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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023
ACADEMIC PROCESSION
Brassworks Music
Robert Beatty

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL
Sonia Sotero, Professor, Department of Leadership, Language and Curriculum (COE), and President, Faculty Council

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Salma Ghanem, Provost

INVOCATION
Mark Laboe, Associate Vice President for Mission and Ministry

VIA SAPIENTIAE AWARD PRESENTATION
Victoria Van Kirk Pride, Associate Director, Housing and Resident Life, and President, Staff Council

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD PRESENTATION
SPirit OF Inquiry AWARD PRESENTATION
EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION
Daniela Raicu, Professor, School of Computing (CDM), and Associate Provost for Research

PROVOST’S AWARD FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PRESENTATION
Valerie Johnson, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (LAS), and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

REMARKS FROM THE PROVOST
Salma Ghanem

PROMOTION AND TENURE RECOGNITION
Salma Ghanem, Provost

SOCIETY OF VINCENT DE PAUL PROFESSORS INDUCTION
Craig Klugman, Professor, Department of Health Sciences (CSH), and Chair, Executive Committee, Society of Vincent de Paul Professors
James Montgomery, Professor, Department of Environmental Science and Studies (CSH), and Member, Society of Vincent de Paul Professors

SPIRIT OF DE PAUL AWARD PRESENTATION
Mark Laboe, Associate Vice President for Mission and Ministry

STAFF QUALITY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION
Sherri Sidler, Executive Vice President

GERALD PAETSCHE ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD PRESENTATION
Caryn Chaden, Associate Professor, Department of English (LAS), and Associate Provost, Student Success and Accreditation

CLOSING REMARKS
Robert L. Manuel, President

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VIA SAPIENTIAE AWARD

Established in 1961, the Via Sapientiae Award is the highest honor DePaul University has to acknowledge the contributions of those individuals who have devotedly served the purposes and ideals of the university.

Theodore Anton
Department of English (LAS)

Gregg Barker
Information Services

Michael Bennett
Department of Sociology (LAS)

Cindy Durtschi
School of Accountancy and MIS (BUS)

Cheryl Einsele
Academic Operations

Kathie Fallucca*
Information Services

Robin Florzak
Driehaus College of Business

Anna Marie Frank
Department of Teacher Education (COE)

Lorne Henne
Information Services

Randall Honold
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Robert Janis
Facility Operations

Sally Ann Julian
College of Education

Linda Levendusky
Faculty Scholarship Support Center

Denise Mattson
Office of the President

Jane McGrath
Student Affairs

David Miller
Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media

Michael Miller
Department of Economics (BUS)

Rev. Craig Mousin
Mission and Ministry

Clara Orban
Department of Modern Languages (LAS)

Elizabeth Ortiz
Institutional Diversity and Equity

Harry Silverstein
School of Music

Douglas Stanford
Office of the Treasurer

Janet Trzaska
Advancement

Martin Williams
Information Services

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

In support of this university’s core mission, which places the highest priority on programs of instruction and learning, the Quality of Instruction Council makes annual DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Awards. The awards recognize significant achievement in teaching as well as a commitment to the university’s teaching mission.

Daniel Bashara
ADJUNCT FACULTY
College of Communication

Eugene Beiriger
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of History (LAS)

Kenneth Butigan
SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies (LAS)

John Dean
PROFESSOR
Department of Biological Sciences (CSH)

Heather Easley
ADJUNCT FACULTY
Department of Sociology (LAS)

Mark Fisher
ADJUNCT FACULTY
School of Music

Verena Graupmann
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Psychology (CSH)

Max Helveston
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
College of Law

John Hildebrand
ADJUNCT FACULTY
Department of Marketing (BUS)

Christine Hjorth
SENIOR INSTRUCTOR
Department of Marketing (BUS)

Danyell Jones
ADJUNCT FACULTY
School of Computing (CDM)

Sara Jones
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
School of Music

Sean Austin Lim
SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
Neuroscience (CSH)

Yosef Mendelsohn
SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
School of Computing (CDM)

