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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

02	Bro. Larry Keiffer, SVD
02	Kim Hoa Pham



THE PRESIDENT

Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Behold I make all things NEW!

The final book of the New Testament, the Book of Revelation, proclaims a new heaven and a new earth. God says: “Behold, I make all things new!”

That message is well tuned to US culture; we seem to be addicted to NEWNESS. We like new technology, new phones, new music, new homes, new cars, new food, and new ideas. We want to be in-the-know about the latest weather report, the national and international news, the local news, and the innocent gossip that everyone is talking about.

At DWC, as we begin the NEW school year, we are showered in newness:

- The College welcomes 30 new students, including our first ever student from Laos. We are expecting another five to ten students in October and January.
- The Faculty and Formation Programs welcomes **7 new instructors/formators**:
 - Fr. Benyamin Boro Nama SVD, D.Min., Theology and Assoc. Dean of Students
 - Mr. Gerald McGrane, Theology adjunct
 - Mr. Marcus De Jesus, Music adjunct
 - Ms. Caitlin Donald, Art adjunct
 - Mr. Ryan Alfred, History adjunct
 - Ms. Jenna Gibson, Public Relations Specialist
 - Emily Marshall, ESL adjunct
- The SVD community welcomes **4 new SVD confreres**:
 - Fr. Benyamin Boro Nama SVD, originally from Indonesia, studied at DWC in 2004, worked for many years in Brazil
 - Fr. Bao The Nguyen SVD, born in Vietnam, US citizen, studied at DWC in 2005-2006, worked in Papua New Guinea.



- Fr. Dominic Savio Huynh Pham SVD, born in Vietnam, US citizen, 2005 DWC graduate, worked in the Caribbean.
- Fr. Agustinus Fasak SVD, from Indonesia, to study English for the Ruteng Province.
- The Board of Administration welcomes **3 new administrators**:
 - Dr. Joshua Young, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD, Interim Vice President for Formation and Student Life
 - Ms. Sandy Wilgenbusch, Coordinating Director for External Affairs

Over the summer, big renovations were made to the Academic Resource Center, now located in the former Art Room. The Bookstore has been moved, and many closets have been cleaned out!

My advice for adjusting to all these new things?

Make a new friend – that will help get you ready for the promised new heaven and new earth of God’s Reign.



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Administration meets regularly to share information across the various departments, to discuss ongoing events and projects at DWC, to review policies of the College, and to advise the President on his responsibilities to develop, define, and articulate a vision for the College and to coordinate the overall affairs of the College.

1. **At the first meeting of the new school year, the Board**
 - **Reviewed Reports:**
 - **Faculty Professional Development from Academic Affairs**
 - **New Student Enrollment from Admissions**
 - **Orientation Week and Formation Group Assignments from Formation and Student Life**
 - **Summer Project Update from Operations and Finance**
 - **Upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebrations from External Affairs**
2. **Reviewed and/or Approved Policies and Procedures for:**
 - **Tutoring and Disability Accommodations**
 - **Faculty Evaluations**
 - **Memo of Understanding with RISE Counseling Services**
 - **COVID Guidelines**
 - **Students with Disabilities**
 - **HLC Assurance Argument**



Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD, Dr. Joshua Young, Len Uhal, Steve Winger, Sandy Wilgenbusch, Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD, Christine Jackson

COVID Policy

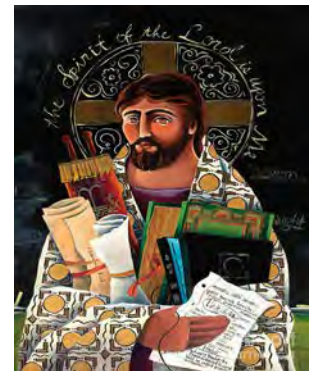
1. **Vaccine update.** DWC highly, highly recommends keeping up to date with COVID vaccines (and flu vaccines) as they become available. DWC is planning to have vaccines for flu and COVID available on September 24.
2. **When you feel sick:**
 - **If you have a fever** – STAY HOME or IN YOUR ROOM. Test for COVID.
 - **When you no longer have a fever** (and are not taking fever medications), and your symptoms are getting better overall – WAIT 24 HOURS before returning to school.
 - **Return to school** – WEAR A MASK for at least five days. In general, avoid close contact with others for the five days.
3. **Notify:**
 - Students, please notify Br. Mike Decker SVD, the Health Services Director and/or Fr. Tuan Hoang SVD the Dean of Students.
 - Staff and Faculty, at your discretion, please notify Mr. Steve Winger, the VP for Operations and Finance.
 - SVD members, please notify Br. Mike Decker SVD and/or Fr. Simon Hoang SVD, the Rector.
4. **Time Off.** Employees take Personal Time Off for sick days, including COVID.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Dr. Joshua Young

New Year, Renewed Resolutions

As we begin the new academic year, I'm reminded of new year celebrations, including making new year resolutions. As we begin this new year, we each set goals and make new commitments. I've added a portrait of Christ the Teacher to the VPAA office to remind me of our greatest commitment as teachers. We share in one of the most important titles Christ, himself, claimed. Each teacher at Divine Word College is resolute in their commitment to student success and the advancement of mission. Acknowledging we are not Christ and that we are in need of his divine assistance to be effective teachers, I ask the community to pray for our Faculty as we begin the new year.



Preparations Underway for HLC Accreditation

Divine Word College is preparing the Accreditation Assurance Argument for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visitation which will take place in September 2025. HLC is the largest accrediting body of higher education institutions in the United States and holds those accredited accountable to standards developed by leaders in higher education administration and mandated by the federal government. Every few years, HLC representatives review DWC's commitment to accreditation criteria. Their review begins with an Accreditation Assurance Argument written by key campus leaders (see committee listing in appendix).

Over the next year, the Assurance Argument Committee will work collaboratively to gather evidence that affirms our commitment to HLC’s accreditation criteria. In general, DWC must show our commitment to our stated mission, our investment in resources to achieve that mission, our efforts to establish and maintain institutional effectiveness, and our efforts to continually improve. The process allows DWC leaders to be more reflective and intentional in making effective, evidence-based decisions. Please pray for our Assurance Argument writers and look for future updates on the HLC Accreditation process throughout the year.

Get to the ARC before the Flood

If you’ve taken time to explore campus, you might have noticed some significant changes. DWC is excited to invite you to experience the new Academic Resource Center (ARC), located on the ground floor in the old art room. The new space triples the size of the former Student Resource Center and features new private and group study spaces. In addition to study areas, the new ARC is able to host important workshops and trainings in the new space.

