Mission Statement

As the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, founded and sponsored by the bishops of the country with the approval of the Holy See, The Catholic University of America is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church. Dedicated to advancing the dialogue between faith and reason, The Catholic University of America seeks to discover and impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation, and the world.
Before I became a university president I was a lawyer. In that line of work I learned, and tried to teach my students, the importance of attention to detail.

As the President of The Catholic University of America I get to take a step back and to look at the big picture. I am privileged to have a panoramic view of our philosophers and physicists, historians and architects, civil and canon lawyers, nurses and theologians — all the faculty and students in the University’s 12 schools, all working to extend the scope of knowledge in their fields.

I have been struck in the last few years by the way in which the knowledge we pursue is diffused. It spills over from one discipline to another. Our Vitreous State Laboratory combines faculty from biology, chemistry, and engineering with those in physics, and its projects range from waste management to studying genetic causes for diseases.

What we learn at Catholic University also spills out beyond our campus. Our students in the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music have performed at The Kennedy Center here in D.C., and at Carnegie Hall in New York. Our faculty in theology, philosophy, and canon law serve the Church in advisory roles at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and in Rome on pontifical councils and international committees. Our students at the Columbus School of Law gave more than 31,000 hours of free legal services to individuals and families in the District of Columbia last year.

Observing the many ways in which our work spills across disciplines and beyond our campus reminds me of something Thomas Aquinas said when he was appointed master of the sacred page at the University of Paris. We see, he said, “that from the highest clouds rain flows forth by which the mountains and rivers are refreshed and send themselves forth so that the satiated earth can bear fruit. Similarly from the heights of divine wisdom the minds of the learned, represented by the mountains, are watered, by whose ministry the light of divine wisdom reaches to the minds of those who listen.” I like his metaphor. It captures the way knowledge, like water, naturally flows out from its source. It also makes the point that knowledge, like water, takes unpredictable paths when it runs downhill. We are surprised and lucky to see this happen every day at The Catholic University of America.

In the first half of this annual report, you will read about the many ways in which our work overflows its boundaries. I hope you will enjoy the view.

— John Garvey
While most Americans were watching President Barack Obama’s 2014 State of the Union address on TV, Nick Pisani, B.A. 2014, was in the U.S. Capitol building. As an intern for Ohio congressman and Speaker of the House of Representatives John Boehner, he was serving as an escort for guests attending the address. Pisani called it the highlight of the three Congressional internships he had as a politics major.

Capitol Hill, an interning magnet for college students from across the country, is just a six-minute Metrorail ride from the campus of The Catholic University of America. For students, such close proximity provides an ease of access to coveted internships that is unmatched by most of the nation’s colleges and universities.

Pisani, who hails from Phillipsburg, N.J., made that ride three times each week. Although he spent more than 24 hours weekly at his internship, the short commute left ample time for classes, homework, and extracurricular activities.

“Being at CUA makes it really easy to intern, study, and participate in the typical college life. You get to graduate on time and you can still keep up with classes and have a social life,” Pisani explains.

John Kromkowski, associate professor and director of the internship program in the Department of Politics, tells students who want to intern that 90% of an internship involves being on time and committing to the hours required for the job. Kromkowski’s words resonate: He describes the students as “conscientious.”

Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio) has worked with interns from The Catholic University of America before and praises their ethic.

“In our office, the interns from The Catholic University of America have been uniformly exceptional. They bring not only raw talent, but an ethos, and that has never been more important on the Hill,” she says.

The campus’s D.C. location also means there’s a base of CUA alums working in the area who can help students. The Office of Alumni Relations offers networking sessions on Capitol Hill.

Kromkowski and Phil Henderson, chair of the Department of Politics, have worked in Washington long enough to have built and maintained relationships with people in positions to offer rewarding experiences for students. While they direct students toward appropriate internships, they insist the students do the work to obtain the positions themselves.

“We make sure we point them toward offices where they are used well,” Kromkowski explains. “We want students to learn about government firsthand. That means learning about everything in the office. For example, answering the phone helps you understand why someone calls a congressional office. The entire 14 weeks is about learning through participating and analytical and reflective writing about the substance and practice of public service.”

Former Catholic University interns have landed important positions in their professional lives. Ed Gillespie, B.A. 1983, who interned for a Florida congressman, is the former head of the Republican National Committee, former White House counselor, and the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate from Virginia in the fall 2014 election. Terry McAuliffe, B.A. 1979, interned in a New York congressman’s office and is now the governor of Virginia. Even recent graduates have found success. John Stipicevic, B.A. 2006, began interning as a sophomore at CUA. Now he is the director of floor operations for House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and was named to Roll Call’s 2014 list of the most powerful Capitol Hill staffers.

Pisani called his internship in Speaker Boehner’s office an “amazing opportunity.”

“As a second-semester senior, I had been through most of my courses and had some previous Capitol Hill experience, so I knew what was expected in this job. I can’t imagine if I had gone to school in my home state of New Jersey, or any other state for that matter, that I would have had the opportunities I’ve had here.”
Multidirectional Transformations
Extending Our Reach to Vietnam

The transformative effects of education abroad are wide and varied. For example, Vietnamese engineering student Hanh Le, B.E.E. 2012, recalled that after coming to The Catholic University of America, she changed from a “very shy student” to one who ran in races, tutored, volunteered at a local family support center, presented her research results at a science conference, and even helped new Vietnamese students adjust to life in the United States.

Le’s social transformation was matched by an intellectual one. The engineering curriculum at CUA is strongly hands-on and research oriented, so Le, who “never thought about doing research in Vietnam,” found herself “reading papers, finding new ideas for research problems,” and spending “tremendous hours in the lab seeking solutions.”

Le came to Catholic University from the International University of the Vietnam National University System through the School of Engineering’s 2+2 program. The highly successful program — in which Vietnamese students complete the first two years of college in Vietnam and the second two years at Catholic University, with the option to continue on at CUA for a master’s degree — was conceived by School of Engineering Dean Charles Nguyen. In 2004, as a member of the Vietnam Education Foundation’s board of directors, Nguyen returned to Vietnam, his native country, for the first time in 33 years, meeting with officials at Vietnamese universities to learn about their academic programs. Today his school has 2+2 agreements with Danang University of Technology (DUT) and Vietnam National University System’s Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and International University.

In 2007, the first cohort consisting of three Vietnamese engineering students arrived on CUA’s campus. Today, the school hosts 60 undergraduate and 12 graduate Vietnamese students studying primarily electrical engineering and computer science, with some in biomedical, mechanical, and civil engineering.

On campus, these students have effected a transformation on the school itself: “Before these students came,” said Nguyen, “you would seldom see the lights burning late in the labs in Pangborn Hall. Now, it’s quite common, with the students conducting their own research and serving as research assistants to faculty.”

When the students return to Vietnam, they bring back new ideas about engineering education. Long Luu, B.E.E. 2011, for example, said in his academic career he would “like to do research and work in an environment like CUA.” Minh Vo, B.E.E. 2012, was impressed that labs were open 24 hours a day, “so I could come in and do whatever I needed to do when I had time.”

“These students are at the top 5% of their classes in Vietnam,” said the dean. “They are eager to try the new ways of learning, especially the opportunity to work closely with faculty on research.”

The returning students are a testament to the efficacy of the School of Engineering’s learning model, which has led to yet another, highly significant agreement between Catholic University and Danang University of Technology. CUA will help adapt and implement its four-year engineering curriculum for the program at DUT, with qualifying students having the option to complete their last two years at either university. DUT is seeking permission from the Vietnamese government to begin recruiting students.

The School of Engineering has been involved with Vietnamese universities, students, and parents for 10 years. The school’s international program director lives in Vietnam, promoting the school’s programs, facilitating the admissions process, and addressing immigration issues, all with zero tolerance for corruption. This strong moral stance and the enthusiasm of returning 2+2 students have yielded tremendous respect for The Catholic University of America among students, parents, and university officials.

“When I first went to Vietnam, students and parents considered only the top universities in the U.S. for study abroad,” Nguyen said. “Now I can say, ‘In 2004, Vietnamese students knew only Harvard and MIT. In 2014, they know Harvard, MIT, and CUA.’”

 Vietnamese students take a break from the rigors of their engineering program to enjoy a slice of campus life at CUA’s annual Luaupalooza celebration.
Catholic University’s Vitreous State Laboratory (VSL) is a breeding ground of innovation, with projects that are both noteworthy and international. Technology developed by VSL scientists has already been used to help clean up nuclear waste in New York and South Carolina and as far away as the Rokkasho and Fukushima nuclear sites in Japan.

VSL was founded in 1968 by three Catholic University physics professors: Theodore Litovitz, Charles Montrose, and Pedro Macedo. From its earliest days, the lab has focused on the study of glass and its many uses; some of the first projects were in the then-new but now ubiquitous field of fiber optics. Since the late 1970s, most of VSL’s work has centered on nuclear waste management — specifically, what to do with the massive amounts of radioactive nuclear waste threatening the environment.

The international standard for managing the most dangerous radioactive waste is a process called vitrification — transforming waste into glass using a 2,000-degree Fahrenheit melter. Though the resulting glass remains radioactive, it is unable to leach into the surrounding environment. VSL is at the forefront of this technology and its scientists and engineers have produced numerous breakthroughs and patents that have greatly improved its performance and reduced its costs.

VSL’s technology is at the center of what will be the world’s largest nuclear waste vitrification plant, a $13 billion construction project underway at Hanford, Wash. Formerly one of the Manhattan Project sites, Hanford is home to 177 underground tanks of nuclear waste — each holding as much as a million gallons of radioactive liquid and sludge. According to VSL Director Ian Pegg, who is also a physics professor, the vitrification process is scheduled to begin in 2019 and take about 30 years.

“The academic and professional staff of the Vitreous State Laboratory have been a long-term partner in developing the heart of the treatment process for the environmental remediation of the tank wastes at the Hanford site,” said Albert Kruger, a Department of Energy glass scientist. “The production of plutonium over 45 years for the weapons program has left a legacy of wastes that will be addressed by vitrification. VSL has been a welcomed partner in developing and investigating the efficacy of the process.”

Although the majority of VSL funding — typically running between $7 and 14 million per year — comes from nuclear waste projects, diversification — both technically and geographically — also helps, said Pegg. “Essentially, I need to find the equivalent of about $40,000 every day just to keep the place running, and that’s a bit easier to do with a mix of different projects,” he said.

In areas other than nuclear waste management, VSL has developed a reputation for environmentally friendly innovations. A VSL-developed cement-like geopolymer material made with fly ash, which is a waste product of coal-fueled power plants, could soon be used for roads and bridges in Florida, Nevada, and even Australia. Another VSL-developed process of recycling toxic glass from old televisions and computer screens into ceramic tiles is currently licensed to an electronics recycling company in Wisconsin.

VSL is also forming partnerships with Catholic University faculty from biology, chemistry, and engineering to take on new projects, such as using physics to look at genetic causes for diseases and using nanotechnology to convert waste engine heat into usable energy.

According to Abhijit Sarkar, a member of the physics faculty who runs a VSL lab focused on biological physics, this expansion

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reflects a desire for growth and new challenges for the lab. “Sometimes in order to make progress, you need new ideas, and new ideas can come from different fields,” Sarkar said. “That’s the frontier now and you want to be at the frontier.”

Even with all of its innovative projects, VSL retains an educational focus thanks to its popular internship program, which draws high school and college students from across the United States and as far away as Korea, France, and India.

Martin Zavalla, a senior nuclear and radiological engineering major at Georgia Tech, still values the practical experience he gained working with gamma detectors during a nine-week internship at VSL in 2011. In the future, he hopes to parlay his experience into a career in the nuclear field overseas.

“I didn’t realize how lucky I was at the time, but I almost wish I could have stayed longer,” Zavalla said of his internship. “Seeing research come to fruition and knowing I was somehow helping the industry was really nice.”

Isabelle Muller, VSL project manager and adjunct assistant physics professor, believes the educational opportunities provided by VSL are crucial for all students, no matter their majors.

“You cannot teach the sciences without having a kind of hands-on instruction,” she said. “VSL brings that to a lot of students and that’s what makes this opportunity so much richer, the fact that you have this science that comes alive.”

