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**W**ELCOME to our inaugural Irish Education 100 special supplement of the *Irish Voice*.

It seemed a natural that we should pay tribute to the Irish who have made such an indelible mark at colleges and universities throughout both the U.S. and Canada. Our diverse compilation includes presidents and professors, trustees and administrators and everyone in between, all of whom share a common bond — a deep pride in their shared heritage.

There are Irish, it seems, in every corner of every school that we researched. And Irish Studies programs are springing up all over the country, chock full of eager students wanting to immerse themselves in all things Irish.

There really is nothing like flavoring a higher education with some Irish spice. I graduated from Adelphi University on Long Island in 1987 – the university's president, Robert A. Scott, is one of our Education 100 honorees – and was eager to learn as much about Ireland as I could.

Though the university did not have an Irish Studies program I had a very supportive professor who encouraged me in my quest to spend a year abroad at Trinity College in Dublin, assuring me that all the credits I earned there would be easily transferable so that I wouldn't lose out as far as earning my

degree on time here.

Off I went to Trinity in the fall of 1985, and it was an adventure that I will never forget. I studied Irish economics, Russian (yes, Russian!) history, Irish politics and so much more. It was an incredible year, both academically and personally, and my time in Ireland firmly solidified my affection for Ireland and the Irish that continues unabated to this day.

Our list features many educators and benefactors of Irish Studies programs that have enriched students of all different backgrounds. Here in New York, Glucksman Ireland House at New York University, founded by our honoree Loretta Brennan Glucksman and her late husband Lew, is a treasure trove of Irishness not only available for students, but for anyone who wants to partake of the many Irish cultural and social events taking place there on a weekly basis.

Congratulations to this year's Irish Education 100 honorees, who can take a bow knowing that they've made significant contributions to keeping students enlightened and eager to discover more. Education truly is the key to life!

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**DONALD E. BAIN**

**D**R. Donald E. Bain is the president of St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York.

Bain holds a BA, MA and PhD from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Following his doctoral work,

he was awarded an NEH fellowship at Yale University, and he subsequently received a graduate certificate in educational management from Harvard University.

Bain, who has been a member of the St. John Fisher College faculty since 1975, is a board member at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester, and the Rochester Business Alliance. He is also a member of the New York State Magistrates Association Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the Seventh Judicial District of New York State.

Bain traces his Irish roots to counties Kerry and Cork. He is a third generation Irish American.

Last November, he traveled to Co. Waterford, Rochester's sister city, to meet with Waterford area business leaders to explore opportunities for educational partnerships for St. John Fisher College. The college also houses number 765 of a limited edition of 1,480 facsimiles of the Book of Kells, and a Great Famine Monument that was installed on campus in 1997 by members of the local AOH.

Bain is married with two grown children.



**LORETTA BRENNAN GLUCKSMAN**

**L**ORETTA Brennan Glucksman is the co-founder and chair of the advisory board at Glucksman Ireland House at New York University. She is also one of the Irish American community's most prominent philanthropists and fundraisers through her role as chairperson of the American Ireland Fund.

A third generation Irish American who traces her roots to counties Leitrim and Donegal, Glucksman married her high school sweetheart Jack Cooney in her early twenties and had three children in quick succession, two boys, John and Christopher, and one girl, Kate. Always a working mother, she began her career as an English teacher and continued her education at Trenton

State College (now the College of New Jersey, TCN). She subsequently joined the Trenton public broadcasting TV station and became an award-winning producer.

Moving from producing to founding her own public relations firm, in 1983 she met Lewis L. Glucksman, a prominent Wall Street financier from a second generation New York Hungarian Jewish family. A second marriage for both, they wed in 1985.

Together, Lew and Loretta Brennan Glucksman founded Glucksman Ireland House, the Center for Irish Studies, at NYU, the Glucksman Chair of English and American Letters at NYU, the Glucksman Chair of Irish Studies at NYU, the Glucksman Chair of Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen, and the Lewis Glucksman Gallery at University College Cork.

The Glucksmans made a huge contribution to philanthropy in Ireland, funding various projects throughout the educational sector, most notably at the University of Limerick, Trinity College Dublin, and University College Cork. Lew Glucksman died at the age of 80 in July 2006.

Glucksman has been the recipient of many awards for her philanthropic, cultural and educational work. She received an honorary doctorate from Trinity College Dublin in 1997; an honorary CBE for her contribution to the Northern Irish peace process in 2002; an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland in 2005; and most recently an honorary doctorate from the National University of Ireland in 2007.

Glucksman has been honored by the University of Scranton and Fairfield University with honorary doctorates, and has been an honorary member of the Royal Irish Academy since 2004.



**DYMPNA BOWLES**

**D**YMPNA Bowles is dean for curriculum and instruction at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York. She has been at FIT since 2001.

Bowles facilitates the development

and approval of new degree programs and curricula and oversees the assessment of general education.

As dean, she has responsibility for faculty development and the Teaching Institute, and supervises the Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET), a state-of-the-art technology training facility for faculty.

Before joining FIT, Bowles was director of planning at John Jay College in New York for six years, after having served as director of both faculty development and family college in the City University of New York's (CUNY) Office of Academic Affairs. While at CUNY, she also directed the university's system-wide efforts in articulation and transfer among the 19 CUNY colleges.

Previous to her administrative positions, Bowles was an assistant professor at Brooklyn College.

A native of Belfast, Bowles received a bachelor's degree from St. John's University, a master's from Fordham and a doctorate in linguistics and reading from Columbia University Teachers College.

Bowles also serves as chair of the CUNY Institute for Irish American Studies advisory board.



**SISTER MARGARET CARNEY**

**S**ISTER Margaret Carney is the 20th president of St. Bonaventure University in western New York.

Since the beginning of her presidency, St. Bonaventure has invested approximately \$25 million in seven major projects on the 500-acre campus. She is also a driving force in the Anniversary Campaign for St. Bonaventure University, which

has raised more than \$82 million in pledges and commitments toward the \$90 million goal.

Carney serves on the board of the Council of Independent Colleges of New York and the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities. She is newly appointed to the board of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities and is a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference's Council of Presidents. She also serves on the Secretariat for the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition.

Carney received her doctorate in theology in Rome in 1988, becoming the first woman to graduate from the Franciscan University of Rome at the doctoral level. She studied in Europe after completing master's degrees in theology at Duquesne University and Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure.

She has lectured extensively both in the U.S. and abroad and served for eight years as the general minister of her religious congregation, the Sisters of St. Francis of Whitehall, Pennsylvania. The congregation serves in the U.S., Brazil, Lithuania and Bolivia.

Carney holds five honorary doctorates and is the recipient of a number of other honors.

Her maternal grandparents were natives of counties Cork and Sligo, while her paternal grandparents hailed from Co. Mayo.



**CLARE CARROLL**

**C**LARE Carroll is a professor at Queens College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York in Queens.

She received her degrees from Queens College, and is a member of the American Conference for Irish Studies, a scholarly organization with approximately 800 members in the U.S., Ireland, Canada and other countries around the world.

Carroll was a Fulbright Fellow at Trinity College in Dublin; an American Cultural Institute Fellow at the National University of Ireland, Galway; and a visiting distinguished scholar in Irish Studies at Concordia University in Montreal.

Carroll's grandparents were natives of Co. Mayo.

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**JAMES E. COLLINS**

**J**AMES E. Collins began his term as the youngest president of Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa on June 1, 2004. Collins obtained a bachelor's degree in finance from Loras in 1984 and a master of arts degree in higher education from the University of Iowa in 2004.

After graduating from Loras, Collins returned to campus as an admissions representative, and in his 25 years of service to the college has held positions as director of special projects, director of alumni and college relations, interim director of development, assistant to the president and vice president for institutional advancement. In 1999, he was appointed the college's senior vice president.

As president, Collins has spearheaded one of the strongest periods of achieve-

ment in the college's 170-year history. Under his leadership, the college enrolled the highest quality first year class in the school's history, received a record number of applications from prospective students and, achieved its highest ranking to date by *U.S. News and World Report* (12th among 319 Midwest baccalaureate colleges and universities).

On the national level, Collins currently serves on the board of directors for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. He is also a member of the Council of Independent Colleges.

In Iowa, he is a member of the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce Board of Directors, the Iowa College Foundation (Executive Committee), the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (Presidents' Council), and the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (Executive Committee).

An active member of the Dubuque community, Collins serves on the United Way Cabinet, Greater Dubuque Development Corporation (Executive Committee), and the Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation.

He has served on the board of education at the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and on the boards of the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement. He has also been a member of the development councils for Mercy Hospital and Stone Hill Retirement Center.

Collins and his wife, Lisa, reside in Dubuque with their six children.



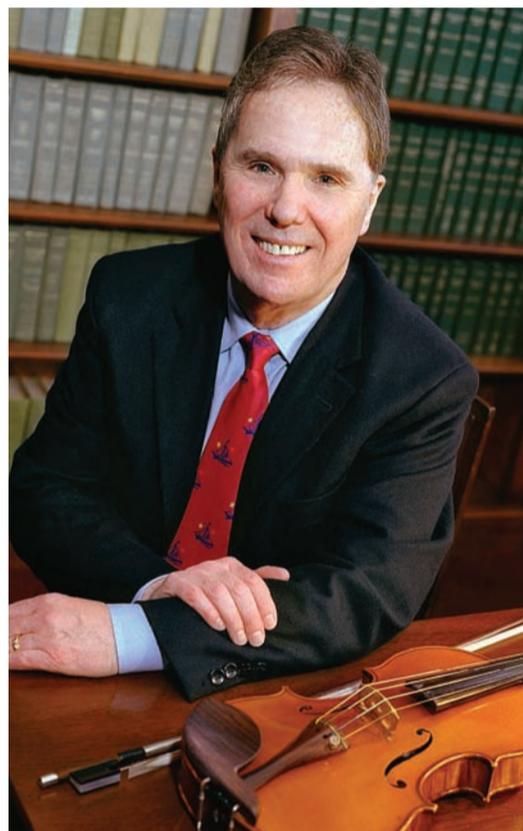
**DANIEL F. COLLINS**

**D**ANIEL F. Collins is a division vice president of corporate communications at Corning Incorporated in Corning, New York. He is also a member of the board of trustees at St. Bonaventure University in western New York, serving as chair of the Marketing Committee, and a member of the Technology and Student Affairs committees.

Collins, married with two children and a graduate of St. Bonaventure, was named 2005 Alumni of the Year at St. Bonaventure's School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

He is a past president of the National Alumni Board, (1998-2002) at St. Bonaventure.

Collins is a former member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He traces his Irish roots to counties Tipperary and Cork.



**SEAMUS CONNOLLY**

**S**EAMUS Connolly, a native of Skillaloe, Co. Clare, is the Sullivan Artist in Residence at Boston College.

He also directs the college's Irish Studies' music and dance programs.

At the request of the Boston branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Connolly agreed to teach and pass on to American-born students the various regional styles of Irish fiddling. Some of his better students qualified to compete in the Irish National Music Championships.

One of his students won first place in the under-18 fiddle category, a competition Connolly had won 25 years earlier. He has won the Irish National Fiddle Championship, 10 times, and has been inducted into the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Hall of Fame in 2002.

In 1999 he was named one of *Irish America* magazine's Top 100 Irish Americans. Connolly has performed throughout the world and on NPR and the *Today* show, as well as on Irish radio and television.

He has two solo CDs, *Notes From My Mind* and *Here and There*.



**ROBERT A. CORRIGAN**

**I**N the 34 years since he left the university classroom as a tenured professor of English and American Civilization for higher education administration, Robert A. Corrigan has led two major urban universities for a total — to date — of 28 years and achieved nation-

al recognition as an urban university leader.

At the University of Massachusetts, Boston, where he served as chancellor from 1979-88, and at San Francisco State University (1988), he has made community service and civic engagement the hallmarks of his campuses.

He is a leader in the major movements of American higher education in last several decades, opening up universities to a far more diverse student population; bringing many more women and people of color onto the faculty; promoting service learning, and embracing higher education's responsibility to, as he has said, "educate hearts as well as minds."

Corrigan is recognized in the national higher education community, the California State University system, and the Bay Area civic and business community as a leader and active participant in Bay Area affairs.

He received a bachelor's degree from Brown University and both his master's and doctoral degrees in American civilization from the University of Pennsylvania.

He traces his Irish roots to Innisfallen, Co. Kerry.



**MICHAEL COSGROVE**

**M**ICHAEL Cosgrove is the president/CEO of mutual funds

for GE Asset Management in Stamford, Connecticut, and a trustee at Fordham University in the Bronx, from where he received a bachelor of science degree in economics.

Cosgrove also received a master's from St. John's University, and a graduate certificate from Dartmouth.

Cosgrove is responsible for GE's global mutual funds and sub-advisory business, including distribution, product development and servicing in the variable annuity, qualified plans and advisory markets. He has amassed a number of awards and honors, including Man of the Year from Education Through Music, and Man of the Year from Good Counsel Academy.

A member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York, Cosgrove's father is a native of Co. Leitrim. A maternal grandmother hailed from Co. Cavan.

Cosgrove is married with two children.



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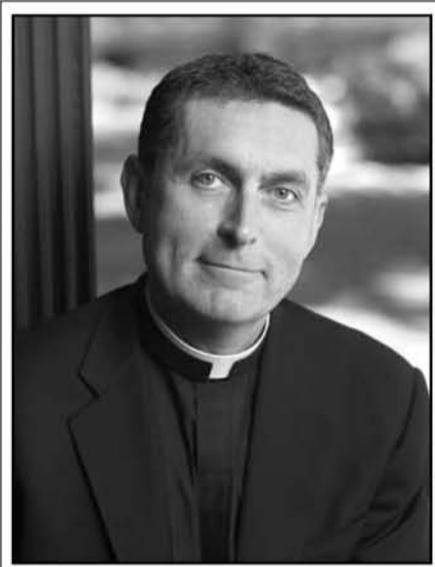
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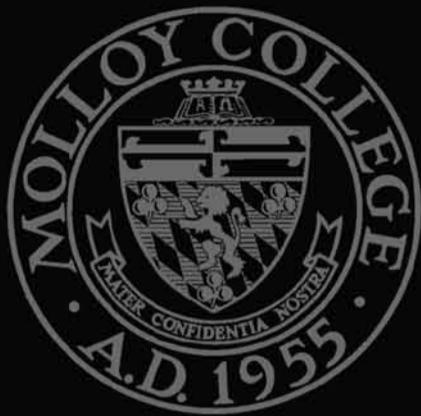
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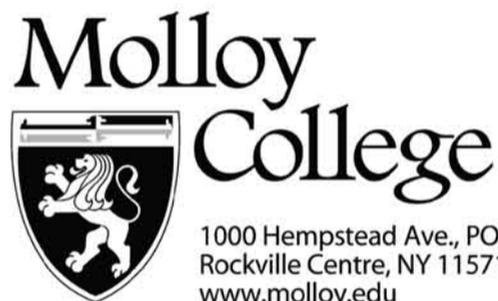
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## Oral History Project

As part of its new Irish Studies Institute, Molloy College has begun interviews for its Oral History Project. Through this project, the goal of the Institute is to leave a lasting audio testimonial to the rich Irish history that helped to shape Long Island and the surrounding greater New York area.

If you or someone you know has a story to tell, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Catherine Muscente, Molloy College's Director of Development, at 516.678.5000 ext. 6218 or via e-mail at [cmuscente@molloy.edu](mailto:cmuscente@molloy.edu) with brief information about the person you are recommending.

**For information about the Irish Studies Institute at Molloy College or for a schedule of classes and events, visit [www.alumni.molloy.edu](http://www.alumni.molloy.edu)**



**SISTER JOANNE COURNEEN**

**S**ISTER JoAnne Courneen, RSM, is a trustee at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania. She is also a member of the leadership team of the newly created Sisters of Mercy New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community.

An elementary education major and member of the former cadet teacher program, Courneen graduated from Mercyhurst in 1964.

After joining the Sisters of Mercy, she spent the first years of her religious life teaching and later serving as principal at St. Luke School in Erie.

Following final profession, she moved on to Mercyhurst Preparatory School in Erie as a math teacher and assistant principal.

Her summers were spent in Washington, D.C., working in a women's shelter. That experience led to her next ministry, five years working full time at SOME (So Others

Might Eat), a Washington neighborhood center serving the homeless elderly.

