Center for Faith and Learning
“Faith and Learning Scholars” Program Description and Faculty Mentors 2017-2018 Application Form (rev. 3/9/17)

The Center for Faith and Learning facilitates the Faith and Learning Scholars Program. Faculty from all colleges of the University (see attached list) and rising sophomores who are interested in exploring and discovering the intersection of faith and learning become Mentors and Scholars sharing in a three-year long faith-learning journey together. This includes four annual dinner dialogues based on selected readings and a commitment to support students in their search for the integration of faith and reason. Rising sophomores, who are nominated and/or self-select, are invited to apply to be Scholars. Scholars who begin in Fall 2017 will conclude their experience in Spring 2020 when they graduate. To view the Scholars application, please follow this link:
http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/mission/faith_learning/scholars.html

The “Faith and Learning Scholars” program began in Fall 2011. At present the Center is facilitating three groups of scholars/mentors:

- St. Thomas of Villanova II group (40 sophomore scholars/29 mentors)
- St. Monica II group (33 junior scholars/25 mentors)
- St. Augustine II group (27 senior scholars/11 mentors)

Mentors who choose to be part of the program this year will begin the Program’s sixth group, the St. Augustine III group, with a goal of 30 sophomore scholars/25 mentors. Each group meets individually for the dinner-dialogues at Picotte Hall at Dundale, yet the Faith and Learning Scholars Program functions as one large intentional faith community usually having the opportunity to gather as a unified whole once per year at the final dinner-dialogue.

Mentors introduce students to leading scholars who have explored the vocation of the mind and the intersection of faith and learning in their writings. Faculty who elect to enter the program commit to scheduled dinner discussions that explore the intersection of faith and learning and the vocation of the mind.

- Mentors will be seated at dinner dialogues together with their mentees, encouraging exploration of ideas about the readings and fostering community
- Mentors (when possible) will be available to student scholars for discernment in their life choices
- Mentors will assess and evaluate the program

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the goal is to invite twenty-five (25) faculty members to serve as Faith and Learning Mentors, so we may offer approximately a 1-1 Scholar-Mentor ratio.
Program Design:

The Center for Faith and Learning will provide structure and oversight for a variety of mentor-scholar interactions. At a minimum, four dinners and one “Orientation” for sophomores and their Mentors are planned for each year.

- Students and faculty meet twice a semester for dinner and dialogue to discuss assigned reading relevant to the nature, purposes, and challenges of faith and learning. This is a 2 hour dinner commitment.
- Students and faculty will be encouraged to participate in other relevant campus programs as opportunities are identified, and as schedules and/or interest permit.
- Ideally, the Faculty Mentors will continue the Scholar Mentoring relationship until the student has graduated.

Program Aspiration:

The Center for Faith and Learning Faculty Mentor Program seeks to:

- support and affirm faculty whose teaching and research incorporates the intersection of faith and reason
- provide opportunities for faculty conversations concerning the vocation of the life of the mind
- invite faculty to be role models for students to interact with faculty whose teaching and research are vocational, rooted in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition

Through the intentional work of faculty, Villanova University seeks to prepare the next generation of students to integrate faith and learning into their emerging adult lives. In addition, the Center for Faith and Learning hopes to encourage young scholars to consider advanced degrees and life in the academy as a future vocation.

Resources for Mentors: [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/mission/faith_learning/mentors.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/mission/faith_learning/mentors.html)
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General Information

Title for tent card at dinner-dialogues: Dr. (if PhD) Prof. (all other degrees)

First Name: ___________________________________________ Last Name: ________________________________________________

Degree(s): _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

College: ____________________________ Department: _________________________________________________________________

Email address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Office Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone (rarely used if at all): ___________________________

Office Building: ___________________________ Room Number: ___________________________

Dietary Restrictions: No: Yes: (please describe): __________________________________________________________

I want to be a Mentor, and commit to four dinner-dialogues in the 2017-2018 academic year

Headshot Photograph for Directory – Please email a high resolution color JPEG file to
anne.minicozzi@villanova.edu

I am interested in being a Mentor and would like to meet with Beth Hassel, PBVM, DMin,
Director, Center for Faith and Learning to explore ______________________________