In his apostolic constitution *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, Saint John Paul II wrote that Catholic universities are called to “become an ever more effective instrument of cultural progress for individuals as well as for society” regarding contemporary problems. “In a real way,” says Pegg, “VSL reflects the Church’s clear emphasis on society’s responsibilities in environmental stewardship.”
Prior to coming to The Catholic University of America, sophomore Brian Billion, a piano performance major from South Dakota, had never been to New York City. That changed in October 2013 when Billion was selected to perform in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. The occasion was a three-day series presenting Catholic University students that was co-sponsored by the La Gesse Foundation.

“It was quite an experience to perform at one of the most prestigious venues in the United States,” Billion said. “Something like this was more of an abstract dream rather than something I thought I could do in the near future.”

2013 marked the fourth consecutive year in which students and faculty from the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music have performed at Carnegie Hall. Through performances in internationally respected venues and culture-enriching service projects, the music school offers students many ways to share their musical expertise beyond the Catholic University campus.

Since the music school’s founding in 1965, students have performed at major theaters and concert halls in Washington, D.C. Catholic University’s relationship with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts dates back to 1972 when the University began presenting annual performances in the Concert Hall, a practice that continued until 1995. A return concert honoring the school’s 50th anniversary is scheduled to take place in April 2015. In recent years, students have performed at The Kennedy Center’s Millennium Stage multiple times each year during an annual Musical Theatre Showcase. The Kennedy Center also serves as one of the venues for the University’s annual Washington International Piano Festival, which features pianists from around the world.

Ivo Kaltchev, head of the piano division and associate professor, believes such performance opportunities help students build their skills and gain confidence.

“It is part of the education and part of the experience of a performer to perform not only in smaller venues, but in some of the best venues,” Kaltchev said. “It looks good on résumés, helps you to start your career, and it brings this kind of prestige that you can’t get anywhere else.”

Junior Nathan Blair, a collaborative piano major, has also performed at Carnegie Hall. This summer he traveled with Kaltchev and nine other students to Portugal to participate in the Orquestra de Camara First International Meeting for Young Soloists. Blair believes performance opportunities like these are vital for young musicians.

“Art must be shared with people,” he said. “It can’t just be confined in a tiny box and appreciated by a few people.”

Students also use their musical talents to benefit the local community. In December, the University’s 24th Annual Christmas Concert for Charity, co-hosted with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, raised approximately $9,000 for Bethlehem House, a local organization that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Community Music School, which offers free music lessons to students of all ages from the local community, opened in 2013. The program is led by Soo You, an alumna who completed her doctorate in orchestral instruments in 2012.

“The fundamental idea of education is to share what we know and share what we love,” You said. “By teaching, you realize, ‘This is how much I know, this is how much I can teach.’ This is very beneficial for the community and very beneficial for the teachers.”

Alyson Walters, B.M. 2014, was one of eight volunteers for the Community Music School. Once a week, she gave cello lessons to two adult students.

“This school has given me many opportunities to experience what it is like to be a teacher,” Walters said. “It has shown me that this is what I want to do. I want to interact with other people and I want to teach them music.”

Dean Grayson Wagstaff notes, “As the school plans for the upcoming 50th anniversary, the occasion provides us with yet another opportunity to share with those around us the extraordinary gifts of our students and faculty.”

Among the jubilee events planned, in addition to The Kennedy Center gala, are a series of performances highlighting each division of the school. Several of these concerts will feature music drawn from the uniquely Catholic traditions emphasized in the music school’s curricula.
Through Clinical Work, Students Change Lives
Extending Our Reach to the Underserved

Law students. Nursing students. Social work students.

Their education and training are different. But at The Catholic University of America, they have something in common. When they venture out into the greater Washington, D.C., area to log clinical hours, they are guided by the University’s Catholic mission as they serve populations that are sick, frail, vulnerable, and disenfranchised.

“We are the heartbeat of Catholic social teaching,” says Will Rainford, dean of the National Catholic School of Social Service (NCSSS), about the work of his students at more than 100 field placements at social service agencies, schools, and hospitals. “We are living Matthew 25. ‘When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink …’ ”

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Students from the law school, NCSSS, and the School of Nursing contribute tens of thousands of hours to patients and clients in the greater Washington, D.C., area who would otherwise have limited access to legal, social service, and health care professionals.

As part of their community health clinic, students in the School of Nursing set up free health screenings at locations throughout the District, including soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and the parking lot of the local Home Depot, where there is a large Spanish-speaking population.

“We made pamphlets in Spanish with basic disease prevention and health care information to hand out,” says Brittany Ekert, B.S.N. 2014, who was enrolled in the University’s Spanish for Health Care Certificate Program. The program, developed jointly by the nursing school and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, prepares nursing students to interact with Spanish-speaking patients in a practical way.

“When I am at health fairs and screenings, I can jump right in and ask about symptoms and lifestyle and provide prevention and wellness information without a language barrier. We don’t have much time with these patients, so it is wonderful to be able to start helping them quickly and meet them on their terms, treating them with dignity and understanding,” says Brittany, who had clinical affiliations at St. Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Inova’s Fairfax and Alexandria hospitals, Washington Hospital Center, Sibley Memorial Hospital, and a health clinic in rural Belize.

Undergraduate nursing students at Catholic University complete two medical surgical clinical rotations, along with one rotation in community health, obstetrics, psychiatric, and pediatrics. The school participates at more than 50 clinical sites, with each student devoting 525 hours to clinical work during their time at CUA.

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Twin sisters Kaitlin and Brittany Ekert devoted hundreds of clinical hours to underserved populations in the greater D.C. area in their respective fields of social work and nursing.
compassion; they want to give back. From providing school-based health care in the Montgomery County school system for families who don’t have access to regular pediatric wellness and illness care to offering a monthly foot clinic for homeless people in Washington, D.C., we try to target care to those in our community who need us the most,” explains Patricia McMullen, dean of the School of Nursing. “The administrators at our clinical sites tell us they see a difference in our students. They like that we are faith based.”

Undergraduate social work students complete 576 clinical hours in their junior and senior years, and graduate students complete up to 600 clinical hours per year. “Our students are a treasure to the community,” says Rainford. “These thousands of hours are delivered at no charge, often to those who would have no access to the services of a social worker because of economic circumstances.”

Brittany Ekert’s twin sister, Kaitlin, who earned her B.S.W. in May 2014, completed the last of her required field assignments in the spring of her senior year at the Homeless Children’s Playtime Project in Washington, D.C. “Being placed at this nonprofit field agency allowed me to play many social work roles. I worked as an advocate for the children we served by communicating with stakeholders — people who could make an impact on the children’s lives through donations and expertise. I also developed an educational curriculum for the children. And I traveled throughout D.C. to work directly with children at Playtime sites at homeless family shelters,” says Kaitlin.

“It was so rewarding to serve and empower these children. By providing education, play, and individualized attention, the children blossomed into happy and confident individuals. I was always aware of the Catholic social teaching that guides NCSSS
students as I made it a priority to preserve each child’s dignity and value, which are gifts from God,” explains Kaitlin.

Like NCSSS and the nursing school, CUA’s law school is committed to clinical experiences that enable students to make a difference for underserved populations. Through Columbus Community Legal Services (CCLS), second- and third-year law students provide free legal services yearly to needy individuals and families who live in the District of Columbia and who would otherwise go unrepresented. CCLS offers four clinical courses: the General Practice Clinic; the Families and the Law Clinic; the Advocacy for the Elderly Clinic; and the Consumer Protection Project. In the 2013–2014 academic year, 137 students logged more than 31,000 hours assisting more than 360 individuals at no charge.

In August 2013, the law school partnered with former Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. to launch a program for the study of executive clemency, with the ultimate goal of making the process fairer, more common, and more transparent. The CUA Clemency Project offers advocacy to inmates as well as training for governors and their chiefs of staff. The project broadens the scope of the school’s Innocence Project Clinic, which provides assistance to inmates convicted of violent crimes and sentenced to long jail terms or to death. In the 2013–2014 academic year, 19 students devoted 2,300 hours representing indigent individuals through the Innocence Project Clinic and Clemency Project.

“The law school’s clinical options offer students invaluable, firsthand experience in representing real clients with real legal problems in real courts, under the supervision of faculty members,” says Dean Attridge.

The law school’s newest clinic, the Immigration Litigation Clinic, won its first case in March 2014, just eight months after accepting its first students. Two law students, Judith Muñoz and Tarunpal Dhillon, represented a woman from South Africa who was in danger of brutal attacks by a criminal gang working under the order of the South African police if she was deported to her homeland.

The students wrote in a blog about the experience, “When the immigration judge announced his decision to grant our client deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture, we experienced a type of joy and accomplishment never before experienced by either of us in our lifetime. It hit us: we literally saved our client’s life. For us, the clinic was not just a class … it was transformation.”
Ex Corde Ecclesiae

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Greater Access to High-Quality Education
Extending Our Reach Online

Online education may bring to mind various images, such as a busy working mother who logs on to a computer late at night to watch video lectures. Or perhaps an instructor who participates in online chats with students from across the country.

Courses offered through the Internet bring education and collaboration to people who might not be able to get those chances otherwise. That notion fits right in with a document important to The Catholic University of America: *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, the 1990 apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education, issued by then Pope John Paul II.

*Ex Corde Ecclesiae* strives for “the integral growth of all men and women” and seeks to provide for “those who are looking for a wider share in the benefits of civilization and a more active improvement of their human qualities.” It also calls on Catholic colleges and universities “to make the university education accessible to all those who are able to benefit from it.”

Administrators at Catholic University used the words of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* as inspiration in their launch of the University’s first fully online programs in spring 2013 — the Master of Science in Management and Master of Arts in Human Resource Management. Since then, advanced online degrees in nursing and social work have been added as well as individual courses in an array of topics.

“*Ex Corde* is about providing access to a high-quality education and one that’s based on faith and consistent with our mission,” says Sara Thompson, dean of the Metropolitan School of Professional Studies and associate provost for new program initiatives, who oversees the University’s online programs.

“Online education provides that access across the nation as well as to our students who live in the region but have families, jobs, and life circumstances that don’t allow them to come to our campus two or three times a week. It allows us to extend the boundaries of our University beyond campus.”

For Thompson and others involved in creating and teaching online programs, it is important that the University’s faith-based mission be well represented in the online programs. When it came time to choose which online degrees to offer, the University selected those that are based on Catholic values and have strong service components, such as nursing and social work. Students in the Master of Science in Management and the Master of Arts in Human Resources Management programs learn how to incorporate servant leadership into their careers.

Thompson says it’s also important for online programs to reflect the same sense of community found on campus. “To this end, the faculty and administrative planning committees for online initiatives, which met for almost three years of detailed research on feasibility and marketing opportunities, recommended that the University focus its initial efforts on master’s degree programs. It was felt that on-campus educational experiences can be optimally replicated online at the master’s level.

“A student leaving class here might have a cup of coffee with another student and talk about what just happened in class,” she explains. “Someone who is in the program but not in a classroom needs to have access to that same sort of conversation. We use all the technological tools that are available to us to make sure that is built into each one of our classes and programs.”

Janet Selway, assistant professor of nursing and director of the Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program, finds online tools enhance student engagement.

“I get more student participation in an online discussion than I can in the classroom,” she says. “Students also have expressed positive feedback about having online lectures to listen to so they can replay and review lecture content to their heart’s content. I am no longer the ‘sage on the stage.’ Students listen to lectures in the car, on smartphones, iPads, while feeding the baby in the middle of the night. They also seem to like ‘doing’ an application exercise such as working through a case study rather than listening about one when they are meeting face-to-face.”
Studying in the Shadow of Vatican City

Extending Our Reach to Rome

As a junior architecture major Mary D’Errico designed a contemporary building along Rome’s Tiber River. Working at the site, D’Errico says she was able “to understand the historic and urban fabric of the neighborhood and figure out what would work with the older buildings in the area. I had a sense of what the city was influencing me to do.” D’Errico, B.S.Arch. 2010, M.Arch. and M.S. Sustainable Design 2013, says the project helped her “understand the relationship between architecture, culture, and people” in a way that textbooks could not.

D’Errico’s project was part of her semester at the Catholic University Rome Center — a satellite campus that offers students an international immersion experience. In March of this year, at the annual spring banquet for the students and their families in Rome, University Provost James Brennan noted the growth of the center, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The number of CUA students studying there has increased from eight in spring 2004 to 50 this past spring. Annually the center hosts 200 to 210 students, including about 30 to 40 from Loyola University Maryland. In addition to the semester-long architecture program, it offers a month-long Summer Experience Abroad for architecture majors as well as other semester-long programs, primarily for music majors and arts and sciences students. The center also sponsors short courses in law, canon law, business and economics, and theology and religious studies.

