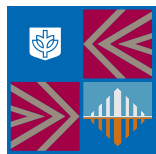




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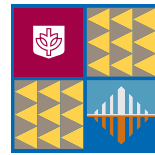
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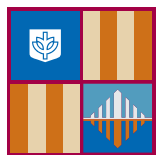
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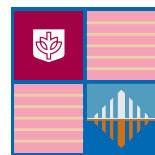
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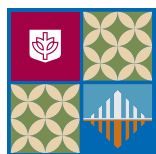
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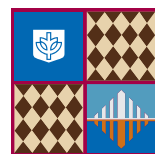
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THE THEATRE SCHOOL

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Robert Beatty, Director of Music and Community Development, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL

Sonia Soltero, Professor, Department of Leadership, Language and Curriculum (COE), and President, Faculty Council

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Salma Ghanem, Provost

INVOCATION

Mark Laboe, Interim Vice President, Mission and Ministry

VIA SAPIENTIAE AWARD PRESENTATION

Sonia Soltero, Professor, Department of Leadership, Language and Curriculum (COE), and President, Faculty Council

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD PRESENTATION

SPIRIT OF INQUIRY 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

SOCIETY OF VINCENT DEPAUL PROFESSORS INDUCTION

Anuradha Rana, Professor, School of Cinematic Arts (CDM), and Vice President, Society of Vincent de Paul Professors

REMARKS FROM THE PROVOST

Salma Ghanem, Provost

PROMOTION AND TENURE RECOGNITION

Salma Ghanem, Provost

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY, OUR HOME OF HOPE AND GRACE

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Lyrics by Kristine Chalifoux and James Hawley-Meigs
Soloist **Chuck Chandler**, Associate Professor, School of Music, accompanied by **Robert Beatty**, Organist

SPIRIT OF DEPAUL AWARD PRESENTATION

Mark Laboe, Interim Vice President, Mission and Ministry

STAFF QUALITY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION

STAFF COUNCIL DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION

Scott Ozarowski, Associate Director, Study Abroad, and President, Staff Council

GERALD PAETSCH ACADEMIC ADVISING AWARD PRESENTATION

Caryn Chaden, Associate Professor, Department of English (LAS), and Associate Provost, Student Success and Accreditation

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robert L. Manuel, President

RECESSIONAL

Robert Beatty, Director of Music and Community Development, St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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.



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.

John Burton
Department of History (LAS)

Susan Lueders
School of Accountancy
and MIS (BUS)

Kelly Tzoumis
School of Public Service
(LAS)

Jin Choi
Department of Economics
(BUS)

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.

Victoria Agunod
ADJUNCT FACULTY
Peace, Justice, and Conflict
Studies Program (LAS)

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

Rajit Mazumder
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of History (LAS)

Megan Alderden
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of
Criminology (LAS)

Gre Gonzales
CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
School of Nursing (CSH)

Scott Ramsay
ADJUNCT FACULTY
School of Music

Corinne Benedetto
ADJUNCT FACULTY
School of Continuing
and Professional Studies

Kyle Grice
PROFESSOR
Department of Chemistry
and Biochemistry (CSH)

Liz Joynt Sandberg
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
The Theatre School

Melissa Riley Bradford
SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
Department of Leadership,
Language and Curriculum (COE)

Don Ingle
PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
College of Communication

Ellen Schaal
ADJUNCT FACULTY
Department of Environmental
Science and Studies (CSH)

Michael Cadilhac
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
School of Computing (CDM)

Caitlin Karver
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Chemistry
and Biochemistry (CSH)

Phillip Stalley
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of
Political Science (LAS)

Katherine Cooper
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
College of Communication

Stephen Koernig
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Marketing (BUS)

Jess Parris Westbrook
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
School of Design (CDM)

Wendy Epstein
PROFESSOR
College of Law

Jack Magaw
ADJUNCT FACULTY
The Theatre School

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.

