



Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition

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Department Chair / Program Director Term Completions

Thank you to the following faculty who have completed their appointed term and have dedicated the last three years as department chair or program director

Mark Glen
Derek Larson
Alicia Peterson

Jen Schaefer
Yvette South
Allison Spenader

Julie Strelow
Steve Welch

JFS Chair Term Completion **Parker Wheatley**

Dr. Parker Wheatley led the Joint Faculty Senate and Joint Faculty Assembly as Vice Chair and Chair through a difficult period. Parker is a strong faculty advocate. As Vice-Chair, he was an advocate for faculty during the second year of COVID, serving on the pandemic sub-committee. As Chair, he worked tirelessly to give voice to the collective faculty during the Academic Program Prioritization process and the invocation of 2.14. His calm, empathetic, and impartial leadership during difficult and emotional times is a testament to his dedication for as transparent and coherent a process as possible. Parker was thoughtful and deliberative as he consulted with the new Chief Operating Officer and Provost in the launch of Strategic Planning and was a strong advocate for transparency, process, and broad faculty involvement. Parker provided wisdom and guidance throughout the onboarding and hiring process for both our inaugural President and COO. His deep commitment to the liberal arts, these institutions and the faculty he serves never wavered, even as he led us through a time of tremendous uncertainty. We are grateful for his leadership. Thank you Parker!



Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor



Lisa Gentile



Corrie Grosse



Megan Sheehan



Ben Trnka



Inclusive Pedagogy Practitioner Certificate & Digital Badge



Listed below are faculty members who have earned the 2022-2023 CSB and SJU Inclusive Pedagogy Practitioner Certificate and Digital Badge. Faculty who attended three (or more) inclusive teaching professional development events at CSB and SJU during the 2022-2023 academic year and who provided a short reflection on how their teaching supports inclusion have earned a certificate and digital badge.

Practitioner Certificate & Digital Badge Recipients

Boz Bostrom
Kate Cary
Whitney Court
Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman

Emily Esch
Julie Fisk
Matt Lindstrom
Kingshuk Mukherjee

Sucharita Mukherjee
Jen Schaefer



Faculty Search Advocates

We have completed the fifth year of the search advocate program at CSB and SJU. A search advocate is a member of a search committee who helps colleagues to avoid unconscious, unintentional biases, and who assists committees with efforts to include diversity, inclusion, and equity in its hiring processes and decisions. All our search advocates have completed training to prepare them for this important service to the institutions.

Thank you to the following faculty search advocates who have served on one or more search committees during the 2022-2023 school year:

Jessica Harkins

Christi Siver



Academic Advisor Award

The Academic Advisor of the Year Award was established in 1985. It is awarded to two faculty and/ or professional advisors who have distinctly contributed to the advising program, as well as to individual student development and growth throughout the academic year. Faculty and professional advisors at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University are eligible for this award. **The 2023 Advising Award recipients are: Terry Johnson and Sharon Wenner.**



Terry Johnson

Theresa (Terry) Johnson, Education Department: The nominations for Terry continuously reflected on Terry's personal attention and care to every single student. One nominator wrote, "Terry Johnson is an incredibly patient, kind, and affirming academic advisor. She is unbelievably supportive and it is evident that she truly, genuinely believes that all of her students are capable of greatness. She works so hard to ensure that her advisees are able to accomplish all they want to accomplish as a student, whether it be studying abroad, pursuing other academic or personal interests, and it is clear she cares deeply about helping us accomplish those goals. . . .She was interested in my life and my story from the moment I stepped onto campus as a senior in high school coming to sit in on her class. She has provided me continual support and affirmation as I have struggled with ADHD and never doubted me for a second even when I doubted myself." Thank you, Terry!



Academic Advisor Award



Sharon Wenner

Sharon Wenner, Academic Advising Office: Sharon consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. Due to a huge growth in the number of students interested in Exercise Health Studies and the departure faculty, Sharon stepped in to serve as the faculty advisor to 35 plus advisees in that program. In addition, you can often hear Sharon advising advisors as she mentors junior colleagues and works to assist faculty advisors. She is prompt, responsive and organized. One nominator states, “As a transfer student she really helped me this year and went above and beyond where my assigned academic advisor was willing to go.” Another simply exults, “The best in the business!” Thank you for all you do Sharon.



The Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award

The Gender Education Development Award was established in 2008 and was later renamed in honor of Sister Linda Kulzer, OSB. This award recognizes a member of the CSB and SJU faculty who has contributed to students' gender education through curricular leadership, courses taught, scholarship, and/or mentoring students independent of normal classroom teaching. Sister Linda, CSB's Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1977-85 and a Professor Emerita of Education, was a pioneer in the colleges' earliest efforts to integrate gender into the curriculum. **The 2023 Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Educator Award recipient is Dr. Jean Keller.**



Jean Keller

Jean Keller has been a long-time champion of gender education at CSB and SJU. She has published book chapters and journal articles advancing feminist philosophy and inclusive teaching. She has organized workshops, fieldtrips, and innovative student presentations to foster gender exploration for all members of our community. She is an important gender mentor to students and faculty alike. She always speaks up for justice, working to secure a better working environment for us all. Her teaching in numerous gender-related courses has a powerful effect on students. One of her past students who is currently an employment attorney that enforces equal employment laws, shared her experience coming out as a lesbian in Jean's class and felt that her joy in her current life may not have been possible without Jean. She stated, "I continue to speak out, stand up, and work for not only LGBTQA+ equality and justice, but also for equality and justice for all. I was and am able to do this, to live this life, because of Dr. Keller's support." Finally, Jean has collaborated with other valuable gender educators on campus – in true feminist fashion – in securing the future of gender studies at CSB SJU throughout the challenges of COVID-19 and the APP process. Through her leadership as chair of gender studies, and her creativity and openness to curricular redesign, we are fortunate to be able to provide in-depth gender education to our students. We are pleased to name Dr. Jean Keller the 2023 Sister Linda Kulzer Gender Education Award recipient and thank her for her hard work and dedication to gender studies. Congratulations Jean!



Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award

The Teacher/Scholar Award was established in 2000 and is given annually to a faculty member who exemplifies demonstrated excellence in scholarship as well as teaching, conducts student/faculty collaborative research or creative work, and excels in the mentoring of students. In 2004, following the untimely death of Dr. Linda Mealey, Professor of Psychology and 2002 recipient of the award, it was re-named the Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award in her honor. Linda believed that “learning is fun” and that simple pleasure was the driving force behind her considerable efforts to involve students in research.

The 2023 Linda Mealey Faculty/Student Collaborative Research and Creativity Award recipient is Dr. Megan Sheehan.



Megan Sheehan

Since her arrival in 2017, Dr. Sheehan has worked diligently to fulfill her roles as teacher, researcher, and mentor on our campuses. She has invited students to work with her on every one of her projects – teaching and mentoring them in all stages of research and allowing them to gain authentic, unique, research experience. Dr. Sheehan’s maintains several long-term research agendas including immersive and intense ethnographic field work in Chile, where she and her students investigate how individuals in migrant communities confront the exponential migration that has occurred over the last twenty years. These opportunities for our students are exceptionally rare and “life changing” as one of her students wrote. She went on to say, “I never would have anticipated doing real-world research in Chile as an undergraduate student, and sometimes, I still can’t believe I did it.” In other research endeavors, Dr. Sheehan explores issues right on our own campuses. She and 18 students have worked on evaluating food insecurity on campus and several variables that impact food insecurity and possible mitigation strategies. She also developed an ongoing study on the experiences of students on our campuses regarding religious inclusion – a study proposed by a student in one of her courses!

These are just a few of the projects Dr. Sheehan has explored, but in all of them, she has found a way to integrate them into her course design. One of her former students wrote: “[Megan] encourages our ideas and helps us to connect class concepts with the everyday world and draw inspiration from our passions and experience...” Even the research conducted abroad is brought to the classroom in meaningful ways. Dr. Sheehan has a rich desire and commitment to mentoring our students both in and outside of the classroom. She has invested so much by including them in the earliest stages of project development through the publication process. Her ability to mentor students beyond what is required for the research is also evident and has ultimately impacted the lives of many. Her students say it best: “Megan was not just supporting me because it was something she had to do, but it was something she wanted to do.” “...my growth and development as a student, researcher, and overall person has completely surpassed whatever expectations I had, and I owe all of that to Dr. Sheehan.”

Congratulations Megan!