Students take classes at the center — located in Rome’s Prati neighborhood north of the Vatican — but often they meet their professor for a lesson at an ancient church or archaeological site. Sarah Brown Ferrario, associate professor of Greek and Latin who taught in Rome in fall 2012 along with her husband, Professor of Music Andrew Simpson, notes that as a faculty member, “you’re not just teaching about Rome, you’re teaching Rome itself.”

The center’s newest offerings include a University Honors Program track starting in fall 2014 and a summer program starting in 2015 that will cap off the Catholic University experience for first-year students, notes Mario Ortiz, associate provost for international affairs and associate professor of Spanish. Currently CUA sends one full-time faculty member from D.C. per semester to teach in Rome. That number may grow to three per year as the center’s offerings expand.

Given the University’s special relationship with the Vatican, the center was able to offer a window on history last year as the papal transition unfolded. The center rearranged class times and provided tickets to special events. “As the pontifical university of the Catholic Church in the U.S., we have a very special connection to Rome,” says David Dawson Vasquez, director of the center. “We try to structure the program so our students experience that connection.”

Prior to the transition, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington and University chancellor, had planned to meet Professor of Architecture Vytenis Gureckas and his students to review their design proposal for the piazza in front of the cardinal’s titular church, San Pietro in Vincoli. But when Pope Benedict XVI resigned, Cardinal Wuerl joined the papal conclave to elect the Holy Father’s successor and was unable to meet the Catholic University class. At the dinner in March, Provost Brennan joked that CUA “can’t promise a papal election each year, but we have the next best thing” — Cardinal Wuerl, who blessed those in attendance and posed for pictures with students.

Tori McAllister, B.A. 2014, who spent a semester in Rome, notes that following a class outside the center, she and her friends would often catch la metro back to Prati for a cappuccino or a bite to eat. One evening she ordered dinner in Italian, gave directions to a stranger in Spanish, and chatted with her friends in English on their way home. “How amazing,” she says. “I was speaking three languages without even thinking about it.”
Teaching in the Name of the Church

Extending Our Reach in Service to the Catholic Church

Kyle O’Connor knew he was being called to the priesthood from the time he started college. After O’Connor completed two years toward a degree in politics at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., the vocations director for the Diocese of Richmond suggested he apply to Catholic University’s School of Philosophy Basselin Foundation fellowship program.

O’Connor spent the last three years studying philosophy as a Basselin scholar and living among the seminarians at Theological College, the University’s seminary, which draws seminarians from more than 30 dioceses across the United States.

The program, named after Theodore Basselin, who funded the fellowships, has for 100 years provided three years of education, room, and board for men planning to enter the priesthood. Candidates enter the program during their junior year, earning a bachelor’s degree in the first two years and a master’s in the third. The curriculum is designed to provide a foundation in philosophy that best prepares seminarians for the study of theology and also gives special attention to public speaking.

“Studying philosophy really prepares you for studying theology,” O’Connor says. “In human nature, ethics, and metaphysics I’ve learned the important grounding truths that my theology studies will be based on — seeing in metaphysics that all that exists is good, beautiful, and true at its core.”

O’Connor earned his master’s degree in May 2014. He knows his participation in the program put him in special company. Three current U.S. cardinals are graduates of the Basselin program — Raymond L. Burke, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura at the Vatican (the canon law equivalent to the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court); Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston; and Donald Wuerl of Washington (who is also the University chancellor). They are among many bishops of the Catholic Church who are former Basselin scholars.

It should come as no surprise that the School of Philosophy has become a prestigious training ground for future leaders of the Catholic Church. It is the only school of philosophy in the United States that grants ecclesiastical degrees. Catholic University’s School of Canon Law claims the same right as the only school of canon law in the country; the School of Theology and Religious Studies (STRS) is one of a handful of U.S. schools of theology offering ecclesiastical degrees.

These three schools (of the University’s 12) have been accredited by the Vatican to teach in the name of the Church (its doctrine and those matters closely related to it) and to offer academic degrees by the authority of the Pope.

Of the three, the canon law school is the only one that does not offer civil degrees as well. Approximately 30% of graduates from STRS obtain ecclesiastical degrees. Students in the School of Philosophy can decide whether they prefer a civil degree or an ecclesiastical degree.

All professors in these schools who teach disciplines concerning faith or morals receive a canonical mission to do so in the name of the Church. It is granted by the University’s chancellor, who is always also the archbishop of Washington. As a further step, when these faculty members come up for tenure, the chancellor must receive approval from the clerical members of the Board of Trustees as well as from the Holy See.

When she earned her CUA degree in 2011, Susan Rivett, a 65-year-old mother of three, was the first lay South Australian woman to become a canon lawyer.

Rivett enrolled in the School of Canon Law because its online and summer classes allowed her to study with minimal interruption to her work in the tribunal and to her family.

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community,” says Rivett, a canon lawyer in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. “My work brings me in touch with people who have been hurt and disappointed by having their dreams shattered. Through the process of the tribunal I can help them move on and make new beginnings with the help of the Church.”

Canon lawyers work in diocesan tribunals as judges in annulment cases, and advise priests and other Church leaders on matters related to canon law, including marriages, the sale of goods belonging to the Church, and leadership procedures.

In the 2013–2014 academic year, the School of Canon Law had 17 graduates — among them, one layman and one woman, a nun — representing six countries: Poland, Lebanon, Venezuela, Slovakia, Vietnam, and the United States. Since it is one of the few such schools in the world teaching primarily in English, it also has many graduates serving in dioceses in other English-speaking countries around the world.

“Every Catholic diocese [there are 210 in the United States] needs at least one canon lawyer to work in their tribunal,” says Rev. Robert Kaslyn, S.J., dean of the school. Unless they go abroad to study, those lawyers invariably are alumni of The Catholic University of America.

In September 2014, the canon law school, together with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), hosted the XV International Congress of Canon Law. The congress usually convenes in Europe; this was its first time in the United States.

The School of Canon Law also contributes to the work of canon lawyers around the world through the publication of The Jurist, edited by Associate Professor of Canon Law Kurt Martens. The only journal of canon law in the United States, The Jurist is published by the University’s academic press, The Catholic University of America Press.

While giving a lecture at Catholic University in March, Cardinal Burke said he wished to “pay tribute to the longstanding contribution of the School of Canon Law to the deeper knowledge and more faithful practice of the Church’s discipline.” He also had words of praise for The Jurist’s work with the Apostolic Signatura. “I am happy to express my deepest gratitude for the recently initiated collaboration of The Jurist with the Apostolic Signatura in the publication of its jurisprudence in Latin with an English translation.”

In addition to teaching in the name of the Church in the classroom, nine faculty members of the School of Theology and Religious Studies serve as consultants to episcopal committees within the USCCB and as consultors (advisors) or members of pontifical committees at the invitation of the Vatican.

One of those faculty members is John Grabowski, associate professor of moral theology, who has served as an advisor to the USCCB’s Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth. As an
advisor to that committee, Grabowski attends biannual meetings to advise the bishops on pastoral initiatives and documents. He is present during committee discussions and helps to write and edit documents, but does not take part in committee voting.

Grabowski says his work as a USCCB consultor has influenced his teaching. “It has given me firsthand insight into the process, backstory, and amount of work that goes into producing a document such as a pastoral letter that I can then convey to my students,” he says. “It has also made me aware of resources at the USCCB that I can pass on to my students.”

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI named Grabowski and his wife, Claire, as members of the Pontifical Council for the Family for a five-year term. Since their appointment, the Grabowskis have been to Rome three times for three-to-four-day meetings. During each of their trips, one day has included a private audience for the 100-plus members of the council with the Pope.

Other University theology professors serve the Church in a similar capacity. One is Monsignor Kevin Irwin, the Monsignor Walter J. Schmitz, S.S., Professor of Liturgical Studies. He has served as a consultant to the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy and Divine Worship from 1992 to 1995 and from 2004 to the present, the longest tenure of any advisor to this committee. Another is Monsignor Paul McPartlan, the Carl J. Peter Professor of Systematic Theology and Ecumenism. He serves as a member of three international committees — the International Theological Commission, the Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church, and the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation.

From the canon law school, an important contributor to the USCCB’s work is Kurt Martens. He serves as a consultant to the Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance and contributes his expertise to various USCCB offices.

Monsignor Ronny Jenkins, the general secretary of the USCCB, says there is a “constant generosity and rich talent” of Catholic University faculty who support his organization’s work. “Professor Martens and so many CUA professors have been invaluable contributors to the life of the conference on many levels.”

The headquarters of the USCCB shares the same neighborhood — which has long been known in Washington by the nicknames “Little Rome” and “Little Vatican” — with Catholic University and Theological College.

“The mission of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is to assist the bishops of our country in the common exercise of their pastoral office to promote the greater good the Church offers to all people,” Monsignor Jenkins says.

“In a special way, the members of the ecclesiastical faculties of canon law, theology, and philosophy have long assisted the conference with extraordinary dedication and expertise in fulfilling this important mission by contributing untold hours in support of the work of the conference.”
University Highlights

The following pages contain highlights of events at Catholic University and accomplishments by its administrators, faculty, staff, and students during the period following Commencement 2013 through Commencement 2014. It is by no means an exhaustive list. Position titles of those listed reflect the period May 2013–May 2014.

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Row 1: More than 360 students participate in the 41st Annual March for Life. • Former Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. launches a clemency program at the Columbus School of Law. • At a press conference prominent Chinese human rights activist Chen Guangcheng is introduced as a distinguished visiting fellow.

Row 2: Catholic University remembers those who died on 9/11. • The University hosts Catholic Archives in the Digital Age: A Conference for Reporters, Archivists, and Scholars. • CUA celebrates International Education Week with a series of panel discussions.

Row 3: The School of Architecture and Planning hosts an event on campus in March in conjunction with the D.C. Environmental Film Festival to premiere the documentary Tale of the Tongs. The film tells the story of a monument designed and built by CUA architecture students on an island in Ireland as part of the Spirit of Place/Spirit of Design Program. • Student-athletes host a field day for neighborhood children at the athletic center. • Gen. Stanley McChrystal, retired four-star general, delivers the lecture “Crosslead: Adapting Organically” for business and economics school students.

Row 4: Father Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household since 1980, presents the lecture “Priestly Servants for the New Evangelization” hosted by the School of Theology and Religious Studies Student Association and the Graduate Student Association. • Students close the school year with the annual Luaupalooza celebration. • Monroe Street Market, a new multiuse development adjacent to campus, takes shape.
In May, the Department of Drama presents an exhibit titled *The 'Show-Biz' Priest: The Legend and Influence of Father Hartke* in the John K. Mullen of Denver Memorial Library that pays tribute to the founder of CUA's drama department as part of its 75th-anniversary celebration.

During his general audience on May 22, Pope Francis greets the Alumni Association of Catholic University. The alumni group was in Rome for its Eternal Rome and Historic Assisi Tour.

The 5th Annual Washington International Piano Festival offers a week of classical piano music concerts on campus and at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts from July 28 to Aug. 3. More than 60 faculty, guest-artists, and participants from around the world participate in the festival.

The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, based at CUA, is awarded the 2013 Global Dialogue Prize for its “longstanding efforts in addressing sensitive issues of cultural heritage and contemporary change,” according to the award citation. The prize is presented in Athens, Greece, at the 23rd World Congress of Philosophy on Aug. 4.

The School of Architecture and Planning launches a Master of Science in Facilities Management degree under the direction of Professor Barry Yatt.

The Columbus School of Law, in partnership with former Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., launches a program in August for the study of executive clemency, with the goal of making the process fairer, more common, and more transparent. The CUA Clemency Project offers advocacy to inmates and provides executive training for governors and their chiefs of staff and a clinical experience for law students.

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, archbishop of Washington and chancellor of the University, serves as the main celebrant and homilist at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Aug. 29. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States, serves as a principal concelebrant. The annual Mass to begin the new academic year is broadcast live by the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).


The Center for the Study of Culture and Values begins its annual fall seminar on Sept. 9 with scholars from around the world. The theme for the five-week seminar is *Justice and Responsibility: Cultural and Philosophical Considerations.*

Randall Ott, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, delivers the *Class of 2017 Convocation’s* main address on Sept. 11. His talk is titled “Many Small Disciplines — One Big Universe.”

The School of Architecture and Planning’s 2013 Walton Critic, architect Claudio Silvestrin, delivers a lecture on Sept. 11 titled “Can architecture uplift our spirit and prevent the weight of materialism from crushing us?”