Kalyani Menon
PROFESSOR
Department of Religious Studies (LAS)

Amy Merrick
SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
College of Communication

Lori Neblung
ADJUNCT FACULTY
School of Continuing and Professional Studies

Roxanne Owens
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Teacher Education (COE)

Wendy Roderweiss
SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)

Matthew Stern
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
School of Accountancy and MIS (BUS)

Thomas Walker
CLINICAL PROFESSOR
Department of Economics (BUS)

*awarded posthumously
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SPIRIT OF INQUIRY AWARD

The Spirit of Inquiry Award was established in 2000 in support of the university’s belief that the quest for knowledge is the foundation upon which the idea of a university rests, and the purpose that unites both teacher and student. This award honors specific research and scholarly or creative achievements that exhibit commitment to that spirit of creative inquiry, which we endeavor to inspire in our students.

Delia Cosentino
PROFESSOR
Department of History of Art and Architecture (LAS)

Tanu Malik
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
School of Computing (CDM)

Carolina Sternberg
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Latin American and Latino Studies (LAS)

Jacob Furst
PROFESSOR
School of Computing (CDM)

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

DePaul’s specific commitment to service is a distinctive characteristic of the university. Our mission affirms that the university encourages faculty to apply specialized expertise in ways that contribute to the social, economic, cultural, and ethical quality of life in our global community. The purpose of the Excellence in Public Service Award is to honor the significant contributions our faculty have made to the communities in which they are involved.

Michael Chase
INSTRUCTOR
School of Computing (CDM)

Chris Solis Green
DISTINGUISHED WRITER IN RESIDENCE and DIRECTOR OF WRITING AND PUBLISHING INTERNSHIPS
Department of English (LAS)

Vahap Uysal
PROFESSOR
Department of Finance and Real Estate (BUS)

PROVOST’S AWARD FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Diversity and inclusion are core values of DePaul University’s mission and have been since our founding. Established in 2020, the Provost’s Award for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion recognizes individual or groups of faculty members who demonstrate excellence in the pursuit of diversity, equity, and inclusion through scholarship, curricula, programming and outreach, community building, and advocacy.

Laura Kina
The Art School (LAS)

Kim Amer, Young-Me Lee, Shannon Simonovich, Cheryl Soco, Roxanne Spurlark, and Kashica Webber-Ritchey
School of Nursing (CSH)

PROMOTION AND TENURE

DePaul honors and rewards faculty members for their professional achievements through promotion and tenure, based on the evaluation of their faculty peers.

Margaret Bell
Department of Biological Sciences (CSH)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Christopher Drupieski
Department of Mathematical Sciences (CSH)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Ron Eltanal
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)
PROFESSOR

Kirsten Fanning
School of Accountancy and MIS (BUS)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Michael Flores
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Yujong Hwang
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Jeff Ng
School of Accountancy and MIS (BUS)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Leodis Scott
Department of Leadership, Language and Curriculum (COE)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

José Soto
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Robert Steel
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)
PROFESSOR

David Wang
School of Accountancy and MIS (BUS)
PROFESSOR

Osnat Netzer
School of Music
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE
SOCIETY OF VINCENT DE PAUL PROFESSORS

The Society of Vincent de Paul Professors is an organization of professors who have distinguished themselves within a faculty of distinguished teachers and scholars. The members of the society commit themselves to service projects that support the university’s mission.

Jacqueline Lazú, PhD
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MODERN LANGUAGES
and ASSOCIATE DEAN
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Dr. Lazú has demonstrated innovation and dedication to the university mission in her teaching, scholarship, community engagement, and university DEI leadership. Dr. Lazú’s interdisciplinary courses centralize the transformative role of language in critical and social justice education, offering students engaged, service learning and experiential opportunities with diverse local and global communities. Her community-situated research agenda has produced a variety of high impact, mission-driven projects. Her ongoing collaboration with the Chicago Young Lords Organization includes and in-process book manuscript, organizing the YLO 50th anniversary conference, and producing and staging of a full-length oral history play. Dr. Lazú has centralized the mission in her extensive university leadership and curricular contributions, as seven-year director of the Community Services Study Program, and most recently as a current Presidential Diversity Fellow. She has developed and shepherded programs such as the Intercambio Spanish language track and exchange curriculum; the creation of Heritage Language Learner courses, the Community Service Studies minor; multiple study abroad programs, and co-founded our criminology undergraduate degree program.

