.D.
General Counsel

Eric Burchard, B.A.
Director of Government Relations

Jim Schaus, M.A.
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

Jennifer Kirksey, M.A.
Chief of Staff

Stephen T. Golding, M.A.
Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives
Ohio University Colleges and Academic Programs

Robert Frank, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Hugh Sherman, Ph.D.
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When e’er we take our book of mem’ries
And scan its pages through and through
We’ll find no days that glow so brightly
As those we spent at old O.U.
Within our Alma Mater’s portals
We meet her children hand to hand
And when there comes the day of parting,
Still firm and loyal we will stand.

Our Alma Mater calls us ever,
And love of country has its claim,
The one but makes us prize the other,
And thus we cherish both the same.
When Alma Mater sends us forward,
And in her name we stand in line,
Then we will serve the nation better,
For having gathered at her shrine.

Chorus
Alma Mater, Ohio,
Alma Mater, brave and fair!
Alma Mater, we hail thee,
For we own thy kindly care.
Alma Mater, Ohio,
When we read thy story o’er,
We revere thee and cheer thee
As we sing thy praise once more.