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Education

Catholic Theological Union
Chicago, IL

Ecumenical Doctor of Ministry, 2010
Thesis-Project: “The End for which I am Created: The
Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and College Students”

Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Berkeley, CA

Master of Divinity, 2000

The Catholic University of America
Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts, 1992
Majors: Religion and English
summa cum laude

Professional Experience

Dominican University
River Forest, IL

Vice President for Mission and Planning—April 2021-present
Vice President for Mission and Ministry—July 2013-March 2021

- Responsible for the oversight of the mission and ministry activities of the University. The leadership of the Vice President for Mission and Ministry is fourfold: educator, animator, coordinator and facilitator.
- Oversee the work of multiple departments, including University Ministry, The St. Catherine of Siena Center, and Sister Mary Nona McGreal Center for Dominican Historical Studies.
- As the University’s chief mission officer, work to maintain and strengthen the Catholic, Dominican identity of the institution and the intellectual and spiritual development of its students, faculty, staff and affiliated community.
- Led the campus community through a visioning process that produced *A World of Difference: Dominican University through 2023* strategic plan. After a thorough process soliciting input from constituencies of every level of university life, the plan was approved by the Board of Trustees in April 2019.
- Raised more than \$2 million in philanthropic support for the projects of Mission and Ministry, including extensive grant writing and review, along with cultivation of individual benefactors.
- Direct the annual Caritas Veritas Symposium wherein 1,200+ members of the University community assemble for a day-long consideration of the mission for current teaching, study, research and University direction. 35-40 sessions offered by 150+ presenters.

- Interview all finalists in tenure-track faculty and senior administrative searches, concentrating on candidates' fitness for University mission.
- Direct "Contemplating Life's Callings," an annual faculty retreat considering their own vocations and how we might help our students to discern theirs.
- Co-facilitate, with Director of Borra Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, the year-long new faculty seminar, "What Matters," an introduction to Dominican University mission, history, culture and faculty life.
- Lead the University's efforts in the area of Interfaith Cooperation, recognized nationally for excellence in academic priority.
- Member of the President's Cabinet.
- Direct an annual Senior Leadership Retreat to ground President's Cabinet and Academic Deans in Dominican mission, strategic vision, and collaborative relationships.
- Serve as administrative liaison to the Board of Trustees' Mission and Identity Committee. Work closely with the Committee Chair on orientation and on-going formation of Board members in Catholic, Dominican mission.
- Serve on multiple University governance committees, including Assessment, Curriculum, Diversity, Program Review and Strategic Planning and Budget.

Director, St. Catherine of Siena Center—September 2008-October 2013

- Designed and directed programming bringing national acclaimed figures including Eboo Patel, Mary Gordon, Sr. Joan Chittister, Sr. Elizabeth Johnson and Br. Guy Consolmagno to campus.
- Led marketing efforts that drew 2,000+ guests to Siena Center programs annually.
- Network with various constituencies locally and nationally, representing the Siena Center before the Catholic community and other audiences.
- Develop and monitor budget, recruit and evaluate staff, and oversee office management.
- Design and execute fundraising strategies, including grant-writing and donor solicitation, covering the annual operating expenses (save salaries and benefits) of the Center.
- Represent the Siena Center on University committees and councils.

Loyola University Chicago
Chicago, IL

Director of Ministry, Jesuit Collegian Program—July 2005-August 2008
Supervise Jesuit Scholastics in their part-time ministry placements.
Created a course in Social Analysis which included both academic work and reflection on their ministry experience.

Chaplain, University Ministry — July 2003-May 2007

Designed and directed program of community service and theological reflection. Liaison between University and community groups. Co-taught theology courses on vocation and ministry. Supervised graduate interns. Led retreats and alternative break immersion trips.

Call To Action
Chicago, IL

Program Director — June 2000-June 2003

Created programming and membership development for young adults. Acted as media spokeswoman. Quoted in media outlets including *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and National Public Radio. Worked with regional leaders to develop grassroots response to the

crisis of clergy sexual abuse of minors. Developed education and action program on sweatshop labor and Catholic Social Teaching.

Global Exchange
San Francisco, CA

Intern, Speakers Bureau — August 1998-May 1999
Promoted and organized two successful national speaking tours for labor and human rights activists from Central America.

Apostolic Volunteer Program
River Forest, IL

Co-Director — August 1993-July 1997
Recruited, interviewed, placed and provided ongoing formation programming for highly qualified and wholly dedicated full-time lay volunteers in ministries among poor and marginalized communities around the U.S. The Apostolic Volunteer Program is now known as Dominican Volunteers USA.

Publications

“Practicing Our Ideals: How the Interfaith Campus Can Restore Civil Discourse.” *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, 2020. <https://diverseeducation.com/article/166706/>

“Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.” *Catholic Women Preach*, 2018.
<http://catholicwomenpreach.org/preacher/claire-noonan>

Sharing the Bread of God's Love. New London, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2018.

