



*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.



## Program

### **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**

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Thanks to OhioBrass—John Schlabach, trumpet, Professor of Music; Shelby Carico, trumpet, Graduate Assistant; C. Scott Smith, horn, Associate Professor of Music; Dr. Jason Smith, tuba, Professor of Music; and Dr. Lucas Borges, trombone, Assistant Professor of Music.



## 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.



## Academic Symbolism

### 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.*

### 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.



## Delegates

**1701**

**Yale University**

*Dr. J. Timothy Young*

**1740**

**University of  
Pennsylvania**

*Ms. Edyce Solomon Rau*

**1754**

**Columbia University in  
the City of New York**

*Dr. Claudia  
Gonzalez-Vallejo*

**1769**

**Dartmouth College**

*Ms. Lizanne Galbreath*

**1787**

**University of Pittsburgh**

*Dr. Marjorie Ward*

**1789**

**University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Dr. Vipin Koshal*

**1809**

**Miami University-  
Oxford**

*Ms. Jill Gaby*

**1820**

**Indiana University**

*Dr. Janet Simon*

**1835**

**Marietta College**

*Dr. William Ruud*

**1845**

**Wittenberg University**

*Dr. Jon Duraj*

**1846**

**University at Buffalo**

*Dr. Roxanne Male-Brune*

**1850**

**University of Dayton**

*Mr. Anthony Talbott*

**1853**

**Washington University  
in St Louis**

*Dr. Alice Ann Dachowski*

**1853**

**University of Florida**

*Dr. Joanne Benigno*

**1855**

**Michigan State  
University**

*Dr. Catherine Axinn*

**1858**

**Iowa State University**

*Dr. Robert Shaw*

**1858**

**Susquehanna University**

*Ms. Liz Maule*

**1863**

**Kansas State University**

*Ms. Suzy Auten*

**1867**

**West Virginia University**

*Dr. Joan Gorham*



## Delegates

**1869**

**Purdue University-  
Main Campus**

*Dr. Hao Chen*

**1878**

**Ashland University**

*Dr. John Moser*

**1885**

**Stanford University**

*Mr. Capri Cafaro*

**1889**

**Clemson University**

*Dr. Chris Sieverdes*

**1893**

**Montana State  
University**

*Dr. Mary Hubbard*

**1899**

**Texas State University**

*Ms. Zenarae Antoine*

**1899**

**Bluffton University**

*Ms. Robin Bowlus*

**1910**

**Bowling Green State  
University**

*Dr. Margaret Zoller Booth*

**1910**

**Kent State University**

*Dr. Mark Polatajko*

**1911**

**Ohio Dominican  
University**

*Dr. Robert Gervasi*

**1919**

**University of California-  
Los Angeles**

*Dr. William Holmes*

**1923**

**Texas Tech  
University System**

*Dr. Robert Duncan*

*Dr. Annette Sobel*

*Dr. Keith Woodall*

**1938**

**Chubu University**

*Dr. Osamu Ishihara*

**1964**

**Cleveland State  
University**

*Dr. William Napier*

**1968**

**Hocking College**

*Dr. Betty Young*

**1969**

**Zane State College**

*Dr. Chad Brown*

**1971**

**Belmont College**

*Dr. Paul Gasparro*

**1986**

**Shawnee State  
University**

*Dr. Jeffrey Bauer*





## Former Presidents of Ohio University

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**Jacob Lindley**  
1809–1822

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**James Irvine**  
1822–1824

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**Robert G. Wilson**  
1824–1839

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**William H. McGuffey**  
1839–1843

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**Alfred Ryors**  
1848–1852

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**Solomon Howard**  
1852–1872

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**William H. Scott**  
1872–1883

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**Charles W. Super**  
1883–1896

*and*  
1899–1901

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**Isaac Crook**  
1896–1898

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**Alston Ellis**  
1901–1920

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**Elmer B. Bryan**  
1921–1934

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**Herman G. James**  
1935–1943

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**Walter S. Gamertsfelder**  
1943–1945