Returning to Erie, Courneen joined the Catholic Schools Office as director of special programs. During four years there she helped parochial schools utilize state and federal aid, such as textbook loan programs, and supervised the beginnings of a computer program for Catholic schools.

Then she returned to Mercyhurst Prep to become its first president. She remained there for nine years until she succeeded Sister Maura Smith as president of her religious community.

In 2004, when Courneen's term as president ended, she set her sights on her first overseas post — the Mercy International Center on Baggot Street in Dublin. Established in the first House of Mercy founded by Catherine McAuley, it houses the order's archives and is a retreat center where members and associates of the Mercy order can go for programs on the group's founding spirit.

Though she applied for a job as heritage director, she was encouraged instead to become finance director. It was a new focus for her, but one she came to enjoy greatly — along with the opportunity to interact with people from all over the world.

Courneen could have remained in Dublin for another two-year term, but decided that was too long to stay away from her home community. In fall 2006, she returned to Mercyhurst and a position as director of the Mercy Institute.

A year later, she moved to Buffalo to join the leadership team of the newly created Sisters of Mercy New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community.

Curran received a bachelor of science in sociology from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, and a master of arts in sociology from Temple University in Philadelphia. He received a doctor of philosophy from the University of Delaware.

Curran was named president of the University of Dayton in 2002. Prior to that, he held various executive and teaching positions at St. Joseph's.

Among the honors he has received are the Brother Bartholomew A. Sheehan, SJ Award, from St. Joseph's in 2002, and the Outstanding Contribution Award in International Scholarly Exchange from the Chinese Society for Juvenile Delinquency Research in 2002. He was also awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award, Department of Criminology from the University of Melbourne in 1990.

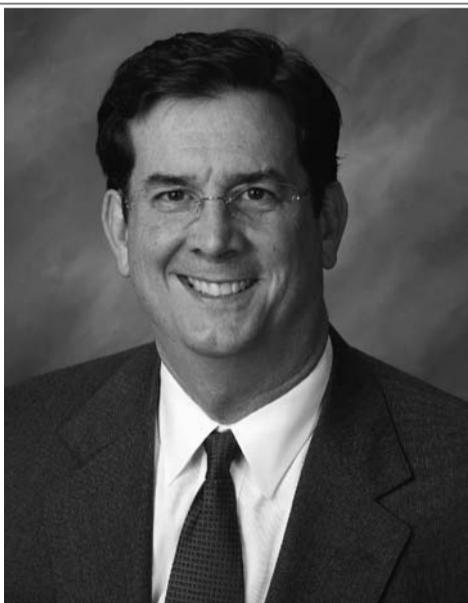
Curran, who is married with two children, has a grandfather who hailed from Fethard, Co. Tipperary.

in 1975 from the University of California, Santa Cruz, a master's from UCLA in 1977, and a master's from Harvard in 1978 in Celtic languages and literatures. Doan received a PhD from Harvard in folklore and Celtic studies in 1981.

Doan is president of the South Florida Irish Studies Association and a member of the American Conference for Irish Studies.

Doan traces his Irish heritage to the Burkes and O'Neills from Connaught and Ulster in the 18th century.

Doan has published a number of papers and presented at numerous conferences in the area of Irish studies. He founded the South Florida Irish Studies Association and co-founded an Irish studies minor at Nova Southeastern University. He is active in the Irish community in south Florida.



**DANIEL J. CURRAN**

**D**R. Daniel J. Curran is the president of the University of Dayton in Ohio.



**JAMES DOAN**

**J**AMES Doan is professor of humanities at the College of Arts and Sciences of Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

He received a bachelor of arts degree



**FATHER MARK T. CREGAN**

**F**ATHER Mark T. Cregan, C.S.C., is president of Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts.

Whether working in the Bronx as a pastor or serving Stonehill as president, Cregan's career has been intertwined with education. As the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in the Bronx, he was responsible for oversight of schools and he directed many students from there to his alma mater, Stonehill College.

At Stonehill, he is a leader in Catholic higher education in the U.S. and lives out his congregation's mission of being an "educator in the faith" with distinction.

Cregan, who traces his Irish roots to Co. Kerry through his father, was presented with the Irish Cultural Centre's Partner of the Year Award in 2001. He is supportive of the college's vibrant Irish Studies program.

Cregan is the ninth president of Stonehill College. A 1978 graduate of the college, he took office in 2000. Since becoming president, Cregan has worked diligently on several key fronts.

Before being appointed president of Stonehill, Cregan served as the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, a large inner-city parish in the Bronx.

Cregan holds a master of divinity degree from the University of St. Michael's College at the Toronto School of Theology (University of Toronto). He is a former member of the board of trustees at the University of St. Michael's College.

Cregan also holds a JD from Brooklyn Law School. He is licensed to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court, in the state of New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, the U.S. district courts for the districts of Puerto Rico and Massachusetts, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit.

Cregan joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1975 and was ordained a priest in 1983.



**MARY A. DEMPSEY**

**M**ARY Dempsey has served as commissioner of the Chicago Public Library since 1994. The library is com-

prised of 1,300 employees in 79 neighborhood locations.

Under her direction, 40 new libraries have been constructed. Starting this year, construction on the first of 16 additional libraries began.

Also under her direction, all libraries have been equipped with state of the art technology including free desktop and WiFi access to the Internet; access to more than 80 online databases; rich book collections; and innovative reading and educational programs. Dempsey holds a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University, a master's from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a JD from DePaul University.

She serves as chair of the board of trustees of DePaul University and is a past chair of the Urban Libraries Council.

Dempsey and her husband, attorney Philip Corboy, live in Chicago.



**MICHAEL J. DOLAN**

**M**ICHAEL J. Dolan, senior vice president for the Exxon Mobil Corporation in Irving, Texas, traces his Irish ancestry three generations ago to Co. Cork.

Dolan joined Mobil Oil Corporation in 1980 at the Paulsboro, New Jersey, research laboratory. Over the next 13 years, he worked in a variety of engineering and managerial positions supporting Mobil's worldwide refineries.

Following the Exxon and Mobil merger, in 2000 Dolan became the Middle East and Africa regional director of Exxon Mobil Chemical Company located in Brussels, Belgium. In 2001, he moved to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where he served as executive vice president for Exxon Mobil Saudi Arabia.

He returned to the U.S. in 2003 as deputy to the president of Exxon Mobil Refining and Supply Company in Fairfax, Virginia.

From September 2004, he was president of Exxon Mobil Chemical Company and vice president of Exxon Mobil Corporation until his appointment as senior vice president in April 2008.

Dolan is a member of the board of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council, the U.S.-China Business Council and the American Petroleum Institute. He is on the board of trustees of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Massachusetts.

A native of Massachusetts, Dolan earned a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from WPI and a master of business administration degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He is married with four children.

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### FATHER PETER M. DONOHUE

FATHER Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., officially became the 32nd president of Villanova University in 2006.

Donohue, who was chair of the theater department at Villanova, is an award-winning director who is well-known in Philadelphia's world of theater and the arts.

In 2002, Donohue became the first Augustinian priest to win a Barrymore Award, the Harold Prince Award for Outstanding Direction of a Musical, for *Chicago*. His production of *Parade* garnered *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* 2004 Theatre Critic's Award as one of the 10 best plays of the 2003-04 season

In addition to these awards, he received the American College Theatre Festival Certificate of Merit for direction of a musical 11 years in a row.

A Villanova graduate who began his studies for the priesthood at the university, he received his bachelor's degree in 1975, with a concentration in theater and communication arts, and was ordained a priest four years later.

In 1983, Donohue earned a master's degree in theater from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Two years later he received a master's degree in divinity from the Washington Theological Union in Silver Spring, Maryland.

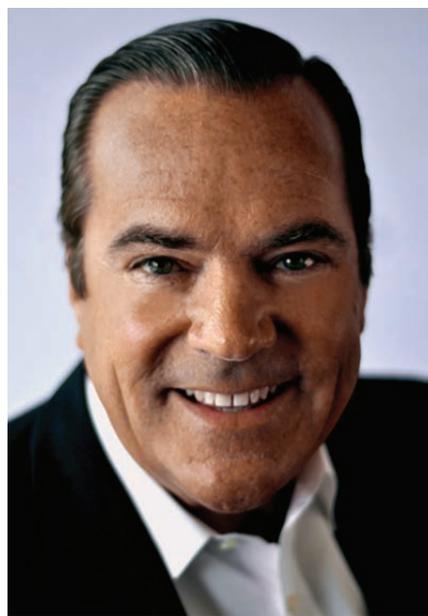
In 1988, Donohue began his doctoral studies in theater at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, and received his PhD in 1992.

His dissertation topic, "Shozo Sato and the Interculturation of Kabuki and Western Theater," reflected an interest he had developed in this classic Japanese form.

In 1990, he was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, which is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Donohue first joined the faculty of Villanova University in 1985 as an instructor in the theater department. He left to pursue his doctoral studies in 1988 and returned in 1992. He was awarded tenure in 2005.

An associate professor, Donohue combined teaching, directing and performing while chair of the theater department.



### JOHN J. DOONER

JOHN J. Dooner is the chairman and CEO of McCann Worldgroup based in New York. McCann is one of the world's largest advertising agency networks.

Dooner earned a bachelor's degree from St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens. He is a member of the board

of Trustees of St. Thomas, and played a key strategic role in the university's academic renewal, including restructuring and rebranding the university and its schools.

Dooner traces his Irish ancestry to Co. Clare, where his grandparents hailed from. He is a trustee of the Ireland Council of the University of Notre Dame and a board member of Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at Notre Dame.

He is also a member of the American Irish Historical Society in New York, and of the Ireland-U.S. Council for Commerce and Industry.

Since taking on the leadership of McCann Erickson in 1992, Dooner has been credited in the industry for advancing the creative and overall quality and reputation of the company, for driving an extraordinary new business record, and for reinventing and expanding the range and vitality of communications competencies offered.

He has been honored with the National Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee, and named East Coast Executive of the Year by *Adweek* magazine.

Dooner is married with two children.



### CHARLES J. DOUGHERTY

DR. Charles J. Dougherty was elected president of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in May 2001. His contract was recently and unanimously extended through June 30, 2016.

Dougherty is a nationally recognized scholar and expert in health care ethics, and has served on numerous health care advisory commissions and projects. Most recently,

He is a member of the board of directors of UPMC Mercy Hospital, where he chairs

the Ethics Committee; the Senator John Heinz History Center; the Allegheny Conference on Community Development; and the Urban League of Pittsburgh. He also serves on the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania and the President's Committee of the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education.

Dougherty has published extensively on ethics and health care. His works on these topics include two books published by Oxford University Press and more than 50 scholarly articles.

He received master's and doctorate degrees in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1973 and 1975, and his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Bonaventure University in 1971.

Dougherty came to Duquesne from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He served as academic vice president from 1995 to 2001 and as acting president of Creighton in the summer of 2000.

Dougherty joined the Creighton faculty in 1975, and chaired the department of philosophy from 1981 to 1989.

He also has held faculty appointments in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and nursing, and served as the first director of the Creighton Center for Health Policy and Ethics from 1988 to 1995.

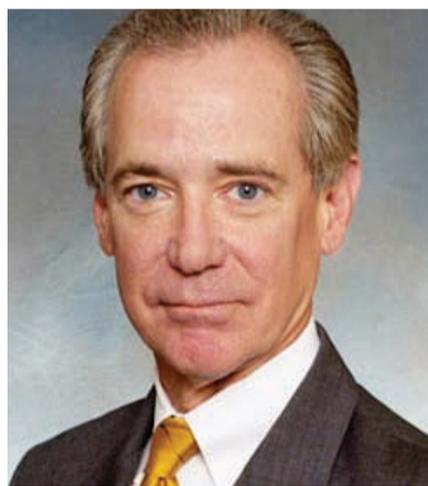
Finnegan received degrees from Stonehill and Boston College, a master's in education from Harvard and a PhD from Florida State University.

Finnegan has been the driving force behind Irish studies at Stonehill College. As a teacher, scholar, and author, he is a respected professional who has contributed significantly to the academic life of the college and to the overall field of Irish studies.

He is a member of the Eire Society, the Boston Irish Charitable Society, Irish Chamber of Commerce USA, the Irish Cultural Centre of New England and the American Conference for Irish Studies.

Married with three children, Finnegan has a grandfather who hailed from Co. Roscommon, and a grandmother from Co. Kerry.

Finnegan has written extensively on Irish business, law, politics and culture.



### WILLIAM B. EIMICKE

WILLIAM B. Eimicke is currently the deputy fire commissioner for strategic planning and policy at the Fire Department of the City of New York.

He is on public service leave from his position at Columbia University as the executive director of the Picker Center for

Education of the School of International and Public Affairs. The center runs the school's Executive MPA program, university partnerships and non-degree professional training programs.

As a public servant, Eimicke previously served in various executive positions in New York State and New York City under Governor Mario Cuomo and Mayor Edward Koch. He also served as a consultant on Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review.

He is the author or co-author of six books and numerous articles and technical reports. He also co-founded the Northern Ireland Peace Builders/ Community Builders Program.

Eimicke is a graduate of Syracuse University and holds a master's and PhD from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

He previously taught at Syracuse University, Indiana University, Russell Sage College, the State University of New York at Albany, and Baruch College of the City University of New York.



### JAMES W. FLANNERY

DR. James W. Flannery is the Winship professor of arts and humanities at Emory University in Atlanta. He is also the director of the W.B. Yeats Foundation in Atlanta.

Flannery came to Emory in 1982 to found the university's theater program. He has been called "Irish America's Renaissance Man" because of his multiple talents as a producer, stage director, singer, scholar, critic and teacher.

He holds a bachelor's (Phi Beta Kappa) from Trinity College in Hartford, a master of fine arts from the Yale School of Drama and a PhD from Trinity College Dublin.

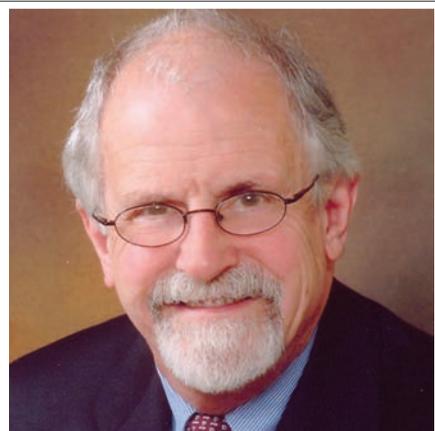
Flannery has been awarded honorary doctorates from Trinity College Hartford and the University of Ulster. He also received the Wild Geese Award for Outstanding Contributions to Irish Culture, and the Governor's Award in the Humanities from the state of Georgia for his activities promoting the Celtic heritage of the American South.

From 1989 to 1993, the Yeats Foundation sponsored, with the help of the

Coca-Cola Company, the Yeats International Theater Festival at the Abbey Theater in Dublin. Under Flannery's direction, the festival featured productions of 15 of the poet's one-act plays.

As a singer, Flannery is recognized as one of the foremost interpreters of Irish song, especially the amhran mór or art song tradition based on the achievements of the ancient bards and harpers of Ireland.

Listed in "Who's Who in America," Flannery has five times been named by *Irish America* magazine as one of the Top 100 Irish Americans.



### RICHARD B. FINNEGAN

RICHARD B. Finnegan is a professor and chair of the political science department at Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts.



**CHARLES L. FLYNN**

**D**R. Charles L. Flynn is president of the College of Mount St. Vincent in Riverdale, New York. He was appointed to the position in 2000.

Flynn received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College in Massachusetts, and a master's and PhD from Duke University. He traces his

Irish ancestry to Co. Clare.

Flynn joined Mount St. Vincent from Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he was the provost / dean of faculty. Previously, he was the associate provost of Adelphi University in Garden City, New York for two years, and vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College at Hanover College in Indiana from 1989-1994.

An historian, Flynn has taught on the faculties of several colleges, including Washington and Jefferson College and Denison University.

Flynn is the author of *White Land, Black Labor: Caste and Class in the Late Nineteenth Century Georgia* (LSU, 1983), and co-editor of an award-winning volume entitled *Race, Class, and Politics in Southern History: Essays in Honor of Robert F. Durden* (LSU, 1989), as well as numerous articles.

He currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Grace Institute in Manhattan and the Bronx Task Force on Historic Preservation.

