

Honorary Degree Citations

Stephen Breyer

Your extraordinary career as a jurist, scholar and federal official has bolstered America's confidence in the integrity of its system of laws and justice.

Following your graduation from Stanford, study as a Rhodes Scholar, and distinguished performance at Harvard Law School, you clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Arthur Goldberg.

As Assistant Watergate Special Prosecutor, you helped to restore the nation's confidence in the rule of law and the Constitutional separation of powers among the three branches of government. As a professor at Harvard Law School you built an enviable reputation as a scholar of administrative law, directing research into interdisciplinary areas involving economics and environmental sciences.

As special and chief counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, you played a leading role in deregulating the airline industry. Widely praised on Capitol Hill for your capacity to forge strong relationships on both sides of the political aisle, you handled controversial issues with diplomatic tact and poise.

As a jurist, you have delivered judgments and opinions that have helped to maintain the judicial system's fidelity to the spirit and the letter of the nation's laws. By serving on the Federal Criminal Sentencing Commission, you even played a major role in establishing law. By acknowledging the role that intangible, and at times inadmissible factors — such as the personality of judges, defendants' histories, and the vagaries of plea bargaining — play in sentencing, you have helped to create a set of guidelines for the establishment of rational, consistent, and fair punishments.

On the U.S. Supreme Court, you have consistently fought to protect the Constitutional foundations upon which our democracy rests. In your notable dissents in both the *University of Alabama versus Garrett* and in *United States versus Morrison*, you have defended Congress' ability to pass legislation that enforces the 14th Amendment's guarantee of civil rights for all Americans. Yet you have remained both a resolute and pragmatic jurist who understands how law works for the people it ultimately serves.

For your invaluable contributions to the enduring strength of our Constitution and our nation's system of justice, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania are honored and pleased to confer upon you, Stephen Breyer, the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Herbert J. Gans

Your distinguished body of work in sociology and urban planning has profoundly shaped national opinion about society's poor, and the social labels that classify us. Views of American life are clearer because your analysis, teaching, and writings sharpened our vision.

During your childhood you escaped Nazi Germany and came to the United States, where your renowned scholarship would soon broaden America's understanding of urban poverty and compel government to alleviate the plight of the nation's poor. You have shown how social class, ethnicity and race form the brush strokes of a community's portrait. You awakened us to the media's influence on our lives and our view of others.

After completing advanced studies at the University of Chicago and becoming the first graduate from Penn's doctoral program in City Planning in 1957, you embarked on a brilliant career in research and teaching. Two of your famous works, *The Urban Villagers* and *The Levittowners*, had a galvanizing effect on the theory and practice of urban planning. Influenced by your thinking, for example, policymakers from Boston's West End looked beneath the visible signs of urban blight to see a civic infrastructure that they could use to rebuild communities.

The outlook for American society is brighter because of your service on national civil rights, anti-poverty, and urban planning commissions.

In your most recent book, *Democracy and the News*, you suggest that news outlets contribute to social cohesion by providing us with a continuous and shared view of the government at work. However, you argue that as they increasingly focus coverage on affairs at the highest levels of government, these agencies leave citizens with neither the information, nor the volition they need to fully participate in the democratic process on the local level. You aim to restore citizens' engagement with their communities, and the concrete strategies your book outlines to rectify blind spots in news reporting serve as an index to the inspiring combination of pragmatism and idealism that has animated your career.

For your invaluable contributions to understanding American social culture, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania are honored and pleased to confer upon you, Herbert Gans, the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

Sadako Ogata

Your towering presence as an international humanitarian offers a shining beacon of hope for the world's dispossessed peoples.

In the mid 1990s the plight of refugees cast an unspeakable stain on the world. From Mozambique and Iraq to Cambodia and Rwanda, 23 million refugees were fleeing from political conflict, poverty, persecution, and genocidal fury. You provided the inspired leadership so desperately needed to avert a global catastrophe.

As the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, you prevailed upon the World Summit for Social Development to deliver humanitarian aid that paved the way for social integration and voluntary repatriation in troubled countries. You persuaded world leaders both to extend special care to repatriated women and children, and to assist governments that had given temporary refuge to destitute refugees.

When coalition military forces entered Afghanistan, the international community looked to you again to provide humane leadership and diplomatic wisdom. As Japan's Special Representative for Afghanistan Assistance, you led your country's participation in a 10-year reconstruction program that raised billions of dollars in pledges. Your counsel guided the United Nations to lay the groundwork for peace and oversee the recovery and reconstruction of that ravaged country.

In becoming the first woman to receive the Philadelphia Liberty Medal, you spoke to us on America's Independence Day of the disenfranchised people whom you have dedicated your life to protect. You reminded us, "We cannot celebrate the independence of one nation without condemning in the strongest terms the strangulation of another."

In the tradition of Eleanor Roosevelt, you are a global ambassador whose devotion to universal human rights has eased the suffering of millions of people throughout the world.