Catholic Benedictine Educator Award

The Catholic Benedictine Educator Award recognizes creative engagement between the Catholic Benedictine tradition and teaching throughout the curriculum. This award affirms a CSB and SJU faculty member whose exemplary teaching successfully integrates the Catholic Benedictine tradition with courses in their academic discipline and/or the Integrations Curriculum. **The recipient of the 2023 Catholic Benedictine Educator Award is Julie Lynch.**



Julie Lynch

As a Communication professor, Julie Lynch creatively draws on her spiritual direction certification at the Monastery of St. Benedict in her teaching and work with students. Julie effectively integrates the Benedictine charism of listening with the ear of the heart with communication theory and research in her Communication and Learning Foundation courses. For instance, the purpose of her Listening for Justice course is “to be attentive to another’s perspective. Listening well requires patience, thought, and empathy. If we can better understand and share our neighbor’s struggles and joys, we are able to grow in relationship and ultimately community.” In this course, students experientially connect the art of listening with the ear of heart with their weekly practice of lectio divina assignments. As one student wrote: “I enjoyed hearing everyone’s responses to the scripture reading. We all slowed down in order to take the time to notice what the scripture was saying to us. I think this patience is what it takes to listen with the ear of the heart.”

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We are delighted to present Julie Lynch with the Catholic Benedictine Educator Award. Congratulations Julie!



Jennifer Galovich Service Award

The Jennifer Galovich Service Award recognizes outstanding faculty service to CSB and SJU. The Service Award was established in 2020 and is given annually to a faculty member who exemplifies demonstrated excellence in service to the institutions at both the departmental and institutional level. The award was named in honor of Dr. Jennifer Galovich, Professor Emerita of Mathematics, who demonstrated strong and exemplary service to the institutions during her 28-year career. In addition to her service to the mathematics department, she served as JFA chair and also served on numerous faculty governance committees. Her service as chair of the Faculty Handbook Committee is legendary.

The 2023 Jennifer Galovich Service Award recipient is **Dr. Carie Braun**



Carie Braun

Carie Braun has served the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University for 25 years. In those decades, she has demonstrated a broad and deep commitment to service of the nursing department, faculty governance, the institutions, and the higher educational community. She chaired the nursing department for six years and was instrumental in leading that program to its successful fundraising and development of the state-of-the-art facilities for nursing education. She has consistently and regularly served at all other levels of departmental management, from advising their student club to serving on the new Graduate committee. In addition to these commitments, she has served on eight standing committees during her career and has served on the Rank and Tenure committee for the last six years – twice chairing that committee. In each case of standing committee service, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to efforts to improve the processes and work of committees. Moreover, she ably led the faculty during her two-year term as Vice-Chair and then Chair of the Joint Faculty Assembly and Senate. In other areas of college service, she served on and then led the Institutional Review Board during its early formation starting over 20 years ago. She helped to systematize the many and important processes for overseeing human subjects research on these campus – an essential part of student learning and faculty research. She has served on several search committees for other departments and twice served on presidential search committees. Her deep commitment to assessment at the departmental and institutional level is demonstrated by her extensive work in departmental assessment and her institution-wide efforts supporting Higher Learning Commission Accreditation efforts. She has twice led the detailed efforts for accreditation, and most recently, she led the writing effort of the recent mid-cycle Accreditation Review in 2022. Her careful work and commitment have been highly valued and essential for the ongoing success of accreditation efforts. Beyond the institutional boundaries, she has raised the institutional profile through her service to the Higher Learning Commission as a peer reviewer, her leadership in the National Nursing Society, and her volunteer efforts with the St. Cloud Hospital. Carie's quiet, consistent, and humble service to the institutions and broader community make her an exemplar of service in line with the highest ideals of the Galovich Award. Congratulations Carie!



Sister Mary Grell / Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award

Sister Mary Grell served students on both campuses for more than 35 years with intelligence, skill, dedication, and genuine affection. She graduated from the College of Saint Benedict in 1933 with a baccalaureate degree in Botany and Chemistry. She did research in Germany on a Fulbright Grant in the 1950s and continued to do productive research on cells during the rest of her career here and at St. Anselm's College in New Hampshire. Following further study in biology and cytogenetics at St. Louis University and Fordham, she returned to our campus and began her remarkable teaching career. She served as president of the college from 1963 to 1968.