Flynn was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by the governor of Indiana in 1992, and a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky in 1991, both in recognition of his public service.



**CHRISTOPHER FOX**

**C**HRISTOPHER Fox is a professor at the University of Notre Dame,

and director of the university's Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies.

Fox received a bachelor's degree in English from Cleveland State University, and a master's and PhD in English from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Fox has received the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service from Notre Dame. He has also been named to *Irish America* magazine's Top 100 Irish American list.

Fox received a Distinguished Dissertation in the Humanities and Fine Arts Prize from SUNY-Binghamton. He is a co-founder of the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies.

Fox traces his Irish heritage back to the 18th century. He and his wife Judith have four children, Geoffrey, Sean, Annie and Ashley.



**TONY GANNON**

**T**ONY Gannon is the director of education at Space Florida in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Gannon developed the Science Challenge concept at the Kennedy Space Center on behalf of Irish employment agency FAS, and later expanded the program to Houston

and other locations throughout the U.S.

In 2002, while working at the Kennedy Space Center, he approached then Irish Education Minister Noel Dempsey to support his dream of having Irish students study and work in areas of aerospace and life sciences research in the U.S. The first Florida internship took place at the Space Life Sciences Lab at Kennedy in 2002.

In 2003, the program expanded and a team of 12 Irish graduates spent 10 weeks at Kennedy Space Center. Towards the end of the program, the students launched a rocket into space.

Also in Florida, Gannon formulated a program for Irish technicians that was based on green/clean energy and conservation methodologies. The last two programs under the direction of the Florida Solar Energy Center were very successful, and almost 40 Irish technicians became certified in wind turbine technology and other green initiatives.

Gannon, a native of Dublin, received a bachelor's degree from University College Dublin.

He is an advisor in the Florida Office of Math and Science.



**JAMES PATRICK FOLEY**

**J**AMES Patrick Foley is the executive vice president of the University of Montana in Missoula. He received his bachelor of science degree from St. John's University in Minnesota.

Foley works directly for university President George Dennison, and over-

sees the Montana Museum of Art and Culture's operations as well as university relations, the broadcast media center and the university's branding and marketing.

He came to the university in August 2005 after working as the staff director for Congressman Pat Williams, and Montana chief of staff for U.S. Senator Max Baucus. He also worked for the Montana governor's office and state Department of Labor and Industry from 1977 to 1983.

In 2007 Foley received the Barbara Hollmann Administrator of the Year Award from the Associated Students of the university. "Vice President Foley embodies the true spirit of the award. His openness and flexible attitude have always been conducive to building greater understanding between ASUM and UM administrators. He was willing to work with various individual students and student groups to listen to their concerns," said the students.

Both of Foley's maternal grandparents hailed from Co. Cork. His mother's maiden name was O'Neill.



**LORI MEGHAN GALLAGHER**

**L**ORI Meghan Gallagher is the director of the Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. She has served in that position since the center opened in January 2003.

As director, Gallagher oversees the Irish studies academic program, which consists of an undergraduate minor program and a graduate concentration in the master in liberal arts program, and the Ireland study abroad program. The university offers five to six interdisciplinary Irish Studies courses each semester.

Additionally, she is a lecturer at the university on historical and political perspectives on Irish law and culture, the Northern

Ireland peace process, the Irish American experience and contemporary Ireland.

In developing the Northern Ireland peace process course, Gallagher has worked directly with William J. Flynn, chairman emeritus of Mutual of America Insurance Company in New York, who played a significant role in facilitating the peace process.

Gallagher served as the chair of the American Conference for Irish Studies Southern Regional Conference, which the University of St. Thomas hosted on February 24-26, 2005.

She also is a director of the Irish Society, a local non-sectarian, non-partisan cultural group that was instrumental in the creation of the Center for Irish Studies at the university and that co-sponsors many Irish cultural events with the center.

Before joining the university, Gallagher was the partner-in-charge of the appellate section of the Houston-based international law firm of Andrews Kurth LLP. She practiced law full-time with Andrews Kurth for 18 years until she joined UST in 2002.

Gallagher is a fourth-generation Irish American whose family immigrated to America in the 1860s from Donegal. She received her undergraduate degrees in English and journalism as well as her JD from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She received a postgraduate diploma in Anglo-Irish literature from Trinity College Dublin on a Rotary Foundation Scholarship.



**BROTHER RICHARD GILMAN**

**B**RROTHER Richard Gilman, C.S.C., is president of Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Indiana.

Gilman graduated summa cum laude as class valedictorian from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physics in 1965. He attended Harvard Graduate

School of Education on a National Science Foundation fellowship, receiving the M.A.T. degree in 1966.

He was an instructor in pure and applied mathematics and physics at St. Augustine's College in Cape Coast, Ghana until 1974, after which he began a 17-year period of distinguished service at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, having served the last six years of that tenure as president and principal.

Gilman also has studied at St. Louis University (1971), the University of Akron (1974-75, 1980), Georgetown University (1976), and was a member of the Woodrow Wilson Institute at Princeton University, where he studied in 1985. He received a doctorate in higher educational administration from the University of Dayton.

In 1991 he was named he third president of Holy Cross College.

Gilman is a founding member and past chairman of Corvillia, a not-for-profit group providing residential services for developmentally disabled children and adults. He also currently serves on the board of trustees of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.



### JOHN GLEESON

**J**OHN Gleeson, a native of Dublin, is the co-director of the Center for Celtic Studies at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, from where he also received his degrees.

Gleeson was instrumental in setting up the Center for Celtic Studies. Its Irish

language program was the first in the U.S. to be recognized by the Irish government in the form of a grant from the Department of Gaeltacht, Community, and Rural Affairs.

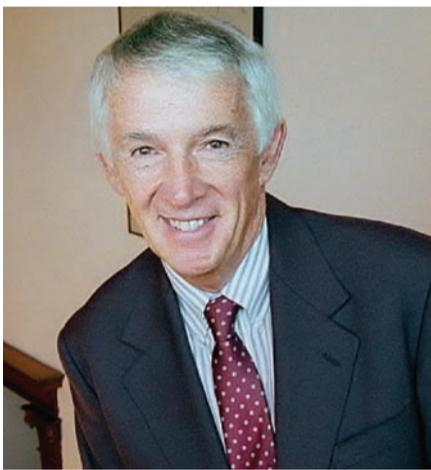
The center received additional recognition in terms of an historic official visit from President Mary McAleese in 2006.

The center offers courses in archeology, dance, film, folklore, history, literature and music as well as an extensive study in Ireland program.

Gleeson is a member of Milwaukee Irish Arts, the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin, the Irish Immigrant Service of Milwaukee and the Irish Cultural Heritage of Wisconsin Center.

Among his notable achievements are being named Wisconsin Irish Man of the Year; a member of *Irish America* magazine's Top 100 Irish Americans, and the Wisconsin Scottish Celtic Person of the Year. He is also vice president of the Paddy Clancy Scholarship Fund.

Gleeson is married with two children.



### THOMAS E. HACHEY

**T**HOMAS E. Hachey is a professor of history and executive director of the Center for Irish Programs at Boston College.

Hachey received a PhD from St. John's University in New York, and conducted his post-doctoral studies at the University of London.

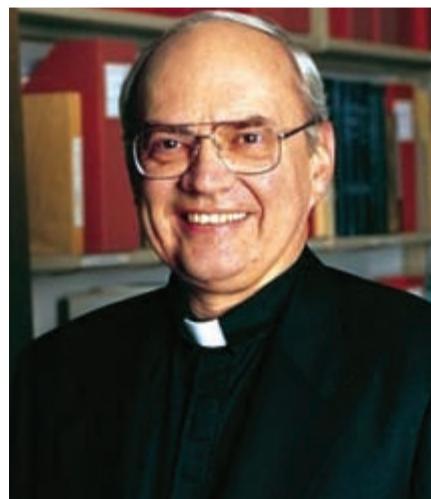
Hachey oversees all of Boston College's Irish initiatives, including the Irish Studies program, the Irish Institute, the Burns Library Irish Collections, the Center for Irish Programs-Dublin and the Irish Music Program.

He is a Danforth Fellow (1979-1983); winner of the 2002 Roger McHugh Prize, given by the *New Hibernian Review*, in conjunction with the president of University College Dublin, and sits on editorial boards for three scholarly Irish studies journals.

Hachey was honored as one of *Irish America* magazine's Top 100 Irish Americans in 2007, and is the author and/or editor of seven books, three of which are on Ireland, and author of over 100 reviews and essays on Irish history.

Hachey is a member of the American Conference for Irish Studies, and a past president of the Irish Historical Society, Dublin.

He is married to Jane Beverly Hachey. His maternal grandfather hailed from Bantry, Co. Cork, and maternal grandmother from Glengarriff, Co. Cork.



### FATHER DONALD J. HARRINGTON

**F**ATHER Donald J. Harrington, C.M., is the 15th president of St. John's University in Flushing, Queens. Harrington is also currently on the board of directors of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities.

Prior to serving as St. John's president, Harrington served as the 22nd president of Niagara University, along with two terms on the board of directors for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

While at St. John's, Harrington's vision has resulted in an extraordinary transformation of the university into a "new" St.

John's, with enhanced facilities, expanded academic initiatives and an increasing global presence.

Since the beginning of Harrington's tenure as president in 1989, St. John's has expanded to include three additional campuses in Manhattan, Oakdale and Rome, Italy.

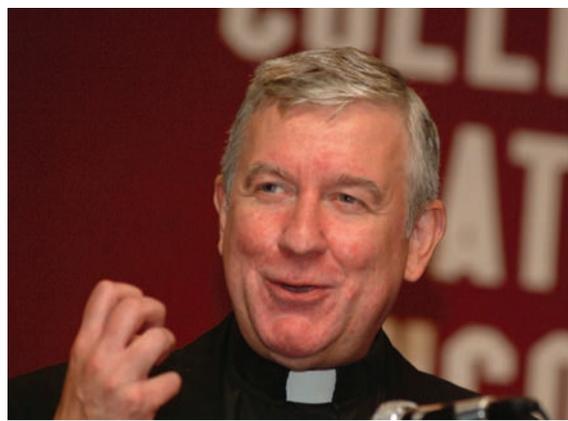
Born in Brooklyn, Harrington entered the junior college seminary of the Vincentian Fathers in Princeton, New Jersey. He completed his studies for the priesthood at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, Pennsylvania.

Harrington pursued graduate studies at the Catholic University of America and the University of Toronto.

Harrington holds honorary doctorates from several colleges and universities in the U.S., including Niagara University, St. Thomas Aquinas University and the Catholic University of America. He has also been honored by several international institutions such as Fu Jen University in Taipei, the American University in Rome and Kokushikan University in Tokyo.

He was awarded the honor Pro Ecclesia Pontifice by Pope John Paul II in 1989 and was named a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in 1999. He received the Order of Merit (Cavaliere) of the Republic of Italy in June 2003 and the Grand Ufficiale in October 2003.

Harrington is a third generation Irish American, tracing his family lineage to Co. Waterford.



### FATHER ROBERT R. GRIMES

**F**ATHER Robert R. Grimes, S.J., is the dean of Fordham College at Lincoln Center in New York, a part of Fordham University.

He earned a bachelor of arts, cum laude, in German language and literature from Fordham in 1975. Among his other degrees are ones from Manhattanville College, the Weston School of Theology and a

PhD in music from the University of Pittsburgh. He was ordained a priest in June of 1984.

Among his honors are the Irish in America Award for the best book-length manuscript dealing with the Irish experience in North America, awarded by the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame in 1994.

In addition to serving as dean, Grimes also is an associate professor of music at Fordham University.

A third generation Irish American, he is a member of the board of trustees at Xavier High School in New York, and a member of the board of trustees of the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is also chair of the academic affairs committee of the board of trustees at Holy Cross.



### THOMAS HALTON

**T**HOMAS Patrick Halton is a native of Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan. His teacher, Master Peter Martin, recognized him as an exceptional student and provided private coaching for him that culminated in an award to St. Patrick's, the only boarding secondary school for Catholic boys in Co. Cavan.

On graduation, he entered St. Patrick's College in Maynooth where he pursued his interest in Greek literature and archeology. Following Maynooth, he taught Greek and Latin at St. Patrick's in his native Cavan. He also wrote for *The Furrow*

and *The Irish Ecclesiastical Record*.

Halton earned a master's in ancient classics at University College Dublin and came to the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1959 on a doctoral scholarship. At the completion of his doctorate, Catholic University offered him a teaching position. He taught at the university for 40 years as Gardiner professor of Greek and chairman of the Department of Greek and Latin.

Halton is editor of the 30-volume *Fathers of the Church* series and has published 20 books with grants from many foundations, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Mellon Foundation.

Halton received the Bene Merenti Medal from the Pope for his outstanding academic achievement, and was president of the North American Patristics Association. His proudest honor was the award of the title Cavan Man of the Year, which was presented to him on his 70th birthday in his home county before an international circle of friends.

On Halton's retirement, the Catholic University published a volume of essays in his honor celebrating his scholarly achievements and also the heritage and customs of his native Cavan that inspired him.

Halton is preeminently a classicist but his erudition is always spiced with a distinctively Irish wit and charm.



### PAUL HARRINGTON

**P**AUL Harrington is an economist and a member of the faculty at the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Northeastern University in Boston.

In 1980, he created the Center for Labor Market Studies that, nearly 30 years later, is recognized among the nation's top education and workforce

development research centers.

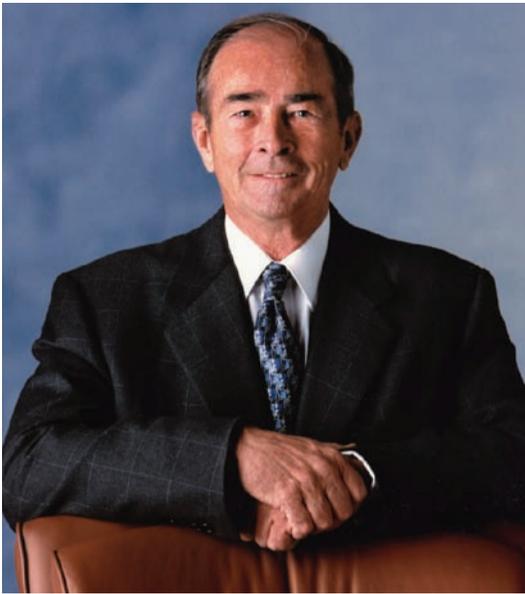
He has given testimony based on his research to both houses of Congress on numerous occasions, on topics ranging from the impact of immigration on the nation's labor markets to the relationships between family organization, education, and the problems of poverty.

Harrington frequently serves as a featured speaker at conferences on education and workforce development across the nation, and is frequently cited in media reports on labor market and economic activity.

He has served on a number of non-profit boards, including educational and workforce organizations, and organizations involved in the distribution of food to low income and elderly households.

Over the years, he has authored and co-authored numerous articles, monographs and books and taught a wide variety of courses in economics and public policy.

Harrington's father came to the U.S. in 1926 from the Beara Peninsula, West Cork.



**CHARLES HEIMBOLD**

**C**HARLES Heimbold, Jr., the retired chairman and CEO of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company and former U.S. ambassador to Sweden, endowed a chair in Irish Studies at Villanova in 1999 with his wife Monika. The chair is held each spring semester by a distinguished Irish writer, and has become one of the most prestigious Irish studies positions in the U.S.

After a career spanning nearly 40 years with Bristol-Myers Squibb pharmaceutical company, Heimbold retired as the company's chairman and chief executive

officer in 2001 after his appointment by President George W. Bush as U.S. ambassador to Sweden. He served in the role of ambassador until 2004.

Heimbold graduated with honors from Villanova University's College of Arts and Sciences in 1954 with a bachelor of arts degree in English. In 1959, he completed a program at the Hague Academy of International Law.

Heimbold was with the New York law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy from 1960 to 1963. He received a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1960, and a master of laws degree from New York University in 1966.

In 2007 Mr. and Mrs. Heimbold committed \$10 million to Villanova, the largest gift from an alumnus in the history of the university. Their exceptional generosity, with its focus on scholarships, is creating new educational opportunities and contributing to the vibrancy of the cultural climate at Villanova.

In addition to his affiliation with Villanova, Heimbold, who traces his Irish ancestry to Co. Meath, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a former chairman of the board of overseers at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a former trustee at Sarah Lawrence College.