Mark Potosnak, PhD
PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
and STUDIES
College of Science and Health

Dr. Potosnak has exhibited a commitment to the mission of the society through his scholarly achievements and active leadership within the university. Dr. Potosnak has taught over 10 different lab, methods, and introductory courses in his department, Explore and Focal Point seminars in the Liberal Studies Program, and course-based undergraduate research experience models in his teaching. His externally-funded research program has evolved during his time at DePaul to focus on environmental justice with respect to climate change and food waste. He has served on the Presidential Sustainability Committee, was chair of the Scientific Inquiry Domain, and was a CSH Faculty Council representative in addition to chairing the Department of Environmental Science and Studies. Dr. Potosnak is also a Vincentian Mission Ambassador who frequently gives talks to the community on Catholicism and climate change.

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MUSIC

ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of all shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of love’s face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

TEXT: MARTY HAUGEN
TUNE: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 8 7 10 WITH REFRAIN;
MARTY HAUGEN
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

At DePaul University, we acknowledge that we live and work on traditional Native lands that are today home to representatives of well over 100 different tribal nations. We extend our respect to all of them, including the Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Odawa nations, who signed the Treaty of Chicago in 1821 and 1833. We also recognize the Ho-Chunk, Myaamia, Menominee, Illinois Confederacy, and Peoria people who also maintained relationships with this land.

We acknowledge that these sacred homelands were ruptured by the European invasion of the Americas. In 1493, Pope Alexander VI promulgated the Doctrine of Discovery, which seized Native lands and resources with impunity. This doctrine has been used by countries throughout the Americas, including the U.S., to legitimize colonial policies of displacement and genocide toward Native peoples and to justify colonial legacies of white superiority and global capitalism.

We appreciate that today Chicago is home to one of the largest urban Native population in the United States. We further recognize and support the enduring presence of Native peoples among our faculty, staff, and student body. And in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, we reaffirm our commitment, both as an institution and as individuals, to help make our community and our society a more equitable, welcoming, and just place for all.

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SPIRIT OF DEPAUL AWARD
The purpose of the Spirit of DePaul Award is to highlight institutional Vincentian values and their relation to the achievement of DePaul’s mission, and to personally honor and recognize members of the DePaul community for their leadership and service in the spirit of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Erin Berkowitz  
College of Science and Health

Rositsa (Rosi) León  
Global Engagement

Hilarie Longnecker  
Career Center

Claire Paetsch  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Sonia Soltero  
Department of Leadership, Language and Curriculum (COE)

Margaret Storey  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Victoria Van Kirk Pride  
Housing and Residence Life

STAFF QUALITY SERVICE AWARD
The Staff Quality Service Award is designed to recognize staff members whose work and job-related accomplishments set the quality standard for service at the university.

Joyana Dvorak  
Vincentian Service and Formation Office

Amanda Noascono  
College of Law

Lori Zalivansky  
Center for Teaching and Learning

Lisa Gibbons  
Center for Teaching and Learning

Crystal Tahir  
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

GERALD PAETSCH ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD
Academic advising has long been recognized as a critical contributor to student success and, here at DePaul, as a natural extension of our commitment to Vincentian personalism. As a reflection of our commitment, the university established the Gerald Paetsch Academic Advising Award in 2005 to recognize of university community members who demonstrate excellence in advising undergraduate and graduate students.

Devin Bell  
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)

Christopher Parrish  
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)

Scott Gabbert  
School of Continuing and Professional Studies

Katherine Tomlinson  
Driehaus College of Business
Our thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Parish,
and our faculty and staff volunteers.