For your invaluable contributions to the humanitarian needs of refugees everywhere, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania are honored and pleased to confer upon you, Sadako Ogata, the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Mamphela Aletta Ramphele

Bearing witness to the cruelties of apartheid, you demonstrated enormous courage as an activist in the Black Consciousness Movement during South Africa's violent racial struggles in the 1970s. Banished for seven years by a government determined to silence your message, you refused to be deterred or discouraged. You called on your training as a physician and your humanitarian impulses to treat the rural poor, build a community health center, and start an adult literary program. Your efforts inspired black South Africans and free people everywhere.

You distinguished yourself as a research fellow at the University of Cape Town, and in 1996 you were named that prestigious university's first black woman Vice-Chancellor. By founding programs to enhance the performance of students of all backgrounds, you mobilized an effort among faculty and staff to further integrate, on a practical level, one of South Africa's most important institutions. Your work at the university was part of a broader shift in South African culture, and it has contributed greatly to the nation's re-emergence in the global community.

It is as an active member of the global community that you have continued to work on behalf of emerging nations. You have worked tirelessly to reform post-apartheid South Africa and to promote the interests of developing countries within the international community.

As the first African to be named Managing Director at the World Bank, you have provided leadership in health, education, nutrition, and social protection reforms designed to promote a universal, dignified, standard of living. Through your direction of the Education for All and the Education for the Knowledge Economy programs, advancements in early childhood development, science and technology, and of course education are serving crucial social development needs in Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

By continuing to link human rights with the advancement of society, you have reminded us of our obligation "to secure the freedom, well being and dignity of all people everywhere."

For your invaluable contributions to advancing human rights and justice in your homeland and throughout the world, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania are honored and pleased to confer upon you, Mamphela Ramphele, the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

Philip Roth

For nearly a half-century you have examined the relationship between desire and authority in contemporary American life. From the psychological tragicomedy of Alexander Portnoy's coming of age to the broader reflections of the aging Nathan Zuckerman, your writing challenges traditional assumptions about the sexual, familial, cultural, and historical forces that shape our sensibilities. Your characters often struggle with the frustrating distance between their ideas and a stubborn reality, and you in turn force us to confront and understand ourselves through frank and at times disquieting self-examination. Yours is perhaps the greatest gift a writer can bestow upon his readers.

You have been richly decorated for your fiction: two National Book Critics Circle Awards, two PEN/Faulkner Awards; two National Book Awards, and one Pulitzer Prize for your brilliant novel, *American Pastoral*. Your place in literary pantheon is secure, and with the publication of six highly acclaimed books over the past decade, your reputation as one of America's preeminent artists and social observers continues to grow.

Your writing has sparked a great deal of debate, and in the process has helped to shape the times it seeks to chronicle. Your poignant, fearless and controversial depictions of middle-class Jewish life, especially in *Goodbye Columbus* and *Portnoy's Complaint*, explored social and psychological terrain often ignored by the mainstream. Your honest, humorous, and at times profane investigations of relations between the sexes helped expand the limits of acceptable speech and subject matter in American culture.

You have acknowledged that the works of James Joyce, D.H. Lawrence, and Henry Miller emboldened you to write freely. Yet, by tackling taboo subjects and expressing provocative truths, your work has exposed the myths and cultural restrictions that helped to define a critical period in American history.

At the same time, your painstaking and sometimes bittersweet evocations of your native Newark, New Jersey, will preserve for future generations a portrait of a vanished world.

For your ongoing contributions to American literature, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania are pleased to confer upon you, Philip Roth, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Desmond Tutu

As a young man, you followed your father's calling and taught school. Yet a childhood encounter with an Anglican cleric would lead you to a greater calling as a spiritual leader.

Ordained an Anglican priest in 1961, your devotion to learning and faith inspired you to earn a Master of Theology in England, which enabled you to serve upon your return home as a university professor and Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg in 1975. Soon after your election to Bishop of Lesotho, you emerged as South Africa's moral conscience by raising your commanding voice against apartheid during the 1976 Soweto uprising. As General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, your relentless verbal assault on apartheid revealed the depth of your passion for justice and the strength of your faith.

In 1984, you were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for your role in ending apartheid and promoting racial equality and harmony in South Africa. Expressing your faith that justice would prevail in your country, you said, "People will matter because they are human beings made in the image of God."

Earning the Nobel Prize was not your finale. Your nonviolent opposition to apartheid helped bring about a peaceful transition to democratic majority rule during the 1990s. You showed your devotion to racial harmony by working tirelessly to bridge the chasm between black and white Anglicans in South Africa as Bishop, and then later, as Archbishop of Johannesburg. Recognizing your capacity for healing, President Nelson Mandela appointed you in 1995 to lead the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The appointment ensured your place in history as one of the world's leading moral authorities and advocates for human rights.

For your invaluable contributions to human rights and peace in South Africa, the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania are honored and pleased to confer upon you, Desmond Tutu, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.