

Introduction to Honorary Degree Candidates

Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

Professor Jerome Bruner

Celebrated professor who has had a profound impact on the study of human cognitive psychology

A legendary figure in psychology and a pioneer of the much heralded Cognitive Revolution, Professor Jerome Bruner's work helped to launch the educational reformation movement in the United States in the early 1960s. His vision has had a profound and long-term impact on many areas of psychology and other disciplines. He became Professor of Psychology at Harvard University in 1952, and directed the University's Center for Cognitive Studies from 1960 to 1972. He was also head of the US President's Science Advisory Committee under the late John F Kennedy. From 1972 to 1980, he served as Watts Professor of Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford's Department of Psychology. He was Chair of the Oxford Educational Research Group and a key founding member of the *Oxford Review of Education's* editorial board. He subsequently became a Professor at the New School for Social Research, New York City and concurrently a Fellow at the New York Institute for the Humanities, New York University. In 1991, Professor Bruner joined the New York University School of Law as Meyer Visiting Professor, co-founding and teaching at the Colloquium on the Theory of Legal Practice. He was University Professor at New York University from 1998 to 2013, during which time he taught Culture and the Law as well as Vengeance and the Law at the Law School. Since 2013, he has been University Professor Emeritus at New York University. The centenarian professor has received the International Balzan Prize, the CIBA Gold Medal for Distinguished Research and the Distinguished Scientific Award of the American Psychological Association, among numerous others.

Professor Bruner's book, *The Process of Education* (1961), has profoundly influenced the understanding of perception, memory, learning and other aspects of cognition in very young children. He was also a principal architect of the forward-thinking pre-kindergarten programme Head Start, which has helped to provide more equal access to learning and education for millions of children who have traditionally been deprived of critically important intellectual and cultural stimuli during their earliest years due to poverty.

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Professor Dolores Gallagher-Thompson

Internationally renowned psychologist with notable contributions to cognitive-behavioural therapy for the elderly

A distinguished scholar and geropsychologist, Professor Dolores Gallagher-Thompson is currently Professor (Research) in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Professor (Research), by courtesy, of Medicine (General Medical Disciplines) at the Stanford University School of Medicine. She is Director of the Outreach, Recruitment and Education component of the newly funded Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Centre and is concluding her term as Director of the Stanford Geriatric Education Center, a role in which she served from 2010 to 2015. She has served as Co-Director of the Older Adult and Family Center at the VA Palo Alto Health Care Center and Stanford University (2000-2007), as Director of the Education and Information Transfer Core of the Alzheimer's Clinical Research Center at Stanford University and VA Palo Alto (2002-2007) and as member of the Committee on Aging of the American Psychological Association (APA) from 2008 to 2010. She has published about 200 papers in major journals, in addition to editing and co-editing many critically acclaimed publications.

Professor Gallagher-Thompson is widely celebrated for her empirical studies on the efficacy of psychosocial interventions to reduce stress and improve the psychological status of family members caring for older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. A funded clinical researcher since the mid-1980s, with grant support from the National Institute on Aging, Alzheimer's Association national office and National Institute of Mental Health, she has also conducted research with a focus on Chinese-American dementia family caregivers in the San Francisco Bay area, as well as on several other ethnic and cultural groups. This led to fruitful long-term collaboration with a partner in Hong Kong that focused on culturally tailoring a psychoeducational programme for Hong Kong Chinese. She is currently a member of a collaborative working group sponsored by the World Health Organization to develop an online open-source platform with global application to manage stress in dementia caregivers.

A Founding Fellow of the Academy of Cognitive Therapy, Professor Gallagher-Thompson has received the M. Powell Lawton Award for distinguished lifetime contributions to the field of psychology and an Honorable Mention in the Healthcare and Aging Award category from the American Society on Aging, San Francisco.

Doctor of Social Sciences, *honoris causa*

Dr Daniel Tse Chi-wai, GBS, CBE, OBE, JP

Distinguished educator contributing to the advancement of local higher education and beyond

Currently Emeritus President of the Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), Dr Daniel Tse Chi-wai was President of Baptist College (later Baptist University) from 1971 to 2001, during which time his leadership led the institution to grow from a private post-secondary college to a fully funded public tertiary institution in 1983, then to an institution with university status in 1994. A native of Macao, Dr Tse chaired the University Council of the University of Macau from 2001 to 2014 and served as Director of the Research Centre for Sustainable Development Strategies of the Government of the Macao SAR (2005-2010). He is currently an Advisor to the University Council of the University of Macau, President of the International Society for Chinese Medicine (Macao SAR), and Chair of the Executive Committee of the University of Macau Development Foundation.

Dr Tse was a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of Hong Kong before the handover, and served as an Advisor to the People's Republic of China on Hong Kong Affairs, a member of the Basic Law Consultative Committee, and a member of the Preparatory Committee for the HKSAR of the National People's Congress prior to Hong Kong's return to China. He served as a Member of the Ninth and Tenth National Committees of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference from 1998 to 2008. He has also chaired the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong, Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education, Advisory Council on Food and Environmental Hygiene, Bilingual Law Advisory Committee and Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Advisory Committee on Corruption.

Appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1977, Dr Tse was awarded a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1991, a HKSAR Gold Bauhinia Star in 1998 and a Medal of Merit–Education from the Macao SAR Government in 2014. In addition to HKIEd, Dr Tse has also been awarded nine honorary doctoral degrees and three honorary professorships from distinguished universities in Europe, the US, Australia, Hong Kong and mainland China.

Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*

Dr Elizabeth Wang Ming-chun, SBS

Enthusiastic performing artist dedicated to the promotion of traditional Chinese opera

Dr Elizabeth Wang Ming-chun is a widely respected Hong Kong artist who has dedicated herself to the performing arts and entertainment industry for nearly half a century. She has been responsible for exciting new developments in Cantonese opera, a traditional art that has encountered considerable difficulties, reviving public awareness of and interest in the art form through her unparalleled drive and tireless commitment.

In 1992, Dr Wang assumed the position of Chairwoman of the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong, making her the first woman to have chaired the Association. In addition to re-launching the Association's Cantonese opera academy, she has also led a number of major new projects. To date, Dr Wang has served as Chairwoman of the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong for seven terms, and has dedicated herself to the promotion and continuation of Cantonese opera heritage and education. Currently, Dr Wang is a member of the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee and the West Kowloon Cultural District Performing Arts Committee.

Dr Wang has received many Gold Albums and Platinum Albums, in addition to the 27th Golden Needle Award from Radio Television Hong Kong in 2005, the Montblanc de la Culture Arts Patronage Award (Hong Kong District) in 2007, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (Hong Kong Group) Limited 45th Anniversary Hall of Fame Award in 2012 and the HKSAR Silver Bauhinia Star in 2004. She has also been named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Persons in Hong Kong in 1981 and has received an honorary doctorate from the City University of Hong Kong in 2007 and honorary fellowships from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in 2009 and the Vocational Training Council in 2010 respectively.

In terms of broader community service, Dr Wang has been a Member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (1998-2017), a Hong Kong/Macao delegate of the National People's Congress (1988-1997), a member of the Preparatory Committee for the HKSAR and a member of the Selection Committee for the First Government of the Special Administrative Region (1996-1997). She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Po Leung Kuk and Pok Oi Hospital and currently the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society Executive Committee.