**NORA HUSSEY**

**N**ORA Hussey, a native of Co. Kerry, is currently the director of theater and theater studies at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where she teaches, directs the main stage productions, and mentors the student/experimental performances.

Prior to Wellesley, she taught and guest directed at colleges and universities from Bangor, Maine to Providence,

Rhode Island. At the 1998 Wellesley College commencement, Hussey was awarded the Pinanski Prize for excellence in teaching.

In 1998 Hussey founded the Wellesley Summer Theatre (WST) with a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Since then WST has presented 15 productions including a world premiere, American premiere, and two New England premieres.

In the last 20 years, Hussey has directed over 90 productions in regional, small professional, and university theaters across New England.

In recent years she co-adapted and then directed the Poets' Theatre production of *I Am of Ireland: The Women of the North Speak Out*. The script was subsequently selected for inclusion in the International Festival of Women Playwrights, and she directed it in Co. Galway in the summer of 1997.

As directorial assistant to Derek Walcott, she directed three world premieres for the Boston Playwrights' Theatre. She is a founding member of the Guild, which was dedicated to the support and the promotion of women theater artists in New England.

Hussey is married to Kieran Brennan, and they have a son, Rory Gareth.



**THOMAS IHDE**

**T**HOMAS Ihde is an associate professor of Irish language and literature at Lehman College, City University of New York (CUNY), in the Bronx.

Ihde is the executive director of the CUNY's Institute for Irish American Studies, a past board member of American Conference for Irish Studies, and past president of North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers.

He was appointed as the first full-time Irish language professor at CUNY in 2008. He has two books published, *Colloquial Irish* (Routledge 2008) and the *Irish Language in the United States* (Bergin & Garvey 1994).

Ihde has set up a network of colleges offering Irish language to undergraduate students, starting with Bergen Community College in 1995.

He is presently coordinating undergraduate Irish language courses at his own campus, as well as at Queens College, Manhattan College, the College of Mount Saint Vincent and Bergen Community College.

Ihde received a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University, and master's and PhD degrees from Trinity College in Dublin.

Ihde's grandparents hailed from counties Galway, Monaghan and Wicklow.



**KATHLEEN MARY KANE**

**D**IRECTOR of Irish Studies at the University of Montana in Missoula, Kathleen Mary Kane traces her Irish roots to counties Derry, Cork and Wicklow.

She received her PhD from the University of Texas Department of English, Ethnic and Third World Studies. Among her notable awards received are a Cox Teaching Excellence Award, the University of Montana Mentoring Award, a research grant from the Irish government and a research support award from the Montana Committee for the Humanities.

Kane is a member of the National Conference of Irish Studies and the Montana Gaelic Cultural Society. She is married with five children.



**SISTER KATHLEEN KEATING**

**S**ISTER Kathleen Keating, past president of Our Lady of the Elms College

in Chicopee, Massachusetts, is the co-founder of the college's Irish Cultural Center.

She received a bachelor of arts degree from Elms, and a master's degree in history from Villanova University. She also received a doctorate in history from Fordham University.

Keating's maternal grandparents hailed from Co. Kerry. Her paternal grandfather hailed from Co. Tipperary, while her paternal grandmother also had Tipperary roots.

In 1998 Keating received the Human Relations Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice, and in 2001 she was named Chicopee's Citizen of the Year.

She is a member of the Sons of Erin in Westfield, Massachusetts.



**HOWARD KEELEY**

**H**OWARD Keeley is assistant professor of literature and director of the Center for Irish Studies at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

A native of Dublin, Keeley has been in Statesboro since fall 2004, although the Center for Irish Studies was founded on St. Patrick's Day 1995. The center operates an academic program that caters to around 275 students annually.

Features of the program include a five-course undergraduate minor in Irish studies; a literature MA with a concentration on Irish authors; and a full-credit summer study in Ireland option.

Keeley came to the U.S. in 1989. He received a BA in English (summa cum laude) from the University of Georgia. He then earned a master's and a PhD in British and Irish literature from Princeton University.

At Princeton, Keeley won the foremost graduate award, the Jacobus Fellowship "for highest scholarly excellence." His research focuses on how Irish literature represents the country's material culture, especially its housing.

He is particularly interested in the period after the Famine, which includes the Land War. During this time, the Irish won the right to own not just their own land, but also their homesteads.

Keeley is president (2009-2011) of the southern chapter of the American Conference for Irish Studies. He is faculty advisor for Club Gael (Irish Studies Student Club). He is also an honorary member of the W.B. Yeats Society of New York.

Keeley and his wife Jessica have three children who range in age from 12 years to 20 months.

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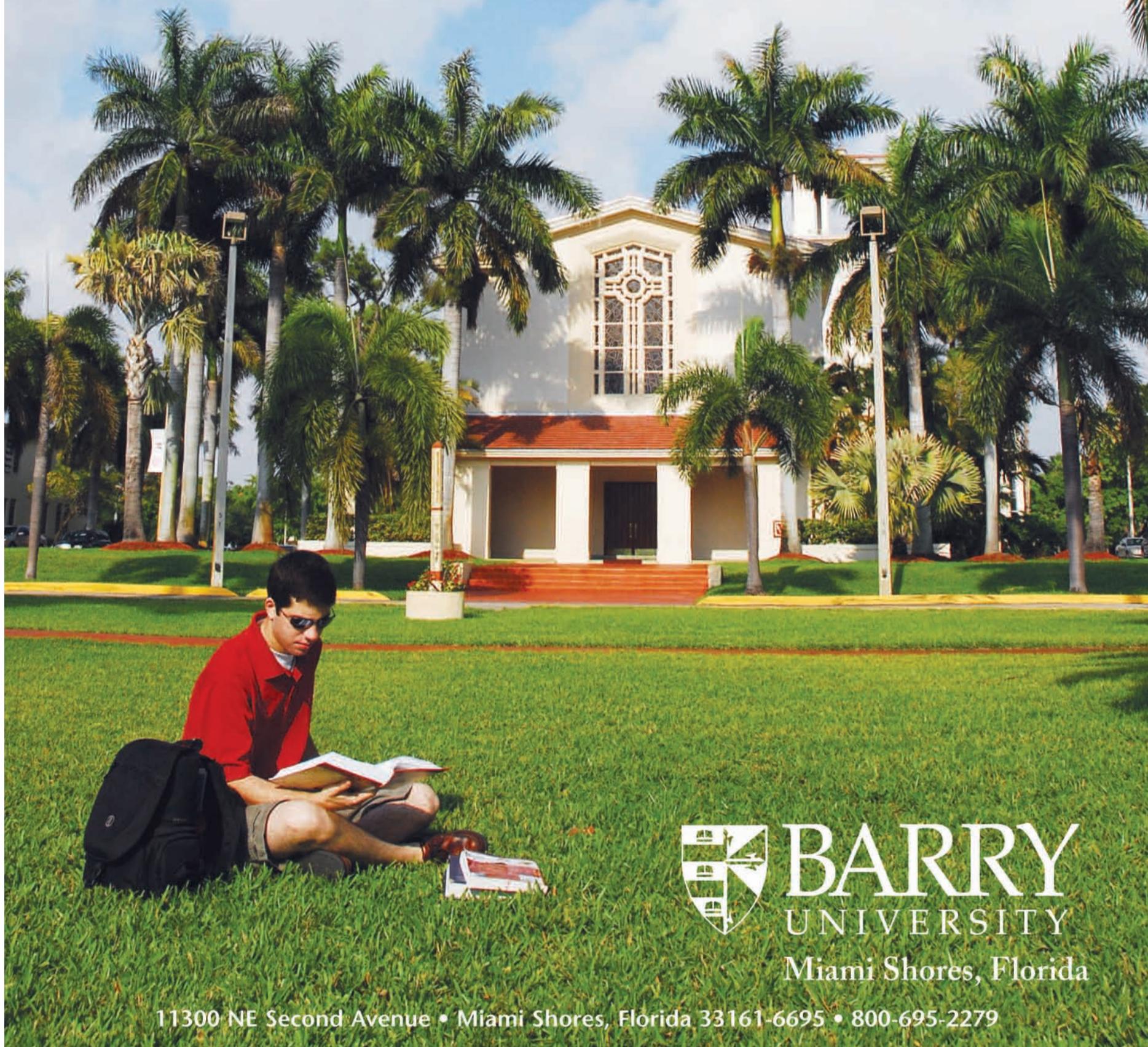
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### WILLIAM KELLY

**W**ILLIAM Kelly is the president of the Graduate Center of the City of New York (CUNY) in Manhattan. From 1998 through June 2005, he served as the Graduate Center's provost and senior vice president, a tenure that was marked by the recruitment of a remarkable cadre of internationally renowned scholars to the school's faculty.

A distinguished American literature scholar and an expert on the works of James

Fenimore Cooper, Kelly is the author of *Plotting America's Past: Fenimore Cooper and the Leatherstocking Tales*.

He is the editor of the Random House edition of *The Selected Works of Washington Irving* and the Oxford University Press edition of *The Pathfinder*. He is currently at work on a book about John Jacob Astor.

Kelly graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1971, where he won the David Bowers Prize in American Studies. He was named outstanding graduate student in English at Indiana University, where he received his PhD in 1976.

He also holds a diploma in intellectual history from Cambridge University and in 1980 received a Fulbright Fellowship to France, where he subsequently became visiting professor at the University of Paris.

On the faculty of CUNY's Queens College from 1976 to 1998, Kelly was named Queens College's Golden Key Honor Society Teacher of the Year in 1994.

Kelly is the vice chairman of the CUNY Research Foundation and serves as a trustee of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. He is also a member of the board of the CUNY Institute for Irish American Studies.



### CORNELIUS KERWIN

**D**R. Cornelius Kerwin became American University's 14th president in 2007. He had been the Washington, D.C. university's acting, then interim, president since August 2005, and served as provost from 1997 until 2005.

Kerwin is a long-standing member of the university's community. He received a bachelor of arts from American University in 1971, followed by a master of arts in political science from the University of Rhode Island in 1973, and a PhD in political science from Johns Hopkins University in 1978.

He has been a member of the American University faculty since 1975. He has held a number of prominent leadership positions within the School of Public Affairs, including his service as dean from 1989 to 1997.

As provost, Kerwin served as the univer-

sity's chief academic officer, leading approximately 475 full-time teaching faculty in the university's six schools and colleges. He has worked with the deans and faculty committees to complete a review of the university's master's and doctoral programs, resulting in fewer programs but creating distinctive market niches, improved physical facilities and enhanced national reputations.

Kerwin, a professor of public administration in the School of Public Affairs, is a nationally recognized specialist in public policy, with emphasis on the regulatory process. He is actively engaged in teaching and research and teaches courses in administrative process, policy implementation, and American government.

Under Kerwin's leadership, the university established the Center for the Study of Rulemaking in July 2004. As part of its mission to better understand and improve the processes and techniques used by government agencies to develop regulations, the center organizes conferences, symposia, and workshops, which bring together scholars, public and private sector personnel, and the larger academic community.



### FATHER WILLIAM P. LEAHY

**F**ATHER William P. Leahy, S.J., is president of Boston College. He received his bachelor and master's degrees from St. Louis University,

a master's from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Massachusetts, and a PhD from Stanford.

Leahy leads one of the nation's most prestigious Catholic universities with 14,500 students and 154,000 alumni. He became the 25th president of Boston College in July 1996.

Coming to Boston College from Marquette University, where he served for five years as executive vice president, Leahy brought to his position a diverse background as a university administrator and as a scholar in 20th century American social and religious history.

He is the author of *Adapting to America: Catholics, Jesuits and Higher Education in the Twentieth Century*, as well as numerous scholarly articles on religious and educational history in the U.S.

He is a member of Boston College's Irish Institute, and was named as one of the Top 100 Irish Americans by *Irish America* magazine in 2006. He traces his Irish ancestry to Co. Kerry.



### MICHAEL KENNEALLY

**D**R. Michael Kenneally, a native of Youghal, Co. Cork, is the chair of Canadian Irish studies in the Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia University in Montreal.

He studied at the University of British Columbia, McGill and the University of Toronto, where he received his PhD.

Kenneally has written many articles on Irish and Irish Canadian literature, and teachers courses on these subjects at Concordia. He has written, edited or co-edited more six books, and also edited the *Canadian Journal of Irish Studies*.

He is the inaugural holder of the chair in Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia and is director of the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies, both of which have been funded with the assistance of the

Canadian Irish Studies Foundation.

He is a former president of the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, a former president of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies, and former chair of the International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures.

Kenneally has lectured on Irish literature in many coun-

tries and has been visiting scholar in Irish studies at Simon Fraser University, the University of Innsbruck in Austria and Waseda University in Tokyo.

He is the executive director of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation. He was appointed Honorary Consul General of Ireland in Quebec in 2003.

Kenneally's main accomplishment is in mobilizing Montreal's Irish community to raise funds to develop Irish studies as an academic discipline at Concordia. The Canadian Irish Studies Foundation now has an endowment of more than \$6 million, which funds 18 courses annually in 10 difference disciplines, brings distinguished Irish public and cultural figures to Montreal. It also provides 20 scholarships annually to students in Irish studies.



### JOHN LAHEY

**D**R. John Lahey is the president of Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. President for the past 22 years, Lahey has distinguished himself as an innovative and dynamic leader who has spearheaded Quinnipiac emergence as one of the leading institutions in the Northeast.

With a national reputation for administration and fundraising, Lahey has increased Quinnipiac's endowment from \$5 million to \$175 million, guided a comprehensive building program and directed a more than 300% increase in student enrollment, from 1,902 students in 1986 to more than 7,600 students today.

*U.S. News and World Report* recognizes Quinnipiac as one of the top schools in the northern region, and Quinnipiac is now listed among *The Princeton Review's* Best 361 Colleges.

Lahey, a native of the Bronx, received both his undergraduate and master's degrees in philosophy from the

University of Dayton, his PhD in philosophy from the University of Miami, and a second master's degree in higher education administration from Columbia University.

Lahey's paternal grandfather, Daniel Lahey, was born in Knockglassmore, Co. Kerry and emigrated as a child with the Lahey family to Canada and then to New York City. His paternal grandmother, Agnes Roche, hails from Co. Cork and his maternal grandmother, Nellie Griffin, hails from Co. Clare.

Lahey also is a leader in the community, serving as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 4, New York County; director and vice chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Inc.; member of the Knights of St. Patrick; and on the board of directors for Yale-New Haven Hospital, United Illuminating Company, the Aristotle Corporation, Independence Holding Company and the Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy.

A member of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for more than 20 years, the 1997 grand marshal of the parade and in 2000 named one of the 10 outstanding grand marshals of the 20th century, Lahey has devoted much of his time to educating the public about the historic implications of Ireland's Great Hunger. He has been at the forefront of a movement to require schools to include the Irish Famine in school curricula as a human rights violation.

Under Lahey's leadership, Quinnipiac has developed the largest collection of books, educational materials and art on Ireland's Great Hunger in its Lender Family Special Collection Room, An Gorta Mór, located in its Arnold Bernhard Library. The collection is the largest of its kind in the world, devoted solely to Ireland's Great Hunger.

Lahey resides in Cheshire, Connecticut, with his wife Judy, and has two sons, Brent and Robert.



**FATHER BRIAN F. LINNANE**

**F**ATHER Brian Linnane is the 24th president of Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland in 2005.

Linnane entered the Society of Jesus in 1977 and was ordained to the priesthood on June 14, 1986. He earned an A.B. degree, magna cum laude, from Boston College in 1977 and a master's from Georgetown University's Department of Government in 1981 before undertaking divinity studies at the Jesuit School of Theology, where he earned

a master's degree in 1986.

He earned master's degrees from the Yale Department of Religious Studies in 1990 and 1991, and a Ph.D. in 1994. He earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley the same year.

Linnane joined the Religious Studies Department at Holy Cross in 1994. He has taught courses in Christian ethics at Holy Cross, and has also offered advanced courses in morality, medical ethics, and virtue theory. His scholarly publications are extensive, and include the areas of fundamental moral theology, health care ethics, and virtue ethics.

Linnane has served as national vice president of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society, and as a member of the Seminar on Jesuit Higher Education. He was a chair of the Catholic Theological Society of America's Committee on Admissions.

His paternal grandmother hailed from Co. Waterford, and paternal grandfather from Co. Clare. His maternal grandparents hailed from Co. Sligo.



