

## CHAPTER PRESIDENTS WELCOME NEW PRESIDENTS

Alpha Sigma Nu student leaders provide a valuable collaborative asset to all university presidents. In a year when five U.S. Jesuit universities selected new presidents, a few of our Chapter Presidents took the time to meet their new leaders, to discuss their vision and goals for the future.

### **Timothy R. Lannon, SJ**

(Creighton '71), is Creighton University's 24th president and succeeds **John Schlegel, SJ** (Creighton '79). Previous to his coming to Creighton, Father Lannon served as President of Saint Joseph's University for eight years. This November, Father Schlegel became the publisher and president of *America Magazine*. Father Lannon was inducted to AΣN as an undergraduate at Creighton.



*Chapter President **Nicholas Stukel** (Creighton '11) and Creighton President **Timothy Lannon, SJ** (Creighton '71)*

### **What role would you like to see**

**Alpha Sigma Nu play on this campus? How would you like to see the AΣN tenets of at work at Creighton?**

Since coming to Creighton, I have been astonished by Alpha Sigma Nu's impressive presence on campus. I look to members, as leaders on campus, for advice and opinions as I begin my journey at Creighton. As an Alpha Sigma Nu member myself, I see the AΣN's role at the University defined most noticeably in the students who are part of Creighton's Chapter. As Alpha Sigma Nu moves into the future, I would love to see the development and growth of a proactive, organized project that would enable all Alpha Sigma Nu members – students, faculty, and alumni – to interact with each other.

### **How can Alpha Sigma Nu contribute to the mission of Jesuit education, and particularly at Creighton? How can AΣN's role contribute to your overall goals for the next year or two?**

Alpha Sigma Nu, through the quality and type of student that the Society seeks out, contributes to the mission of Jesuit education in an organic way. The students inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu at Creighton exemplify what the mission of a Jesuit education is all about. The ideal attributes that I hope to see present in every Creighton graduate are embodied in the student members of Alpha Sigma Nu. I hope to become more involved with Creighton's AΣN chapter as I become more familiar with the University. By joining the chapter for some time to talk about Creighton, and the direction in which the University should move into the future, I look forward to hearing members' perspectives.

### **Jesuit campuses are increasingly culturally and religiously more diverse. How does that inform Jesuit education today? Does this alter the mission of Alpha Sigma Nu?**

Catholic with a small 'c,' means 'universal.' As the world around us becomes more diverse, I hope to see Creighton University do the same, to better reflect our nation and our world. Rather than seeing diversity as a potential for conflict, I see it as a way to enhance Creighton's mission. Our mission insists on diversity, and I believe that most of our students, staff, and faculty embrace that opportunity.

### **Who is your favorite author, philosopher, or spiritual leader? In your opinion what is a "must read" book for Alpha Sigma Nu members?**

As far as spiritual leaders go, Jesus makes the top of my list. Not far behind is St. Ignatius of Loyola, whom I see as a brilliant man on many levels. St. Ignatius was able to package his life experience into the Spiritual Exercises, which have persisted throughout the centuries. A "must read" book for Alpha Sigma Nu members is *Heroic Leadership*, by **Chris Lowney** (Fordham '04). The book focuses on leadership lessons one can learn from the Jesuits.

### **What activities, practice, or prayer can you recommend for how Alpha Sigma Nu members can be "contemplatives in action" today?**

In terms of prayer or practice I would recommend for AΣN members, without a moment of hesitation, the Examen. Students today, along with the rest of society, are so busy, and it is difficult to find time to reflect on how God is working in our lives. I would love to see students take just a couple of minutes each day to reflect on the day and how God has been present in it. Through this reflection, students can develop a clearer view of the world, God, and themselves.

### **We often say that Alpha Sigma Nu is about forming future leaders who inculcate the spirit of St. Ignatius in their work/career, etc. What words of advice do you have for young leaders who are passionate about "going forth to set the world on fire" after graduation?**

I am very hopeful about our young leaders going out into the world. I would advise them to continue to embrace the values espoused by Alpha Sigma Nu and the Jesuit values of Creighton University. Do not let your passion and direction stop when you graduate in May. By maintaining the values of AΣN and the Society of Jesus, and allowing those ideals to continue to flourish after graduation, I am certain that students will make a positive impact on the world.



***Scott Pilarz, SJ** (Georgetown '81), was inaugurated as the 23<sup>rd</sup> president of Marquette University in September. An accomplished teacher, scholar, and administrator, he succeeds **Robert A. Wild, SJ** (Weston '96). Father Pilarz was inducted while an undergraduate at Georgetown.*

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## DEAR MEMBERS...

What is it about Alpha Sigma Nu that makes it so special, that makes it life and world changing, and that makes it deserving of your support? This fall, Alpha Sigma Nu came alive:

- Peer review of new members at Regis, Saint Joseph's, Xavier, John Carroll, and Georgetown
- Inductions at Loyola Chicago, Holy Cross, Fairfield, John Carroll, and Spring Hill
- Lecture events planned at Loyola Maryland, Spring Hill, Gonzaga, Santa Clara, Creighton, Georgetown, and Marquette
- Chapter retreats planned at Gonzaga, Canisius, and Detroit Mercy
- Service at Loyola Chicago, Canisius, Wheeling Jesuit, Saint Louis, Regis, Santa Clara, Fordham, and LeMoyne
- Students sharing dinner with the Jesuit communities at Gonzaga, Xavier, Creighton, and Fordham

Alpha Sigma Nu is in the business of encouraging these students who personify the Alpha Sigma Nu mission as well as Jesuit education, as described by Father General Adolfo Nicolas:

*And the meaning of change for our institutions is "who our students become," what they value, and what they do later in life and work. To put it another way, in Jesuit education, the depth of learning and imagination encompasses and integrates intellectual rigor with reflection on the experience of reality together with the creative imagination to work toward constructing a more humane, just, sustainable, and faith-filled world.*

*Adolfo Nicolas, SJ, Mexico City, 2010*

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Thank you in advance for your financial support and your personal investment in Alpha Sigma Nu.

