THE INAUGURATION OF
SIAN LEAH BEILOCK
as Eighth President of Barnard College

February 9, 2018

Riverside Church
New York City
THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY

PROCESSION

Concerto in C Major: Allegro by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
This concerto is a transcription of Antonio Vivaldi’s violin concerto “il grosso mogul,” Op.7ii/5, RV 208
Gail Archer, Organist
Professor of Professional Practice, Barnard College

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PLATFORM PARTY

CALL TO ORDER

Frances L. Sadler ’72
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READING

“At the Fishhouses” by Elizabeth Bishop
Saskia Hamilton
Professor of English, Barnard College

WELCOME

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GREETINGS

From the Academy
Thomas Carr
Professor, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University

Deborah Feltz
University Distinguished Professor and Chairperson Emeritus, Department of Kinesiology, Michigan State University

From a Learned Society
Suparna Rajaram
President, Association for Psychological Science
Professor, Department of Psychology, Stony Brook University
From the Seven Sisters
Kathleen McCartney
President, Smith College

From a University President
Robert J. Zimmer
President, University of Chicago

MUSICAL INTERLUDE
How Can I Keep From Singing? A Quaker Hymn arranged by Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)
Performed by the Barnard-Columbia Chorus
Gail Archer, Conductor
Professor of Professional Practice, Barnard College

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS  SIAN LEAH BEILOCK

SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER  THE WOMEN OF THE BARNARD-COLUMBIA CHORUS

CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY  DIANA T. VAGELOS ’55
Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees
Co-Chair of the Inauguration Committee

RECESSIONAL  Sonata in F Minor: Finale, Allegro maestoso
by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)
GAIL ARCHER, ORGANIST
Professor of Professional Practice, Barnard College
On July 1, 2017, Sian Leah Beilock became the 8th President of Barnard College. Prior to her appointment as President, Beilock spent twelve years at the University of Chicago. As the Stella M. Rowley Professor of Psychology and a member of the Committee on Education, she specialized in how children and adults learn and perform at their best, especially under stress. In her role as a member of the senior leadership, she served as the Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives and as the Executive Vice Provost and an Officer of the University.

In her research, Beilock focuses specifically on success in math and science for women and girls, and how performance anxiety can either be exacerbated, or alleviated by teachers, parents and peers. She explores the brain and body factors that influence skill learning and performance, as well as how simple psychological strategies can be used to ensure success in high-stakes situations ranging from test-taking and public speaking to athletics. She works extensively with educators and those involved in public policy, including serving on a National Research Council committee on decision-making and stress.

While in the Provost’s Office at the University of Chicago, Beilock created and launched UChicagoGRAD, a university-wide office and initiative designed to ensure that Chicago’s graduate students and postdocs develop the necessary skills—from writing and communication to advanced pedagogy—to be leaders in academia, government, industry and the nonprofit sector. She led UChicago Urban, the University of Chicago’s integrative efforts to bridge urban scholarship, practice and engagement. Beilock was also responsible for academic centers including the University Libraries and the University of Chicago Press, academic space planning and allocation, and the development and implementation of several major building projects.

Beilock won the 2017 Troland Award from the National Academy of Sciences. In addition, she is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Psychological Association, and a member of the National Academy of Kinesiology. Early in her career, she received awards from the Association for Psychological Science, American Psychological Foundation, the Psychonomic Society, and the Society of Experimental Psychologists.