Nezih Altay

PROFESSOR
Department of Management and Entrepreneurship (BUS)

Sheira Malik

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of International Studies (LAS)

Roselyne Tchoua

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
School of Computing (CDM)

Jess King

PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)

David Sher

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Mathematical Sciences (CSH)

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.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Sydney Dillard

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
College of Communication

GROUP AWARD

Windsor Aguirre

PROFESSOR
Department of Biological Sciences (CSH)

Jessica Jerome

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Health Sciences (CSH)

Elia Olivares

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Speech Language Pathology (CSH)

Gabriela Gonzalez Aviles

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Physics and Astrophysics (CSH)

Christie Klimas

PROFESSOR
Department of Environmental Science and Studies (CSH)

Mark Potosnak

PROFESSOR
Department of Environmental Science and Studies (CSH)

Sarah Bockting-Conrad

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Mathematical Sciences (CSH)

Cricel Molina de Mesa

TEACHING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Health Sciences (CSH)

Roxanne Spurlark

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
School of Nursing (CSH)

Timothy French

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (CSH)

Michele Morgan

SENIOR PROFESSIONAL LECTURER
Department of Psychology (CSH)

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.



Nezih Altay

PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Driehaus College of Business

Dr. Nezih Altay's service-centered research examines the procurement, storage, and movement of disaster relief aid. He has created innovative and Vincentian-focused curriculum and student programs, including his work as advisor for the student Supply Chain Management Society and founding director of the Supply Chain graduate program. Dr. Altay plans the annual Chicagoland Supply Chain Forum Conference and continually serves a broad range of leadership roles within the university. In the community, Dr. Altay serves as a volunteer lecturer for the American Red Cross and as the Technical Advisor for Field Ready, a humanitarian NGO working in the innovation space. His internal and external grant funded research has received national awards, impressive scholarly citation, and is foundational to the field of Humanitarian Supply Chain Management.



Wendy Epstein

PROFESSOR OF LAW
College of Law

Dr. Wendy Epstein is a prolific scholar in the area of healthcare law. Dr. Epstein is also the principal investigator on a \$400,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focused on increasing access to health insurance and care. She received the College of Law and the University Excellence in Teaching Awards in 2017 and the Spirit of Inquiry Award in 2019. She was also named a Public Voices Fellow through The OpEd Project in 2020. Dr. Epstein engages in significant service in the Law School and at the University. She is the Faculty Director of the Master of Jurisprudence in Health Law and Healthcare Compliance and for the Certificate in Health Law. She currently chairs the Faculty Programs Committee and the Health Law Committee and spearheaded the Jaharis Faculty Fellows program. Dr. Epstein also currently serves on the Consortium for Health Initiatives at DePaul. In 2024, she was appointed by Governor Pritzker to the Illinois Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Committee.



Li Jin

PROFESSOR OF CHINESE STUDIES
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Dr. Li Jin's research has been internally and externally funded, most notably through her work with DePaul's Social Transformation Research Collaborative, funded by a nearly \$2 million Mellon Foundation Grant. She has served as the founder and leader of the DePaul-China Alliance Affinity Group and a member of the task force to help DePaul apply for the Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution grant. Dr. Jin has led the Chinese Language, Chinese Studies, and Global Asian Studies programs. In her department, she advises graduate research projects and serves on dissertation committees. Her teaching has earned her the Excellence in Teaching Award and the LAS Suchar Innovation and Development Award. Dr. Jin's integration of research, teaching, and service through an interdisciplinary approach to Chinese thought, art, and history models Vincentian values and a steadfast commitment to addressing the needs of contemporary society.

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.