You’ll notice we’re changing how we refer to the resource center as well. Asking for help can be difficult, especially if we experience asking for help as a cultural taboo. By calling this new space and resource center the ARC, sounding like the ark from the story of the great flood, we affirm two things. First, when God sends help, you don’t reject His help because you don’t think you need it. Second, you don’t wait for the storm to get on the boat. DWC students are highly encouraged to take advantage of the new space and programs offered by the ARC. The storm of readings, homework, and tests is coming; get to the ARC before you’re flooded.



Monday, Sept. 2 is

Labor Day

Celebrated in the U.S. each year on the first Monday of September.

This federal holiday honors the achievements of American workers & the history of labor in the United States.



Assessment Bites

from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

Faculty Evaluators for the Spring 2024 Assessment Project

Instructor	Assignment/Class	Faculty Evaluator				Assessed PLOs
Dr. Yasmin Rioux Dr. Joshua Young	ENG 112 Visual Rhetoric COM 160 Advocacy Speech	Round 1*	Round 2*	Round 3*	Round 4*	CORE # 2
		Dr. Cathi Cleary	Dr. Richard Garrett	Ms. Liz Winter	Dr. Sam Cunningham	
		Round 1*	Round 2*	Round 3*	Round 4*	
		Dr. Mathew Kaniirathinkal	Bro. Brian McLaughlin	Dr. Jason Reed	Dr. Evelyn Dias	
Dr. Benjamin Wintress	THM 211 Old Testament Troubling Theological Texts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4*	IDS/AA/2; CF/PTH/4; THM/BA/1; THM/BA/3; THM/AA/1
		Sr. Anna Trang Mai	Dr. Jason Reed	Fr. Stephen Nguyen	Dr. Ron Condon	
Dr. Ron Condon	PHI 215	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4*	PHI/BA/4
		Dr. Benjamin Wintress	Fr. Akizou Kamina	Fr. Simon Thoi Hoang	Sr. Anna Trang Mai	

Dates for Assessment Rounds

Round 1: August 26 to September 2

Round 2: September 2 to September 9

Round 3: September 9 to September 16

Round 4: September 16 to September 23



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION/DEAN OF STUDENTS
Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD

Welcome Back!

Even though we may have bumped into each other the last two weeks, but in this first entry of the Log, I want to officially welcome all of our returning students back and welcome our new students to Divine Word College. I hope that the past two weeks with orientation and classes have not been overwhelming for you. If you need any assistance with matters relating to formation or student life, please feel free to contact me.

This year, I am assisted by Fr. Benyamin Boro Nama, SVD, who just joined the formation staff this year and is the Associate Dean of Students. If I am not around, you can contact him. I wish everyone a wonderful formation and academic year.

Ministry Practicum

All students who are in the undergraduate program are required to participate in the Ministry Practicum Program. Sr. Aprilia Untarto, SSpS, the coordinator of the program, and I have tried our best to make the arrangements for the ministry site of each student according to their choice. Due to ministry experiences in the past and the availability of volunteers in the ministry sites, some student are not able to get their desire choices and we apologize for that.

Just a reminder that for students doing ministry, we will have ministry orientation this Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Also, we will have ministry commissioning this Sunday, September 1, 2024 during our Sunday liturgy at 10:00 am. All students in this program are required to come to the orientation and commissioning.

Labor Day and 5K Run and Walk

This weekend, the United States will celebrate Labor Day to honor the American labor movement. Therefore, there will be no classes this Monday, September 2, 2024. However, the Student Senate will sponsor a 5K Run and Walk for the Divine Word College community. This event will begin at 9:00 am for those who participate. There will be prizes for the winners. After the event, the Student Senate along with members of the student associations will host a Labor Day cookout. All are welcome!





VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Len Uhal

Welcome Students

While being excited to see all our returning students back at on campus, we warmly welcome our new students to our Divine Word College community. We have 30 new students this semester:

SVD Candidates

Truong Van Nguyen (Joseph)	Vietnam
Tai Van Truong (Anthony)	Vietnam
Thi Van Nguyen	Vietnam (new SVD Candidate)
Joseph Vu	Roseville, CA
Nguyen Vo	Vietnam (via Rock Island, IL)
Alejandro Gonzalez Cruz	Cleveland, TX

Diocesan Seminarians

Song Hong Le	Vietnam
Cory Rude	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Sean Hamilton	Ames, Iowa
Matthew Mitchell	Ames, Iowa
Christian Shiltz	Davenport, Iowa

Divine Word Missionary

Fr. Agustinus Fasak, SVD	Indonesia
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Religious Sisters

Sr. Van Hong Thi Nguyen MQP	Vietnam (returning student)
Sr. Xuan Thi Nguyen, MQP	Vietnam (returning student)
Sr. Ahoefa Aguessou, OLVSM	Togo
Sr. Marietha Joseph Kimaro, OSS	Tanzania
Sr. Mo Thi Nguyen, LHC-V	Vietnam
Sr. Dieu Thi Vo, LHC-V	Vietnam
Sr. Ngan Thi Mai, OP	Vietnam
Sr. Nga Thi Phan, OP	Vietnam
Sr. Luu Thi Nguyen, LHC-TD	Vietnam
Sr. Phuong Thi Vo, LHC-TD	Vietnam
Sr. Thuy Thi Pham, LHC-TD	Vietnam

Male Religious

Bro. (Andrew) Phung Van Dinh, FSC	Vietnam
Bro. Hanh Duc Nguyen, OCist	Vietnam

Diocesan Priests

Fr. Kiettisack Souvanmany	Laos
Fr. Ha Hong Hoang (Francis Xavier)	Vietnam
Fr. Kien Duc Nguyen (Joseph)	Vietnam
Fr. Djeny Joachim	Haiti

Lay Student

Leonardus Rianto De Class	Indonesia
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Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship

Divine Word College first awarded the Presidential Scholarship in 1979. This scholarship is a recognition of and an honor for students who show promise of superior academic achievement.

The Presidential Scholarship includes an annual award of up to \$3,000 renewable each year the recipient continues to meet the established guidelines. The award may result in a further discount of tuition. A maximum of two students may receive this scholarship in a single year.