President Beilock is the author of two books that have been published in over a dozen languages—the critically acclaimed Choke: What the Secrets of the Brain Reveal about Getting It Right When You Have To (2010) and How the Body Knows Its Mind: The Surprising Power of the Physical Environment to Influence How You Think and Feel (2015). She has published more than 100 papers and has received funding from the National Science Foundation (including a CAREER award), the Department of Education, and several foundations.
President Beilock earned her Bachelor of Science in cognitive science from the University of California, San Diego, and doctorates of philosophy in both kinesiology and psychology from Michigan State University. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Chicago, Beilock was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at Miami of Ohio University.
A HISTORY OF BARNARD COLLEGE

Founded in 1889, Barnard was the only college in New York City, and one of the few in the nation, where women could receive the same rigorous and challenging education available to men. The College was named after educator, mathematician, and tenth president of Columbia College, Frederick A.P. Barnard, who argued unsuccessfully for the admission of women to Columbia University. The school’s founding, however, is largely due to the rallying efforts of Annie Nathan Meyer, a student and writer who was equally dissatisfied with Columbia’s stance, and staunchly committed to the education of women. She joined forces with a small group of her peers to petition the University Trustees for an affiliated self-sustaining liberal arts women’s college, and in two years accomplished what she had set out to do.

The first Barnard class met in a rented brownstone at 343 Madison Avenue, just blocks from Grand Central Station; there was a faculty of six and 14 students in the School of Arts. Nine years later, the college moved to its present site on Morningside Heights. One of the original Seven Sisters, Barnard was, from the beginning, a place that took women seriously and challenged them intellectually.

In 1900, Barnard was included in the educational system of Columbia University with provisions unique among women’s colleges: it was governed by its own trustees, faculty, and dean, and was responsible for its own endowment and facilities, while sharing instruction, the libraries, and the degree of the university. Somewhat ironically, when Columbia College finally went co-ed in 1983, as Frederick A.P. Barnard had wished nearly a century before, one might have thought Barnard would easily be subsumed. Instead, then President Ellen Futter fought for the College to remain independent and worked toward a new and lasting agreement with Columbia in light of their decision to admit women.

Today, under President Sian Beilock, Barnard’s place in higher education is undeniably sound and strong. Over the course of 128 years and 12 extraordinary women leaders—from winning the right to hire our own faculty in 1900, through the pivotal protests of 1968, from the historic admission of transgender women in 2016, to laying the groundwork for our new teaching and learning center, The Milstein Center for Teaching and Learning, slated to open in 2018—Barnard has flourished.

To learn more about Barnard’s history please explore our interactive timeline barnard.edu/timeline.
ALMA MATER

COLLEGE ON THE HILLTOP
May Appleton Parker, 1904

There’s a college on a hilltop
That’s very dear to me,
And a certain group of students
With ties of comrad’rie.
So we’ll sing to dear old Barnard,
And loyal be and true,
As we show to coming classes
How we love the white and blue.
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1636
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1740
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
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1746
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Podie Lynch
Alumna

1754
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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1769
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Alumnus

1780
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1793
WILLIAMS COLLEGE
Jonathan W. Snow
Alumnus

1794
BOWDOIN COLLEGE
Mary Ann Vilar
Alumna

1800
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
Leilani Brown
Trustee

1821
AMHERST COLLEGE
Alina Wong
Alumna

1822
HOBART COLLEGE
Betty Good
Alumna

1831
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Lydia Miller
Development Associate

1835
ALBION COLLEGE
Mareike Weith
Associate Professor

1836
EMORY UNIVERSITY
Dr. M. Lana Sheer
Alumna

1836
UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Kelly Brown Douglas
Dean

1837
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
Sonya Stephens
President
1841
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ALEXANDRA LOIZZO-DESAI
Assistant Editor

1841
QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY (CA)
MONICA CASTELHANO
Associate Professor

1842
MARY BALDWIN UNIVERSITY
CHRISTIAN PEELE
Alumna

1846
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Alumna

1851
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
CAREY GRAEBER
Alumna

1853
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IN ST. LOUIS
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1854
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Alumna

1855
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Alumna

1858
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Associate Professor

1860
BARD COLLEGE
DEIRDRE D’ALBERTIS
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1864
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
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Alumna

1865
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1865
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1875
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1877
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1885
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1885

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1886

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1886

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1890

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1946
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