MIT Investiture of Doctoral Hoods — 10 am, Thursday, June 7, 2018

Instructions for hood recipients

Security, arrival, and check-in

- All Doctoral degree candidates participating in the Hooding Ceremony must report to Rockwell Cage (W33) for assembly and robing by 9 am on Thursday, June 7, 2018. The entrance to Rockwell is between the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center and the Stratton Student Center.
- **Please be on time. Late arrivals will not process or sit with the department; you would receive your hood at the end of the ceremony and not with your department. Late arrivals may be entirely excluded from the ceremony. If you are late, report immediately to the Registrar’s table across from the stations.**
- Candidates should bring nothing but robes, mortarboards/tams, and an MIT ID to the assembly area. **Please do not bring any personal items with you to Rockwell.**
- Please do not bring with you any food, beverages, selfie sticks, pocketknives or other sharp objects, briefcases, electronics, balloons, umbrellas, or anything else that you are not wearing in the Academic Procession. Water will be available in the assembly area.
- **You may carry your phone in your pocket, but please keep it silent.**
- Report to your designated station (see assembly station list below).
- Check with the station ambassador to verify that your name appears on the posted station roster.
- If your name does not appear on the station list or you do not know your station number, report immediately to the Registrar’s table, which is located across from the stations.
- If your plans have changed and you do NOT intend to participate in the Hooding Ceremony, please update the Office of the Registrar via email to Alpha Sanneh, Assistant Registrar.

Station assignments for Doctoral hood recipients

- Station 1 (Courses 4, 11, MAS)
- Station 2 (Course 1)
- Station 3 (Course 2)
- Station 4 (Course 3)
- Station 5 (Course 6 A–L)
- Station 6 (Course 6 M–Z)
- Station 7 (Course 10)
- Station 8 (Course 16)
- Station 9 (Courses 20, 22, CSB)
- Station 10 (ESD, HST)
- Station 11 (Courses 14, 17, 24, STS)
- Station 12 (Course 15, OR)
- Station 13 (Course 5)
- Station 14 (Course 7)
- Station 15 (Course 8)
- Station 16 (Courses 9, 12)
- Station 17 (Course 18)
- Station 18 (WHOI)

Assembly

- When you hear the announcement, “Candidates, please report to your station,” report back to your station and remain there.
- Line up alphabetically in your station. Station ambassadors will verify that you are in the appropriate order at the final attendance check.

Procession

- Do not leave your station until you are instructed by a station ambassador or marshal.
- The Procession will form two columns led by Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart and Professor Craig Carter, Secretary of the Faculty.
- Follow the person in front of you and stay in a straight line*.

During the ceremony

- During her opening remarks, Chancellor Barnhart will invite the degree candidates to rise and applaud the friends and family in attendance—please note that you will rise and remain in place. **Do not leave your seat at this time.**
- Marshals will assist you in finding your assigned seat, approaching the stage, and returning to your seat.
- It will be helpful to inform your guests that there is no designated spot from which they may take photographs during the ceremony. Professional photos of your moment on stage may be ordered from Commencement Photos, Inc. Friends and family may take photos in front of the stage after the event.
Investiture of Hoods
- The investiture of hoods begins after the address to the candidates by Dr. Candis Callison SM ’02 PhD ’10, associate professor of journalism at the University of British Columbia Vancouver.
- The order of presentation is listed in the program you will find on your seat. Ms. Monica Lee and Mr. Steven Lanou will read the names of degree candidates.
- To receive your hood, you will leave your seat by rows and will form a line to the left of the stage, where your name will be checked to ensure you are still in the correct order. You will then file up the left side of the stage. As your name is announced, please
  1. Proceed toward the center of the stage
  2. Shake hands with Chancellor Barnhart
  3. Stand while the faculty member from your department invests your hood
  4. Shake hands with the department representative
  5. Exit from the opposite side of the stage and return to your seat

Please note: Only degree candidates and participating faculty are allowed on stage at any time during the ceremony. No family members or other guests are permitted.

Recession
After all candidates have received their hoods, Chancellor Barnhart will conclude the ceremony. The faculty recess; students do not recess formally. When the faculty have left the Johnson Athletics Center, you are free to join your family and friends in the audience.

After the ceremony
Candidates and guests proceed to department and program receptions. A list will be in your program.

* If you anticipate any difficulty with participating in the procession, crossing the stage, or shaking hands, please advise Alpha Sanneh, Assistant Registrar, so arrangements may be made.

A note about guest arrival and security
We recommend reviewing all arrangements and security measures with your guests in advance so everyone knows what to expect.

Guest admission begins by 9 am and attendees are advised to allow enough time to arrive and be seated before the Academic Procession enters the Johnson Athletics Center at 10 am. The guest entrance to the Johnson Athletics Center is next to the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center. Those who will require assistance accessing the venue may be dropped off on the Vassar Street side of the building. Staff will be present and able to help guests from there to the Johnson Athletics Center. On June 7, parking spaces will be available in the Kresge Lot for carriers of a state-issued disability parking placard; limited general parking is offered in the West Lot and the Westgate Lot.

Guests are asked to consider the appearance of some objects and leave anything that could be perceived as dangerous at home or in their hotel rooms. Large bags, large objects, selfie sticks, wrapped gifts, pocketknives or similar sharp objects, and glass bottles or containers are prohibited. Diaper bags and purses are permitted, but please note that all items taken into the Johnson Athletics Center are subject to search and that MIT will not accept responsibility for storing items that are not permitted inside the venue.

Guests are advised to carry government-issued photo ID with them to campus. Acceptable forms of ID are driver’s licenses, state ID cards, or passports.