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**John C. Baker**  
1945–1961

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**Vernon R. Alden**  
1962–1969

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**Claude R. Sowle**  
1969–1974

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**Harry B. Crewson**  
1974–1975

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**Charles J. Ping**  
1975–1994

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**Robert B. Glidden**  
1994–2004

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**Roderick J. McDavis**  
2004–2017







## Distinguished Professors of Ohio University

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**1959**

**John F. Cady**

Ph.D., history

**Harvey C. Lehman**

Ph.D., psychology

**Paul Murray Kendall**

Ph.D., English

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**1960**

**Robert L. Morton**

Ph.D., education

**Dwight O. Mutchler**

lecturer in drawing

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**1962**

**John E. Edwards**

Ph.D., physics

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**1963 George E. Hill**

Ph.D., education

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**1964**

**Hollis Summers**

Ph.D., English

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**1965**

**Troy W. Organ**

Ph.D., philosophy

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**1966**

**Edward Stone**

Ph.D., English

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**1968**

**William D. Huntsman**

Ph.D., chemistry

**Norman S. Cohn**

Ph.D., botany

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**1969**

**Roma A. King Jr.**

Ph.D., English

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**1970**

**William U. Snyder**

Ph.D., psychology

**William W. Paudler**

Ph.D., chemistry

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**1971**

**Carl G. Gustavson**

Ph.D., history

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**1972**

**Raymond O. Lane**

Ph.D., physics

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**1973**

**Karl F. Ahrendt**

Ph.D., music

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**1974**

**Lowell E. Gallaway**

Ph.D., economics

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**1976**

**Lee C. Soltow**

Ph.D., economics

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**1977**

**John M. (Jack)**

**Matthews**

M.A., English

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**1978**

**Wai-Kai Chen**

Ph.D., electrical  
engineering

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**1979**

**George R. Klare**

Ph.D., psychology

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**1980**

**Peter R. Griffiths**

Ph.D., chemistry

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**1981**

**Jacobo Rapaport**

Ph.D., physics

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**1982**

**Guido Stempel III**

Ph.D., journalism

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**1983**

**John L. Gaddis**

Ph.D., history

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**1985**

**Richard K. Vedder**

Ph.D., economics

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## Distinguished Professors of Ohio University

1986

**Gladys Bailin**

B.A., dance

2000

**Ursula Belden**

M.F.A., theater

2009

**Peter Jung**

Ph.D., physics

1989

**Charles C. Alexander**

Ph.D., history

2001

**Steve Grimes**

Ph.D., physics

2010

**Charles Smith**

M.F.A., theater

1991

**Roger Finlay**

Ph.D., physics

2002

**Kenneth A. Holroyd**

Ph.D., psychology

2011

**Mark Halliday**

Ph.D., English

1993

**Thomas E. Wagner**

Ph.D., molecular and  
cellular biology

2003

**Alexander Arhangelskii**

Ph.D., mathematics

2012

**John Kopchick**

Ph.D., biomedical science

**Wayne Dodd**

Ph.D., English

2004

**Gar W. Rothwell**

Ph.D., botany

2013

**Thomas Carpenter**

Ph.D., classics and  
world religions

1996

**Alonzo L. Hamby**

Ph.D., history

2005

**David A. Drabold**

Ph.D., physics

2014

**Christopher France**

Ph.D., psychology

1997

**Robert Hikida**

Ph.D., biological sciences

2006

**Tadeusz Malinski**

Ph.D., Dr. H.C.M.,  
biochemistry

2015

**Gerardine Botte**

Ph.D., chemical  
engineering

1998

**Robert J. DeMott**

Ph.D., English

2007

**Mark Phillips**

D.Mus., music

2016

**Alexander Govorov**

Ph.D., physics and  
astronomy

1999

**Surender K. Jain**

Ph.D., mathematics

2008

**R. Damian Nance**

Ph.D., geological sciences

**Judith Yaross Lee**

Ph.D., English



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## **“Alma Mater, Ohio”**

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.

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