**CAROL McCULLOUGH FITZGERALD**

**C**AROL McCullough Fitzgerald is a member of the board of directors of Chestnut Hill College, founded in 1924 as a college for women by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia, but a fully coeducational institution since 2003. She serves on the board's Development Committee and chairs the Nominating Committee.

Fitzgerald, whose McCullough roots are in Co. Tyrone, is also executive director of The Pennsylvania Society, a non-profit patriotic and

charitable organization founded in 1899 that annually honors the accomplishments of Pennsylvanians who bring distinction to the Commonwealth.

Education forms a special focus for Fitzgerald, as she oversees The Pennsylvania Society's annual Benjamin Franklin Scholar Award, a competitive college scholarship program open to all Pennsylvania public high school students.

She has been associated with higher education for more than 25 years, holding senior-level positions in alumni relations and advancement at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University, her undergraduate and graduate institutions respectively, while also serving as a volunteer for several schools, education- and youth-focused organizations, and alumnae associations — William Penn Charter School; Springside School; Academy of Children's Music; Philadelphia Futures; Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania; Duke University Executive Leadership Board; Trustees' Council of Penn Women, and the University of Pennsylvania Association of Alumnae.

Fitzgerald is an experienced public relations consultant and political campaign manager and fundraiser for judicial, local and state candidates.

She is the mother of three grown children and resides in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia with her husband, the Honorable James J. Fitzgerald III, Superior Court of Pennsylvania.



**JAMES MCCARTHY**

**J**AMES McCarthy is provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Baruch College, City University of New York in Manhattan.

He received his bachelor's degree from Holy Cross, a master's from Indiana University, and a further master's and PhD from Princeton.

McCarthy and his wife, Dr. Magda Ghanma, are Irish citizens. All four of his grandparents hailed from Co. Kerry. Several family members reside in Dublin.

McCarthy is a former Heilbrunn Professor of Public Health at Columbia, former dean, School of Health Human Services at the University of New Hampshire; a former director of the Hopkins Population Center at Johns Hopkins University, a former board chair at the Guttmacher Institute in New York, and a former board member of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

McCarthy is also a former visiting academic at Trinity College Dublin, where he conducted research and published on community health in Dublin and on Irish fertility trends.



**JEANNE MINIHAN MCGINN**

**J**EANNE Minihan McGinn is the chair of the Liberal Arts Department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Bucknell, a master's in Irish literature from University College Cork and a PhD from Bryn Mawr College.

McGinn is a member of the International Association for the Study of Irish Literature. She traces her Irish roots to counties Mayo

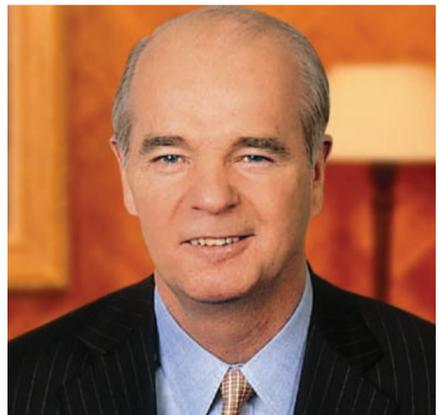
and Cork.

She teaches creative writing and literature at the Curtis Institute. She was a member of the faculty from 1994-1999 and was appointed chair of the Liberal Arts Department in 2001.

Among the honors she has received are the Lindback Foundation Award for

Distinguished Teaching, Curtis Institute of Music, 2008; Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation, Fellowship in the Humanities, 1992-1993; Bryn Mawr College Senior Fellowship, September 1991-1992; Rotary International Graduate Fellowship, September 1985, and the William Pangburn Award, Bucknell University, May 1983.

McGinn is married to Joseph McGinn, a professor at Lock Haven University.



**MARTIN G. MCGUINN**

**M**ARTIN G. McGuinn retired in February of 2006 as chairman and chief executive officer of Mellon Financial Corporation, a global financial services company headquartered in Pittsburgh.

Under McGuinn's leadership, assets under management grew by more than 9% per year and assets under custody or administration grew by more than 10% per year compared to an S&P 500 stock index that was virtually flat. During this same period Mellon became the fifth largest global custodian and the 12th largest asset manager in the world.

A Philadelphia native, McGuinn received

a bachelor's degree and a juris doctor degree, both from Villanova University, for which he also serves as a member of the board of trustees. He then served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a captain, including a tour in Vietnam.

McGuinn is a former member of several key committees at Villanova University, including the steering committee for the Campaign for Villanova; the Board of Consultants, Villanova Law School, serving as chairman from 1985 to 1987; the Corporate and Foundation Gifts Committee for the Villanova Campaign; as well as former editor-in-chief of the *Villanova Law Review*.

Through McGuinn's generous support of Villanova, he established the Martin G. McGuinn Chair in Business Law, and the McGuinn Scholars Program for study abroad students from Ireland.

McGuinn's paternal grandparents hailed from Co. Mayo. His mother's family was from Co. Cork.

McGuinn is a former director of the American Ireland Fund. He received the chairman's award for distinguished leadership from the Pittsburgh American Ireland Fund in 2001, and the Ireland Chamber of Commerce in the USA award in 2004.

McGuinn is married to Ann. They have two sons and three granddaughters.



**PATRICIA MCGUIRE**

**P**ATRICIA McGuire is the 14th president of Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C. She began her tenure as president in 1989.

Trinity College was founded in 1897 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and became Trinity Washington University in 2004.

McGuire received a bachelor of arts from Trinity cum laude before receiving a JD from Georgetown University Law Center.

Before coming to Trinity Washington in 1989 she was the assistant dean for development and external affairs for the Georgetown University Law Center.

McGuire holds a number of honorary degrees from several institutions, including, Georgetown University, the College of New Rochelle, the College of St. Elizabeth and Wells College. In 2007 the Greater Washington Board of Trade named McGuire the Leader of the Years, the top business honor awarded by the Washington Chamber of Commerce.

The *Washington Business Journal* included McGuire among its list of Women Who Mean Business. *Washington Magazine* has named her as one of both the 150 Most Powerful People in Washington along with the 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington.

McGuire writes and speaks on a wide variety of topics concerning higher education, women and Catholic education. Her articles have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *Current Issues in Catholic Higher Education* and a wide variety of other publications.



**PATRICK MCNICHOLAS**

**P**ATRICK McNicholas is an attorney with the firm of McNicholas and McNicholas in Los Angeles. He has been a trustee of the University of San Francisco since 2004. He graduated from the university with a bachelor of science degree, and received a JD from the McGeorge School of Law.

McNicholas is a member of the Irish American Bar Association. He has been named as one of Southern California's Top 100 lawyers, and a super lawyer by *Los Angeles Magazine* in the years 2005-'09.

He was elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates in 1998, and elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2008.

McNicholas' great-grandparents hailed from counties Mayo and Cork.

Oxford, where he is an honorary fellow of Hertford College.

Muldoon's main collections of poetry are *New Weather* (1973), *Mules* (1977), *Why Brownlee Left* (1980), *Quoof* (1983), *Meeting The British* (1987), *Madoc: A Mystery* (1990), *The Annals of Chile* (1994), *Hay* (1998), *Poems 1968-1998* (2001) and *Moy Sand and Gravel* (2002), for which he won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize. His tenth collection, *Horse Latitudes*, appeared in the fall of 2006.

A fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Muldoon was given an American Academy of Arts and Letters award in literature for 1996.

Other recent awards are the 1994 T. S. Eliot Prize, the 1997 Irish Times Poetry Prize, the 2003 Griffin International Prize for Excellence in Poetry, the 2004 American Ireland Fund Literary Award, the 2004 Shakespeare Prize, the 2005 Aspen Prize for Poetry, and the 2006 European Prize for Poetry.

He has been described by *The Times Literary Supplement* as "the most significant English-language poet born since the Second World War."

Married with two children, Muldoon lives in New Jersey. He also plays guitar in his Princeton-based rock band, Rackett.



**PAUL MULDOON**

**P**AUL Muldoon was born in 1951 in Co. Armagh, and educated in Armagh and at the Queen's University of Belfast. From 1973 to 1986 he worked in Belfast as a radio and television producer for the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Since 1987 he has lived in the U.S., where he is now Howard G.B. Clark '21 professor at Princeton University and chair of the Peter B. Lewis Center for the Arts.

In 2007 he was appointed poetry editor of *The New Yorker*. Between 1999 and 2004 he was professor of poetry at the University of



**CATHERINE MCKENNA**

**“W**HO can say why one child in a family develops a fascination with her Irish heritage, any more than we fully understand why another is captivated by mathematics, and another needs to understand the structure of molecules?” asks Catherine McKenna, who as the Margaret Brooks Robinson Professor of Celtic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University

is in a unique position to find out.

McKenna's paternal grandparents hailed from counties Monaghan and Cavan; her mother's parents were natives of Laois and Kerry. Her interest in all things Irish has been intense for as long as she can remember.

“I have sometimes thought that it was in part because I didn't know my father, who died when I was an infant, or my mother's parents, who died before I was born, that I came to look beyond family history into the history of the country from which my people had come for my sense of who I am.”

Her love of stories, particularly Irish ones, has been lifelong. A native New Yorker, McKenna earned a bachelor of arts from Marymount College in Tarrytown, followed by a master's and PhD from Harvard.

“I've been extraordinarily fortunate in being able to devote so much of my professional life to teaching the Irish and Celtic heritage that has been my lens on the world and its history,” says McKenna, who will undoubtedly pass on her affinity for Ireland to her 1-year-old son John Andrew McGill, and husband John Allen McGill.



**MARTIN T. MEEHAN**

**M**ARTIN Meehan is the second chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Lowell and the 14th leader of the institution and its predecessor schools, founded in the 1890s.

A former member of the House of Representatives, Meehan represented the fifth congressional district of Massachusetts from 1993 to 2007.

Meehan has sought to raise public awareness of Irish history and bring recognition to the many contributions Irish Americans have made to soci-

ety.

During his congressional career, Meehan was deeply involved with the Northern Ireland peace process. In 2000, he accompanied President Clinton and cabinet members on a mission to bolster prospects for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

As a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs, he cosponsored resolutions calling for a peaceful resolution to the conflict and the commencement of all-party talks leading toward self-rule for the North. Meehan fought to break down trade barriers and stimulate strong business ties between the U.S. and Northern Ireland.

In addition to his congressional service, Meehan worked as the Massachusetts deputy secretary of state for securities and corporations before becoming Chancellor of UMass Lowell in 2007.

Three of Meehan's four grandparents hailed from counties Clare, Kerry and Mayo.

Meehan earned a bachelor's from the University of Lowell, a master's from Suffolk and a JD from Suffolk University Law School.

Meehan and his wife Ellen Murphy, a health care consultant, are the parents of Robert Francis Meehan, 9, and Daniel Martin Meehan, 6.



**THOMAS MULROY**

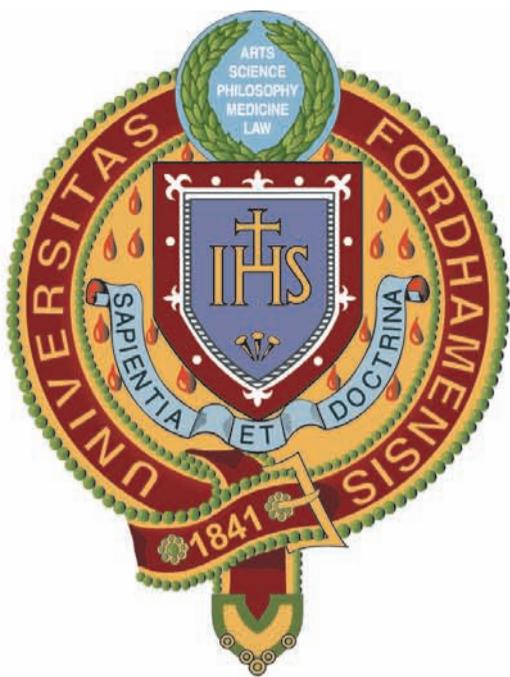
**T**HOMAS Mulroy is president and CEO of T-Rex Capital, and a member of the board of trustees of

Villanova University.

T-Rex Capital is a real estate investment firm that Mulroy co-founded in 1999. Previously, Mulroy was senior vice president of investments at Starwood Financial, and before that, senior vice president at Lazard Freres & Co., involved in the origination and structuring of investments in real estate acquisitions and financings.

Mulroy is a member of the university's major Gifts Committee, the Villanova Real Estate Advisory Council and Villanova's President's Council: Transforming Minds and Hearts. He is also a President's Club advisor.

Mulroy graduated from Villanova's School of Business in 1985, and received a master's in finance from New York University. He resides in New Canaan, Connecticut and Boca Raton, Florida with his wife and three children.



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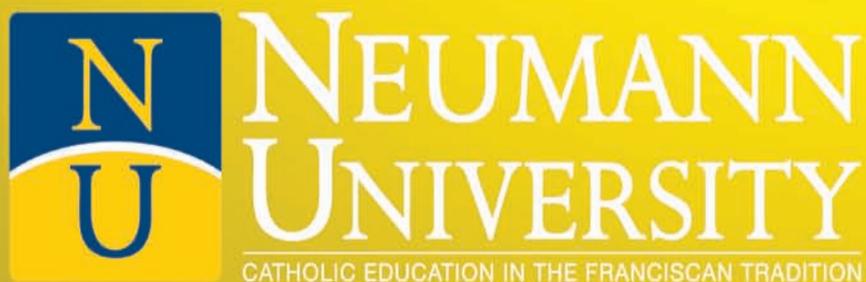
a 1970 Fordham graduate and member of the Fordham University Board of Trustees, for being named to the Irish Education 100.

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**SISTER ANNE MUNLEY**

**SISTER** Anne Munley, president of Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania, is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Her career as an educator and author has spanned several decades. She has been pres-

ident of Marywood, where in 1966 she received a BA in sociology, history and government, since 2007.

Prior to that she was executive director of the African Sisters Education Collaborative in Scranton from 2006-'07, director of programs and social mission for the International Union of Superiors General in Rome from 2003-'06, and an assistant professor of sociology at Marywood from 1980-'82. She also served as the college's rector of planning and institutional research, and coordinator of Title III from 1990-'94.

She served or currently serves nationally and internationally as consultant, presenter, and facilitator for numerous religious congregations, and conducted training sessions on counter-trafficking in Bangkok, Thailand and Lagos, Nigeria in 2005.

Munley's paternal grandparents and maternal great-grandparents were all from Co. Mayo.

In addition to her degree from Marywood, Munley also received a master's in sociology from the Catholic University of America in 1971, and a PhD in sociology from Boston College in 1981.



**MAUREEN MURPHY**

**DR.** Maureen Murphy is professor of curriculum and teaching in the School of Education, Health and Human Services at Hofstra University, the largest private university on Long Island. Last year she co-founded the university's Irish Studies program, which is the first of its kind on Long Island.

A past president of the American Conference for Irish Studies and a past chair of the International Association for the

Study of Irish Literatures, Murphy is one of the six senior editors of the forthcoming *Dictionary of Irish Biography* which will be published in nine volumes and on line by the Royal Irish Academy and Cambridge University Press in 2009. Throughout her career she has been particularly focused on supporting the growth of Irish studies throughout the U.S.

Murphy edited Asenath Nicholson's *Annals of the Famine in Ireland* (1998) and *Ireland's Welcome to the Stranger* (2002), Annie O'Donnell's, *Your Fondest Annie* (2005) and with James MacKillop edited *Irish Literature: a Reader* (1987, rev. ed. 2006).

Murphy directed the New York State Great Irish Curriculum Project (2001) which won the National Conference for the Social Studies Excellence Award in 2002. She was also the historian of the Irish Hunger Memorial in Battery Park City.

Murphy received her PhD from Indiana University and an honorary doctor of humane letters from the State University of New York.

She is a member of the board of the American Irish Historical Society, the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and a member of the Co. Longford Society in New York.

Murphy's grandparents hailed from counties Longford and Leitrim.

coeducational college rooted in the Franciscan tradition, which emphasizes respect for individuals and concern for the environment.

O'Beirne, a native of Co. Sligo, holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from Newmann, a master of arts in English from Millersville University, and a P.D. in administration from Fordham University.

She is a member of the Irish American Chamber of Commerce and the Friendly Sons and Daughters of Erin.