International scholars gather at Catholic University Sept. 13 to 15 for a symposium honoring the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*): Tradition and Progress. The event is sponsored by the School of Theology and Religious Studies.

The Department of History and the School of Theology and Religious Studies present *Catholic Teaching and the Jews — A Revolution? Discussing John Connelly’s From Enemy to Brother* on Sept. 12. Connelly, professor of history at the University of California, Berkeley, is joined by Matthew Tapie, visiting assistant professor of moral theology and ethics at Catholic University, and Piotr Kosicki, assistant professor of history at the University of Maryland, to discuss Connelly’s book *From Enemy to Brother: The Revolution in Catholic Teaching on the Jews, 1933–1965.*

The School of Philosophy presents its *46th annual Fall Lecture Series,* which this year explores the theme Philosophy in the Islamic Lands.

The CUA Peace and Justice Studies Program and the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies host several speakers on Sept. 18 who discuss the *conflict in Syria and the debate surrounding the U.S. response.*

Steven L. Monfort, director of the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute at the National Zoological Park, is the
featured speaker at the Biology Department’s Annual Research Symposium on Sept. 20. His talk is titled “Smithsonian Conservation Science — Saving Species on the Brink.”

The University is named to the Military Friendly Schools list in September by Victory Media, a media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The list honors the top 20% of colleges, universities, and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. CUA also is ranked 24th nationally in November by U.S. News & World Report in its inaugural listing of the Best Colleges for Veterans.

Chen Guangcheng, a Chinese self-taught civil rights lawyer and human rights activist, announces a new partnership Oct. 2 with three organizations, including the Catholic University of America, to pursue his academic interests and human rights advocacy for the next three years. During an event at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., Chen reveals that he will serve as distinguished visiting fellow of Catholic University’s Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies, senior distinguished fellow in human rights at the Witherspoon Institute, and senior distinguished advisor focused on Internet freedom and human rights for people with disabilities at the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice.

The University hosts Catholic Archives in the Digital Age: A Conference for Reporters, Archivists, and Scholars on Oct. 9 featuring discussions with scholars, archivists, reporters, and librarians. The event is sponsored by CUA’s Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies and Department of Library and Information Science, and the University of Notre Dame’s Office of the President, Hesburgh Libraries, and University Archives.


Craig Edward Dykers, director of the international architectural design firm Snohetta, presents his work on the redesign of New York’s Times Square and the Norwegian Opera and Ballet as the Third Annual George T. Marcou Memorial Lecture on Oct. 9. The annual lecture is sponsored by the School of Architecture and Planning.

Ensemble Next Parallel, the graduate student chamber ensemble at CUA, opens its season Oct. 12 with a concert that includes the premiere of composer-in-residence Brian Rice’s Take the Next Train.

After two years of design and building and two weeks of participating in daily contests and leading tours for more than 15,000 visitors, Team Capitol DC places in the top five universities for six of the 10 contests in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon competition. The team, the first-ever from Washington, D.C., comprises more than 100 students from The Catholic University of America, the George Washington University, and American University. It places seventh overall in a field of 19 international contenders in the sustainable home-building competition that takes place in Irvine, Calif., from Oct. 3 to 13.

The School of Arts and Sciences hosts the conference Catholic Activism in the Americas, 1891–1962: New Comparative and Transnational Approaches on Oct. 17 and 18. Panels of experts discuss the historical evidence for Catholicism’s integral role in promoting a robust public sphere throughout the Americas, even before the general liberalization of the Catholic Church during the Second Vatican Council.

Faculty and student musicians from Catholic University’s Benjamin T. Rome School of Music mark their fourth year of performances at Carnegie Hall Oct. 28 through 30.

Four professors are honored Nov. 7 at the provost’s annual teaching awards ceremony and reception. Provost James Brennan presents the 2013 Faculty Awards for Teaching Excellence. Sarah Brown Ferrario, associate professor of Greek and Latin, receives the Teaching Excellence in Early Career Award; Joseph G. Gatwood, professor of music, is honored for Overall Teaching Excellence; Nora M. Heimann, chair and associate professor of art, receives the Advancement of Teaching Award; and Paul G. Taylor, associate professor of music, is honored for Overall Teaching Excellence.

As part of its CUA in the City program, the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents a Nov. 8 concert of sacred music at St. Paul’s Parish in Washington, D.C., by the Chamber Choir and organist Joy Leilani Garbutt, conducted by Leo Nestor, Justice Bayard Ward Professor of Music and director of choral studies and the Institute of Sacred Music.

Sister Helen Prejean, author of Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States, delivers the keynote address at the Nov. 9 conference Where Justice and Mercy Meet: Catholic Opposition to the Death
The Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies announces a Comprehensive Internationalization at CUA, the discussions provide a forum for members of the CUA community to propose new directions and initiatives in the University’s internationalization agenda.

- Ellen T. Harris, a scholar of composer George Frederick Handel and president-elect of the American Musicological Society, spends two days at Catholic University in November as a Phi Kappa visiting scholar, giving a public lecture and meeting with students at the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music. On Nov. 14 she gives a lecture titled “How Did Handel’s Audiences Hear His Operas?: Mary Delany and Floridante.”

In celebration of International Education Week, the Center for Global Education and the Office of the Provost present a series of three panel discussions Nov. 18, 19, and 20 that explore the role of international education at the University. Titled Towards a Comprehensive Internationalization at CUA, the discussions provide a forum for members of the CUA community to propose new directions and initiatives in the University’s internationalization agenda.

- The Catholic University of America chapter of the Society of Composers Inc. presents the fourth annual New Voices @ CUA: A Festival of New Vocal Music Jan. 24 and 25. The festival comprises four concerts and highlights the vocal works of 17 composers from the United States and England.

- Catholic University and the Dominican House of Studies, in association with the National Catholic Educational Association, celebrate National Catholic Schools Week at the annual University Mass in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas held Jan. 28 in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Very Rev. John A. Langlois, O.P., president of pontifical faculty of the Dominican House of Studies, is the celebrant of the Mass, which is broadcast live on EWTN.

- Rev. Thomas M. Rosica, C.S.B., CEO of Canada’s Catholic TV channel Salt + Light, and two producers from the channel visit campus on Feb. 27. They deliver two lunchtime presentations, one on Salt + Light’s TV and Web series The Church Alive and the other on “Young Adults, Youth Ministry, Participation in the Church, and the New Evangelization.” They also speak on the topic “Go and Make a Mess, Pope Francis Style: An Insider’s Look at What’s Really Going on in the Church” at CUA on Tap, an evening program hosted by resident ministers that features theological topics.

- More than 500 social workers and nursing professionals from the Washington, D.C., metro area gather on March 7 at the University for the Eighth Annual Instilling Hope Conference to learn about SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment, a comprehensive public health approach to delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance abuse disorders. The conference is co-sponsored by the School of Nursing, the National Catholic School of Social Service, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

- Cardinal Raymond Burke, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, gives the 11th Annual James H. Provost Memorial Lecture on March 20. Cardinal Burke speaks on “The Relation between the Apostolic Signatura and the Local Church.” The event is sponsored by the School of Canon Law.

- The Department of Art hosts an exhibit in two venues examining the different ways that eight contemporary Washington, D.C., artists engage with the legacy of the Washington Color School. Curated by senior art history majors Kaitlin Filley and Ashley Wilson, Under the Influence: Reverberations of the Washington Color School runs March 21 to April 12 at the Salve Regina Gallery on campus and at the Victor L. Selman Community Gallery in the adjacent neighborhood of Brookland.
The School of Architecture and Planning and the U.S. Green Building Council present the March 24 conference Materials Health: The Architect’s Evolving Role. Brad Guy, assistant professor of architecture and planning, organizes the conference, which explores the architect’s evolving role in materials selection.

Barbara Stripling, president of the American Library Association, delivers the Department of Library and Information Science’s 24th Annual Elizabeth W. Stone Lecture on April 4. She speaks on “Demanding our Right to Libraries: Opportunities and Challenges.”

On April 4 the Department of Physics presents the 33rd Annual Karl Herzfeld Memorial Lecture featuring John C. Mather, 2006 Nobel laureate in physics and project scientist for the James Webb Space Telescope at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. Mather’s talk is titled “From New Jersey to Stockholm and the Beginning of the Universe.”


Catholic University is recognized April 22 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a 2013–2014 Individual Conference Champion of the College & University Green Power Challenge for using more green power than any other higher education institution in the Landmark Conference. The University has received the conference award every year since 2009. The University also is recognized as a 2013 Tree Campus by the Arbor Day Foundation — the third consecutive year the campus has earned the distinction.

Three faculty members are honored April 23 for their achievements at the 2014 Research and Scholarship Awards. Provost James Brennan, who serves as the master of ceremonies, presents awards to Melissa D. Grady, assistant professor of social work, who receives the Young Faculty Scholar’s Award for Achievement in Research; Eric J. Jenkins, associate professor of architecture and planning, who receives the award for Scholarly Achievement in the Creative Arts; and David A. Jobes, professor of psychology, who receives the award for Achievement in Research.

Father Raniero Cantalamessa, a Franciscan Capuchin Catholic priest and Preacher to the Papal Household since 1980, presents an April 28 lecture titled “Priestly Servants for the New Evangelization.” The event is sponsored by the School of Theology and Religious Studies Student Association and the Graduate Student Association.

In his homily at the Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of 2014, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, archbishop of Manila and CUA alumnus, urges graduates to find the place Jesus has prepared for them in life. He addresses a crowd of more than 3,000 people who fill the Great Upper Church in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on May 16.

Philip Rivers, Pro Bowl quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, delivers the 125th Annual Commencement Ceremony address on May 17. The featured speaker for the commencement ceremony of the Columbus School of Law on May 23 is Jane Golden Belford, who served for 13 years as the chancellor of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Eight U.S. Catholic cardinals and 750 guests gather in New York City on May 30 for The 25th American Cardinals Dinner, the annual fundraiser for Catholic University scholarships. Approximately $2.1 million is raised, setting a record for the dinner. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York and CUA alumnus, and President John Garvey serve as co-hosts.

For summer 2014, the School of Theology and Religious Studies unveils a new academic program, the Master of Catechesis, which helps lay and ordained men and women develop the skills and knowledge needed to fill various ministerial roles in the Catholic Church. The Columbus School of Law also announces a new Master of Legal Studies degree program to educate students interested in studying law without earning a law degree.

Grants

Juanita Aristizabal, assistant professor of modern languages and literatures; Jason Sharples, assistant professor of history; and Julia Young, assistant professor of history, secure a $5,600 grant from the Kislak Family Foundation to continue the Early Americas Film Series at Catholic University.

Karlynn BrintzenhofeSzoc, assistant dean and associate professor of social work, and Petra Goodman, director of research and associate professor of nursing, are awarded a three-year, $931,203 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to implement “Launching SBIRT into the Community: A Multidisciplinary Approach,” a collaborative project between the National Catholic School of Social Work and the School of Nursing to train faculty, master’s students, and community partners in Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment.
Jennifer Davis, assistant professor of history, receives a Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Society to support a summer research trip to examine the collection of ninth-century legal manuscripts housed at the Abbey Library of Saint Gall in Switzerland.

John Golin, professor of biology, receives a second three-year renewal of a grant from the National Institutes of Health for his project "Molecular Genetic Analysis of Pdr5p; a Major Yeast Multidrug Transporter."

Brad Guy, assistant professor of architecture and planning, receives a $39,612 grant from Prince William County, Va., to assist in the development of an environmental research and education center at the Prince William County Sanitary Landfill.

Tanja Horn, assistant professor of physics, receives six grants totaling more than $350,000. One is a $29,400 grant from Jefferson Science Associates LLC for a project titled “Scaling Study of the L-T Separated Pion Electroproduction Cross Section.” The largest award is a $300,094 grant from the National Science Foundation for the project “Hadron Structure through Exclusive Reactions.”

Hyojin Kim, assistant professor of architecture and planning, receives a CUA Grant-in-Aid for "Case Studies to Test ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers) Performance Measurement Protocols.” Kim’s research will apply and test the protocols under actual building operation in two case-study buildings in the Washington, D.C., area.

Sung Un Kim, assistant professor of library and information science, receives a $2,500 Diversity Research Grant from the American Library Association for the project “Exploring Library Programs to Support English Language Learner (ELL) Students’ Academic Success in Urban High Schools.” The research will identify promising practices and areas of need for librarians to support the academic growth of ELL students and design curricula to teach school librarians about ELL education.