Criteria for Selection: Students in the Undergraduate Program at Divine Word College are eligible to apply for the Presidential Scholarship provided they meet the following criteria:

- ▶ Applicants entering from high school must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above.
- ▶ College transfer applicants must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.50 or above.
- ▶ Applicants who have completed secondary school or college/university studies abroad must have an acceptable equivalent cumulative GPA.
- ▶ Students in the undergraduate program may apply at any time during their studies at Divine Word College provided they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

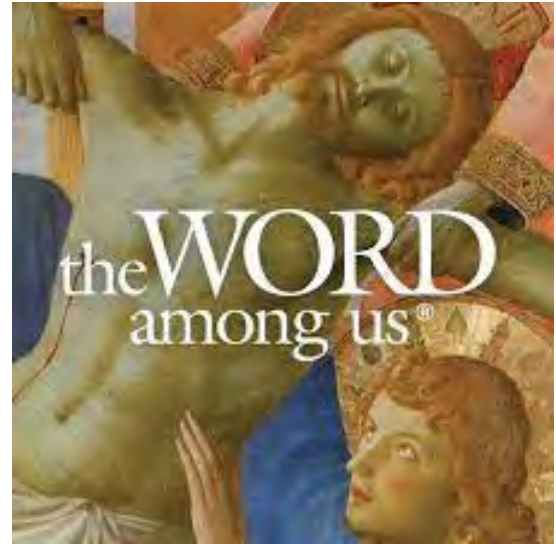
If you believe you qualify for the DWC Presidential Scholarship, please complete the application form by September 13, 2024, which you can obtain from Ms. Carolyn Waechter, the Financial Aid Coordinator. Carolyn can also answer any of your questions.



Presidential
Scholarship

The Word Among US

Returning students will recall that for the last several years an anonymous donor has made it possible for all students in seminaries in the USA to receive a free copy of The Word Among Us. For new students, this is a monthly publication that contains the daily liturgical readings with short reflections and a few other articles. The Vocation Office staff will put a copy of these booklets in every student mailbox for the month of September. There are a few extra copies in the vocation office and we placed some issues in Spanish in the Queen of the America's Chapel on the lower level. Please remember to pray for the generous benefactor that makes this resource possible for people in formation all around the country.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS
Steve Winger

Summer was our busy season!

We want to celebrate all the wonderful work that was completed this summer. Many thanks to Randy, John, Karen, Peggy and all of the student workers for their hard work.

Below is a list of some of the projects that were completed by Maintenance, Housekeeping and student workers. These are projects that are in addition to their daily duties:

- Third floor bathrooms renovated (x4)
- Weyland Art Gallery renovated
- Library-entry wall replaced, carpet, painting
- Repaired osmosis water fountain in dining room
- Converted old Art Room to Academic Resource Center
- Created new classroom in old Student Resource Room
- Added new air conditioning units and replaced old air conditioning units in classrooms
- Removed old concrete pads near hole one of the disc golf course
- Relocated book store
- Replaced carpet in Emily's office
- Moved Sandy Wilgenbusch and Emily Shedek's office
- Converted Room 004 from storage to office space
- Decluttered front porch
- Bro. Daniel's room-new blinds, paint and carpet
- Fr. Paul's room-new blinds, paint and carpet

Great job! The buildings and grounds look amazing.



 Matthew Jacoby Library

opac.dwci.edu

Library Resources and Services (For everyone on campus)

Resources

The library's website: <https://opac.dwci.edu/>. Search the catalog and research databases, log into your library account, find research assistance and answers to frequently asked questions, and much more on the library's online public access catalog (OPAC). News updates are published frequently.

The library spaces: The main library and periodicals room are open 24/7. There are communal study desks, individual study desks, and 3 lounge areas (Check out the new bean bags on the mezzanine!).

The library's stuff:

- Physical resources include books (60,000+), DVDs, journals, magazines, and newspapers.
- Online resources include eBooks (170,000+), audiobooks, journals, magazines, newspapers, and movies. Remember: Online resources can be accessed off-campus!
- Technology resources include a self-checkout machine, three computers, and a copy machine.

Partnerships with other local libraries: Students can use their DWC library card at [Dubuque County Library District](#). The local public library's physical and online resources compliment the Matthew Jacoby's academic collection.

Services

Reference: Ask a librarian anything! Reference services are in-person or virtual (email/phone) and include recommending appropriate resources, helping you find information on a topic, and teaching you how to select and use resources.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL): Get a book or an article from anywhere in the world! Interlibrary Loan services enable patrons to request books and articles that are not available at the Matthew Jacoby Library from other libraries. Find ILL request forms on the library's website: <https://opac.dwci.edu/>.

Information Literacy Sessions: Learn more about library resources! Library staff will provide information literacy sessions about a number of topics in the library or in the classroom.

New in the Library

Facilities

Over the summer the library got another facelift. Additional shelving on the mezzanine was removed to widen the walkways, two aisles were removed to create a new lounge area, a new wall and display were constructed to replace the wood panels in the entryway, and scuffed walls were repainted. Less noticeable, but equally important, were the collection management tasks. Worn, outdated, and out-of-scope books were weeded from the collection, all oversize and fragile books were moved to their own sections, and complex call numbers were simplified to facilitate discovery. All of this could not have been done without the assistance of hardworking summer student workers and housekeeping and maintenance staff.

Resources

In addition to the facilities update, new resources were added to the library.

- Over 100 new books were added (and 100s more will be added over the course of the year).
- Books in poor condition with high checkouts were replaced.
- Online resources were added, renewed, or modified.
 - 2 subscriptions to [Project Muse](#), a non-profit online database of peer-reviewed academic journals and electronic books, were added.
 - The **EBA eBook collection** includes over 100,000 eBooks from university presses and academic publishers.
 - The **Basic Research Collection** is an interdisciplinary journal collection with over 240 journal titles designed for institutions acquiring extensively in the humanities and social sciences.
 - 2 subscriptions to [JSTOR](#), a non-profit database that provides access to more than 12 million journal articles, books, images, and primary sources in 75 disciplines, were renewed.
 - EBA eBook Collection, which includes over 70,000 eBooks from university presses and academic publishers
 - All Journal and Primary Source Collection is an interdisciplinary journal collection with over 2800 journal titles. This collection provides licensed JSTOR archival journals and primary sources content in a single collection.
 - 1 subscription to [Libby](#) (formerly called Overdrive) was modified. Libby is an eBook and audiobook vendor. Books are accessible via the web and via apps for your phone or tablet. DWC is now part of the MOBIUS Shared Collection, which includes access to over **10,000 audiobooks and 14,500 eBooks**.
 - 19 subscriptions to [EBSCO](#), a powerhouse database vendor, were renewed. Big hitters include:
 - Academic Search Complete is the world's most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 8,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals and PDF content going back as far as 1887.
 - Business Source Elite provides full text for over 1,000 business publications dating back to 1985. More than 10,100 substantial company profiles from Datamonitor are also included.
 - Health Source Consumer and Academic Edition provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines.

- Newspaper Source Plus includes more than 860 full-text newspapers.
- Newswires provides near real-time access to top world-wide news from Associated Press, United Press International, CNN Wire, and Business Wire on a continuous basis.
- 1 subscription to Kanopy, a video streaming service, was renewed. Enjoy over 10,000 critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, and award-winning foreign films.