Bob Spaeth was many things to many people, but in all things he was a teacher, first at Saint John's College, Annapolis, where he taught the full range of the Great Books, and then, from 1979 until his death in 1994, here at Saint John's in Collegeville, in the departments of Philosophy and Mathematics. He also taught in the Christian Humanism program, as well as Senior Seminar and First Year Symposium, and was Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1979 through 1988. Both as dean and through his own teaching, Bob sought to inspire our learning community and was dedicated to the quality of our teaching faculty.

We celebrate the difference Sister Mary Grell and Bob Spaeth made at CSB and SJU through our recognition each year of a member of our faculty who represents the best of teaching and learning here at our colleges. **The 2023 Sister Mary Grell/Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award recipient is Dr. Erica Stonestreet.**



Erica Stonestreet

The 2023 Sister Mary Grell/Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award recipient is Dr. Erica Stonestreet. Dr. Stonestreet has been teaching in the Philosophy department since 2008. Erica's dedication to promoting an active learning environment that is inclusive for all students to think creatively and apply philosophy to their everyday lives embodies our institutional learning goals. Erica teaches several courses including (but not limited to), Logic, Philosophy of Human Nature, and Moral Philosophy. Furthermore, Erica has collaborated with several departments in creating and revising courses related to ethics in their specific field and played a key role in developing a variety of aspects in the Integrations Curriculum.

As she notes in her teaching philosophy, "Socrates' claim that "the unexamined life is not worth living," I aim to get my students to see what there is to examine: to ask philosophical questions. That's really the most crucial step in education. I use not only philosophy, but stories and poetry, as well as texts from science and anthropology in my courses to help students cultivate wonder and launch curiosity."

Dr. Stonestreet's passion and skill for helping students make connections between philosophical questions and today's society is evident during her time as a faculty member here at CSB and SJU. As one student wrote, "Dr. Stonestreet's teaching style provokes a deeper sense of understanding and interest in the material being taught. As an English major, I never imagined an area such as philosophy would become an academic interest of mine. However, after my first class with Dr. Stonestreet, I suddenly found myself pondering philosophical questions and the implications they have on my own life." In the classroom, Dr. Stonestreet guides students to develop a better understanding of their place in the world around them and how philosophical questions play a role in the development of their beliefs and everyday life. Dr. Stonestreet is a worthy recipient of the 2023 Sister Mary Grell/Robert Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award. Congratulations Erica!



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**Professor Alumnus,
Martin Connell**

Dr. Martin Connell began his time at the College of Saint Benedict and St. John's University and School of Theology in 1998. Over the years, he has been a sought-after teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate level, a prolific scholar-writing both scholarly and lay-accessible works, and a dedicated colleague. At the undergraduate level, Martin was a devoted teacher to his students both within the Department of Theology, always stepping forward to teach the introductory course, as well as a steadfast contributor to first year seminar classes. Martin has an ability to teach his area of study, liturgical studies, in such a way that students leave his course life-long learners and certainly more equipped writers. For many years, Martin served on rank and tenure committees, always with an eye toward supporting his colleagues in their research interests. He served on the School of Theology Graduate Theological Studies Committee for three years serving as chair for one and served as the SOT representative on numerous college/university committees. His true love always has been writing, and many came to know Martin as a colleague that strove to pen at least 1,000 words a day (if not more). To date, Martin has engaged in numerous scholarly formats, from monographs and edited books, scholarly essays, reference works, and more popular pieces. He has written a regular column in The Abbey Banner for many years. His scholarly contributions in the field of liturgical studies have both national and international reach. Thank you, Martin, for your endless commitment to the art of teaching and writing at both the graduate and undergraduate level and for your dedication to the department, graduate school, and college/university!



