

# Graduate Posts

Updates from UNMC Graduate Studies | Summer 2020

## A message from the dean

Congratulations to our graduates for their extraordinary accomplishments and the resilience they showed, not only in completing their rigorous training at UNMC but in overcoming the hurdles presented by COVID-19. The fact that we were not able to celebrate commencement face to face does not in any way diminish our graduates' accomplishments. If you were unable to watch the virtual commencement, you may still [access the archive recording \[r20.rs6.net\]](https://r20.rs6.net), and please be sure to read the articles highlighting the ceremony and award recipients.



During this COVID-19 crisis, the work and creative abilities of our faculty, staff and students are more important than ever. Although the way we teach has shifted, our dedication to exemplary training has not. While some things continue to change, and the upcoming academic year will be different than those of the past, you can rest assured our educational mission remains central. We are equally committed to providing a safe environment for both the campus and the communities we serve.

I cannot complete this message without acknowledging the deep pain and sadness felt by millions of people around the world over the tragic killing of George Floyd and the wounds it uncovered of the ongoing racism against persons of color in the U.S. UNMC is committed to ensuring that we continue to strive to create a campus where there is openness to conversations about these issues, as well as ensuring we have a campus that is safe and welcoming for everyone regardless of their skin color, gender or sexual orientation.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to campus face to face this fall. Graduate Studies has many exciting opportunities planned, as well as new training programs, like the MSIA Biological Defense and Health Security subplan described in this newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we go forward on this journey of excellence and discovery together, and I look forward to connecting in person soon.

H. Dele Davies, M.D.  
Dean, Graduate Studies



Dele Davies, M.D., dean of Graduate Studies, speaks at the event.

### **Virtual convocation, commencement a genuine success**

This year's Graduate Studies honors convocation and subsequent UNMC commencement were held on a single day and in a single virtual session. [Read more. \[r20.rs6.net\]](#)

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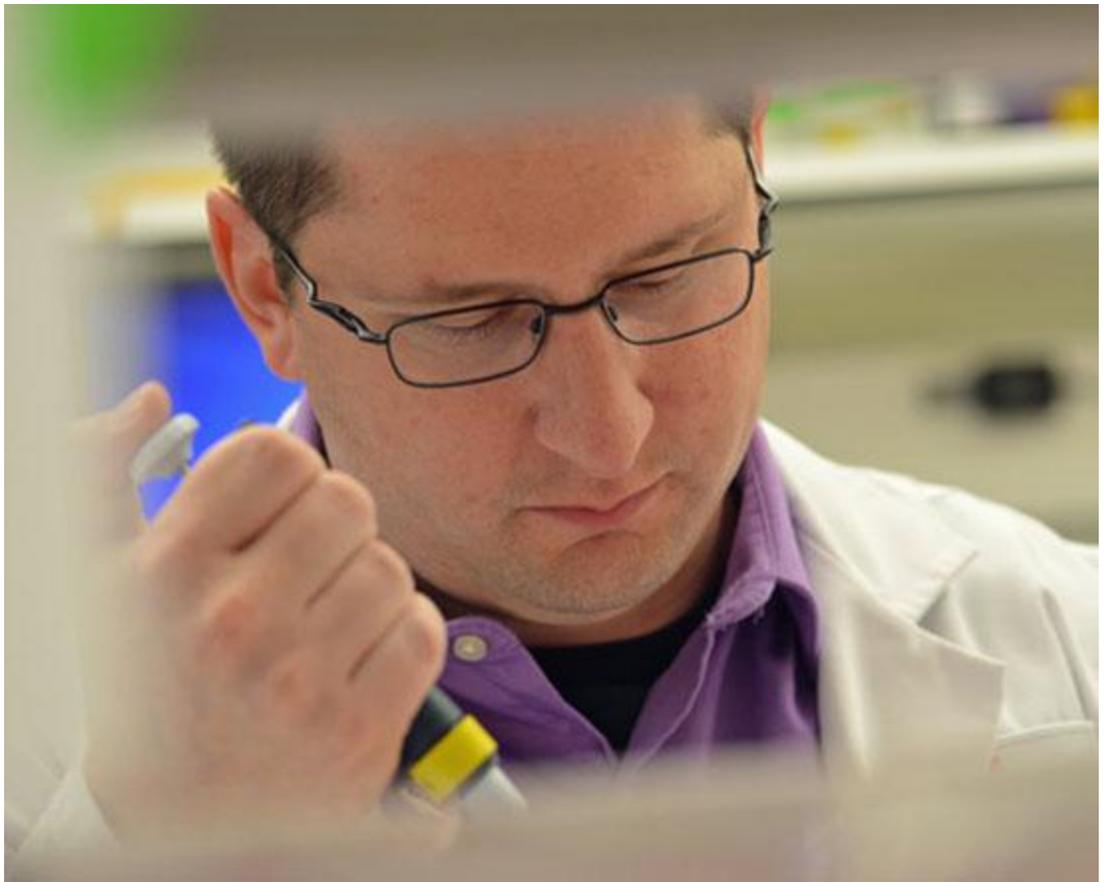


Sharon Medcalf, Ph.D.

### **MSIA unveils two new subplans**

The Medical Sciences Interdepartmental Area (MSIA) has unveiled two new subplans: Health Practice and Medical Education Research; and Biodefense and Health Security. [Read more. \[r20.rs6.net\]](#)

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Adam Case, Ph.D.

### **Dr. Case named distinguished graduate student mentor**

Adam Case, Ph.D., has been honored with the Graduate Student Association's 2020 Distinguished Graduate Student Mentor Award. [Read more. \[r20.rs6.net\]](#)

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Archana Chatterjee, M.D., Ph.D.

### **Dr. Chatterjee breaks barriers at Chicago Medical School**

UNMC Graduate Studies alumnus Archana Chatterjee, M.D., Ph.D., has been named dean of Chicago Medical School (CMS) and vice president for medical affairs at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. Dr. Chatterjee is the first woman to serve as dean at CMS and is believed to be the first female dean of a U.S. medical school of Indian descent, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. Dr. Chatterjee earned her Ph.D. degree from UNMC in 1993 and also served a postdoctoral research appointment at UNMC.



## Share what's going on using #GradStudiesGoesRemote

In these unprecedented times, it is more important than ever to make sure we stay connected. Since we can't catch up face to face, we invite you to share with us on social media what is going on in your life, beyond what you're doing in the lab or virtual classroom.

Use #GradStudiesGoesRemote.

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