I am not interested at this time

I would recommend you invite the following faculty member: ______________________________

Please submit your completed application by FRIDAY, March 3, 2017 at Noon to:

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Faith and Learning Scholars Program

Faculty Mentors Cumulative List (updated 11/29/16)

2016-2017 Academic Year


- Peter Busch, PhD
- Rev. Francis Caponi, OSA
- Christopher Daly, PhD
- Denise Hanes Downey, PhD
- Tamara Kear, PhD
- Stefanie Knauss, PhD
- Bette Mariani, PhD
- Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD
- Rachel J. Smith, PhD
- Robert Styer, PhD
- James M. Wilson, PhD


- Gerald Beyer, PhD
- Elizabeth Blunt, PhD
- Camille Burge, PhD
- Adriano Duque, PhD
- Brett Grainger, PhD
- Lowell Gustafson, PhD
- Shelley Hickey, MSN, RN
- Marylu Hill, PhD
- Ronald Hill, PhD
- Kevin Hughes, PhD
- Jennifer Joyce, PhD
- Michelle Kelly, PhD
- Helen Lafferty, PhD
- Ely Levine, PhD
- Stephen Liedtka, PhD
- Meredith Mackenzie, PhD
- Michael McElwee, PhD
- Seri Park, PhD
- Alan Pichanick, PhD
- Sara Reeder, PhD
- Joanna Scholz, MA
- Mark Shiffman, PhD
- Juanita Weaver, MA
- Carol Weingarten, PhD, RN, ANEF
- Robert West, PhD

- Ruth Anolik, PhD
- Angelina Arcamone, PhD
- Rachel Baard, PhD
- Timothy Brunk, PhD
- Sarah Burke, PhD
- Kaley Carpenter, PhD
- Angela DiBenedetto, PhD
- Noël Dolan, MA
- Rosario Drago, PhD
- Jim Emig, PhD
- Fr. Allan Fitzgerald, OSA, PhD
- Kathleen Grimes, PhD
- Marta Guron, PhD
- Timothy Hanchin, PhD
- Ed Hastings, PhD
- Bonnie Henderson, PhD
- Tomás Hidalgo-Nava, PhD
- Rebeka Karrant, BA
- Linda Maldonado, PhD
- Elizabeth-Jane McGuire, PhD
- Susan Meyers, BSN, MSN, CRNP
- Constance Murphy, PhD
- Stephen Napier, PhD
- Olukunle Owolabi, PhD
- Jennifer Ross, PhD
- Barry Selinsky, PhD
- Dorothy Skaf, PhD
- James Trainer, PhD
- Jonathan Yates, PhD
2015-2016 Academic Year

St. Thomas of Villanova Group – Seniors (2013-2016):

- Christopher Barnett, PhD
- Frank Falcone, MS
- Kathryn Getek-Soltis, PhD
- Gunita Grover, PhD
- Mary Hirschfeld, PhD
- Thomas Monahan, PhD
- Rose O’Driscoll, MSN, RN
- Vito Punzi, PhD
- Dorothy Skaf, PhD
- James Trainer, PhD
- Catherine E. Wilson, PhD
- Teresa Wojcik, PhD


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- Rev. Francis Caponi, OSA
- Christopher Daly, PhD
- Denise Hanes Downey, PhD
- Karl Hefty, PhD
- Tamara Kear, PhD
- Stefanie Knauss, PhD
- Bette Mariani, PhD
- Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD
- Rachel J. Smith, PhD
- Robert Styer, PhD
- James M. Wilson, PhD

St. Monica II Group – Sophomores (2015-2018)

- Gerald Beyer, PhD
- Elizabeth Blunt, PhD
- Camille Burge, PhD
- Adriano Duque, PhD
- Brett Grainger, PhD
- Lowell Gustafson, PhD
- Shelley Hickey, MSN, RN
- Marylu Hill, PhD
- Ronald Hill, PhD
- Kevin Hughes, PhD
- Jennifer Joyce, PhD
- Michelle Kelly, PhD
- Helen Lafferty, PhD
- Ely Levine, PhD
- Stephen Liedtka, PhD
- Meredith Mackenzie, PhD
- Michael McElwee, PhD
- Seri Park, PhD
- Alan Pichanick, PhD
- Sara Reeder, PhD
- Joanna Scholz, MA
- Mark Shiffman, PhD
- Carey Walsh, PhD
- Juanita Weaver, MA
- Carol Weingarten, PhD, RN, ANEF
- Robert West, PhD
2014-2015 Academic Year