To: Faculty and Administration

From: Dr. Joshua E. Young, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: June 29, 2024

RE: Annual Faculty Professional Development Report

I am pleased to provide the Annual Faculty Professional Development Report (Attached) for calendar year 2023 as collected during Academic Year 2023-2024. The report demonstrates the commitment of Divine Word College faculty to continually improve their knowledge and skills in service of our students and our institutional mission. Thank you to all who have engaged in professional development and for the support of the DWC community. As a reminder, if faculty have completed any professional engagement that came with a certificate, please make sure to get a copy of the certificate to the Registrar.

ANNUAL FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 1 JANUARY-31 DECEMBER 2023

This Annual Faculty Professional Development Report documents professional development activities among full-time faculty at Divine Word College (DWC) over the previous calendar year, excluding adjuncts. DWC encourages and facilitates ongoing professional development for instructional faculty. Indeed, ongoing professional development is necessary for faculty to maintain “a high level of subject matter knowledge and ensures course content is current, accurate, representative, and appropriate to the position of the course within the student’s program of studies.” (DWC Policy Handbook 7.05.01) This institutional commitment is compliant with professional accreditation standards of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA):

- “The institution has processes and resources for assuring that instructors are current in their disciplines and adept in their teaching roles; it supports their professional development.” (HLC Criterion 3.C.4)
- “Faculty have experience relevant to teaching students at the postsecondary level in their areas of assignment and demonstrate an ongoing commitment to professional development.” (CEA Faculty Standard 2)

Through the VP for Academic Affairs Office, the DWC provides many opportunities and generous funding for faculty ongoing professional development at the College (Faculty Institute, Faculty In-Services, web-based training) and for external professional conferences, workshops, and webinars. All faculty are also required to complete the on-line compliance training modules through Vector and KnowB4. Reports on individual faculty compliance training completion are available separately.

Vector & KnowB4 Compliance Training—Required Modules for All Faculty

Vector Compliance Training 2023

- Diversity and Inclusion: Faculty and Staff
- Sexual Violence Awareness for Employees
- Title IX and Sexual Harassment Prevention
- Sensitivity Awareness

KnowBe4 Compliance Training 2023

- The Inside Man: Season 1 Ep 01-The New Guy (Social Engineering)
- 2023 Social Engineering Red Flags
- The Inside Man: Season 1 Ep 02-Social Hour
- The Inside Man: Season 1 Ep 03-On Our Side (Phishing Attacks)
- How to Behave: Protecting Sensitive Information

Professional Development Activities—All Faculty, Listed by Department

Department of Theology & Philosophy [DTP]

Dr. Jason Reed—Chair, Department of Theology & Philosophy; Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Professional Memberships:

- American Catholic Philosophical Society
- The Sacra Doctrina Project
- The Society of Medieval Metaphysics and Logic

Publications:

Nothing to report

Presentations:

- In April 2023, I gave a paper at the Loras College Philosophical Salons titled Contemporary Atheism and Classical Theism.
- I attended and delivered a paper at the American Catholic Philosophical Association's Annual Meeting held in Houston, TX, in November. The theme was "The Human Person." The paper was titled, "A Radical Cosmological Argument: The Real Distinction and the Problem of Uncaused Contingents."

Other:

- The American Catholic Philosophical Association's Annual Meeting held in Houston, TX, in November
- I am working on two manuscripts: A Defense of Classical Theism and An Introduction to Philosophy.

Dr. Ronald Condon—Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Professional Memberships:

- American Philosophical Association (Central Division),
- American Association of Philosophy Teachers
- American Society for Aesthetics
- Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy
- National Association of Scholars
- Heartland Virtue Ethics Network

Presentations:

Nothing to Report

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to Report

Other:

- During my sabbatical leave from January 2019-May 2019, I began writing a monograph on Wittgenstein and the revival of Virtue Ethics. Reading, writing, and research with regard to this project are ongoing.

Fr. Simon Thoi Hoang, SVD—Instructor of Theology

Professional Memberships:

- FSSD Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors

Presentations:

Nothing to report

Conferences Attended:

- SVD Local Superiors Work Shop: 18-20 September 2023, Techny Illinois. The most important takeaway from this workshop is on the self-care for individuals and communities. Self-care must include all aspects of human life, emotional, spiritual, social, etc.
- FSSD 2023 Conference: 26-29 October 2023, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland. Theme: "Holiness in the Age of the Internet." FSSD is the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors. The

most important takeaway from this conference is how to provide spiritual care for seminarians through the act of Spiritual Direction.

- RFC 2023 Conference: 9-12 November 2023, Marriott Chicago, Illinois. The Religious Formation Conference (RFC) is “a national Roman Catholic organization serving women’s and men’s religious institutes, primarily in the United States and other countries.” Amid changing times, most religious communities have been dealing with declining numbers of members, merging with other religious congregations, increasing cross-cultural living, struggling to maintain their ministries, etc. It calls for a continual ongoing dialogue among congregational leaders to find support and discern a common mission and witness of the Gospel.

Other:

- Ongoing Spiritual Direction Supervision for completion of a SD Certification at Creighton University

Rev. Akizou Kamina, SVD—Instructor of Theology

Professional Memberships:

- American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Presentations:

- "A Decolonial Approach to Interreligious Studies and Dialogue: Catholic and Muslim Perspectives" on August 18, 2023 at the World Parliament of Religion.

Conferences Attended:

- World Parliament of Religions in Chicago from August 16 to August 18, 2023

Other:

Nothing to Report

Sr. Anna Trang Mai, IHM—Instructor of Theology

Professional Memberships:

Conferences Attended:

- Religious Formation Conference Chicago IL, November 9-12, 2023 Keeping your balance, rearticulating the non-negotiables of religious life for our times walking together with an open heart, rooted in community, thriving for mission.
- The 2023 ECCE Homo Lenten Retreat on Prayer and the Pascal Mystery March 30- April 1, 2023

Presentations:

- Centering Prayers for Senior House- March 1, 2023
- Theology on Call for Colossians- October 11, 2023

Other:

- 2023 Caregiving And Aging Forum with experts discussing topics related to caregiving, depression, anxiety, and spiritual, physical and emotional healing. Feb 18, 2023
- Webinar- For Mission 2.0- Religious life in the Digital Age- March 3-4, 2023. Virtual
- Judge for St. Arnold Jansen Communication Award
- Watch Documentaries for the pre-conference of “Religious life in the digital age” The Social Dilemma, Netflix (English; dubbing or subtitles in many languages are available) 1 hr 30min & Coded Bias, Netflix (English, dubbing or subtitles in many languages are available) 1 hr 26min
- Webinar-Coping Strategies for Kids with Anxiety and Depression March 8-11, 2023
- First Semester Seminar Topic Presentation for CORE Competency 3: Intercultural Competence October 9, 2023.