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**Professor Alumna,
Sarah Pruett**

Sarah Pruett joined the faculty of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University in 1988, as Visiting Assistant Professor and Coordinator of English as a Second Language, after working at St. John's Preparatory School as a teacher of Spanish and of English as a Second Language. From 1994 to 1998, she also served as Principal at St. John's Prep. Sarah has always demonstrated versatility and adaptability, as she taught courses across divisions, and foundational courses for the general educational curricula. She also embodies the spirit of internationalization of higher education, having served on the Fulbright Campus Screening Committee for nearly ten years, working closely with the international students of CSB and SJU, teaching English to bilingual students, and especially in her close relationship with Japanese exchange students throughout the years. Sarah has the enviable ability to zero in on the heart of the matter, address it calmly and clearly, and work with the group or person to find a resolution. Those who have had the honor and privilege of working alongside her recognize Sarah as the personification of grace, professionalism, and organization—all done with a great sense of humor and wit! As Department Chair for Languages and Cultures, a role she generously and exemplarily executed for four years (2015-2019), Sarah led efficient and effective meetings, navigated important transitions, and facilitated crucial decisions for the years ahead. Sarah, we are deeply grateful for your dedication, your passion for teaching and learning, and your service to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University!



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**Professor Alumnus,
Chris Schaller**

Chris Schaller joined the Chemistry Department in 1996. He was truly a “renaissance chemist”, with expertise spanning organic, inorganic, bioinorganic and polymer chemistry. His wide-ranging knowledge served us well as he prepared an online textbook covering the first four semesters of our integrated chemistry curriculum. This work has now gone national due to its incorporation into Libretexts, a web-based collection of chemistry textbooks. As an excellent communicator, Chris served as the lead author in the department’s numerous publications describing aspects of our novel curriculum. He also was the lead author and publisher of *The Cavendish Chronicle*, a newsletter sent to department alums. In addition, he mentored many undergraduate research projects and published research papers with student coauthors, a particularly challenging feat in the field of chemistry. Chris was an engaging classroom instructor and was able to draw on examples from everyday life and the chemical literature to illustrate his teaching. He was a recipient of the Sister Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award. The department will miss the way he treated faculty colleagues and students as valued collaborators, his calm demeanor, his dry, clever sense of humor, artistic skill, and the soothing, plant-filled space that was his office. Thank you Chris for your dedication and service to the College of Saint Benedict and St. John’s University!



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**Professor Emerita,
Carolyn Finley**

Carolyn Finley has served the CSB and SJU community with passion, talent and generosity for 35 years. From singing in Pastiche concerts and for inauguration of a new president to coaching musicals for the theater department and accompanying student carolers for the Board Christmas party, Carolyn has left a deep imprint on the department, the colleges and the larger community. She has won the Sister Mary Grell teaching award, judged Minnesota high school voice competitions, sung on an international tour with a premiere of *To Be Certain of the Dawn* by Stephen Paulus with the CSB and SJU and SCSU choirs and sung in a blues revue at the Colman Black Box Theater. She served as accompanist for the Women's Choir. She is not only a devoted teacher and mentor, she's a talented performer. She has had a distinguished musical career, starting with her years at the Houston Opera Studio and winning the Met Opera regional competition early in her career. She has broad musical interests and talents. She championed and performed new works by many living composers, from songs by faculty members Brian Campbell and Karen Erickson to songs by Native American composers. Carolyn developed an interest in jazz and became a sophisticated and inventive jazz singer and then coached her students in jazz singing styles. Her students won many competitions, performed for countless campus events and have gone on to thriving careers as singers, teachers and professors. Carolyn has served on many faculty committees, including 15 years on Rank and Tenure and served on Faculty Senate and Faculty Development and Research. Her service to the colleges has been immeasurable; her influence on her students and colleagues profound. Thank you, Carolyn, for your generous dedication and service to the College of Saint Benedict and St. John's University!



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**Professor Emerita,
Jeanne Lust, OSB**

Jeanne Lust, OSB joined the Biology Department at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in 1990 after earning a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Minnesota. Prior to completing her Ph.D., Jeanne earned a B.A. in Biology (cum laude) with a secondary education minor from College of St. Benedict and taught at John XXIII Middle School and Cathedral High School in St. Cloud, MN. Jeanne has provided extensive and effective service to the Biology Department and the institutions, including as Biology Chair 2000-2006 and as a member of the Joint Faculty Senate 2008-2019. She has played a key role in multiple rounds of Biology curriculum revisions and continued to provide thoughtful and helpful suggestions for Biology curriculum revision even in her last semester teaching. Dr. Lust is an excellent teacher, with students and colleagues unanimously praising her dedication and effectiveness. According to a colleague, "her classes, especially introductory classes, were highly sought. She was 'the' prof to get". The chicken development research project in Developmental Biology was always a student favorite. Jeanne has been dedicated to continual improvement as a teacher., She takes care to get to know each of her students and to provide each with encouragement and supervision while providing clear expectations of her students and colleagues and holds them to it. Jeanne is a proponent of teaching methods that prove effective for students—she is truly a student-focused teacher. Dr. Lust has provided extensive service to Saint Benedict's Monastery since 1990, including elected and appointed positions on the Monastic Council and other leadership positions. Finally, it would be an oversight to omit Jeanne's great passion—golf! A colleague noted that, as four-time women's club champion and nine-time senior women's club champion at Rich Spring Golf Club, Jeanne "must have a well-hidden killer instinct. In the midst of winter, I can always count on her to remind me of her optimistic motto that golf will start again in April." Dr. Lust's colleagues will miss her supportive, kind, and measured approach. She has provided much wisdom, common sense, and encouragement throughout the years and we are grateful for her friendship and guidance. Thank you, Jeanne, for your incredible years of service and dedication to The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University!!