Gunnar Lucko, associate professor of civil engineering, receives a $49,999 grant from the National Science Foundation to organize and present a research agenda development workshop at the 2014 Construction Engineering Conference held March 27 to 29 in Seattle. The workshop is attended by nearly 60 professors from across the nation.

Adnan Morshed, associate professor of architecture and planning, and colleagues from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Washington, Roger Williams University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Louisiana State University receive a $1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to create the Global Architectural History Teaching Collaborative.

Vadim M. Uritsky, associate professor of physics, receives $125,000 in grant money from NASA to research explosive processes in the solar corona leading to solar flares, acoustic waves in coronal loops, and plasma turbulence in the interplanetary environment.

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Jandro L. Abot, associate professor of mechanical engineering, is awarded a Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant as part of the Fulbright-Brazil Scientific Mobility Program in Nanotechnology and New Materials. His project is titled “Miniature Piezo-Impedance Sensors for Structural Health Monitoring Using Carbon Nanotube Yarn.” The project will shed new light on the use of carbon nanotube yarn in miniature piezo-impedance-based sensors to measure strain and pressure in components and structures. Abot will be hosted in Brazil for the next two summers by Emilio C. Nelli Silva, professor and chair of the Department of Mechatronics and Mechanical Systems at the Universidade de São Paulo.

Janice Agazio, associate professor of nursing, is inducted as a fellow into the American Association of Nurse Practitioners on June 22 and as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing on Oct. 19.

Maria Sophia Aguirre, professor of economics, testifies March 25 at a Congressional hearing titled The First One Thousand Days: Development Aid Programs to Bolster Health and Nutrition. The hearing is held by the House Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Rev. Stefanos Alexopoulos, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, presents a talk titled “Inscriptions as a Liturgical Source: The Case of the Parthenon” at the North American Academy of Liturgy in Orlando, Fla., on Jan. 3.

Rev. Regis J. Armstrong, O.F.M. Cap., professor of theology and religious studies, spends more than a week in Rome in March as part of an international committee of Capuchins representing Asia, Europe, and North America. He and his confreres work on a translation of the updated Capuchin Constitutions that were recently approved by the Vatican.

Daniel Attridge, dean of the Columbus School of Law, is selected for inclusion in the 20th edition of The Best Lawyers in America.
for his work in the practice areas of commercial, antitrust, intellectual property, and patent litigation.


Ian Boxall, associate professor of theology and religious studies, delivers a lecture at the Smithsonian Associates in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 27. His talk explores the origins of the Book of Revelation in the first-century Roman world, its diverse impact on interpreters across the centuries, and its visual interpretation by a wide range of artists.

James Brennan, provost, spends a week in Israel as a member of a delegation of nine provosts from American universities. Brennan visits Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Jan. 5 to 11 with Project Interchange, an educational institute of the American Jewish Committee that fosters connections between opinion leaders and policy makers with counterparts in Israel.

Jay Brock, clinical assistant professor of music, directs The Pajama Game at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md., June 21 to 30.

J. Steven Brown, associate professor and associate dean of engineering, is named a fellow of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) during the society’s January meeting in New York. Fellow status is earned by approximately 1% of ASHRAE members and recognizes those who have made substantial contributions to the field.

Rev. Phillip J. Brown, S.S., rector of Theological College, is installed as the 75th president of the Canon Law Society of America at its annual convention in Sacramento, Calif., on Oct. 17.

Alejandro Cañadas, assistant professor of business and economics, presents the paper “Restorative Justice as a Necessary Approach for Human and Social Flourishing” at the 21st International Conference on Personal Flourishing in Organizations held Feb. 24 and 25 at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome.

Renate Chancellor, assistant professor of library and information science, is presented with the Award for Teaching Excellence from the Association for Library and Information Science Education during its annual meeting Jan. 21 to 24 in Philadelphia.

Sharon Christman, professor of music and head of the voice division, and Ivo Kaltchev, associate professor of music and head of the piano division, perform a classical music concert Nov. 2 as part of the Music at Notre Dame artist series at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Christman and Kaltchev perform March 12 at the Bulgarian Consulate General in New York City as part of the Bulgarian Concert Evenings in New York series. Christman is invited to join the board of directors for Young Artists of America, a nonprofit educational organization that provides aspiring musicians with opportunities to study, rehearse, and perform with and be mentored by professional artists and educators in fully orchestrated performances.

Monsignor Michael Clay, clinical assistant professor of theology and religious studies, is appointed by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity to serve a five-year term as a member of the Roman Catholic and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) International Dialogue. He gives two workshops at the On Fire with Faith Conference held Sept. 20 and 21 and sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston (S.C.). He leads a two-day conference on evangelization for more than 150 pastors and pastoral leaders in the Diocese of Savannah on Sept. 27 and 28. The conference explores evangelization dynamics and history and contemporary methodologies required for it. He is a speaker at the annual Catholic Convocation sponsored by the Diocese of Raleigh on Oct. 19. He addresses the formation of adolescents in light of the New Evangelization and pastoral applications related to the diocese’s recently promulgated Confirmation norms, of which Monsignor Clay served as principal author.

Jennifer Davis, assistant professor of history, presents the paper “The Idea and Practice of Rulership in Charlemagne’s Empire” at the conference The Practice of Rulership, c.850–c.1250 held May 17 and 18 at the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif. She presents the paper “Political Communication in the Carolingian World: The Example of the Capitulary Manuscripts” at the International Medieval Congress held July 1 to 4 in Leeds, England. Davis gives a Feb. 19 talk on “The Ninth Century Invention of Europe” at Marymount University in Arlington, Va.

Rev. Richard DeLillo, clinical associate professor of theology and religious studies, delivers a May presentation on “Ministry, Discipleship, and New Evangelization” for the Adult Formation Series of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He directs a five-day retreat for the Benedictine Monks of St. Joseph’s Abbey in Covington, La. The theme is “Great opportunities to please God happen infrequently, but turning little acts into great acts of praise happens daily.”

Duilia de Mello, associate professor of physics, gives a series of talks on “Production of Energy in the Universe” at the Pontifical
Catholic University in Rio de Janeiro on May 23, at Federal University of Sergipe in Aracaju, Brazil, on June 5, and at the Planetarium of Rio de Janeiro on June 8. She gives a colloquium titled “From the Local to the Distant Universe” at the National Observatory in Rio de Janeiro on June 13. She visits the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile on June 21 to discuss the Workshop of the International Network of Catholic Astronomy Institutions that is held in Chile Aug. 19 to 23. She gives a talk titled “From Clumps to Disks” at the conference Physical Processes of Galaxy Formation: Consensus and Challenges held July 22 to 26 in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Robert Destro, professor of law, participates in a June 16 panel discussion on The Future of Religious Minorities in the Middle East at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.

William Dinges, professor of theology and religious studies, presents a response to Fordham University Professor of Theology Tom Beaudoin’s paper “Help my Unbelief: Deconversion in Catholicism Today” at the 68th Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America held June 7 in Miami. Dinges serves as a discussion panelist at the 36th Annual National Conference of the Catholic Volunteer Network (CVN) held Nov. 7 to 9 in Silver Spring, Md. Dinges gives a response to the findings of a Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate research project report on former CVN volunteers. He gives two workshop presentations on “The Catholic Call and the Environment” at the 35th Annual Baltimore Archdiocesan Social Ministry Convocation held March 8 in Baltimore.


Brian Engelland, professor of business and economics, receives the Lifetime Marketing Contributor award from the Society for Marketing Advances on Nov. 1 at the society’s 51st annual meeting in Hilton Head, S.C. He delivers a presentation titled “Team Building: Virtue and Personal Flourishing in Organizations” at the 21st International Conference on Personal Flourishing in Organizations held Feb. 24 and 25 in Rome.

Michaela Farber, associate professor of social work, is appointed to serve as a member of the District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Fatality Review Committee.

John Figura, assistant professor of art, is awarded the First Place Purchase Award by the Biggs Museum of American Art for his painting Moonlight Drive, which is included in the exhibition Biggs Picture: Landscapes by Regional Artists.


Victor Frenkel, associate professor of biomedical engineering, joins the editorial board of the new journal JSM Biotechnology and Biomedical Engineering. He writes the editorial for the inaugural issue on “Image-Guided Focused Ultrasound: Endless Possibilities for Non-Invasive Therapy in the 21st Century.”

John Grabowski, associate professor of theology and religious studies, presents the paper “Catechesis and Moral Theology: Toward a Renewed Understanding of Christian Experience” at the 2013 Intellectual Tasks Conference held May 12 to 14 in Washington, D.C. He gives an Oct. 7 presentation on “Pornography: What’s in a Look?” at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Grabowski attends a plenary session of the Pontifical Council for the Family in Rome on Oct. 23 to 25, focusing on the further implementation of the Holy See’s Charter of the Rights of the Family on its 30th anniversary. He presents a talk titled “Recent Catholic Teaching on Sex and Chastity: An Overview and Some Applications” at Saint Luke’s Institute in Silver Spring, Md., on March 27. He is appointed to serve as a theological advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth from 2014 to 2016.


Donna Coleman Gregg, clinical associate director of law and director of the Institute for Communications Law Studies, serves as co-chair of the American Bar Association Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Communications Law Committee. She speaks as part of a policy roundtable for women leaders in information and communications technology at the Telecommunications Industry Association 2013 Annual Strategy Conference held Oct. 9 at National Harbor, Md.
Tobias Gregory, associate professor of English, is awarded a research fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies. The fellowship enables Gregory to spend the next academic year researching his book *Milton’s Strenuous Liberty*, which focuses on 17th-century poet John Milton’s writings about liberty.


Brad Guy, assistant professor of architecture and planning, is named the 2014 Modular Building Fellow by the Modular Building Institute. The recognition is given to one person nationally each year. He participates in a Congressional briefing on recycling titled “Making Every Day Earth Day: How to Minimize Waste in our Homes, Businesses, and Communities by Recycling” held April 22, Earth Day, and hosted by the Senate Recycling Caucus.

Nora Heimann, chair and associate professor of art, presents the paper “From Sacrificial Lamb to Celestial Spouse: 19th Century Celebrations of First Communion” at the symposium Sang Sacre (Holy Blood) held Feb. 12 at the Pratt Institute in New York City and sponsored by the Association of Scholars of Christianity in the History of Art.

Dorle Hellmuth, assistant professor of politics, delivers the keynote address “Spying Among Allies: Implications for Transcontinental Cooperation” at the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy’s Washington, D.C., summit on Nov. 5.

Tanja Horn, assistant professor of physics, speaks on “Probing Sea Quirks and Gluons: the Electron-Ion Collider Project” at the International Nuclear Physics Conference held June 2 to 7 in Florence, Italy. She gives a lecture on the same topic at the International Conference on the Structure of Baryons held June 24 to 28 in Glasgow, Scotland. She gives the research presentation “A PbWO4-based Neutral Particle Spectrometer in Hall C at 12 GeV JLab” at the 16th International Conference on Calorimetry in High Energy Physics held April 6 to 11 at Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen, Germany.

Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin, Monsignor Walter J. Schmitz, S.S., Professor of Liturgical Studies, is appointed to a three-year term as an advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Divine Worship Committee. He gives presentations at the Convocations Assembly 2013 on the liturgical reforms of Vatican II at De Sales University in Allentown, Pa., on June 26. He delivers presentations on “The Theology and Practice of the Reformed Liturgy” to the clergy and professional staff of parishes and schools in the Diocese of Richmond held Aug. 6 to 8. Monsignor Irwin gives an address on “The Theology of Hymns and Hymns in the Liturgy” at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians Annual Convention held Jan. 8 in Washington, D.C. He delivers a Jan. 23 keynote address titled “Liturgy From the Inside: Deepening the Conversation” at the 52nd annual meeting of the Southwest Liturgical Conference. He gives an address on “The Theological Keys of Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 1-13” at a Feb. 18 to 21 symposium at the Lateran University in Rome to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy at Vatican II.

Katherine Jansen, professor of history, gives a Dec. 2 lecture on “The Problems of Peacemaking in Late Medieval Florence” at the Institute for Advanced Study in the School of Historical Studies in Princeton, N.J. She also leads a seminar on Notaries and Notarial Culture in Late Medieval Florence on Dec. 10. Jansen gives a Feb. 25 talk on “Medieval Peace-Making and Modern Conflict Resolution in Comparative Perspective” at New York University’s Villa La Pietra in Florence, Italy. She co-organizes the conference Dispute, Violence and Peace-making Practices in Medieval Italy held April 9 at the American Academy in Rome and gives a talk there titled “Some Problems in Late Medieval Peace-making.” She is appointed a resident at the American Academy in Rome for spring 2014.