Together We Share, Grow and Rejoice! Daily Reflections, Prayers and Actions. New London, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2017.

Full of Grace. New London, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 2015.

“The Unity of Truth: How a Dominican Center of Distinction Fosters Integration and Transformation.” *Journal of Catholic Higher Education*, 30, no. 2 (Summer 2011).

“The Surprises of Silence.” *Young and Catholic in America*, edited by Kevin Meme and Jeffery Joseph Guhin. New York: Paulist Press, 2010.

“Welcome to This City of Beauty and Tragedy.” *ChicagoCatholicNews.com*, 2010.
<http://www.chicagocatholicnews.com/2010/09/x-files-welcome-to-this-city-of-beauty.html>

“Peacebuilding and Lessons from 50 High Schoolers.” *ChicagoCatholicNews.com*, 2010.
<http://www.chicagocatholicnews.com/2010/07/x-files-peacebuilding-and-lessons-from.html>

“What Catholics Under 30 are doing Right.” *U.S. Catholic*, 70, no. 7 (July 2005).

“Claire Noonan on Key Social Justice Documents of the USCC.” *Just Readings: A Loyola University Chicago On-line Social Justice Reader*, edited by Michael Maher and Daniel Hartnett, SJ. February 20, 2004.
<http://sba.luc.edu/wtcmistry/JustReadings.pdf>

“Becoming a Saint: The difference between who we admire and who we become.” *BustedHalo.com*, 2003.
<http://www.bustedhalo.com/spirituality/features16.htm>.

“Riding the Ethical Bull: The World of Socially Responsible Investment.” *BustedHalo.com*, 2003.
http://www.bustedhalo.com/archive/2003_23work.htm.

“The Faithful Widow: A Fresh Look at Luke 18:1-8.” *Gravitas* 1, no. 1 (Spring 1999).
<http://www.gtu.edu/library/Gravitas/Spring1999-2.html>.

Selected Presentations

“Keeping Mission Front and Center.” Presented with Rev. Mark Bosco, SJ and Shannon Green at Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting, Virtually, February 6, 2021.

“Dominican Mission/Catholic Identity.” Presented at Albertus Magnus College Board of Trustees Retreat. New Haven, CT, October 4, 2019.

“Who am I? Who am I becoming?” Presented with José Blanco, Dennis Kirchen and Tara Segal at Faculty Development Workshop, Dominican University. River Forest, IL, August 22, 2019.

“Does It Give You Joy?” Presented at St. Patrick Women’s Club, St. Patrick Catholic Church. Lake Forest, IL, May 9, 2019.

“The Church in the Making.” Presented at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Libertyville, IL, April 3, 2019.

“Does Religious Identity Matter When We Ask ‘Who Are Our Students, and What Do They Need?’” Presented at Faculty Development Workshop, Dominican University. River Forest, IL, August 23, 2018.

“Distinctly Dominican Education.” Presented with Scott Flanagan and Catherine Muscente at Dominican Higher Education Colloquium. Providence College, Providence, RI, June 22, 2018.

“Mission Leadership Institute.” Member of the design and delivery team. Sponsored by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, July 30 – August 2, 2017.

“*En lo Cotidiano*: Theological Exploration of Vocation *latinamente*.” Presented with John DeCostanza at Council of Independent Colleges Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education National Conference. Charlotte, NC, March 25, 2017.

“Sustaining Interfaith Cooperation on Religiously Affiliated Campuses.” Presented with Mercedes Lee, Sharyl West Loeung, Joe Morrow, Joshua Ritter and Jon Pahl at Sixth Annual President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge National Gathering. Washington, DC, September 22, 2016.

“Contemplating Life’s Callings: Dominican University’s Faculty Retreat Initiative for Vocation.” Presented with Sheila Bauer-Gatsos, Dianne Costanzo and Chad Rohman at Dominican Higher Education Colloquium. Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI, June 10, 2016.

“Pope Francis Invites You to a Conversation on Mercy.” Presented at The Sara Center, Old St. Patrick’s Church. Chicago, IL, April 7, 2016.