Rev. Dr. Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD—Assistant Professor of Theology

Professional Memberships:

- Catholic Theological Society of America

Presentations:

- Possibility to present at the two religious sister communities about the virtue of humility

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to report

Performances, Exhibitions:

Nothing to report

Other:

- Assistant Editor, Franciscan Studies Journal
- Peer Editor, Religions Open-Access Journal
- Writing monthly articles for a monthly Vietnamese Catholic magazine “Our Lady of Perpetual Help Magazine”.
- Safe Colleges, and Vector Training

Dr. Benjamin Winter—Assistant Professor of Theology

Professional Memberships:

- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- College Theology Society
- International Medieval Sermon Studies Society

Presentations:

Nothing to report

Publications:

- Submitted final edits for monograph to CUA Press in December 2023

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to report

Other:

- Assistant Editor, Franciscan Studies Journal
- Peer Editor, Religions Open-Access Journal
- Faculty Senate Secretary

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS]

Dr. Yasmin Rioux—Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies; Assistant Professor of Communication & Writing

Professional Memberships:

- NCTE-National Council for Teachers of English
- Conference on College Composition and Communication
- CEA- College English Association
- EATAW- European Association of Teaching Academic Writing
- Delta Epsilon Iota- Academic Honor Society
- Lambda Pi Eta- National Communication Honor Society
- Sigma Tau Delta- National English Honor Society
- Alpha Chi

Presentations:

- September 2023 Drexel University Annual Assessment Conference [online]
Individual Virtual Presentation and Discussion: “From Zero to Ninety-Nine: Reflections on Restructuring an Existing Assessment Program for Improved Student Learning, Data Collection, and Accreditation at a Small Midwestern College”
- April 2023 Marquette University Social-Justice Conference “Struggle and Transformation” Milwaukee, WI/Virtual
Panel: “Examining Multilingual/International Students’ Assumptions about Writing in order to Improve Writing Pedagogy in the College Writing Classroom”

- February 2023 Conference on College Composition and Communication
Chicago, IL Poster Presentation: “Hoping and Laboring Towards Equitable Writing Pedagogies by Examining International Students' Assumptions About Writing”
- April 2023 Effects of Trauma and Pathways to Healing Workshop
Divine Word College Epworth, IA Presentation “Trauma and Expressive Writing”

Conferences Attended:

- HLC Annual Conference, Chicago, IL April 2023

Other:

- Rioux, Y. (2024). Dear Student Writer. Writing on the Edge, (Forthcoming).
- Rioux, Y. (2023). New Encounters with an Old Course: Rethinking my Composition Course Approaches for a Highly Diverse Class. College English Association Forum, 49 (2).
- Rioux, Y. (2023). Expanding our audience: Examining multilingual and diverse students' responses to place-based ecocomposition to address a global threat with a global audience. Journal of Sustainability Education, 28.

Dr. Cathleen Cleary—Assistant Professor of Biology

Professional Memberships:

- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- American Institute for the Biological Sciences (AIBS)
- Sierra Club

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to report

Other:

- In February, I received notification that the Arbor Day Foundation had approved the application that I submitted and DWC was thus named a Tree Campus USA - Higher Education. The awards ceremony for this was held on April 15, with Fr. Tom and Omar Gonzalez and me in attendance.
- The Tree Campus Advisory Committee, which I Chair, planned and implemented the April 21st Arbor Day Observance. This was a tree planting event that included a ceremony to bless the trees, an explanation of the many benefits of trees, and the tree plantings.
- In October, I served as a Guest Instructor to teach the Female Reproductive System in PSY 246 - Diversity in Human Sexuality, taught by Fr./Dr. Sam Cunningham.
- On November 7, I served as a Panelist for the Panel Discussion of Laudate Deum, an event that was open to the entire DWC community. For my contribution, I discussed the comments and statements made by Pope Francis concerning the gravity of the Climate Crisis and the science behind the causes of the crisis as well as some of the environmental markers that indicate its progression.
- In December, I submitted the application for Tree Campus USA - Higher Education 2024. I have already received notification that the application has been approved and DWC will maintain its status as a Tree Campus.
- In January, I completed a MAGNA course titled “Practical Solutions for Faculty: Flipping your Classroom”. This approach encourages students to take ownership of and engage in their own learning of course content. While this might not be the most optimal approach for teaching DWC students the sciences, the blended learning/flipped classroom can be integrated into and complement traditional face-to-face instruction. Assigned reading assignments, videos, etc., can be a focus of discussion or other activities to supplement classroom instruction, which offers variety to the traditional lecture instruction. Fortunately, I do already make use of some of these methods, although I do not rely on them to deliver entire course content.
- In February, I participated in a zoom webinar sponsored by Live Healthy Iowa called “Produce for Wellness”.

- In October, I participated in a webinar titled Designing a Roadmap to Climate Education, in the Earth Day Live event series from Earthday.org.
- In November, I took part in a 2-day virtual conference titled The Climate Crisis, Food and Agriculture, the with a general theme of regenerative agriculture, climate-smart agricultural practices and transition from conventional to regenerative agricultural practices. It also introduced the use of foods in controlling and managing some health issues, of particular interest to me as I prepare to teach Nutrition in Spring 2024.

Dr. Sam Cunningham, SVD—Assistant Professor of Psychology

Professional Memberships:

- American Psychological Association—(APA)
- APA Division 36 Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality
- APA Division 45 Society for the Study of Ethnicity, Culture and Race
- APA Division 48 Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence: Peace Psychology
- Illinois License for Clinical Psychology
- Iowa License for Clinical Psychology
- Iowa License for Health Service Provider

Publications:

Nothing to report

Presentations:

- Presentation on mental health to SVD Local Superiors. September 20, 2023
- Two-Part Workshop on the Enneagram for the Chicago Area Inter-Novitiate Program October 6 &13, 2023
- SVD Continuing Education Scholarship Awarded to Sam Cunningham, SVD, Psy.D, H.S.P during The Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference in Anaheim, CA December 12-17, 2023

Conferences Attended:

- The Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference in Anaheim, CA December 12-17, 2023

Performances/Exhibitions:

Nothing to report

Other:

Nothing to report

- Every Saturday Morning from 10 am-12pm - Co-facilitation of a Court Mandated Sex Offender Treatment Group in Spanish organized by Latino Family Services of Chicago.
- Individual, Couples and Family Therapy hours as an outreach to Spanish and English speaking people in the area. Every Thursday from 12-8.
- Development of New Courses for the College Program:
- ICS Intermediate Topics: USA: Evolution of a Nation of Immigrants, PSY 394 Cross Cultural Psychology, PSY 213 Introduction to Psychology

Dr. Evelyn Dias—Assistant Professor of Music

Professional Memberships:

- MTNA (Music Teachers National Association, National and Iowa State Chapter)
- CMS (College Music Society)

Publications:

- Piano Magazine Summer 2023 Issue, Vol 15, no. 2 (Review of Women Composers, A Graded Anthology for Piano, Book 3 edited by Melanie Spanswick)
- Piano Magazine Fall 2022 Issue, Vol 14, No. 3 (Review of 35 Petits morceaux pour piano by Various composers, published by Durand)

Conferences Attended:

- MACRO Musician's Workshop, June 16-17, 2023

Performances/Exhibitions:

- Duo Piano Masterclasses Recital at Northwestern University, July 2023. (Bilder aus Osten op. 66 by Robert Schumann and Kaleidoscope for 2 pianos by John Corigliano.)