Among O'Beirne's notable honors and achievements are being named Woman of the Year by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Mercer County. She has also received the St. John Neumann Outstanding Alumni Award, the Ancient Order of Hibernian's Woman of the Year, Mercer County Business Busy Person of the Year and the Granville Academy Educator Recognition Award.

She is a past St. Patrick's Day Parade grand marshal in Mercer County. She has also received a proclamation for contributions to education from Mercer.



**SISTER MARGUERITE O'BEIRNE**

**SISTER** Marguerite O'Beirne is the vice president for mission and ministry at Neumann College in Aston, Pennsylvania.

Founded by the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Neumann is a Catholic



**JAMES MURPHY**

**JAMES** Murphy has been the director of the Irish Studies program at Villanova University since its inception in 1979.

The program offers an inter-disciplinary approach to Irish and Irish American culture, with a range of courses in literature, history, art history, political science and sociology. In the spring of each year the program hosts a leading Irish writer as the Charles A. Heimbold Chair of Irish Studies.

Under Murphy's direction, the Irish Studies program has expanded to the point where each year 60 or more students now participate in a study abroad affiliation with the National University of Ireland in Galway.

Murphy holds a bachelor's degree from Manhattan College, a master's from Niagara University and a PhD from Temple University. This year he is concluding his teaching career at Villanova, which began in 1963.

"I've been lucky to be able to teach the writers I love, mostly Irish. It's the teaching that has allowed me to understand not only

the writers, but myself. I wouldn't trade a teaching career for anything." Murphy is first generation Irish, born in Brooklyn. His mother was from Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo; his father from Cloone, Co. Leitrim. He and his wife Kath return to Ireland at least once each year to their home in Galway City.

Murphy's story *Finding Home* has been published both here and in Ireland. He is at work on a memoir rooted in 1940s-'50s Irish America.



**FATHER JON PATRICK MURPHY**

**FATHER** Jon Patrick Murphy is the director of the School of Public Service at DePaul University in Chicago.

He received a master's degree and PhD from Stanford, and a master's from DePaul. He also earned a bachelor's degree from the DeAndreis School of Theology at St. Mary's.

Murphy is the author of *Visions and Values in Catholic Higher Education* and other books and articles. He teaches at All Hallows College in Dublin each July.



**SISTER KATHLEEN A. O'BRIEN**

**SISTER** Kathleen A. O'Brien is senior vice president for academic affairs at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Alverno is a

four-year, liberal arts, independent, Catholic college for women chartered in 1887 by the School Sisters of St. Francis.

A member of the School Sisters of St. Francis, O'Brien received her bachelor's degree from Alverno, a master's from Vanderbilt University and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin.

O'Brien received an Outstanding Achievement award from the Wisconsin Women in Higher Education in 2008. She was also named an Outstanding Alumna by Alverno in 2004. She was awarded a patent by the U.S. government for her diagnostic digital portfolio.

O'Brien is a member of the Irish Heritage Society of Milwaukee, and traces her Irish heritage to Co. Clare three generations ago.

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### SISTER MARY EILEEN O'BRIEN

**S**ISTER Mary Eileen O'Brien is president of the Dominican College of Blauvelt in Orangeburg, New York.

She received a bachelor of arts in

English from Dominican College, a master's in mathematics from Manhattan College, a master's in adult and higher education from Teacher's College, Columbia University, and a PhD in education administration and supervision from Fordham University.

O'Brien is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt which was founded by Sister Mary Ann Sammon, an Irish immigrant from Co. Tipperary.

Her maternal grandparents hailed from Co. Tipperary, and her paternal grandparents came from Co. Monaghan.

She has received a number of accolades, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from Rockland Employment Network in 2006, and the Helen Hayes Hospital MacArthur Award in 2006.

Among her current affiliations are memberships in the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities; the Association of Governing Boards Council of Independent Colleges; Council of Independent Colleges and Universities; the board of directors of the Dominican Higher Education Council; and the board of advisors at Helen Hayes Hospital.



### JEROME O'CALLAGHAN

**J**EROME O'Callaghan is the associate dean at the State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland.

O'Callaghan, a native of Co. Wexford, received a bachelor's degree in civil law from University College Dublin in

1978. He became a solicitor in Ireland in 1981, and in 1988 received a PhD in political science from Syracuse University in upstate New York.

O'Callaghan is an author of many published articles on law, particularly regarding free speech. He is also the author of biographical essays on former Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Sean Lemass and Mary Robinson, the first female president of Ireland.

O'Callaghan was named to the Who's Who Among America's Teachers list in the years, 2002-'04. He also received the Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Award from the State University of New York in 2001, and the American Political Science Award for Outstanding Teaching 2001.

O'Callaghan was also named Teacher of the Year, 1992, by Pi Sigma Alpha (Texas Tech University).

O'Callaghan and his wife Paula have a son, Jerome Joseph.

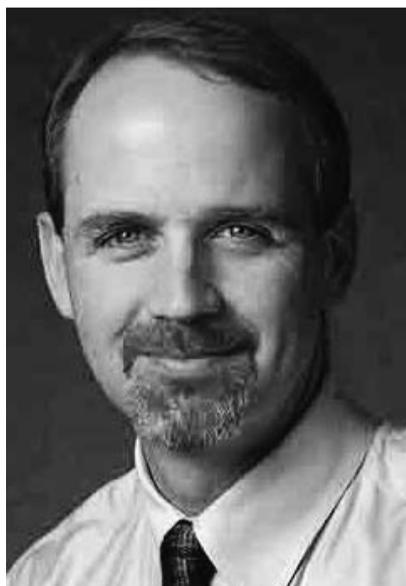
In 2001, as visiting associate professor at Fordham University, he taught a course titled "The Irish in New York City." He is the author of several books and articles relating to Irish history, including *1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History* (Random House), and the forthcoming *Land of Promise: The Story of the Irish in America* (Simon and Schuster).

O'Donnell holds an AB in history from the College of the Holy Cross, a master of arts in history from Columbia University, a master of philosophy from Columbia, and also a PhD from Columbia.

He is second generation Irish on his father's side, from counties Mayo and Waterford, and third generation on his mother's side, from Galway and Roscommon.

O'Donnell is a former member of the New York City chapter of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

He is married to Stephanie, and the couple has four daughters.



### EDWARD T. O'DONNELL

**E**DWARD T. O'Donnell is an associate professor of history at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He teaches a course titled "The Irish American Experience."



### BREANDAN O BUACHALLA

**B**REANDAN O Buachalla is the first Thomas J. and Kathleen O'Donnell Chair in Irish Language and Literature at the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

A native of Co. Cork, O Buachalla is a former professor of modern Irish at University College Dublin (1978-1996) and professor of Irish in the School of Celtic Studies at the Dublin Institute for

Advanced Studies (1973-1978).

He has held the Parnell Fellowship at Cambridge University and visiting professorships at Notre Dame, New York University and Boston College.

The leading authority on the literature and ideology of early modern Ireland, O Buachalla has published extensively on the impact of the Counter-Reformation on Irish political thought, early modern historiography and the cult of the Stuarts in Irish literature.

Besides cultural studies, literature and politics, O Buachalla has published extensively in the field of linguistics. His most recent book is *An Teanga Bheo: Gaeilge Chléire* (Institiúid Teangeolaíochta Éireann, 2003), an analysis of the dialect of Irish spoken in Cape Clear, west Cork.

O Buachalla received his bachelor's, master's and a PhD from the National University of Ireland. A member of the Royal Irish Academy, he has received an ACLS Fellowship, a Butler Literary Award and French government fellowships.

O Buachalla is married with three children.



### BRIAN O CONCHUBHAIR

**B**RIAN O Conchubhair is an assistant professor in the Department of Irish Language and Literature at the University of Notre Dame, and a fellow at the university's Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies.

A native of Co. Kerry, O Conchubhair received a bachelor's degree from MICE Limerick, a master's from University College Galway, a master's from Boston College and a PhD from the National University of Ireland Galway.

O Conchubhair is a member of the American Conference of Irish Studies, the Celtic Studies Association of North America, and the Gaelic League.

In 2009 he received the Oireachtas Literary Award in Ireland, and in 2007 he was short listed for Gradam Uí Shuilleabháin in Ireland.

His publications include *Gearrscéalta Ár Linne* (2006) and *WHY IRISH? Irish Language & Literature in Academia* (2008). His essays on various aspects of 19th- and 20th-century Irish literature and culture appear in *Irisleabhar Mhá Nuad, Comhar, Éire-Ireland, New Hibernian Review, Irish University Review, Yearbook of English Studies, Sport in History* and *A New View of the Irish Language*.



### JAMES J. O'DONNELL

**J**AMES J. O'Donnell has been provost of Georgetown University since 2002. He is a distinguished scholar and recognized innovator in the application of networked information technology in higher education.

In addition to his duties as provost, O'Donnell is a member of the faculty of Georgetown's Classics department. He has served as president of the American Philological Association, the primary professional association for classicists in the United States and Canada, and has been elected a fellow of the Medieval Academy

of America.

O'Donnell has published widely and lectured extensively on the cultural history of the late antique Mediterranean world and the application of technology in higher education. He is the author of seven books, including a three-volume edition of Augustine's *Confessions*. His latest book, *The Ruin of the Roman Empire*, was published by HarperCollins in 2008.

In 1990, O'Donnell co-founded the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, the second online scholarly journal ever created in the humanities. He is a trustee of the National Humanities Center.

Prior to his positions at the University of Pennsylvania, O'Donnell taught at Bryn Mawr College, the Catholic University of America and Cornell University. He has also held visiting appointments at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Washington and Yale University.

O'Donnell came to Georgetown from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as vice provost for information systems and computing and as a professor of Classical Studies. He earned a bachelor's degree Phi Beta Kappa and was elected Latin Salutatorian at Princeton University in 1972. He earned his doctorate from Yale University in 1975.

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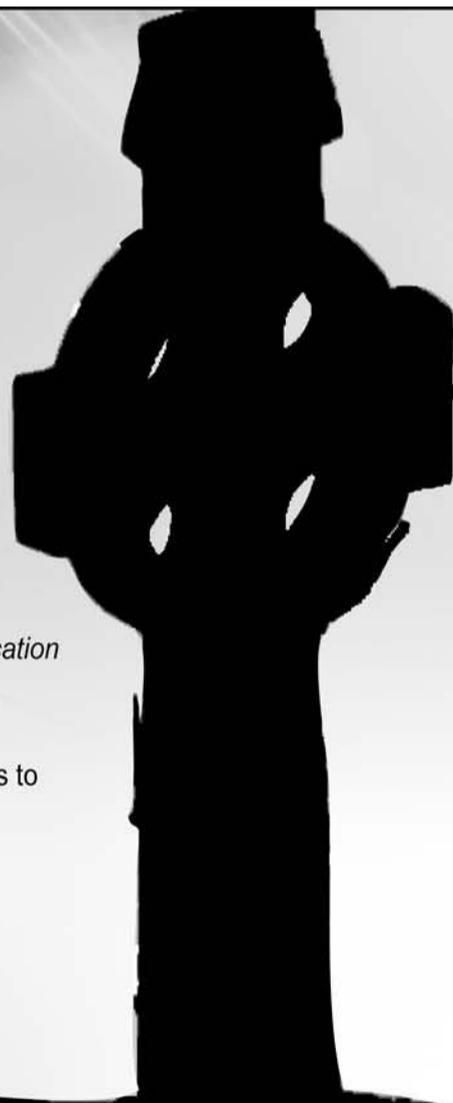
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**SHARYN O'HALLORAN**

**S**HARYN O'Halloran is the George Blumenthal Professor of Political Economics and professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

A political scientist and economist by training, O'Halloran has written extensively on issues related to the political economy of international trade and finance, regulation and institutional reform, economic growth and democratic transitions, and the political representation of minorities.

O'Halloran has an extensive public service record. She served as an advisor to the Mexican Department of Commerce, International Trade Division (SECOFI) during the NAFTA negotiations concerning the politics of "Fast Track" authority. Recently, she advised the

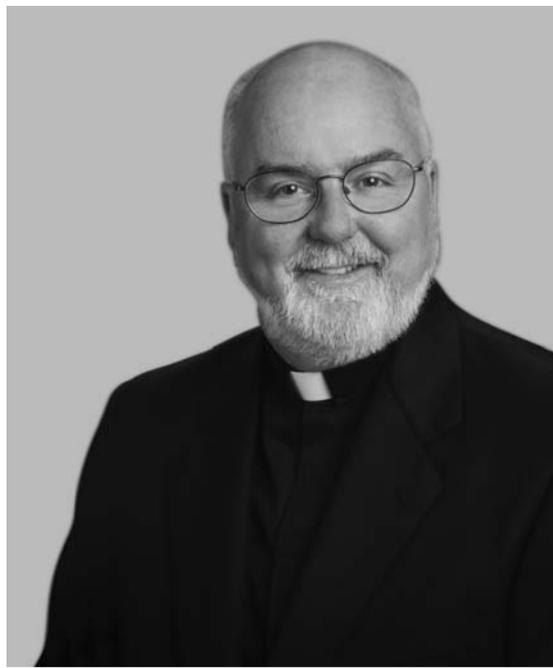
Turkish government on the impact of democratization and economic development on political stability.

O'Halloran has also consulted with the World Bank's International Finance Group and its Regulation and Competition Policy Group on the impact of trade and political institutions on economic growth and performance, as well as a large project analyzing data on trade openness, international organizations, and their impact on democratic transitions.

She was part of the expert witness team in *Georgia v. Ashcroft*, and other redistricting cases, and provided a congressional briefing on the potential impact on the renewal of the 2007 Voting Rights Act. Most recently she has served as a Federal Reserve policy advisor on financial regulatory reform.

O'Halloran received a bachelor of arts degree in economics and political science from University of California San Diego, graduating with honors, and went on to receive a master's and PhD., specializing in the political economy, also from University of California San Diego. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University in public policy.

O'Halloran holds both U.S. and Irish citizenship. She is Irish on both sides of the family, with the Fitzpatrick's (maternal-side) coming from Cavan and the O'Halloran's from Galway and Clare. She has three daughters, Madison, Morgan and Quinn.



**FATHER THOMAS O'HARA**

**F**ATHER Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C., is the eighth president of King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He has held the office since 1999.

King's College was originally established to educate the sons of miners in the anthracite region of northeastern Pennsylvania. O'Hara is himself the proud son of a miner who gave 36 years to the industry, and a mother

who worked in the region's garment industry for 35 years

He received a bachelor of arts degree in political science from King's in 1971, and a master's in theology from the University of Notre Dame in 1977. He also received a PhD in political science from the American University in Washington, D.C. in 1988.

Prior to his academic appointment at King's, O'Hara assisted in relief work with the Missionary Sisters of Charity, the religious community of the late Mother Teresa, in Dacca, Bangladesh, where he also was professor of English at Notre Dame College. He served as professor of political science at the

Philosophical Centre of Jinja, Jinja, Uganda.

O'Hara traces his Irish roots to counties Mayo and Sligo through two grandparents.

O'Hara has conducted research, served on panels and published numerous papers and chapters on the role of religious lobby groups in the American public policy system.



**SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN**

**S**ISTER Jeanne O'Laughlin is the chancellor of Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. After serving Barry University for 23 years, O'Laughlin stepped down as Barry's fifth president in 2004, took a year's sabbatical to finish her memoirs, and returned to serve as chancellor in 2005.

A native of Detroit, upon her arrival in Miami Shores in 1981 she inherited a col-

lege with less than 2,000 students. Under her leadership, Barry added 38 buildings, increased enrollment from 1,750 to 9,042, raised over \$200 million, increased the amount of academic schools from five to 10, and even added 2,000 trees to its campuses.

O'Laughlin received a bachelor of science in biology and mathematics from Siena Heights College, and a master's in biology from the University of Arizona. She earned a PhD in educational administration from the University of Arizona. She has received numerous accolades, including honorary degrees from Holy Cross College, the University of Miami, Rollins College and Lynn University.

As a 13-year-old, riding a streetcar in Detroit, she noticed a black woman enter the car with four small children. As the streetcar lurched, one of the children fell into her lap. She gladly held the child for the rest of the ride, but as one of the passengers disembarked, he passed by young Jeanne and spit on her.

Confused, she asked her father that evening why the man spit on her. "Prejudice," he replied.

"How do you stop that?" she asked. "Education," he answered.