Charles Jones, associate professor and assistant dean for graduate studies of theology and religious studies, presents the paper “Creation and Causality in Chinese-Jesuit Polemical Literature” at the Ninth Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought held May 11 in Dayton, Ohio. He presents the paper “Self-Power and Other-Power in Early Modern Chinese Pure Land Thought” at the conference The Pure Land in Buddhist Cultures: History, Image, Praxis, Thought held June 2 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. He gives a lecture for the Smithsonian Associates in Washington, D.C., titled “Defining Humanity: Western and Asian Religious Perspectives” on Sept. 16. Jones presents the paper “The Establishment of Chinese Ordination Platforms in Taiwan during the Japanese Period 1895–1945” at the conference Bordering the Borderless: Faces of Modern Buddhism in East Asia held Oct. 4 and 5 at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Sister Margaret Mary Kelleher, O.S.U., associate professor of theology and religious studies, presents a paper reflecting on the life and ministry of the late liturgical scholar Rev. Anscar Chupingco, O.S.B., at the annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy held Jan. 2 to 5 in Orlando, Fla.

A three-month exhibition featuring the work of Julie Ju-Youn Kim, associate professor of architecture and planning, opens Feb. 3 at the Kibel Gallery at the University of Maryland’s School of
Architecture, Planning and Preservation. As part of the exhibit, titled Unwrapping the Hanbok + Villa of Veils, she gives a lecture at the school.

- **Michael Kimmage**, associate professor of history, gives a talk on “The Decline of the West” to the Stanford University Department of History on April 6. He is named a member of the advisory board of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Munich, Germany) Faculty of Languages and Literatures and is awarded a fellowship for June at the university’s Center for Advanced Studies.

- **William E. Klingshirn**, chair and professor of Greek and Latin, is invited to join the editorial committee of *Latinitas*, the official biannual journal of the Pontifical Academy for Latin, established by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

- **Vadim Knyazev**, professor of chemistry, gives a May 22 presentation on “Kinetics of Hydrocarbon Radical-Radical Reactions in the Gas Phase” at the Institute of Chemical Physics at the Russian Academy of Science in Moscow. That same day, he gives another presentation titled “Structure and Practices of Higher Education in Physics, Chemistry, and Related Fields in the United States of America.” He gives a June 4 presentation titled “Chemical Kinetics of Unimolecular and Recombination Reactions of Radicals in the Gas Phase” at the meeting of the Scientific Research Council at the same institute. He gives a presentation titled “Kinetics and Mechanism of the Reaction of Vinyl and Hydroxyl Radicals” at the Sixth European Combustion Meeting held June 26 in Lund, Sweden.

- **Nathan LaMontagne**, visiting assistant professor of theology and religious studies, is elected regional coordinator of the Society of Biblical Literature's Mid-Atlantic Region.

- **David Lantigua**, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, presents the paper “The Image of God, Rights Talk, and the School of Salamanca” at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics held Jan. 9 to 12 in Seattle.

- **Sang Wook Lee**, assistant professor of biomedical engineering, is awarded the 2013 Delsys Prize for his study “Impairment in task-specific modulation of muscle coordination correlates with the severity of hand impairment following stroke,” which explores a novel method to characterize post-stroke impairment in muscle coordination patterns. The Delsys Prize promotes innovation in the field of electromyography.

- **Lisa Lerman**, professor of law, participates in a panel discussion titled “Now What? Preparing for a Policy Career” at a program titled Women, Law, and Legal Advocacy. It is held Nov. 15 to 17 in Washington, D.C., and sponsored by the Public Leadership Education Network.

- **V. Bradley Lewis**, associate professor of philosophy, presents the paper “Continuity and Development in Catholic Social Teaching: John XXIII to Paul VI” at a conference on Catholic social teaching held Oct. 25 to 27 in Notre Dame, Ind. Lewis gives the plenary address “Aristotle, the Common Good, and Us” at the 87th Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association held Nov. 1 to 3 in Indianapolis. He gives a Dec. 6 lecture on “Human Goods and the Nature of Law: The Legal Philosophy of John Finnis” at the Centro de Investigación Social Avanzada in Querétaro, Mexico.

- **Rev. Nicholas Lombardo, O.P.**, assistant professor of theology and religious studies, presents papers on philosophical concepts and cross-cultural communication, the metaphysics of desire, and globalization and boredom at conferences organized in collaboration with CUA’s Center for Research in Values and Philosophy, in December at Fu Jen University in Taipei, East China Normal University and Fudan University in Shanghai, and Xi’an Jiaotong University in Xi’an. He presents a paper on “Original Sin, Evolution, and Death” on Feb. 11 at Durham University in the United Kingdom. On April 15, Rev. Lombardo speaks at China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing on “Desire, Emotion, and Boredom.” On April 22, he speaks at Chinese University in Hong Kong on “Crucifixion and Redemption in Early Christian Theology,” and on April 24, he gives a lecture at Wuhan University on “Emotion and Virtue in Thomas Aquinas.”

- **Maryann Cusimano Love**, associate professor of politics, participates in a panel discussion on “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Advancing the Insights of *Gaudium et Spes*” at the annual conference of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities held Feb. 1 to 3 in Washington, D.C.

- **Gunnar Lucko**, associate professor of civil engineering, receives the 2013 Daniel W. Halpin Award for Scholarship in Construction from the American Society for Civil Engineers. He receives the Outstanding Young Alumni Award from the Charles E. Via, Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on April 10.

- **Rett Ludwikowski**, professor of law, gives a May 31 talk titled “Disputes About the Polish Model of Conservatism” at the Polish Library POSK, a London research library specializing in the collection of Polish émigré publications.

- **Suzette Malveaux**, professor of law, speaks on a panel titled “Cert. Granted: Affirming Our Progress or Vacating Our Future?”
at the 10th Annual Wiley A. Branton-Howard Law Journal Symposium held Oct. 24 at the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Kurt Martens, associate professor of canon law, leads an April 22 Council on Foreign Relations conference call conversation on Pope Francis’s leadership of the Catholic Church one year after his papal inauguration. More than 100 people participate in the call.

Laura E. Nym Mayhall, associate professor of history, presents the paper “Aristocracy Must Advertise: Refashioning the Nobility in Interwar Britain” at the North American Conference on British Studies held Nov. 8 to 10 in Portland, Ore. She participates in a panel on “Reframing Reform: Transnational Women’s Rights Movements” and a roundtable on “The Feedback Loop: Historians Talk about the Links between Research and Teaching” at the American Historical Association annual meeting held Jan. 2 to 5 in Washington, D.C.

Michael McGonnigal, clinical assistant professor of law, is among three individuals honored on Oct. 6 with a Pro Bono Legal Service Award from the John Carroll Society for contributions to the Archdiocesan Legal Network of Catholic Charities, a pro bono program serving the legal needs to the poor and homeless in Washington, D.C. The John Carroll Society is a spiritual, intellectual, social, and charitable organization for Washington-area Catholic professionals.

Monsignor Paul McPartlan, Carl J. Peter Professor of Systematic Theology and Ecumenism, gives a Sept. 27 lecture titled “The Eucharist Makes the Church” to the clergy of the Diocese of Camden, N.J., as part of a series of lectures on Reflecting on Vatican II. Monsignor McPartlan and Rev. John Galvin, professor of theology and religious studies, take part in a meeting of the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation held Oct. 24 to 26 at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Monsignor McPartlan participates in the plenary meeting of the International Theological Commission in the Vatican held Dec. 2 to 6. The meeting addresses three main topics: monotheism in relation to violence; Christian social doctrine in the context of Christian doctrine as a whole; and the sensus fidei (sense of the faith). He gives a lecture on Jan. 29 at Georgetown University, “Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue: Achievements and Issues.” Monsignor McPartlan chairs the Feb. 24 to 25 meeting in Rome of a subcommittee of the International Theological Commission on the topic of the sensus fidei in the life of the Church.

Veryl V. Miles, professor of law, is appointed to a two-year term as a member of the Standards Review Committee of the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. The committee is charged with reviewing proposed changes in or additions to the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for the Approval of Law Schools.

Kenneth P. Miller, professor and associate dean of nursing, is named the president-elect of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners during the association’s national conference on June 22. He also is inducted as a fellow into the association.

Robert Miller, O.F.S., associate professor of theology and religious studies, presents the paper “Baals of Bashan” at the 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies held July 28 to Aug. 1 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He presents the paper “Shamanism and Totemism in Early Israel” to the Washington Academy of Science’s biannual meeting on March 29.

Nelson Minnich, professor of history, speaks on “The Theological and Reform Prelude: The Councils before Trent” at the conference Trent and Its Impact held Nov. 8 at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He attends an April 11 to 12 meeting of the Pontifical Commission for Historical Sciences where he is appointed to the commission to organize a conference to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses.

Jonathan Monaghan, assistant professor of art, exhibits his work in numerous exhibitions, including The New Romantics at the Eyebeam Art + Technology Center in New York City and Alien Fanfare at the Curator’s Office in Washington, D.C.

Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, dean of theology and religious studies, is invited by the Association of Theological Schools to be a member of the evaluation team for St. Vladimir’s Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y. The visitation takes place Oct. 21 to 24. He serves as a panelist at a Nov. 8 scholarly symposium commemorating 50 years of Sacrosanctum Concilium hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. He serves as moderator to the panel “Believing, Seeing, and Knowing the Mystery of God” at the conference Faith: The Fundamental Act of Christian Existence, hosted by the Pontifical John Paul II Institute in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 15 and 16. He leads a discussion on Eastern Christian penitential practices with the liturgy faculty at Santa Croce University in Rome on March 20.

Jerry Muller, chair and professor of history, delivers an Oct. 29 lecture on “Adam Smith on the Use, Abuse, and Limits of Self-Interest” as part of the Emory Williams Lecture Series at Emory University in Atlanta. He speaks on “Capitalism and Inequality: What the Right and the Left Get Wrong” at the Tocqueville Forum held Nov. 1 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. Muller gives a Feb. 27 lecture titled “Thank God for Greed: On
the Use, Abuse, and Limits of Self-Interest” as part of the Center for Liberal Arts and Free Institutions’ (CLAFI) Commercial Republic Project at the University of California, Los Angeles. He also leads a seminar on Social Science as the Anticipation of Unintended Consequences: Adam Smith as Public Policy Analyst at CLAFI on March 1.

Nader Namazi, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, receives an invitation from the College of Science and Engineering at Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan to collaborate with faculty there and to teach a graduate course on campus during the spring semester. While in Taiwan, he meets with faculty from Chung Yuan Christian University and is invited to make a presentation at the school.

J.P. “Sandy” Ogilvy, professor of law, is a panelist for a discussion about “The Role of Law Schools in Delivering Clemency and Post-Conviction Assistance” at the conference Mercy in the Criminal Justice System held April 15 at New York University School of Law.

Jennifer Paxton, clinical assistant professor of history, presents the paper “Caught in the Middle: Priests as Villains and Victims in Monastic Chronicles” at the International Medieval Congress held July 1 to 4 in Leeds, England. Paxton gives a talk titled “Political Legitimacy in Medieval England” at the Renaissance Weekend held Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 in Charleston, S.C. Paxton presents a paper on “Byrhtstan’s Shackles: Orderic Vitalis and the Politics of the Miraculous” at the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America held April 12 at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Ken Pennington, Kelly-Quinn Professor of Ecclesiastical and Legal History, participates in a roundtable at the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung’s Annual Meeting on the theme “International Scholarly Cooperation,” held June 3 in Berlin. He speaks on “John T. Noonan’s Contributions to Legal History” at the University of Villanova Law School in Villanova, Pa., on Nov. 15. Pennington gives a presentation on “Moderamen inculpatae tutelage: The Jurisprudence of a Justifiable Defense” on March 6 at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

L.R. Poos, dean of arts and sciences and professor of history, is elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. The society encourages, advances, and furthers the study and knowledge of the antiquities and history of England and other countries.

travis price, lecturer in architecture and planning, is named the “Best Modern Architect” for 2014 by Home & Design Magazine in its Choice Awards for Maryland, D.C., and Virginia.


Carlos Reimers, assistant professor of architecture and planning, is elected Mid-Atlantic regional director of the National Board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture for 2014 to 2017.