Other:

- Self-Study: Preparing a solo piano program of single movement piano Sonatas. This includes the Sonatas of Alban Berg, Sergei Prokofiev, Alexander Scriabin, and Antonio Soler among others.
- Attended a webinar entitled “Investigations into Music Intervention Approaches in Neurology” with Dr. Borna Bonakdarpour MD and violist Clara Takarabe, CMP, May 2023

Dr. Richard Garrett—Assistant Professor of English Language & Literature

Professional Memberships:

- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- Medieval Association of the Midwest
- Romanian Studies Association of America
- Conference on College Composition and Communication
- Fulbright Association
- European Writing Centers Association

Conferences Attended:

- On March 24, 2023, I gave a virtual presentation of my paper "'What's in a Name?': Reimagining Public Spaces and Constructing Cities of Women from Christine de Pizan to Rebecca Solnit," at the Women's History Month international conference in Chisinau, Moldova. This hybrid in-person/online conference took place at Moldova State University.
- On September 28-29, 2023, I participated in the American Studies: Culture, Politics and Literature international conference in Chisinau, Moldova. This event was organized to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the American Studies Center, on the campus of Moldova State University. I was honored to be one of the two keynote speakers at the conference. My paper was titled “Academic Exchange Programs: Cross-Cultural Partnerships between Moldovan and American Students and Professors--History and Current Opportunities.”

Other:

- I was also fortunate enough to be invited to teach a translation class at Moldova State University while I was there. For this activity I was a guest lecturer for undergraduate students taking a course titled “Translating Important Texts,” wherein the students translated recently-published essays and articles from English into Russian.

Dr. Matthew Kanjirathinkal—Professor of Sociology

Professional Memberships:

- Midwest Sociological Society
- Higher Learning Commission Peer Review Corps
- Higher Learning Commission Institutional Actions Council

Publications:

- I submitted two paper proposals and they were accepted for presentation at the upcoming annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, to take place in Minneapolis, March 23 – 26, 2023. The titles of these papers are:

Presentations:

- I presented two papers at the Midwest Sociological Society's Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on March 23 – 26, 2023, and I presided over one of these sessions. The first paper was “Decolonizing Classical Sociological Theory: The Challenge of Teaching Classical Sociological Theory in a Postcolonial Context.” The second paper was titled “Voices of the Global South and the Possible Fissures in the World System: The Missing Elements of the Global North's Framing of the Ukraine War.” The sessions were well-attended, and my paper received considerable attention as it contributed to emerging research on the colonial context of the emergence of social theory and the shifting of the global system.

Other:

Participated in the following webinars:

- “Search and Generative AI.” Presented by Christian Ward, et al., June 28, 2023.
- “Achieving Safe and Compliant Generative AI: lessons from Model Risk Management.” Presented by Ramesh Dontha, et al., June 27, 2023.

- “Intuitive AI for Document Processing.” Presented by Bart Peluso, et al., July 18, 2023.
- “Conversational AI is the Experience of the Future.” Presented by Bala Maddali, et al., July 19, 2023.
- “Incorporating ChatGPT Into Our Work Process.” Presented by Anthony Medeiros, August 15, 2023.
- “The Impact of Generative AI on Writers and Writing.” Presented by Lance Cummings, August 25, 2023.
- “Unlocking the Power of AI in Content Creation.” Presented by Jason Kaufman, August 31, 2023.
- “Generative AI Prompt Creation and Management.” Presented by Patrick Bosek and Scott Abel,” September 1, 2023.
- “We Have AI: Can We Ditch Structured Content Now?” Presented by Sarah O’Keefe and Rahel Anne Bailie, ” September 13, 2023.

Bro. Brian McLaughlin, SVD—Instructor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Professional Memberships:

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Humanistic Anthropology
- Society for the Study of Religion

Presentations:

- Graduate School Workshop- presented on October 20, 2023
- Panel Presentation on Laudate Deum- delivered on Nov. 7, 2023
- Assisted with the Campus Read Program- three discussion groups in Sept. and Oct.
- Dubuque Colleges Sustainability Coalition- Nov. 8, 2023

Conferences Attended:

- SVD Superiors’ Meetings- Sept. 18-20, 2023
- International Day of Peace Lecture- Sept. 21, 2023

Other:

- Webinar on Laudate Deum- Oct. 5, 2023
- Webinar on Laudato Si- October 12, 2023

Webinar on Sustainable Food Choices- Nov. 13, 2023

Sr. Aprilia Untarto SSpS—Instructor of Psychology

Professional Memberships:

- American Counseling Association
- Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Illinois

Other:

Nothing to report

Ms. Jennifer Vess—Assistant Professor of Art

Professional Memberships:

- Exclusive Representation with Wantoot Gallery, Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

Publications:

Nothing to report

Performances/Exhibitions:

- Organized and Presented in Trauma and Healing Workshop held at Divine Word College.

Other:

- Invited Juror for 2023 Southwest Wisconsin WRAP-Teen High School Art Show - regional exhibition of high school's artwork, a program sponsored by the Association of Wisconsin Artists (AWA), University of Platteville, Nohr Gallery, Platteville, Wisconsin.
- Designed and implemented pilot for Painting II.
- Hosted artist Beatriz Ramos Rivera and displayed her paintings and ceramic works in the Weyland Art Gallery.
- Personal research: *Rift*, oil on canvas, 30”x40”

Dr. Joshua Young—Assistant Professor of Communication & English

Professional Memberships:

- National Communication Association- Basic Communication Course Division (Nomination Committee member), American Studies Division (Awards Committee chair), Argumentation and Advocacy Division, Elementary and Secondary Communication Education Division.
- Central States Communication Association (Life Member)- Communication Education Interest Group (Secretary), Basic Communication Course Interest Group, Communication Theory Interest Group
- Iowa Communication Association
- Pi Kappa Delta
- American Benedictine Academy

Publications:

- Young, J.E. & Brenneise, A. D. (2023). Presenting our wounds, healing the discipline: The problem of communication effectiveness. *Communication Education*, 72(4). 423-428. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03634523.2023.2234516>

Presentations:

- Young, J. E. & Brenneise, A. D. (2023). No Wonder They Think We're Basic Bitches: Freedom to Rename the Foundational Communication Course. National Communication Association.
- Young, J. E. & Brenneise, A. D. (2023). Freeing the Foundational Communication Course from Metaphorical Gentrification: An Analysis of the "Front Porch". National Communication Association.
- Young, J. E. (2023). Let's Go State: Communication Effectiveness at Iowa Public Colleges and Universities. Iowa Communication Association.
- Brenneise, A. D. & Young, J. E. (2023). Speak Like Us: Delivery on the Intersections of the Ideal Body in Silenced Marginalized Voices (Top Inclusive Scholarship Award and Douglas M. Trank Top Paper). Central States Communication Association.
- Young, J. E. (2023). Embodying the Public Voice: Using Public Theory to Overcome Marginalization at the Intersection of Identity (Melissa Beall Top Panel). Central States Communication Association.

Performances/Exhibitions:

Nothing to report

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to report

Other:

- Executive Producer- The Inspired Word podcast- reflections on scripture by DWC students
- I produced and authored instructional material (chapter/concept outlines; teaching activities; video examples and discussion questions) for Gehrke, P., & Foley, M. (2023). *Contemporary public speaking*. W. W. Norton & Company.

Intensive English Language Institute [IELI]

Dr. Seo Hyun Park—Director, Intensive English Language Institute, Associate Professor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- EnglishUSA
- The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation

Publications:

Nothing to report

Conferences Attended:

- Barros del Rio, M. A. & Park, S. (September 20, 2023). Handling anxiety during English language teaching practicum. Paper co-presented virtually at XIV Coloquio Internacional sobre Investigación en Lenguas Extranjeras.Other:
- Invited lectures: Introduction to American education system (February 2023), Introduction to American culture (March 2023), How to make yourself marketable in the English language teaching job market (April 2023), Teaching English pronunciation (May 2023). All taught in person in English-major classes at University of Burgos, Spain.

Ms. Jean Floyd—Senior Instructor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- TESOL (International)

Publications: Two articles for *Dialogos* (DWC Academic Newsletter)

- “ ‘Learning by Doing’ is Regaining Popularity in Multi-Level Language Learning” submitted for Dialogos on April 11, 2023. (report on a presentation attended at the English USA conference on Feb. 17, 2023)
- “The Latest Run-down on Rubrics from the ITBE Workshop” submitted on Nov. 13, 2023 and printed in Dialogos, Issue 8, November 2023. (report on a presentation attended at the ITBE Fall Workshop on Oct. 15, 2023)

Conferences Attended:

- English USA 15th Annual Professional Development Conference, “Collaborating Near & Far,” attended virtually on Feb. 17, 2023.
- TESOL (international) Conference, attended virtually on April 3-4, 2023.
- Illinois TESOL/Bilingual Ed. (ITBE) Fall Workshop, attended virtually on Oct. 14, 2023.

Other:

- Attended the Ellii webinar on Sept. 14, 2023, “Stories from the Teacher,” by Jamie Keddie.
- Attended Liz Winter’s presentation on Artificial Intelligence at DWC on Dec. 4, 2023.
- Read an article on Bridge Universe website, “Mastering the Art of Feedback for ESL Students,” by Savannah Potter.
- Read three articles from Cengage’s faculty blog, “Today’s Learner,” on the topic of AI and cheating to educate myself for the upcoming meetings on this at DWC:
- “Cheating in College Courses: An Educator Weighs in on Prevention and Response,” by Janet Mizrahi.
- “6 Ways to Identify if Students Are Using Text Spinners to Plagiarize,” by Audrey Wick.
- “ChatGPT in Higher Education: A Primer for Instructors,” by Audrey Wick.

Dr. Mark Garton—Associate Professor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- MidTESOL
- International TESOL

Presentations:

Nothing to report

Publications:

Nothing to report

Conferences Attended:

- International TESOL (Portland, Oregon) in March, 2023 –attended in person

Other:

- Personal Study-Research into the history of Iowa newspapers published in a language other than English—256 separate publications through 1973; languages include German (the most popular by far), Czech, Swedish, Norwegian, French, Italian, and Spanish.

Mr. Daniel Gheorghe—Senior Instructor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- TESOL International Association

Conferences Attended:

- Attended TESOL Convention in Portland, OR, March 2023

Publications:

Nothing to report

Other:

- Attended DWC PD Sessions
- Personal research focus on Advanced ESL Reading/Writing

Dr. Ashley Heiberger—Assistant Professor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- TESOL International
- MidTESOL
- EnglishUSA
- College English Association
- ITBE (Illinois TESOL-Bilingual Education)

Publications:

Conference Review Article for *Dialogos Academic Newsletter* Spring 2023

Conferences Attended:

- TESOL International Convention (Virtual)

Other:

- Committee Membership: IELI, IRB, JPIC, Hiring Search Committee, and Faculty Senate
- Research Study (Conducted Spring 2023)
- Article (Written Summer 2023/Currently under consideration for publication)
- Women’s History Month Virtual Presentation Organizer and Contributor through JPIC
- Host for Clarke University Education Student
- Host for Loras College Cultural Psychology Class Visit
- Attendee of DWC Faculty Institute, Faculty In-Service Development Opportunities, the Presidential Forum, Mission Sunday, and Multiple JPIC Events
- Participant/Chaperone for IELI Field Trips and for JPIC Campus/Highway Clean Up Effort

Ms. Sharon Sinton—Senior Instructor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- MIDTESOL
- MITESOL

Publications:

- Sinton, Sharon. “What Time is the Three O’Clock Parade?” *Dialogos Academic Newsletter* November, 2023. Issue 8. p. 9.

Conferences Attended:

- ITBE Virtual Conference (Illinois TESOL) "Teaching with Passion, Learning with Purpose"
Virtual Conference on Oct 21, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Other:

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- Težak, Katja. "Creative Thinking and Decision-Making Processes in EFL Creative Writing." *English Language Literature Teaching*. Vol 12 No. 2 (December 2015) pp. 161-174. doi: 10.4312/elop.12.2.161-174

Webinars

- "AI, Chat GPT, and Language Teaching." Russell Stannard, Presenter. Sponsored by Ellii Con 2023. 15 Sept 2023.
- "Best Practices for Correcting Pronunciation in the ESL/EFL Classroom." Hosted by Erin Shaw and sponsored by Bridge Education Group. 5 Dec 2022.
- "Breaking Down TESOL's Top Methodologies: Bursting the Myth that One Size Fits All." Hosted by Shellynn Riel and sponsored by Bridge Education Group. 24 Aug 2023.
- "Bring Artificial Intelligence (AI) into Your Classroom." Brent Warner, Presenter. Sponsored by TESOL. 26 Sept 2023. (90 min)

- “ChatGPT as a Learning Tool for Flipped Learning.” Nicholas Peacher, Presenter. Sponsored by Ellii Con 2023. 14 Sept 2023.