Jane Baxter
Department of Anthropology (LAS)
PROFESSOR

Ann Marie Brink
School of Music
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Katherine Brucher
School of Music
PROFESSOR

Jason Bystriansky
Department of
Biological Sciences (CSH)
PROFESSOR

Chuck Chandler
School of Music
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Jennifer Canary
Department of English (LAS)
PROFESSOR

Shayna Connelly
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)
PROFESSOR

Katherine Cooper
College of Communication
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Naghmeh Farzaneh
School of Cinematic Arts (CDM)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Regina Garcia
The Theatre School
TENURE

Kyle Grice
Department of Chemistry
and Biochemistry (CSH)
PROFESSOR

Peter Hastings
School of Computing (CDM)
PROFESSOR

Stephen Haymes
Department of Teacher
Education, Kinesiology and
Educational Studies (COE)
PROFESSOR

Max Helveston
College of Law
PROFESSOR

Robin Hoecker
College of Communication
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Sara Jones
School of Music
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Christie Klimas
Department of Environmental
Science and Studies (CSH)
PROFESSOR

Amor Kohli
Department of African
and Black Diaspora Studies (LAS)
PROFESSOR

Hung-Chih Ku
Department of Mathematical
Sciences (CSH)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Julia Lippert
Department of Health
Sciences (CSH)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Jason Martin
College of Communication
PROFESSOR

Heather Montes-Ireland
Department of Women's
and Gender Studies (LAS)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Melissa Ockerman
Department of Counseling
and Special Education (COE)
PROFESSOR

Charles Rubert-Perez
Department of Chemistry
and Biochemistry (CSH)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Cynthia Putnam
School of Computing (CDM)
PROFESSOR

Anuradha Rana
School of
Cinematic Arts (CDM)
PROFESSOR

Alexander Rasin
School of Computing (CDM)
PROFESSOR

Joel Reynolds
School of Hospitality
and Sports Business (BUS)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Brad Riddell
School of
Cinematic Arts (CDM)
PROFESSOR

Anuj Sarma
Department of Physics
and Astrophysics (CSH)
PROFESSOR

Dan Schober
Department of
Health Sciences (CSH)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Matthew Stern
School of Accountancy
and MIS (BUS)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

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

Allison Tirres
College of Law
PROFESSOR

Lien Tran
School of Design (CDM)
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
WITH TENURE

Michaela Winchatz
College of Communication
PROFESSOR

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY,
OUR HOME OF HOPE AND GRACE

*Many before have graced these cherished halls,
Leaving a light to shine for all to see.*

*By that light, we too will chart our course,
DePaul University, where learning lights the way.*

*Gathered are we, an urban family,
Sharing our lives, and our hopes and dreams.
Gath'ring strength from our diversity,
DePaul University, where learning lights our way.*

*We sing this hymn in one communal voice,
Grateful are we for our chance to serve.
Faithfully, we pledge to give our best,
DePaul University, our home of hope and grace.*



TEXT: KRISTINE CHALIFOUX AND JAMES HAWLEY-MEIGS
TUNE: RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

RECOGNITIONS

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.

Carrie Don
College of Communication

Valerie Johnson
Academic Affairs

Jack Magaw
The Theatre School

Courtney James
Student Involvement

Jacqueline Kelly-McHale
School of Music

Yesenia Sanchez-Giancola
First-Year Academic Success

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.

Sarah Albert
Division of Advancement
and External Relations

Jennifer McClelland
Jarvis College of Computing
and Digital Media

Bridget Wagner
Center for Teaching
and Learning

Kyle Corrigan
Recruitment Marketing
and Communications

Martha McGivern
Study Abroad

STAFF COUNCIL DIVERSITY AWARD

Commitment to diversity and inclusion has been a core value of DePaul's mission since our founding. This is reflected in the Staff Council Diversity Award, which recognizes staff members who demonstrate outstanding achievements, initiatives, and a sustained commitment to the DePaul mission. The award specifically honors those who embrace equity, inclusion, and diversity as fundamental practices and go above and beyond their assigned duties to promote these principles within the DePaul community, advocating for cultural diversity and civil and human rights.

Kristin Lansdown
University Library

RECOGNITIONS

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.

Christie Klimas
Department of Environmental
Science and Studies (CSH)

Jason Majchrzak
College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences

Maggie O'Brien
College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences

John Rogers
School of Computing (CDM)

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
CONVOCATION AND THIS YEAR'S
RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALS,
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Our thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Parish
and our faculty and staff volunteers.