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**Professor Emerita,
Cindy Malone**

Cindy Malone has been a model teacher and integral part of the English Department at CSB and SJU since 1990. Cindy's wit, graciousness, and thoughtful class design made her a beloved and inspiring teacher of Victorian literature, creative nonfiction, and editing and publishing as well as a mentor to many students. She was recognized as the Burlington Northern Teacher of the Year in 1992 and won the Faculty Advising Award in 1998 and the Sister Mary Grell Teaching Award in 2009. Cindy's wide-ranging scholarship spanned the analytical, creative, and material dimensions of literature. She published multiple scholarly articles on Charles Dickens and Laurence Sterne as well as personal essays exploring illness and medicine. Cindy's interest in how books are made resulted in the creation of CSB's Book Arts Studio in 1999 and the book arts minor in 2011. Cindy designed and printed several books, most importantly her handmade, limited edition of *Tristram Shandy, Volume One: A Reader's Edition* (2011). Cindy was an enthusiastic consultant on the creation of the artists' book collection at Clemens Library. She also initiated and co-created an online catalog and exhibition of the artists' books. This exhibit is available at clemensartistsbooks.com/artists-books-at-clemens-library/index. From 1998-2009, Cindy served as a faculty liaison to Graywolf Press and from 2007-2015, she was the faculty director of the CSB Literary Arts Institute. In these roles, she established a relationship that brought nationally recognized authors to CSB and SJU and gave students innovative opportunities to engage in the book trades. Cindy also contributed her wisdom and organizational talents to mentoring many faculty and to the work of administration. She led several study abroad programs, chaired the English Department, sat on multiple faculty governance committees, and served as Associate Dean from 2015-2016. Cindy gave us remarkable insights into how the written word is integral to human experience. Her love for reading and writing, and most especially for the book, continues to inspire us. With deep gratitude, thank you Cindy, for your generous service and dedication to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University!



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**Professor Emerita,
Kathy Ohman**

In her many years of teaching at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, Dr. Ohman integrated her enthusiasm and love of teaching into every student experience that she created. She believes in the importance of contextual learning and works to encourage students as they participate in lab experiences, simulation, and immersion experiences. She was on the forefront of the development of the first South Africa study abroad program for the nursing department and has directed study abroad experiences for the College and University in Ireland. Her clinical experience as an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse fostered the development of student resources to support success in the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination [for] Registered Nurses). Her broad knowledge and interest in nursing has supported her scholarship. She has many publications and presentations on topics such as clinical judgement development in student nurses, family presence during resuscitation, active learning strategies, decreasing ventilator required pneumonia, and many resources on NCLEX including an NCLEX review book and book chapters on the topic of NCLEX preparation. Dr. Ohman has a strong commitment to leadership and service to CSB and SJU and to the local and global community. Some highlights of her awards include the Evidence Based Practice Nursing Research Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award in Evidence Based Practice, and the Star of Excellence Award from Sigma Theta Tau. Highlights of Dr. Ohman's academic service include serving multiple terms on the Faculty Handbook Committee. In addition, she served on the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee, Rank and Tenure Committee, and served as Director of study abroad programs within the department and for the college and university. Dr. Ohman gives freely of her time and shares her expertise to improve the health and resources available to the local and global community. Examples of Dr. Ohman's service include serving as the coordinator for the Central Minnesota Chapter American Association Critical Care Nurses and volunteering to help individuals at Whitney Senior Center complete advanced health care directives. She has also volunteered at the AIDS Haven in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and served as a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association at St. Cloud Hospital. Thank you, Kathy for your many years of dedication and service to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University!