Michael Root, professor of theology and religious studies, gives the second annual Christian Unity Lecture titled “Catholic Ecumenism after the Ecumenical Movement Stops Moving.” He delivers the lecture Jan. 21 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. The event is sponsored by the School of Divinity of St. Paul Seminary and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Root participates in the national Catholic-Lutheran dialogue held Feb. 20 to 23 at St. Paul’s College in Washington, D.C. It focuses on the theme of “Teaching Ministries” and Root presents a paper on “Teaching Ministries in Ecumenical Dialogues.”

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, clinical associate professor of theology and religious studies, delivers the commencement address and receives an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore on May 16. He attends the annual meeting of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Centre for Child Protection of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome held Nov. 8 in Munich, Germany. The next day he gives a daylong presentation on the clinical experience and research data relating to priests who sexually abuse minors to more than 100 diocesan officials who work for the Catholic Church in Germany. Monsignor Rossetti is a visiting professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome during the spring semester, teaching a new course titled The Priesthood Today.

Philip Rousseau, Andrew W. Mellon Distinguished Professor and director of the Center for the Study of Early Christianity, is appointed an honorary professor in the faculties of theology and philosophy at the Australian Catholic University. The appointment runs until 2016 and involves research collaboration with Australian colleagues in the early Christian and Late
Antique fields. During the annual meeting of the North American Patristic Society, held May 23 to 25 in Chicago, he is presented with a festschrift, *Ascetic Culture: Essays in Honor of Philip Rousseau*, celebrating 40 years of research and publication in the field of Late Antique asceticism.

- **Claes Ryn**, professor of politics, gives the keynote address “You Want Peace? Then Get Serious: The Moral and Cultural Preconditions of Cordial Relations” at the annual meeting of the New York State Political Science Association held in New York City on April 4.

- **Christine Anlauf Sabatino**, associate professor of social work and director of the Center for the Advancement of Children, Youth, and Families, is the first author of the *National Evaluation Framework for School Social Work Practice* that is adopted by the School Social Work Association of America as the official statement on evaluations of school social work in educational settings. She co-writes the *National School Social Work Practice Model*, which is adopted by the School Social Work Association of America to serve as the official policy of the national organization for school social workers.

- Life in Truth (Život v pravde), composed by **Joseph Santo**, adjunct assistant professor and assistant dean of music, premieres Sept. 29 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Bethesda, Md. The work is created in collaboration with the Embassy of the Czech Republic to honor President Václav Havel.

- **Merylann J. Schuttloffel**, chair and professor of education, serves as an invited advisor and consultant to The Cardinal Martini Leadership Institute at Bethlehem University, West Bank, Palestine, giving presentations March 10 through 18 to faculty, students, and workshop participants on the topic of leadership and how it relates to their various roles.

- **Marin Scordato**, associate dean for academic affairs and research in the Columbus School of Law, is named to the Board of Legal Advisors for BARBRI, a leading bar examination preparation organization. He is a member of the American Bar Association Reaccreditation and Site Evaluation Team that visits and evaluates the University of North Dakota School of Law in March.


- **Jason Sharples**, assistant professor of history, presents the paper “Personal Experience, Migration, and Informal Circulation of Ideas about Slavery” at the 19th Annual Meeting of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture held June 14 to 16 in Baltimore. Sharples presents a paper titled “The World that Fear Made: Conspiracy, Imagination, and Power in Early American Slavery” on March 10 at the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas. He gives a lecture on “How Should We Write a History of Oppression? Opportunities and Dilemmas from the Field of American Slavery” at George Mason University on April 7.

- **David Shumaker**, clinical associate professor of library and information science, presents the 36th Annual Alice Rankin Lecture for the Special Libraries Association, New Jersey Chapter, on May 7 in New Brunswick. He speaks on “The Embedded Model, the Future of Librarianship, and What To Do at Work Tomorrow.” He presents the paper “Librarians in the Intelligence Process” at the Understanding and Improving Intelligence Analysis: Learning from Other Disciplines Workshop held July 15 at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. At the annual conference of the Australian Law Librarians’ Association held Sept. 23 to 25 in Sydney, he presents a workshop on “Succeeding with Embedded Librarianship” and makes a plenary presentation on “Audacious Goals for Embedded Librarians,” which is co-written with library and information science graduate assistant **Matt Foley**.


- **Patricio Simari**, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science, presents the paper “Spectral Global Intrinsic Symmetry Invariant Functions” at the conference Graphics Interface, held May 7 to 9 in Montreal.

- **Andrew Earle Simpson**, professor of music and head of theory and composition, guest conducts the National Gallery Orchestra in the premiere of a new orchestral score to accompany *The General*, a 1926 silent comedy starring Buster Keaton. The screening and performance take place Jan. 12 at the National Gallery of Art’s East Building Auditorium.

- **Gary Sloan**, professor of drama, becomes an official prison practitioner. He facilitates weekly theater workshops and stage showcases, and directs a production of Shakespeare’s *Macbeth* at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility in Woodbourne, N.Y., as part of the Rehabilitation Through the Arts organization.
George P. Smith, professor of law, gives a talk titled “Dignity in Dying: Ubiquitous, Capacious, or Normative” at the University of Oxford Faculty of Law on March 12.

Monsignor Robert Sokolowski, Elizabeth Breckenridge Caldwell Professor of Philosophy, speaks on “The Eucharist: Words of Christ, Words of the Church” at the second annual Edward Cardinal Egan Lecture held May 17 at New York University.

Matthew Tapie, visiting assistant professor of theology and religious studies, presents the paper “Peace as the Reconciliation of Jew and Gentile in St. Thomas Aquinas’s Commentary on Ephesians” at Villanova University's 2013 Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference held Oct. 24 to 26.

Leslie Tentler, professor of history, presents the paper “Breaking the Silence: Sex, Gender, and the Parameters of Catholic Intellectual Life” at the conference In the Logos of Love: Promise and Predicament of Catholic Intellectual Life Today held Sept. 20 to 22 at the University of Dayton in Ohio. She also presents on “Contraception and the Council: A Tale of Three Jesuit Moralists” at the conference The Legacy of Vatican II held Sept. 26 at Boston College.

Tarmo Toom, associate professor of theology and religious studies, delivers the paper “What is St. Patrick’s ‘Creed’ (conf. 4)?” at the Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society held May 23 to 25 in Chicago. Toom presents the paper “Constantini’s Deus Summus and the Nicene Unus Deus: Imperial Agenda and Ecclesiastical Conviction” at the International Patristic Conference titled Between religio licita and religios regalis: The Church and Theology of the Times of Change. The conference takes place at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, Oct. 21 to 23.

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, professor of theology and religious studies, presents the paper “The Role of Ghorba (Exile) as Physical and Spiritual Category in Jalaluddin Rumi and Said Nursi” at an international symposium on Said Nursi and Jalal al-Din Rumi held May 24 to 26 in Konya, Turkey. He participates in a seminar about “The Overlooked Revolution: the Shift in Catholic Teaching on the Jews since Vatican II” held June 10 to 14 at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. He gives a presentation on “Saint Francis of Assisi, Louis Massignon and Fethullah Gulen: Models of Peace-Oriented Interpretation of the Scriptures” at Sacred Texts and Human Contents: A Symposium on the Role of Sacred Texts of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Uniting and Dividing Humanity held June 23 to 25 at the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y.


Andrew H. Weaver, associate professor and acting assistant dean of music, presents the paper “Encomiums, Hymns, and Triumphs”— with a Catch: Imperial Politics and Musical Diplomacy in Andreas Rauch’s Currus triumphalis musicus (1648)” at the conference Only the Passions Sing; the Understanding Can But Speak, held at Yale University on Sept. 8. He presents the paper “Diplomacy and the Printing Press: Musical Diplomacy in Andreas Rauch’s Currus triumphalis musicus (1648)” at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America held March 27 to 29 in New York City, and at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Seventeenth-Century Music held April 3 to 6 at Trinity University in San Antonio.

John Kenneth White, professor of politics, is named an honorary member of the 2013 edition of Who’s Who in American Politics.

Jeffrey D. Wilson, clinical assistant professor of philosophy, presents the paper “Aristotle’s Natural Political Justice” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association held in Boston on Nov.17.

Rev. Michael Witczak, associate professor of theology and religious studies, is appointed by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity as a member of the Roman Catholic team for dialogue with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The commission meets Jan. 8 to 12 in Nashville, Tenn., to begin a five-year discussion on the topic “Christians: Formed and Transformed by the Eucharist.”

Julia Young, assistant professor of history, presents the paper “Exiled for Christ the King: Mexican Migrants, Transnational Religious Devotions, and the Cristero Uprisings of the 1920s and 1930s” at the conference Mobility and Exchange in Latin America: Past and Present held April 11 at Johns Hopkins University.

Michaela L. Zajicek-Farber, associate professor of social work, presents the paper “Longitudinal connections between early parental mental health and later child development outcomes for behavior and emotion regulation and school readiness of children in vulnerable families” at the International Conference in Social Work on Health and Mental Health held June 23 to 27 at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.
Books

Andrew V. Abela, dean of business and economics, and Joseph E. Capizzi, associate professor of theology and religious studies, compile and edit A Catechism for Business: Tough Ethical Questions and Insights from Catholic Teaching (The Catholic University of America Press).

Michael Abrams, lecturer of architecture and planning, writes The Art of City Sketching — A Field Manual (Routledge).

Niki Akhavan, assistant professor of media studies, writes Electronic Iran: The Cultural Politics of an Online Revolution (Rutgers University Press).

Ian Boxall, associate professor of theology and religious studies, writes Discovering Matthew: Content, Interpretation, Reception (SPCK).


A.G. Harmon, clinical associate professor of law, writes The Complete Advocate II: Employment Offenses in Health Care Contexts, A Practice File for Representing Clients from Beginning to End (LexisNexis).


Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin, Monsignor Walter J. Schmitz, S.S. Professor of Liturgical Studies, writes What We Have Done, What We Have Failed to Do: Assessing the Liturgical Reforms of Vatican II (Paulist Press).


Monsignor Paul McPartlan, Carl J. Peter Professor of Systematic Theology and Ecumenism, writes the monograph A Service of Love: Papal Primacy, the Eucharist and Church Unity (The Catholic University of America Press).


Nelson Minnich, professor of history, co-edits volume two of The General Councils of Latin Christendom. From Basel to Lateran V (1431–1517) of the three-volume series Conciliorum oecumenicorum generaliumque decreta; Editio critica.

Adnan Morshed, associate professor of architecture and planning, writes Impossible Heights: Skyscrapers, Flight and the Master Builder (University of Minnesota Press).


Lenore Rouse, curator of rare books and special collections, co-edits Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Graphics).

Christine Anlauf Sabatino, associate professor of social work and director of the Center for the Advancement of Children, Youth, and Families, writes Consultation Theory and Practice: A Handbook for School Social Workers (Oxford University Press).


Robin Darling Young, associate professor of theology and religious studies, co-edits Ascetic Culture: Essays in Honor of Philip Rousseau (University of Notre Dame Press).

On Jan. 27, a crew from Book TV on C-SPAN2 films eight faculty authors discussing books they have written or edited. Book TV is a program on C-SPAN2 featuring weekend discussions with authors of nonfiction books. The following faculty members participate in the interviews:

Matthew Green, associate professor of politics, author of The Speaker of the House: A Study of Leadership

Sandra Hanson, professor of sociology, editor of The American Dream in the 21st Century

Michael Kimmage, associate professor of history, author of The Conservative Turn: Lionel Trilling, Whittaker Chambers, and the Lessons of Anti-Communism

Jerry Muller, chair and professor of history, author of Capitalism and the Jews

Chad Pecknold, assistant professor of theology, author of Christianity and Politics: A Brief Guide to the History

Alexander Russo, associate professor of media studies, author of Points on the Dial: Golden Age Radio Beyond the Networks

John Kenneth White, professor of politics, author of Barack Obama’s America

Andrew Yeo, assistant professor of politics, author of Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests

Students
A team of students — including electrical engineering majors Mohamed Aldesran, Andrew Bean, and Jose Maheda, and mechanical engineering student Ibrahim Makhadmi — is awarded $1,250 in February after participating in a design competition sponsored by Thomas Circle, an assisted living community in Washington, D.C., to design a solar-powered picnic table. The team ties with students from Howard University and splits the $2,500 cash prize.