- “Pope Francis, Interfaith Leadership, and the Catholic Tradition.” Presented at Interfaith Youth Core, Signature Luncheon. Chicago, IL, October 20, 2015
- “Finding Vocation in Interfaith Engagement.” Presented with Katie Bringman Baxter and Jon R. Powers at Council of Independent Colleges Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education National Conference. St. Louis, MO, March 27, 2015.
- “Practicing Effective Assessment of College Chaplaincy.” Presented with John DeCostanza at Council of Independent Colleges Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education College Chaplaincy Conference. St. Charles, IL, March 29, 2014.
- “Building Bridges: How Can Presidential Spouses Help?” Presented at Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, February 3, 2014.
- “Catholic Social Teaching.” Presented at Peacebuilders Initiative, Catholic Theological Union. Chicago, Illinois, June 21, 2012.
- “Communion and Fragmentation Among Youth and Young Adults.” Presented at Catholic Common Ground Initiative Conference. DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, November 4, 2010.
- “Social Justice 101.” Presented at Diocese of Joliet Peace Day. Romeoville, Illinois, May 3, 2008.
- “The Call to Service.” Presented at Loyola University Chicago Alumni Retreat. Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 2008.
- “Two Feet of Justice.” Presented at MercyWorks Orientation Retreat. Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, August 11, 2004.
- “Laying Down Our Lives: Leadership in a New Generation.” Presented at the Loyola University Chicago Chapel Series: Prominent Catholics Reflect on the Future of Our Church. Chicago, Illinois, April 5, 2004.
- “The Pastoral Circle.” Presented at Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Southwest Orientation Retreat. San Francisco, California, August 2002.

Teaching Experience

Dominican University	“If you are what you should be: The Good Life”
	With Aaron Hollander, Ph.D. “Introduction to Interfaith Leadership”
	“Introduction to Practical Theology”
	“The Challenge of Solidarity: Life in Community”
	“Practicum in Dominican Preaching”
	“The Challenge of Solidarity: Diversity, Community and Culture”
Loyola University Chicago	With Paul Mueller, S.J., Ph. D. and Michael Schuck, Ph.D. “Social Analysis”

With William French, Ph.D. “Urban Ministry at the Margins”

With John Neafsey, Psy.D. “Call to Service”

With Donal Godfrey, S.J., D.Min. “Urban Ministry at the Margins”

University Committees

Dominican University

Present:

Strategic Planning and Budget Committee
Strategic Planning Subcommittee (Co-Chair)
Program Review Committee
Diversity Committee
University Curriculum Committee
Mission and Identity Committee, Board of Trustees (Staff Liaison)
Assessment Committee
Interfaith Cooperation Committee (Chair)
University Honors Committee
President’s Advisory Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Caritas et Veritas Symposium Planning Committee (Chair)
Siena Center Advisory Council
McGreal Center Advisory Council

Previous:

HLC Accreditation Committee (Criterion One Chair)
Rosary College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee
Provost Search Committee (Chair)
Strategic Visioning Committee (Chair)
Academic Realignment Working Group
Undergraduate Experience Task Force
Identity Statement Working Group (Chair)
Integrated Marketing Team
Ad-hoc Public Art Committee

Loyola University Chicago

Commission on the Status of Women at Loyola University Chicago
Strategic Plan Task Force on Loyola’s Urban Resource and Location
North Central Accreditation Self-Study
Work Group on Acquisition, Discovery and Application of
Knowledge
Magis Program Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee
Lakeside Community Partnership Advisory Board

Honors and Awards

Catholic Theological Union
Chicago, IL

50 at 50 Inspiring Alumni, 2019

Dominican Volunteers USA River Forest, IL	Mission Award, 2013
Catholic Theological Union Chicago, IL	Bernardin Scholar, 2005-2010
Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley Berkeley, CA	Alpha Sigma Nu, inducted 2000 Jesuit School Honor Society
The Catholic University of America Washington, DC	Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 1992 Marian Award, 1992 Awarded for excellence in scholarship, leadership, responsibility and service to the university. Presidential Scholarship, 1988-1992

Activities

Task Force	Professionalization of Chief Mission Office, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Fall 2020 - present
Advisory Board	CommunityWorks, January 2020 - present
Peer Reviewer	Higher Learning Commission, Fall 2019-present
Charism Council	Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, 2017-present
Board of Directors	Community of Congregations, 2018-present Elected President, January 2020
Jesuit Catholic Identity Committee, Board of Trustees	Christ the King College Prep, 2014-present
Troop Leader	Girl Scouts Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, 2016-present
Mission Committee, Board of Trustees	Trinity High School, 2017-2018
Domestic Violence Ministry	St. Giles Catholic Church, 2015-2018
Advisory Board	Catholics on Call, Catholic Theological Union, 2009-2014
Advisory Board	JVC Magis, 2007-2014
Board of Directors	Parish Evaluation Project, 2010-2013
Support Committee	Iraqi Student Project, 2009-2013
Board of Trustees	Dominican Volunteers USA, 2000-2009 Executive Committee and President
Board of Directors	Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Midwest, 2005-2009 Executive Committee
Staff Writer	BustedHalo.com, Paulist Young Adult Ministry, 2001-2005
RCIA Inquiry Facilitator	St. Nicholas Church, 2001-2004
Board of Directors	Su Casa Catholic Worker, 2002-2003
Community Facilitator	Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Southwest, 1999-2000
Member	President's Committee on Student Services, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, 1999-2000.
Board of Directors	Catholic Network of Volunteer Service, 1994-1998 Executive Committee, 1994-1998

Memberships

Association of Practical Theology
College Theology Society