

**Yale University  
Honorary Degree Honorands, 1977-2000 (a)**

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1977	25		Louise Bourgeois	Gerald M. Durrell J. H. Franklin James Reston	Kingman Brewster, Jr. Mairead Corrigan Gerald R. Ford Peter Ramsbotham Irving S. Shapiro Betty Williams	Edward Bond Paul Horgan		B.B. King	Seymour Benzer		39
1978	32	Gershom Scholem Raul S. Henriquez	Philip Johnson	Nancy Hanks Meyer Schapiro	John R. Evans Hanna H. Gray Gabriel Hauge	Joseph Brodsky			Paul Berg George B. Dantzig William W. Morgan		44
1979	35	Pauli Murray	Robert Venturi Mikhail Baryshnik	Herman Liebaers J. Irwin Miller	Tom Bradley Reginald H. Jones Justine W. Polier	Robert S. Fitzgerald		Leontyne Price	Franz J. Ingelfinger Steven Weinberg	George A. Miller	48
1980	13	L.J. Suenens	Lucia Chase	Danny Kaye N. Scott Momaday	Frank M. Johnson, Jr. John Miller Musser Abraham A. Ribicoff Simone Veil	Wole Soyinka		D. Fischer-Dieskau	Roald Hoffmann John G. Thompson		25
1981	20	George W. Webber	H. Frankenthaler	Fernand Braudel Sherman E. Lee	Shirley M. Hufstefel Damon J. Keith Brian Urquhart	Sterling A. Brown Elie Wiesel		Itzhak Perlman	Harish-Chandra Charles Yanofsky	Frederick Mosteller	33
1982	32		James Earl Jones	James Laughlin Maureen O'Donnell	Philip C. Habib C. William Verity, Jr.	James Merrill		Benny Goodman	Virginia Henderson Barbara McClintock J. Tuzo Wilson	Marcel P. Boiteux	43
1983	33	Joseph Bernardin	Athol Fugard Meryl Streep	Bernard M.W. Knox	Lloyd N. Cutler A.L. Higginbotham				Paul B. MacCreedy Shella Sherlock	Sir W. Arthur Lewis	42
1984	25	Allan A. Boesak Gerson D. Cohen	Maria Tallchief	David S. Broder	Tommy T.B. Koh John R. Opel Bayard Rustin Paul A. Volcker	John Hersey			Philip Leder	Alice M. Rivlin	36
1985	25	Ernst Kasemann		Arnaldo Momigliano Jerzy Turowicz Joe Wood	Howard H. Baker, Jr. Marian W. Edelman Ellen Ash Peters Shridath S. Ramphal	Toni Morrison		Frederica von Sta	Wolfgang Panofsk	Austin Ranney	37
1986	22	Jaime L. Sin	Jacob Lawrence	A. Bartlett Giamatti Helen F. North Roger T. Peterson H.J. Polotsky	William S. Beinecke Daniel Oduber	Nadine Gordimer		Ella Fitzgerald	Donald Henderson Daniel Nathans	Robert M. Solow	35
1987	17	James I. McCord	Maya Ying Lin	Felix Gilbert	William J. Brennan, Jr. Charles Mathias, Jr. Constance B. Motley			Yo-Yo Ma	Michael E. Fisher Matthew Meselson	Gerard Debreu Clifford Geertz	28
1988	26		Suzanne Farrell	Anne T. Macdonald Paul Newman	Robert M. Ball Harold T. Shapiro	August Wilson		William Schuman	Donald W. Seldin Charles H. Townes		35

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1989	28	Robert A.K. Runci C.F. Beyers Nande	Saul Steinberg Sir Anthony Caro	Sir Isaiah Berlin Rhetaugh G. Dumas Marek Edelman Eugene Lang	Lewis F. Powell, Jr.			Celia Cruz	Stephen Hawking Frank Press	Ronald H. Coase	41
1990	40	Frederick Buechner		Irving Harris Gertrude Himmelfarb Wilma Mankiller			Jonathan E. Rhoad	Jessye Norman	C. Nusslein-Volhard Vera C. Rubin	David Blackwell Albert O. Hirschman	50
1991	32		John Crosby	Russell Baker Johnnetta B. Cole George Soros	George H. W. Bush W. Edwards Deming Herbert Wechsler			Lukas Foss	Elizabeth Blackburn		41
1992	34		Nancy S. Graves	Kenneth N. Dayton M. Isolina Ferré	Teddy Kollek Vytautas Landsbergis Neil L. Rudenstein	Nina Berberova Edward Shils	M. Joycelyn Elders June Elaine Osborn	Alfred Brendel	Francis S. Collins Walter E. Massey		47
1993	33	Rembert Weakland		Arthur R. Ashe P. Richardson Bass James T. Laney Deborah W. Meier	Elena Bonner Howard R. Lamar	A. Alistair Cooke J. de Romilly			Robert McC. May	Aaron Wildavsky	44
1994	35		Martin Puryear	G.I. Tantaquidgeon	Jack B. Weinstein	Mario Vargas Llosa	Robert E. Cooke	Kurt Masur	Maxine Singer	Amos Tversky	43
1995	25	Martin E. Marty	Kevin Roche	Yvon Chouinard J. R. Dilworth	Lowell Weicker, Jr.	Frank Kermode	Margaret C. Heage Florence S. Wald	Wynton Marsalis			34
1996	25		Charles T. Close	S.E. Schmidheiny Eunice K. Shriver	Richard Posner		Dr. Benjamin Cars	Paul Simon	Jack Kilby	Eleanor J. Gibson	33
1997	29	Bishop C.F.X. Bell	Jodie Foster Judith Jamison	Roberto Goizueta Eddie Robinson	Mary Robinson	Maurice Sendak	Dr. Alfred Gilman		Mario J. Molina		38
1998	28	Bartholomew I		Lena Horn Sadako Ogata Fredrick P. Rose		Gerda Lerner David McCullough		Robert L. Shaw	Edward O. Wilson	Muhammad Yunus	37
1999	37	Barbara Harris	Julie Andrews	Alan Greenspan S. Roger Horchow	Aharon Barak Helen Suzman	Seamus J. Heaney	Dr. J. B. Richmond		Bruce Alberts Charles Kuen Kao		47
2000	40	Desmond M. Tutu	Frank O. Gehry	William F. Buckley,	Gerhard Casper Daniel P. Moynihan Hugh B. Price	Tom Stoppard Helen Vendler	Dr. Samuel O. Thier			Marie de la Soudier	50

**Notes:**

- (a) The following honorary degrees may be awarded by vote of the Corporation: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), Doctor of Divinity (D.D.), Doctor of Science (Sc.D), Doctor of Medical Sciences (D.M.S.), Doctor of Social Science (Soc.Sc.D.), Doctor of Music (Mus.D.), Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.), Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.), and Doctor of Laws.
- (b) Yale traditionally confers the honorary Master of Arts (Privatim) degree upon those appointed to the rank of Professor in the University who have not previously received Yale's Master's or Doctor's degrees. The tradition of awarding these degrees began in 1872.

**Source:**

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