Two research papers written by biomedical engineering majors are awarded first prize Feb. 22 in the District of Columbia Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies’ student paper competition. Written as part of the Department of Biomedical Engineering’s two-semester Senior Design course, the papers concern different aspects of stroke rehabilitation for the hand and arm. “Hand Assistive Rehabilitation Pneumatic Exoskeleton (HARPE) for Stroke Patients,” is written by Alawiya Al Hashem, Wesley Conn, and Majid Jamialahmadi. “Forearm Rotation Device: Relearning Supination and Pronation Through Repetitive Motion Rehabilitation Training” is written by Kaitlyn Lafferty, Adissa Silue, and Ali Taylor.

Architecture and planning students John Allen, Jorge Cornet, Amirali Edbai, and Eric Hoffman present a “Gallery Chat” on March 22 in association with the exhibit of their work titled Professing Architecture: Connecting Architecture, Culture and Spirituality at the District Architecture Center’s SIGAL Gallery.

Christopher Booth, a doctoral student in music, presents the paper “Postmodern Sacred Music: Understanding Pärt’s Credo as Sermon and Cultural Object” at the Royal Musical Association Research Students’ Conference held Jan. 8 at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Aldo Glean, a doctoral student in mechanical engineering, wins a Best Student Paper Award in Structural Acoustics and Vibration during the Acoustical Society of America Meeting, which is held in December in San Francisco. Glean’s paper, “Modification of the spectral response of a pipe resonator using a subordinate array of coupled Helmholtz resonators,” demonstrates how acoustic responses of a system can be altered in specific ways.

Van Jackson, a graduate student in politics, wins an International Affairs Fellowship from the Council on Foreign Relations. The fellowship pays for a year at the Nitze School for Advanced International Studies.

Katja Mouris, a graduate student in history, wins a fellowship from the German Historical Institute to study paleography in Germany.

Anna Nizhegorodtseva, a Doctor of Musical Arts student, wins first prize at the Lewisville Lake Symphony International Piano Competition held March 8 at the University of North Texas College of Music.

John Osman, doctoral candidate in religious education and catechetics, gives a presentation titled “Catechesis in a Digital
Age” to a meeting of the New York State Catechetical Leaders held June 10 and 11 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Sophorn Phal is awarded the Architectural Research Center’s Consortium King Student Medal for Excellence in Architectural and Environmental Research in May for his Master of Science in Sustainable Design thesis titled “Towards Sustainable Water Use in the Hotel Industry in Siem Reap City, Cambodia.”

Students from the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music are nominated for the 30th Helen Hayes Awards for their performances in Washington, D.C., area productions. Senior musical theatre major Paul Scanlan is nominated for Outstanding Lead Actor, Resident Musical, for his role as the MC for Cabaret at D.C.’s Keegan Theatre. Senior musical theatre major Jay Garrick is nominated for Outstanding Ensemble for Chorus Line at Olney Theatre in Olney, Md.

Laura Swett, a doctoral student in social work, is selected for the fourth cohort of the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work’s Gerontological Social Work Pre-Dissertation Initiative. This honor, made in recognition of potential in the field of gerontological social work, provides experiences to strengthen student commitment to and expertise in gerontological social work research, education, and practice.

Vanessa Taylor, graduate student in history, wins a Cosmos Grant to cover research at the Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Taylor’s research topic is “A New Voice for Mary: 15th-Century Illuminations of Marian Communication.” Cosmos grants are awarded by the Cosmos Club Foundation to support research by graduate students at Washington, D.C., area universities.

Julie Yarwood, graduate student in history and coordinator for distinguished grants and fellowships in the University Honors Program, wins a Cosmos Grant to cover research on “The Wisconsin Connection: La Follette and FDR’s ‘Letter to the Nation’s Clergy’” at the Wisconsin Historical Society Archives in Madison, Wis.

Four students visit the U.S.-Mexico border as part of a new mission trip Immersion on the Border: A Formation Experience in Catholic Social Teaching. The students and Sister Ruth Harkins, I.H.M., religious in residence and a doctoral student in theology and religious studies, travel to El Paso in May and stay at the Columban Mission Center run by the Missionary Society of St. Columban.

To kick off their summer, a group of 24 students travel to Jamaica and Belize for two weeks, from May 21 to June 4, on mission trips sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry.

In June, a dozen architecture students construct an architectural installation/cultural legacy marker titled The Tale of the Tongs on Inishturk in County Mayo, Ireland. Students from CUA designed the monument in a class during the fall 2012 semester as part of the Spirit of Place/Spirit of Design program.

Architecture graduate and undergraduate students have their work displayed in the exhibit Professing Architecture: Connecting Architecture, Culture, and Spirituality in the SIGAL Gallery in Washington, D.C., in March. The exhibit explores ideas of architectural design within the Sacred Space and Cultural Studies Studio at Catholic University.
University Financials

Many years of prudent financial management enabled the University to end fiscal year 2014 (April 30, 2014) with a solid financial position and a strong balance sheet. The University continues to adjust its operations to reflect a new fiscal reality and to sustain its future.

Financial Results

The University ended fiscal year 2014 with a positive operating net of $4.4 million, aided by the University’s expansion of its expense reduction efforts. Total net assets increased $28.2 million, to $455.9 million, primarily as a result of market-driven investment gains. Exhibit I illustrates the changes in net assets over the past 10 years.

As depicted in Exhibit II, the University derives its operating revenue from five major sources: net student tuition and fees, sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, grants and contracts, contributions, and investment return on the endowment (designated for current year operations). The University’s fiscal year 2014 operating revenue was $222.0 million. The University’s main source of revenue is net tuition and fees, providing the University with $134.5 million, or 60.6% of total revenue. Auxiliary revenue represented $34.2 million, or 15.4% of total revenue. Operating contributions increased $3.0 million to $16.2 million, which constituted 7.3% of operating revenue. Endowment spending in support of operations, coupled with working capital earnings, totaled $9.8 million, or 4.4% of total operating revenue.

Operating expenses totaled $217.6 million, representing a $1.6 million, or 0.7% increase over last year. Exhibit III depicts the breakdown of the expenses by function. The University continues to focus on controlling costs and ensuring affordability. Consequently, all areas of the University were to examine their operations and eliminate any redundancies or inefficiencies. It is noteworthy that 57.6% of these expenses either directly benefit students or are attributable to academic areas. Instructional expenses for fiscal year 2014 were 46.0% and student services totaled 11.6% of total expenses.

Exhibit IV shows operating expenses by type. The largest category of expenses — salary, wages, and employee benefits — represents 62.4% of the University’s total operating costs. Salaries, wages, and employee benefits declined 1% as a result of the University’s efforts to contain costs. Spending priorities continue to focus around the short- and long-term goals set forth in the Strategic Plan and Campus Master Plan as well as any new regulatory requirements.

In addition to the positive operating net from operations, nonoperating activities provided a $23.8 million increase to net assets. Increasing net assets is important to the University’s ability to strengthen its financial position, maintain its bond ratings, and provide future resources for strategic priorities and capital improvements. Despite a tough industry environment, both Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s confirmed the University’s bond ratings during fiscal year 2014.

Exhibit I: Total Net Assets ($millions)
Endowment

The market value of the endowment rose to $297.1 million for the period ended April 30, 2014, the highest point in the University's endowment history. As shown in Exhibit V, the endowment has seen an increase of approximately $224 million in market value since its inception in fiscal year 1995. The endowment's annual return for the year ending April 30, 2014, was 8.4% due to strong marketable equity performance. For the five years ended April 30, 2014, the endowment returned 11.7%, with an 8.6% return since the endowment's inception.
To balance current and future needs, the University employs investment and spending policies designed to preserve endowment asset values while providing a flow of income to the operating budget. The University provides for the future by structuring its portfolio to maintain and build the endowment’s inflation-adjusted purchasing power. To support current needs, the University’s endowment spending policy provides that 5% of the trailing 12-quarter average of the market value of the endowment be allocated to the operating budget.

Since endowments exist to provide perpetual funding, the fundamental principles of the University's endowment management are to combine a prudent approach with a diversified asset allocation that focuses on long-term performance. In order to protect assets in times when equity markets are falling, the endowment maintains an allocation to fixed income to protect assets in accordance with the University’s investment policy. Other assets are diversified among publicly traded equity securities, alternative assets, real estate, and emerging markets, with a global and industry diversification within these asset classes. To ensure adequate liquidity, more than 75% of the endowment assets have monthly liquidity at minimum. The asset allocation strategy for fiscal year 2014 is provided in Exhibit VI.

One of the more significant elements of the plan is the creation of the School of Business and Economics, which celebrated its inaugural year in fiscal year 2014. The school has seen success in its first year both in enrollment and in fund-raising from private donors and foundations.

Another Strategic Plan goal was realized when CUA, like many other universities, began to deliver quality online programs. The online offerings open new markets for programs and increase the University’s reach beyond its physical boundaries.

Facilities

The University community has been excited about the opening of Monroe Street Market on the University’s South Campus. Located across the street from the campus’s front door, the first phase includes apartments, the arts walk, as well as restaurant and retail offerings that provide a welcome addition to the campus community and surrounding neighborhood. On July 28, 2014, the University bookstore opened at its new Monroe Street location. The second phase of development is on schedule and will include additional mixed-use apartments, retail, and a number of townhouses.

Other campus projects have been progressing in accordance with the vision laid out in the Campus Master Plan. During fiscal year 2014 the University improved its student space in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center and will expand that space now that the bookstore has moved to its new location in South Campus. The University is also finishing a multiyear renovation of Father O’Connell Hall, which is scheduled to open in fall 2014. O’Connell Hall will house the University’s primary student services and alumni offices. In late summer 2014, the University will begin building the roadway on its West Campus, creating a distinct, welcoming entrance to the University as well as aiding the University’s effort to move campus parking to a more peripheral location.

The scale and number of challenges facing today’s colleges and universities continue to increase. The University is approaching these challenges with optimism and confidence in its continued success to ensure academic excellence and financial stability. The University looks forward to a period of progress and improvement as strategic initiatives are implemented.
## Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

For the years ended April 30, 2013 and 2014  
(in thousands)

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<td>Deferred charges and other assets</td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
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<td>Interest in perpetual trusts</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td>$610,686</td>
<td>$577,302</td>
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| **Liabilities and Net Assets** |          |          |
| Liabilities:               |          |          |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | $27,738  | $21,513  |
| Deferred revenues, student deposits, and other liabilities | 7,197    | 5,621    |
| Refundable advances from the U.S. government | 7,401    | 7,498    |
| Split-interest agreements | 1,550    | 1,410    |
| Asset retirement obligations | 7,704    | 7,190    |
| Indebtedness               | 103,175  | 106,388  |
| **Total liabilities**     | 154,765  | 149,620  |

| **Net assets**           |          |          |
| Unrestricted             | 285,555  | 269,954  |
| Temporarily restricted   | 79,102   | 68,716   |
| Permanently restricted   | 91,264   | 89,012   |
| **Total net assets**     | 455,921  | 427,682  |

| **Total liabilities and net assets** | $610,686 | $577,302 |

## Consolidated Statements of Activities

For the years ended April 30, 2013 and 2014  
(in thousands)

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<td>Student tuition and fees, net</td>
<td>$134,473</td>
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<td>Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises</td>
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<td>Other operating revenues</td>
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<td><strong>Total operating revenues and support</strong></td>
<td>222,020</td>
<td>217,364</td>
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| **Operating expenses** |          |          |
| Educational and general |          |          |
| Instructional and departmental research | 100,146  | 97,836   |
| Sponsored research      | 16,217   | 15,589   |
| Public service          | 2,698    | 2,856    |
| Libraries               | 13,444   | 13,683   |
| Student services        | 25,300   | 24,759   |
| Institutional support   | 32,616   | 31,807   |
| **Total educational and general expenses** | 190,421  | 186,530  |
| Auxiliary enterprises   | 27,196   | 29,520   |
| **Total operating expenses** | 217,617  | 216,050  |
| **Change in net assets from operations** | 4,403    | 1,314    |

| **Nonoperating Activities** |          |          |
| Contributions               | 6,493    | 2,596    |
| Investment return in excess of amounts designated for current operations | 16,483   | 13,714   |
| Changes in the value of split-interest agreements | 338      | 189      |
| Other nonoperating gains   | 522      | 162      |
| **Change in net assets from nonoperating activities** | 23,836   | 16,661   |
| **Increase in net assets** | 28,239   | 17,975   |
| **Net assets at beginning of year** | 427,682  | 409,707  |
| **Net assets at end of year** | $455,921 | $427,682 |
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