Mr. Larry Udry—Assistant Professor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- TESOL International (member since 2003)
- CALL-IS Steering Committee

Publications:

- My eBook -Created a general theme for my summer ESL classes- one that was based on the Four-T approach- themes, topics, threads and transitions, as popularized by Snow et al. The general theme was environmental awareness raising and ecology. Even though the class was mixed, I “taught to the middle.” To differentiate the learning and level differences, I created/ adapted TED-ed Lecture exercises for further listening practice. I also created quizzes in Populi on the themes of the chapters in the book. I also finalized the answer key that I will send to the publisher. I felt particularly good about the summer content class as Dr. Cleary, the biology instructor, and even some students approached me and told me that the course proved useful. Of course, this aligns with both the current core environmental focus of the college and the JPIC mission.
- CALL IS Newsletter- Edited and published three on CALL CALL-IS newsletters, found at since 2010. As Editor, I continue to serve on the Steering Committee and the EV Planning Committee and take part in the discussions on the list-serve, vetting proposals and weighing in on discussions, concerning the conference and the Interest Section. I also communicate with the Newsletter Coordinator, now Nancy Flores, at TESOL frequently. This newsletter goes out to approximately 1,200 ESL professionals worldwide. Rather than open in html here are links to the print versions of the newsletters (much less glamorous)
 - March
<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/tesolcallis/textonly/printall.php?id=tesolcallis20230227>
 - August-
<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/tesolcallis/textonly/printall.php?id=tesolcallis20230824>
 - Pending, as of this press date, it can be found here-
<http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/tesolcallis/issues/>

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to report

Other:

- CALL-IS Steering Committee Meetings and Communication- Participated in two CALL-IS Meetings that were run through Google Hangouts. These are mostly planning meetings for the upcoming year as new Chairs, Chairs, Elect and Past Chairs rotate through the CALL-IS Interest Section. The main topic of discussion is the Electronic Village.
- Bridge Webinars- Attended 3 Bridge Webinars: “English Proficiency Tests for Formative Assessment” on December 13, “English Proficiency Tests for Formative Assessment” on November 30th and “Scaffolding in the ESL and CLIL Classrooms: Steps for Success” on November 2nd.
- Clarke Student Teacher- Was observed by a Clarke student who was interested in teaching ESL. Of course, the class utilized him.
- Proposal Vetter- Vetted proposals for the Electronic Village.

Ms. Michelle Vargo—Senior Instructor of ESL

Professional Memberships:

- MITESOL: Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- MIDTESOL: Mid-America Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- MLA: Modern Language Association
- TESOL: Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

Conferences Attended:

- #ElliiCon2023: Humanity and Technology in ELT: Sticking a Balance in the Age of AI: Online Attended Conference 9/14 – 9/15/2023
- The 2022 Quizlet Unconference for Teachers: Online Attended Conference 07/25 – 26/2023

- Cambridge Academic English Conference: Online Attended Conference 02/09 – 02/09/2023

Other:

Webinars-

09/26/2023: TESOL: Bring Artificial Intelligence (AI) into Your Classroom: Webinar

7/26/2023: Modern Language Association: What AI Means for Teaching: Webinar

6/27/2023: Oxford University Press: Reading and Innovation: Connecting Minds and Going Beyond. Webinar

5/17/2023: University of Michigan Press (Michigan ELT): Readers' Choice 6th ed. Webinar

4/12/2023: Oxford University Press: Helping Learners Build Theory Vocabulary: Session 1

2/22/2023: Bridge Education Group: 21st century Schools: Help Make Your Students Employable: Live Panel

Online Workshops-

11/17/2023: Color Vowel Fridays @: What Is Accent Equity

11/3/2023: Color Vowel Fridays @: Enhancing a Lesson with Color Vowel Strategies

9/15/2023: Color Vowel Fridays @: Duet Reading with Claire Schneider

7/21/2023: Color Vowel Fridays @: What Can Teachers Do with Blue Canoe

6/23-2023: Color Vowel Fridays @: Beyond a Single Accent Model

2/3/2023: Color Vowel Fridays @: Engaging Adult Learners

Online Pronunciation Methodology Program-

- Color Vowel Level 1 Certification: Teaching Practicum Cohort 47: 04/05 – 05/03/2023 Received Certification 5/2023

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Personal Development-

- Hillsdale College Online Ancient Christianity Course

Bro. Anthony Kreinus, SVD—Instructor

Professional Memberships:

- Catholic Library Association, member: 1970-2024
- Iowa Library Association, member: 1996-2024
- Association of College & Research Libraries, member: 1996-2022

Publications:

Nothing to report

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to report

Performances, Exhibitions:

Nothing to report

Other:

- read articles from professional journals relating to my areas of responsibility in the library, i.e., serials management and interlibrary loans.
- Gave a presentation on the use of Serials and Interlibrary Loans at Divine Word College for new students.
- Kept up on new developments and instructed students (as requested) in the use of our library's electronic databases, such as, EbscoHost and WorldCat.

Ms. Elizabeth Winter—Senior Instructor

Professional Memberships:

- Iowa Library Association-Chair Information Technology Subdivision (2023)
- Iowa Private Academic Libraries
- Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium
- American Library Association
- Dubuque County Reads Project
- Koha in Iowa User Group

Conferences Attended:

- ACRL-ILA Annual Conference (May 2023)
- American Library Association Annual Conference (June 2023)
- Iowa Library Association Annual Conference October 2023, Session Moderator and Sponsor

Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth—Registrar

Professional Memberships:

- Dubuque Women's Leadership Network
- The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- Upper Midwest Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- Notary Public State of Iowa

Conferences Attended:

Nothing to report

Other:

- Annual Iowa Registrar Conference, June 2023
- IPEDS Keyholder Training

LABOR DAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 1st, 2024

8:00 A.M	Breakfast
10:00 A.M	Eucharist –Ministry Commissioning (Students involved in ministry are required to attend)
11:00 A.M	Brunch
5:30 P.M	Supper
7:30 P.M	Vespers

Monday, September 2nd, 2024

6:30am	Breakfast
8:00am	Eucharist (no language mass)
9:00am	5k Run and Walk
12:0am	Lunch—Cook out (courtyard)
5:30pm	Dinner
	No Holy Hour

HAPPY LABOR DAY