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**Professor Emeritus,
Ron Pagnucco**

Ron Pagnucco earned his BA with a double concentration in Religion and Religious Education, and Anthropology; M.A. in Anthropology; and Ph.D. in Sociology, with graduate course work in Theology, all from The Catholic University of America. In addition to his position as Associate Professor of Peace Studies at CSB and SJU, he was Visiting Faculty Fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, and is Visiting Professor at the Centre for Social Justice and Ethics at The Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya. He taught at The Catholic University of America, University of Notre Dame (Indiana), and Mount Saint Mary's College (Maryland). He taught courses on sociological theory; social problems; human rights; peace and conflict studies; intergroup conflict; justice, peace, and reconciliation; mediation and conflict resolution; nongovernmental organizations; political violence; religion, society and politics; social movements, global issues and ethical perspectives; and international justice and human rights. In addition to his books entitled, *Transnational Social Movements and Global Politics: Solidarity beyond the State*, co-edited with Jackie Smith and Charles Chatfield, and *A Vision of Justice: Engaging Catholic Social Teaching on the College Campus*, co-edited with Susan Crawford Sullivan, he has written, co-written, and presented numerous articles, essays, and presentations on peace, human rights, refugees, Catholic social teaching, global solidarity, and citizenship. He is Chair of the Board of the Central Minnesota Community Empowerment Organization, whose mission is "to support and empower central Minnesota's refugee and immigrant communities through service and advocacy" and to build bridges among communities. He is Coordinating Editor of the *Journal of Social Encounters (JSE)*, an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed, peace and justice studies journal published online by the Center for Social Justice and Ethics at The Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, in collaboration with the Peace Studies Department at CSB and SJU. Ron was Chair of CSB and SJU's Peace Studies Department; faculty advisor to CSB and SJU's African Student Association and the Peace Studies Club; organizer of several annual Peace Studies conferences; was a member of the Leadership Team of the Catholic Diocese of Saint Cloud / Diocese of Homa Bay, Kenya partnership; organized student study trips and led May terms in Kenya; served on several honors thesis committees; established, thanks to the generosity of Pat and Gerry Mische, the Pat and Gerry Mische Family Peace Studies Scholarship; organized student participation in the University of Notre Dame's Annual Student Peace Studies Conference (which he co-founded while there); and was the founder and coordinator of the CSB and SJU African Studies Learning Community. Ron, thank you for your dedication and service to the College of Saint Benedict, Saint John's University, and the wider communities!



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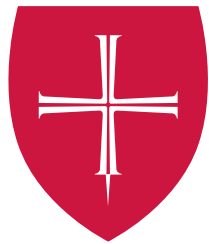
**Posthumous
Professor Emeritus,
Edward Turley**

Dr. Edward Turley began teaching at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University in 1981. He taught piano, piano literature, piano pedagogy, and developed a special area of interest in teaching courses for the non-major music student. He was the recipient of the Sister Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award in 1996. He also served as chair of the CSB and SJU Music Department from 1994-98, 2001-13 and 2016-19. He has been featured as soloist and collaborative pianist throughout the upper Midwest. Many of us enjoyed his performances with various orchestras, such as Minneapolis Chamber Symphony, St. Cloud Symphony, Bloomington Symphony and Heartland Symphony. He performed frequently in Pastiche, the CSB and SJU faculty chamber music ensemble. He also performed on ten CD recordings, including: "Music for Trumpet and Piano I & II" and "The Invincible Cornet" with Dr. Dale White; "The Vocal Music of Bryan Beaumont Hayes", "Under These Skies - British and American Art Song", and "The Pleasures of Nature and Youth" with spouse Dr. Carolyn Finley and other colleagues; and two CDs, "Due Cappuccini" with colleague Dr. Richard Dirlam (saxophone). He served as an adjudicator and clinician and has served as the college liaison for the Minnesota Music Teachers Association. Ed influenced countless students and was an important part of our community. Ed's smile, positive attitude, boundless joy, and his friendly greeting and hearty handshake are missed every day. Ed Turley was one of a kind! The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University are better places because of Ed.



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