College. O'Neill earned a bachelor's in history from Merrimack College, a master's in history from the University of Arizona and two further degrees from the University of Chicago, a PhD in history and master's in library science.

His Irish interests are extensive. He is a board member and past president of the Eire Society of Boston; vice president of the Charitable Irish Society, Boston; and a member of Boston's Irish American Partnership; the Irish Cultural Center in Canton, Massachusetts; Phoenix Irish Cultural Center; Royal Dublin Society, Dublin; and the St. Patrick's Parade Committee in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

O'Neill's grandparents hailed from counties Cork, Tipperary, Antrim and Kerry.

He and his wife Helen have six children and three grandchildren.



**ROBERT K. O'NEILL**

**R**OBERT K. O'Neill is the Burns librarian and part-time faculty member of the Political Science Department at Boston



**MARY O'NEIL MUNDINGER**

**M**ARY O'NEIL MUNDINGER is the dean of the Columbia University School of Nursing, and centennial professor in health policy. She's a graduate of the University of Michigan, Teachers College at Columbia University and the Columbia University School of Public Health.

She is a third generation Irish American who traces her roots to Co. Mayo. Munding, a married mother of four, has visited Ireland three times.

"My Irish background is a source of great pride; reflecting on the abilities of my ancestors, and celebrating transmission to me, in particular my love of literature and writing, family devotion and community values," Munding says.



**TRAOLACH O RIORDAIN**

**T**RAOLACH O Riordain, a native of Co. Cork, is a lecturer in Irish studies at the University of Montana in Missoula.

A graduate of the University of Montana, O Riordain secured the funding for and developed the Irish language program at the University of Montana. He secured grant support and

helped to develop the Irish traditional music and dance programs at the university.

Speaking at the launch of the Irish Studies program at the university in 1996, McAleese said, "You won't be surprised if I single out for special mention Professor Traolach O Riordain laochra Gael, a champion of Irish heritage. Traolach has invested so much of his talent and time to the development of

interest in Irish language, culture and heritage here in Montana."

O Riordain was honored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians as Irishman of the Year in 2007. He is a member of the AOH, and also the Gaelic Athletic Association.

O Riordain and his wife have two children.



**BERNARD C. O'ROURKE**

**B**ERNARD O'Rourke is the associate dean, Division of Business at Caldwell College in Caldwell, New Jersey.

Caldwell is a Catholic, co-educational, four-year liberal arts institution founded in 1939 by the Sisters of St. Dominic, located on a 70-acre wooded campus in a quiet suburban community 20 miles from Manhattan.

A native of Dublin and raised in Co. Monaghan, O'Rourke earned a bachelor of arts degree from University College, Dublin and is a barrister at law,

King's Inns, Dublin. He also earned a master's from Fordham University.

A resident of the U.S. since 1975, O'Rourke is married with two daughters. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ireland Chamber of Commerce in the U.S.

O'Rourke was recently elected to serve a two year term from July 2009 to June

2011 as president of NJCBAA (New Jersey Collegiate Business Administration Association). Twice a year, NJCBAA brings together all the deans and chairs of business schools, divisions and departments throughout the state, representing 24 four-year institutions and 19 community colleges.

His tip for aspiring college professors? Secure the best credentials by way of degrees. Experience counts, but credentials are key.



**MEGHAN LYNCH O'SULLIVAN**

**M**EGHAN Lynch O'Sullivan, professor of the practice of international affairs at the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard, has a career resume that's extremely vast. O'Sullivan is a former special assistant to President George W. Bush and deputy national security advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan (2004-'07) who helped negotiate the bilateral security agreement between Iraq and the U.S. in the fall of 2008.

She is also a former member of the Policy Planning Department at the

State Department, where she was the senior advisor to Richard Haass, former U.S. special envoy to the Irish peace process.

O'Sullivan, a native of Lexington, Massachusetts, has Cork roots through her grandparents, who emigrated to the U.S. in the 1920s. "Growing up in the O'Sullivan household, I was often reminded that many of the institutions upon which our country is based were built and then led by Irish immigrants and their descendants," says O'Sullivan.

She is especially proud the example that peace in the North can provide to the world's many trouble spots. "I look at the

Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the rest of Great Britain with admiration, as examples of the ability of determined people to overcome a past of conflict and violence and build foundations for the future," she says.

When working with the governments of Iran and Afghanistan, O'Sullivan adds, "I often brought attention to Ireland as an example of how governments and people can turn from bitter animosities to more hopeful futures."



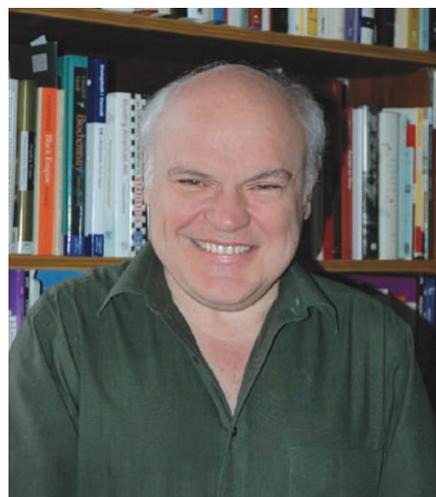
**JOSEPH A. POWER**

**J**OSEPH A. Power, Jr. is president of Power Rogers & Smith, P.C. in Chicago, and a lecturer at Loyola University School of Law.

Power, a naturalized Irish citizen, traces his roots to counties Waterford and Tipperary. He is a member of Chicago's Irish Fellowship Club and the Celtic Legal Society.

Power earned a bachelor of arts degree from Notre Dame, and a JD from Loyola University School of Law of Chicago. Among his notable honors and achievements are the receipt of a Medal of Excellence from Loyola School of Law, a citizen of the year award from the City Club of Chicago, and a medal of merit from the Illinois Bar Association.

Married with four children, in 2002 Power was named one of the "30 Tough Lawyers" by *Chicago Magazine*. Those listed are, according to the magazine, attorneys you want "for you, not against you."



**DONAL B. O'SHEA**

**D**ONAL B. O'Shea is the dean of faculty and vice president for academic affairs, and the Elizabeth T. Kennan professor of mathematics and statistics, at Mount Holyoke in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

O'Shea is a well-known geometer, internationally recognized for his work in singularity theory and in computational algebraic geometry. O'Shea became dean in 1998 after serving on the faculty since 1980.

O'Shea's research deals with the interplay between the geometric, algebraic, and topological properties of singularities of higher dimension-

al spaces. "One of the things I like about the research," says O'Shea, "is that it takes methods from many pieces of mathematics and also has just some lovely open problems and many, many mysteries."

As dean, O'Shea's philosophy is to foster an environment in which faculty members can do their best work and drive the curriculum in new, intellectually vibrant directions.

A native of Canada, O'Shea is author of numerous books, monographs, and articles. From 1994 through 1997, he served as the college's officer of sponsored research.

Since coming to Mount Holyoke, he has spent a year each in France and Germany and two at the University of Hawaii conducting research on singular points of real and complex hypersurfaces. He is especially interested in improving the teaching of geometry at the college level, as well as making the study of mathematics in general more accessible to students of differing abilities and interests. He has translated over 130 Russian-language mathematics articles into English.

O'Shea has received numerous grants from the National Science Foundation and other funding organizations to support both his research and his curricular work.



**KATHLEEN OWENS**

**K**ATHLEEN Owens is president of Gwynedd-Mercy College in Gwynedd Valley, Pennsylvania. She assumed the presidency of the college, a coeducational, Catholic institution with a strong foundation in the liberal arts located 30 miles outside of

Philadelphia, in August of 2002.

Owens serves on the Board of the Philadelphia-based Life Science Career Alliance, as well as vice-chair of the board for Project H.O.M.E., a Philadelphia-based organization dedicated to serving the needs of homeless persons. She has just completed six years as a trustee at Medaille College in Buffalo, New York.

Owens also serves as a member of the NCAA Div III Presidents Council, is a member of the board of directors and president-elect of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), and is a member of the Forum of Executive Women in Philadelphia, among other service commitments.

Owens received her PhD and BS degrees from Loyola University in Chicago, and her MED degree from DePaul University.

She is married to Donald Zamborsky, and has two married sons, three grandsons and two granddaughters.

She traces her Irish roots to Co. Galway.



**MICHAEL RAFFERTY**

**M**ICHAEL Rafferty is the principal of Old Saybrook Middle School in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. He received bachelor and master of science degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1968 and 1972, and a C.A.G.S. in educational adminis-

tration from the University of Massachusetts in 1977.

Rafferty is a previous member of the Boston Donegal Society. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 2003. Old Saybrook received the U.S. Department of Education Nationally Recognized School of Excellence Award in

1997-'98.

Both of Rafferty's paternal grandparents hailed from Co. Donegal. He is married with five kids, including a Providence College student studying in Galway. He also has 14 grandchildren.



**KEVIN P. REILLY**

**K**EVIN P. Reilly is the sixth president of the University of Wisconsin System, one of the largest (173,000 students) and most highly regarded public higher education systems in the world.

Reilly began his tenure as president in September 2004. He collaborated

with the campus chancellors within the system to create the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin, a long-term vision and strategic plan for what the university needs to do to help make Wisconsin and the nation competitive in the global knowledge economy.

Under his research enrollment has risen to an all-time high, and sponsored research has continued to expand. At the same time, the UW System was ranked by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems among the five "most productive state systems and public sectors of higher education relative to their resources."

Reilly received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master of arts from the University of Minnesota.

His career has followed his shared passion for education and his Irish heritage. He is a member of the Irish American Cultural Institute, as well as the University of Wisconsin-Madison Celtic Studies Steering Committee. He is also a published scholar in Irish studies.

Reilly's four grandparents emigrated from counties Mayo and Cavan. He is married with three children.



**SISTER DENISE ROCHE**

**S**ISTER Denise Roche is the president of D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York. Since 1979, Roche has lifted the college to new heights in both enrollment, academic offerings and to a respected place in the pantheon of higher education.

At 36, Roche was the youngest person to be named president of D'Youville. Under her leadership, enrollment grew from 1153 in 1980 to more than 2,700 today; the college

endowment was \$1.2 million and now stands at \$16 million; and over 10 major new academic programs have been developed attracting a significant number of new students.

A recipient of many awards, she was named Citizen of the Year by *The Buffalo News* in 1994, is a member of the WNY Women's Hall of Fame, received the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal from the University at Buffalo, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the WNY Hispanics and Friends Civic Association, and a Special Award presented to her by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Canisius College awarded her a Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree in 1992.

A Buffalo native, Roche is a graduate of D'Youville and earned a master's degree in sociology from Boston University and a doctorate at the University of Massachusetts. She served as an instructor, acting chair, teaching assistant, assistant professor and associate dean at D'Youville prior to being named president.

Roche traces her Irish ancestry four generations back to Co. Kerry.



**ROBERT A. SCOTT**

**D**R. ROBERT A. Scott is the president of Adelphi University in Garden City, Long Island, New York. He was appointed by the Adelphi University Board of Trustees as the ninth president and professor of anthropology and sociology in July 2000.

He has built on Adelphi's rich traditions

in undergraduate and graduate education and continues to link the liberal arts and sciences with professional programs.

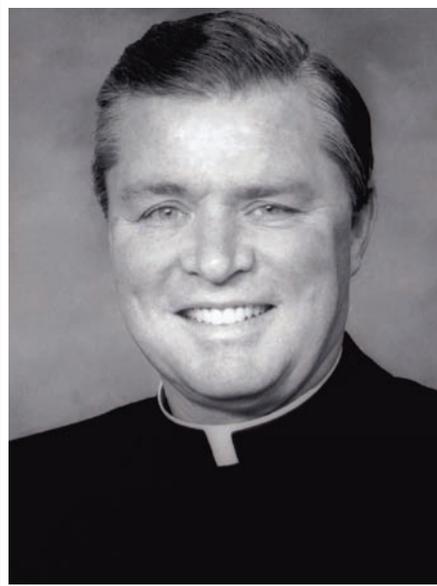
From 1985 to July 2000, Scott served as president at Ramapo College of New Jersey. In recognition of his work, Scott was named president emeritus and awarded the honorary doctor of letters degree.

Earlier in his career, he served as assistant commissioner of higher education in Indiana. As a consequence, Scott is one of the few people ever to hold all three top positions in American higher education — head of an independent university, a public institution, and a state higher education coordinating board.

He earned his bachelor of arts in English at Bucknell University and his PhD at Cornell University.

Since joining Adelphi, he has received a number of prestigious awards, including being named as one of the 100 Most Influential Long Islanders by *Long Island Business News*.

Scott's paternal grandfather hailed from Dromore, Co. Down. He is married with two children.



**FATHER GEORGE F. RILEY**

**F**ATHER George F. Riley has been an integral part of Villanova University for the past 48 years, during which time he has served eight presidents and was vice president for university relations for 20 years. Since 1992, he has been special assistant to the university president for alumni and external relations.

In his current position, he is the university's presidential representative for

the development and maintenance of a strong and productive bond between the university and more than 91,000 alumni living in the U.S. and abroad. His work takes him to alumni chapters all over the country and beyond.

From 1962 to 1971, Riley taught ethics and contemporary religions. He was the university's first liaison for the Peace Corps and served as director of admissions for the province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

In 1972 Riley was named vice president for the university relations with responsibility for the offices of development, public relations and alumni affairs.

During the 48 years Riley has been at Villanova, he has spent the same number of years in ministry to Catholic parishes in Atlantic City and Cape May counties. He is a former commissioner of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network.

He served on the board of trustees of Merrimack College in Andover, Massachusetts, and has also been a board member of the Continental Bank of Philadelphia, the Higher Education Congress of Philadelphia and the American Catholic Historical Society.

A native of Massachusetts, Riley graduated from Villanova in 1958 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1962. He holds two master's degrees and a doctorate from the Catholic University of America.



**PHILIP B. RYAN**

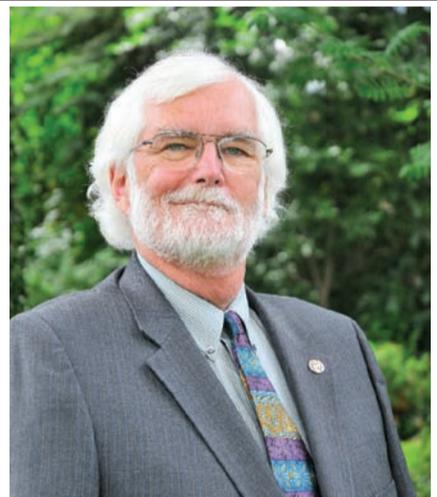
**P**HILIP B. Ryan is a trustee at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is also the CEO of Merchants Automotive Group in Hooksett, New Hampshire.

Ryan holds a BS degree from Worcester Polytechnic, and an MBA from Harvard.

Ryan was awarded the Herbert F. Taylor Alumni Award for Distinguished Service from Worcester Polytechnic. He also was awarded the Alexis de Tocqueville Heritage Award from the United Way.

He traces his Irish ancestry to the counties of Dublin, Tipperary, Galway and Cork. One grandparent was born in Ireland; the other three are first generation Irish Americans.

Ryan is married. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren.



**ALLAN L. SERVICE**

**D**R. Allan Laurence Service is the provost at Regis University of Denver, Colorado. The university, one of 28 American Jesuit colleges and universities, serves over 12,000 students and operates with an annual budget in excess of \$130 million.

Service recently passed his 25th anniversary at Regis, having previously served in a succession of academic leadership roles including dean of career programs, academic dean of the School for Professional Studies and vice president for academic affairs.

Service has been particularly instrumental in developing undergraduate and grad-

uate academic partnerships between Regis University and the National University of Ireland Galway that share students and faculty in online degree programs.

Service earned an AB in mathematics from the College of the Holy Cross, a master's in operations research from Case Institute of Technology, and a PhD in operations research from Case Western Reserve University.

All four of Service's grandparents were born in Ireland. His mother, Margaret, was the daughter of Catherine Lenihan (Feddiss) of Co. Limerick and Patrick Feddis of Dublin. His father, Albert, was the son of Hannah Brady (Service) and Albert Service, both of Belfast. The couples each met and married in New York City where Service was born.

Service feels a great closeness to his Irish roots and has traveled to Ireland a dozen times, connecting there with many cousins, especially the Davises of Co. Limerick and the Feddises of Co. Dublin.