- Ronald Hill, PhD
- Kevin Hughes, PhD
- Michelle M. Kelly, PhD
- Jennifer Joyce, PhD
- Helen Lafferty, PhD
- Olukunle Owolabi, PhD
- Alan Pichanick, PhD
- Sara Reeder, PhD
- Carol Weingarten, PhD
- Jonathan Yates, PhD

- Christopher Barnett, PhD
- Frank Falcone, MS
- Kathryn Getek-Soltis, PhD
- Gunita Grover, PhD
- Mary Hirschfeld, PhD
- Thomas Monahan, PhD
- Rose O’Driscoll, MSN, RN
- Mary Pickett, PhD
- Vito Punzi, PhD
- Mark Scott, PhD
- Dorothy Skaf, PhD
- James Trainer, PhD
- Catherine E. Wilson, PhD
- Teresa Wojcik, PhD

- Gerald Beyer, PhD
- Peter Busch, PhD
- Rev. Francis Caponi, OSA
- Christopher Daly, PhD
- Brett Grainger, PhD
- Denise Hanes, PhD
- Karl Hefty, PhD
- Tamara Kear, PhD
- Stefanie Knauss, PhD
- Bette Mariani, PhD
- Daniel Mark, PhD
- Rev. Joseph Mostardi, OSA
- Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD
- Rachel J. Smith, PhD
- Robert Styer, PhD
- James M. Wilson, PhD
2013-2014 Academic Year

St. Augustine Group – Seniors (2011-2014):
- Fr. Francis Caponi, OSA
- Christine Palus, PhD
- Nancy Sharts-Hopko, PhD
- Helena Tomko, PhD
- James M. Wilson, PhD

- Ronald Hill, PhD
- Kevin Hughes, PhD
- Jennifer Joyce, PhD
- Michelle M Kelly, PhD
- Helen Lafferty, PhD
- Olukunle Owolabi, PhD
- Alan Pichanick, PhD
- Sara Reeder, PhD
- Matthew Rose, PhD
- Carol Weingarten, PhD
- Jonathan Yates, PhD

St. Thomas of Villanova Group – Sophomores (2013-2016):
- Christopher Barnett, PhD
- Jesse Couenhoven, PhD
- Frank Falcone, MS
- Kathryn Getek-Soltis, PhD
- Gunita Grover, PhD
- Mary Hirschfeld, PhD
- Tim Monahan, PhD
- Scott Moringiello, PhD
- Jane Morris, MA
- Rose O'Driscoll, MSN, RN
- Mary Pickett, PhD
- Vito Punzi, PhD
- Mark Scott, PhD
- Dorothy Skaf, PhD
- Thomas W. Smith, PhD
- Catherine Wilson, PhD
- Teresa Wojcik, PhD
2012-2013 Academic Year

  • Rev. Francis Caponi, OSA
  • Rev. Joseph L. Farrell, OSA
  • Anna Moreland, PhD
  • Christine Palus, PhD
  • David Schindler, PhD
  • Helena Tomko, PhD
  • James M. Wilson, PhD

  • Ronald Hill, PhD
  • Kevin Hughes, PhD
  • Michelle M Kelly, PhD
  • Jennifer Kissko, PhD
  • Helen Lafferty, PhD
  • Olukunle Owolabi, PhD
  • Alan Pichanick, PhD
  • Sara Reeder, PhD
  • Matthew Rose, PhD
  • Carol Weingarten, PhD
  • Jonathan Yates, PhD

2011-2012 Academic year

St. Augustine (Inaugural) Group – Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors (2011-2014):
  • Rev. Francis Caponi, OSA
  • Anna Moreland, PhD
  • Scott Moringiello, PhD
  • Christine Palus, PhD
  • Bernard G. Prusak, PhD
  • David Schindler, PhD
  • Jeanne Schindler, PhD
  • Helena Tomko, PhD
  • Michael Tomko, PhD
  • James M. Wilson, PhD