

# COMMENCEMENT 2008





**Left:** Lawrence Board of Trustees Chair Harry M. Jansen Kraemer, Jr. '77 and President Jill Beck with honorary degree recipients Alanna Heiss '66, and Barbara Lawton '87.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Lawrence University's 158th commencement took place under sunny skies Sunday, June 15, on Main Hall Green. Lawrence conferred 295 bachelor of arts and/or music degrees to 285 seniors from 32 states and 14 foreign countries.

## HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED

Two distinguished Lawrence alumnae received honorary degrees in recognition of their achievements and contributions to society.

### **Alanna Heiss '66, Doctor of Humane Letters**

Heiss is the founder and executive director of P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center in Long Island City, New York. P.S.1 is one of the largest contemporary art institutions in the world.

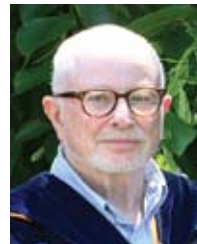
### **Barbara Smith Lawton '87, Doctor of Laws**

Lawton is the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Wisconsin and the first woman ever elected to the post. She is respected throughout the nation for her environmental, health, and economic development initiatives.

## FOUR CITED FOR SCHOLARSHIP, TEACHING EXCELLENCE



**Paul Cohen**, professor of history and Patricia Hamar Boldt Professor of Liberal Studies, was honored with the 2008 Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award recognizes outstanding performance in the teaching process, including leadership in the quest to ensure that students reach their full development as individuals, human beings, and future leaders of society.



**Bert Goldgar**, professor of English and John N. Bergstrom Professor of Humanities, received the 2008 Award for Excellence in Scholarship.



**Fred Sturm '73**, director of jazz studies and Kimberly-Clark Professor of Music, was presented the 2008 Award for Excellence in Creative Activity.



Goldgar and Sturm's awards recognize the importance of excellence in scholarly and creative work for advancing the mission of Lawrence University, with preference given to those who have demonstrated sustained programs of excellent work for a number of years and whose work exemplifies the ideals of the teacher-scholar.

**Megan Pickett**, associate professor of physics, received the 2008 Young Teacher Award. This award is given annually to an untenured member of the faculty who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom and the promise of continued growth.

**Below:** David Cook, President Jill Beck, and John Brandenberger

**Lower left:** Kathy Sager and David Ross, Outstanding Teacher in Wisconsin Award recipients

**Right:** Commencement, June 15, 2008



## RETIRING FACULTY HONORED

After a combined 83 years of service to Lawrence University, David Cook, professor of physics and Philetus E. Sawyer Professor of Science, and John Brandenberger, Alice G. Chapman Professor of Physics, retired. Both professors were recognized with honorary Master of Arts degrees.

(For a look back at their careers at Lawrence, see page 16.)



## WISCONSIN TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

A pair of Wisconsin educators were feted for their extraordinary careers in the classroom with Lawrence's Outstanding Teaching in Wisconsin Award.

**Kathy Sager** is an English teacher at New Berlin Eisenhower High School. Sager was nominated by senior **Leila Sahar**.

**David Ross** teaches social sciences at Madison West High School. Ross was nominated by senior **Jeanette Devereaux-Weber**.



**Jessica Anne Swanson**, Plymouth, Minnesota, received The Lewis Prize. This award recognizes the senior whose academic rank is the highest. ■