Service resides in Westminster, Colorado with his wife, Dr. Esther Ray Mills. Their family includes three children — Nora, Graham, and Soren — and 4.5 grandchildren, Sophia, Nathan, Abigail, Theo, and Audrey (due in November).

Service is fond of describing himself, professionally and personally, as the result of "crossing a New York Irishman with a Jesuit education."



**JOHN SEXTON**

**J**OHN Sexton, the 15th president of New York University, also is the Benjamin Butler professor of law and NYU Law School's dean emeritus, having served as dean for 14 years. He joined the Law School's faculty in 1981, was named the school's dean in 1988, and was designated the university's president in 2001.

Sexton is chair of the Independent Colleges and Universities of New York, chair of the New York Academy of Sciences, and vice chair of the American Council on Education. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of both the Association of American University Presidents and the Council on Foreign Relations.

He has served as the chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (2003-2006) and chair of the Federal Reserve Systems Council of Chairs (2006). He served as a board member for the National Association of Securities Dealers (1996-1998), and was founding chair of the Board of NASD Dispute Resolution (2000-2002).

He also serves on the boards of the

Council on Foreign Relations, the Institute of International Education and the Association for a Better New York. While dean of the Law School he was president of the Association of American Law Schools.

Sexton received a bachelor's in history (1963) from Fordham College; a master's in comparative religion (1965) and a PhD in history of American religion (1978) from Fordham University; and a JD magna cum laude (1979) from Harvard Law School.

Sexton holds honorary degrees from Fordham University, St. Francis College, St. John's University, University of Rochester and Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.

Before coming to NYU, Sexton served as law clerk to Chief Justice Warren Burger of the United States Supreme Court (1980-1981), and to Judges David Bazelon and Harold Leventhal of the United States Court of Appeals (1979-1980).

For 10 years (1983-1993), he served as special master supervising pretrial proceedings in the Love Canal litigation. From 1966-1975, he was a professor of religion at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, where he was department chair from 1970-1975.

Sexton's grandfather hailed from Co. Sligo. He is a member of the advisory board of NYU's Glucksman Ireland House.

challenges and opportunities that lie in store."

The Shea family originates in Kerry, but his father's family emigrated north to Longford in the 16th century and settled on an island in the Shannon River at Fermoy, near Lanesborough.

His great-great-grandfather, Patrick Shea, left for America from Galway in May 1870 and settled in Millerville, Minnesota. From there, his great-grandfather, Richard Shea, homesteaded at Hazelton, North Dakota, at the farm where Shea was raised.

Shea studied for two years at Jamestown College (Wilson Scholar), then entered seminary for the Diocese of Bismarck in 1995 and went on to study philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. There he was awarded the Basselin Scholarship, the most prestigious academic scholarship offered to Catholic seminary students in the U.S.

Shea completed his bachelor's degree in 1997 and his master's degree and licentiate in philosophy the following year. While in Washington, he taught religion in two inner-city elementary schools and worked with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity at the Gift of Peace AIDS Hospice.

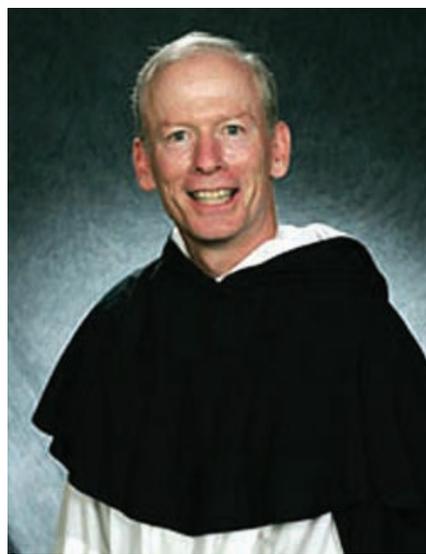
In 1998, he was sent to live at the North American College at the Vatican, where he studied theology under the Jesuits at the Gregorian University. He was ordained a priest in 2002.



**FATHER JAMES PATRICK SHEA**

**F**ATHER James Patrick Shea has just assumed the presidency of the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. At 33, he is the youngest university president in the U.S.

"I'm deeply honored and humbled to have been chosen to serve as the sixth president of the University of Mary," said Shea. "It's a surprising choice to many, I know, including me. But I am grateful to the board of trustees and the sisters for their confidence in me, and I look forward to the



**FATHER BRIAN J. SHANLEY**

**F**ATHER Brian J. Shanley, O.P. is the president of Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island.

Shanley holds a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Toronto and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Notre Dame's Center for Philosophy of Religion. After completing undergraduate studies in history at Providence College in 1980, he earned a licentiate degree in philosophy from the Catholic University of America.

He also holds a master of divinity and a licentiate degree in sacred theology from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.

Ordained a member of the Dominican Order of Preachers in 1987, Shanley taught philosophy at Providence and was a visiting professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. He most recently served as an associate professor of philosophy at the Catholic University of America.

A member of the Providence College Board of Trustees and Corporation — with prior service as chair of the Board's Strategic Planning Committee — Shanley also has served on the executive committee of the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

Shanley has served as associate editor and editor of *The Thomist* and as a member of the editorial board for the *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. Widely published in philosophy-focused academic journals, his research interests include Thomas Aquinas, philosophy of religion, metaphysics, medieval philosophy, and ethics.

An opera aficionado, Shanley is a self-described sports enthusiast who enjoys golf and incorporates Xing Yi martial arts into his daily routine.

He traces his paternal Irish ancestry to Longford, where his grandparents originated. His maternal grandparents were from Tipperary.



**R. MARK SULLIVAN**

**D**R. R. Mark Sullivan is the eighth president of the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York, a comprehensive, liberal arts college serving over 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students in nearly 111 degree programs.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Rhode Island, a master of

science in public administration from Syracuse University Maxwell School, and Ed.D in educational leadership from Harvard.

Prior to his appointment at St. Rose, he was executive vice president and COO of Marist College from 1987 to 1996. He also served as vice president for administrative affairs at Southern Connecticut State University, and assistant commissioner for the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education. In 1980, he served as acting commissioner for higher education in Connecticut.

He has received the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Angel Award; the Monsignor Burns Memorial Award from Catholic Central High School; the Educator of the Year Award from Progress Inc. and Progress High School; the Catherine McAuley Award for Distinguished Service to the Capital District Community from Maria College, the Citizen Laureate Award from the University at Albany; the Community Partner Award from the Black and Latino Achiever Program, Capital District YMCA, the Bishop Hubbard Award from Living Resources and the YMCA President's Award.

Sullivan is married with three children and three grandsons.



**JANE SULLIVAN ROBERTS**

**J**ANE Sullivan Roberts is the managing director of Major, Lindsey and Africa, one of the country's leading attorney search consulting firms.

She holds her Irish heritage in high

regard. Her mother is a native of Cork, while her paternal grandparents hailed from counties Kerry and Fermanagh.

Roberts owns a holiday cottage in Ireland with her husband, United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. They have two children.

Roberts is on the board of trustees of her alma mater, the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, from which she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in 1976. In 1977 she received an education diploma from the University of Melbourne in Australia. She received a master's from Brown three years later, and a JD from Georgetown Law School in 1984.

Roberts also sits on the board of governors of the John Carroll Society, and the board of directors of Citizens for Affordable Energy. She is a Rotary Foundation Fellowship Partner with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman.



**STEPHEN J. SWEENEY**

**S**TEPHEN J. Sweeny, president of the College of New Rochelle (CNR) in Westchester, New York, since 1997, traces his Irish ancestry to Ballydehob, Co. Clare, where his ancestors left for America in the 1840s.

Sweeny obtained a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish literature from the Catholic University of America, two master's degrees in theology and counseling psychology from Manhattan College, and a PhD in higher education from New York University. Additional studies at the Institute for Education

Management at Harvard University and its Seminar for New Presidents further prepared Sweeny for his current position.

At the college, Sweeny has strengthened the tradition of serving the underserved, proving that there is no contradiction between access and academic excellence.

He was instrumental in instituting an award-winning CNR image campaign which garnered a record number of corporate and alumnae contributions to the college. Under Sweeny's direction, CNR also completed a multi-million dollar renovation of Gill Library, expanded its computerized research capabilities on all six campuses, and began construction on a \$28 million interdisciplinary Wellness Center for students and the local community.

In more than two decades at the college, Sweeny has served in key positions including senior vice president for academic affairs (1981-1997), vice president for planning and acting vice president for academic affairs (1980-1981), executive assistant to the president (1979-1980), assistant to the president for government relations (1978-1979), and assistant to the provost (1976-1978). He has also been a principal and teacher at two New York City Catholic elementary/junior high schools.

Sweeny is married with one daughter.



**EDWARD THOMPSON**

**E**DWARD Thompson is vice president for advancement at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, Long Island.

Thompson received a bachelor of arts degree from Holy Cross, and a JD from St. John's University. He is a co-founder of the Energeia Partnership, and a co-founder of the Sustainability Institute. In 2008 he was named Environmentalist of the Year by the Long Island Neighborhood Network.

Thompson traces his Irish ancestry to Co. Antrim on his father's side, and Co. Wicklow on his mother's. He is a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Long Island, and the Irish Studies Institute at Molloy.



**SISTER CONSTANCE TOUEY  
SISTER JEANNETTE LUCEY**

**S**ISTER Constance Touey is the co-principal of St. Francis de Sales School in Philadelphia, and Sister Jeanette Lucey is an eighth grade teacher and member of the development team.

Sister Constance received a bachelor of arts degree from Immaculata University, and a master's from Kutztown University. Sister Jeanette received a bachelor of arts degree from Immaculata, and a master's from Villanova.

St. Francis de Sales Parish was founded in 1904 at the request of Irish working girls who wanted to attend Mass each day, but were too far away from a church. Since then, the parish and school have continued to serve immigrants and refugees.

Sister Constance and Sister Jeanette have worked at St. Francis de Sales for the last 25 years and have moved this inner-city school onto a firm financial footing through their development efforts. Each year for the past 12 years they have raised more than a half a million dollars for the school

and it has become a model for others.

The student body is multi-national (43 countries represented), multi-religious and from all socio-economic backgrounds. More than half live below the federal poverty line. The school is situated in the zip code with the second highest homicide rate in the City of Philadelphia.

Following the deaths of young graduates the sisters began what has become a model peace program to stem the tide of violence and create "The New Kind of Hero," one who does not use violence to solve challenges and confrontations. The peace program has been recognized with numerous national, state and local awards and has been replicated in many schools across the country.

The motto of St. Francis de Sales School is "Magic Happens Here for Children," and Sisters Constance and Jeanette work very hard to make that magic happen.

Sister Constance traces her Irish ancestry to Co. Cavan, while Sr. Jeanette traces hers to Co. Cork.



**MARK H. TUOHEY**

**MARK H.** Tuohy is a partner in the law firm of Vinson & Elkins LLP in Washington, D.C.

He holds several trustee positions at universities across the country, including Fordham University and Catholic University of America. He is

also the founding chair and director of the Washington Jesuit Academy (1998-2003), and a trustee of Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C. (1993-2003).

Tuohy received a bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University, and a JD from Fordham University. He is a director of the American Ireland Fund, a chair of Cooperation Ireland U.S., and a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Tuohy is an Irish citizen whose maternal grandparents Michael Slattery and Margaret Hoorigan hailed from Co. Tipperary. His paternal grandfather Mark H. Tuohy, Sr., came from Co. Galway.

Tuohy was named as lawyer of the year from the D.C. Bar Association in 2001

and Washingtonian of the year in 2006. He was the grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, D.C. in 2006.

He is married to Martha Keller Tuohy. They have three grown children.



**JOHN WATERS**

**J**OHN Waters is the director of studies at New York University's Glucksman Ireland House, and the director of the master's program in Irish and Irish American studies at NYU.

Waters received a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins, a master's from Trinity College in Dublin, and a PhD from Duke University. His areas of research and interest include Irish studies, 18th Century British and Irish culture and British Romantic literature.

Waters traces his Irish ancestry back three generations to Co. Roscommon. He is a member of the American Conference for Irish Studies.

He is married to Kate Hunter. They have one child, a daughter Fiona.



**IRENE WHELAN**

**I**RENE Whelan is a professor of history at Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York.

A native of Co. Galway, she received her degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She came to the U.S. in the 1970s.

She is a member of the executive committee of the American Conference for Irish Studies, the NUI Galway alumni group in New York, and New York University's Glucksman Ireland House.

Whelan established an Irish studies minor at Manhattanville, and a cooperative exchange with NUI Galway.

Whelan is the author of *The Bible War in Ireland* (2005).



**TIMOTHY J. WHITE**

earned bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Missouri, and a PhD from the University of Michigan.

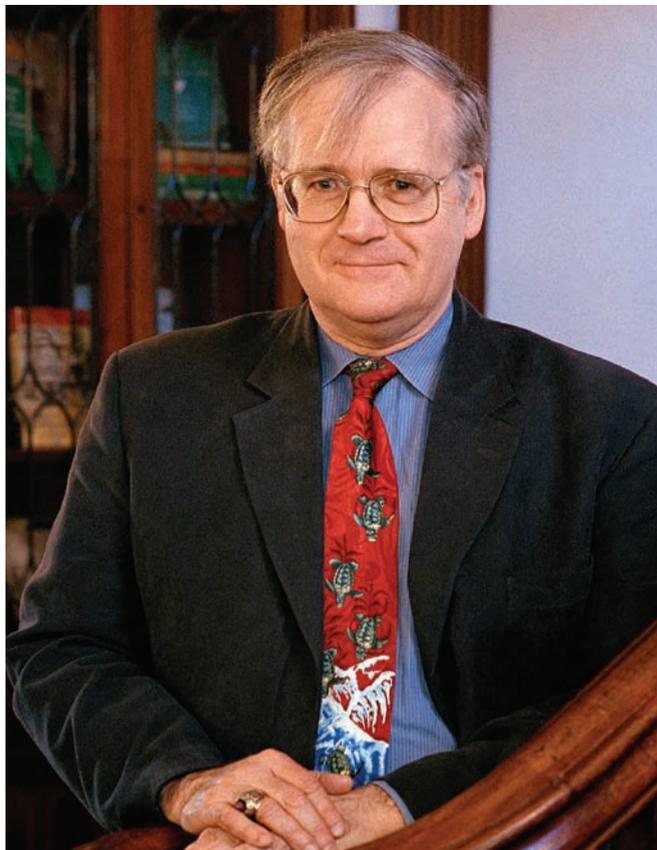
He is a member of the American Conference for Irish Studies, the Irish American Cultural Institute, the Political Studies Association of Ireland, the Celtic Studies Association of North America, and the Irish Salon of Cincinnati.

White traces his Irish heritage to Co. Tipperary, where his great-grandparents emigrated from.

For four years, he has served as the chair of the Donnelly Committee selecting the best book in history or social science in the field of Irish studies.

White was twice elected social science representative for the American Conference for Irish Studies. He is a winner of the Irish American Cultural Institute's visiting professorship at the National University of Ireland-Galway.

**T**IMOTHY J. White is professor of political science at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He



**PHILIP O'LEARY**

*Free State, 1922-1939.*

In addition to classes in the Irish language, O'Leary teaches courses on Irish theater, fiction and poetry, including a comparative course dealing with the drama of the Irish and Harlem Renaissance.

O'Leary guest edited a special issue of *Eire-Ireland* on translation in 2000 and is currently consulting editor of *Eire-Ireland*. He also maintains links between Irish Studies and the Celtic Department at Harvard.

O'Leary received an honorary doctor of literature degree from the National University of Ireland Galway in June of

**P**HILIP O'Leary, a professor of English at Boston College, received his bachelor's degree from Holy Cross and his PhD from Harvard.

His teaching integrates his current research interests in the writing of the Gaelic movement with his knowledge of Irish literary and cultural studies. O'Leary is an expert in Irish culture, particularly literature and theater; Irish writers; Irish poetry and the Gaelic language. He is author of the book *Gaelic Prose in the Irish*

this year. "By producing his gargantuan work in English he has introduced modern Gaelic literature to a global audience and stressed the importance and centrality of Gaelic to Irish Studies," his honorary degree citation read in part.

Previously he had served as an Irish American Cultural Institute fellow at NUI Galway.

O'Leary has also been a distinguished visiting professor of Irish language and literature at Notre Dame University.

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