Gratefully,

*Becca A Cates*

Becky Cates (Gonzaga '81)  
Alpha Sigma Nu Board President



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Alpha Sigma Nu induction fees for 2011-12 are \$60 per member. We are able to keep that cost affordable thanks to our generous alumni donors. Thank you in advance for your donation to the Sustaining Fund!

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# JESUIT UNIVERSITIES WELCOME NEW PRESIDENTS CONT.

**Antoine M. Garibaldi, PhD**, is the first lay president of the University of Detroit Mercy. Prior to his appointment at University of Detroit Mercy, he was the sixth President of Gannon University from 2001-2010. He has served as Senior Fellow in the Office of the Vice President for Collaborations and Corporate Secretary at the Educational Testing Service, Provost and Professor of Education at Howard University, and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Xavier University of Louisiana. Dr. Garibaldi succeeds **Gerard L. Stockhausen, SJ** (U. Of Detroit Mercy '01), Socius/Executive Secretary to the President and Director of Planning for the Jesuit Conference.

**What role would you like to see Alpha Sigma Nu play on this campus? How would you like to see the AΣN tenets of at work at the University of Detroit Mercy?**

On campus, there are several discipline specific organizations that AΣN could partner with to broaden its outreach to campus students, whether it entails a joint meeting to discuss service projects or a chance for the members of each group to get to know each other. I would like to see AΣN positively influence students to strive not only for better education, but also for a sense of belonging and giving back. A feature in the Varsity News- what it means to be selected- would be an excellent opportunity to educate students about AΣN's program and highlight the benefits of membership. I would like to see AΣN show students that membership, and life beyond college, requires being a well-rounded person. When students are actively involved in their professions, they will realize how important leadership skills are that come from being part of a group and active in service.

**How can Alpha Sigma Nu contribute to the mission of Jesuit education, and particularly at UDM? How can AΣN's role at UDM contribute to your overall goals for the next year or two?**

Service and a commitment to faith are the best ways AΣN can contribute to the Jesuit mission and our mission. Our mission states that we want our students to be intellectual, ethical, spiritual, and aware of society's progress. Because AΣN strives to develop a whole person who is knowledgeable and devoted to the community, prayer, and service, it essentially recognizes students who live our mission. And the fact that members do not have to be Catholic is particularly great because it promotes social and societal awareness in our global world.

The best way AΣN can contribute to my goals over the next few years would be through active involvement. I want to see students engaged on campus, interacting



**Chapter President Chelsea Smialek**  
(U. of Detroit Mercy '10) and  
**Antoine Garibaldi, PhD**

**and religiously more diverse. How does that inform Jesuit education today? Does this alter the mission of Alpha Sigma Nu?**

Diversity is a natural part of our tradition and the tradition of being Catholic—universal, all are welcome. A large number of our students in Catholic schools are not Catholic and this openness is important for the Jesuit and Mercy tradition. The word “urban” is in our mission, which is a signal to diversity and means “a world, mix of traditions.” We should be proud that AΣN and the Jesuit tradition encourage and welcome all to participate. We’re ranked as the eighth most diverse school of Jesuit universities out of twenty-eight. That's something to be proud of and continue to strive for.

**Who is your favorite author, philosopher, spiritual leader, etc.? In your opinion, what is a “must read” book for Alpha Sigma Nu members?**

There isn't a special book that I'd promote. I was in the seminary for eight and a half years and those years of education, prayer, and work exposed me to many theologians, different aspects of prayer and recognition of religion in the world. Every now and then I pick up something of interest that illustrates the Jesuit tradition: a perfect mix of theology and diversity. If I had to pick something for students to read, I'd suggest *Say You're One of Them* by **Uwem Akpan, SJ** (Gonzaga '97), a Nigerian Jesuit. It tells, through five short stories, the challenges African children experience and how they cope with their situations. This book will make you stop and think, but more importantly, it helps us focus on how our contributions and our actions can help others.

**What activities, practice, or prayer can you recommend for how Alpha Sigma Nu members can be “contemplatives in action” today?**

There are opportunities like daily Mass and short student retreats that would not only help any student, but would be particularly useful to the student leaders of AΣN. They provide students the chance to become attuned to themselves and challenge their ideas.

**We often say that Alpha Sigma Nu is about forming future leaders who inculcate the spirit of St. Ignatius in their work/career, etc. What words of advice do you have for young leaders who are passionate about “going forth to set the world on fire” after graduation?**

Develop good leadership skills, find something you enjoy and want to do, and then go with it. Make a commitment to academics; you will use your experiences as a student later on in life. Multi-tasking and relationship building are both things that you learn as a student and use throughout your life. More importantly, patience and conscientiousness are cornerstones of success and leadership.

**Richard Allen Beyer** is the ninth president of Wheeling Jesuit University. President Beyer joins WJU from Trimble Navigation Ltd., a leading provider of global positioning solutions for commercial markets, where he served as corporate vice president and member of the executive committee. He has also worked with higher education institutions on financial modeling, board governance and strategic planning.

**What role would you like to see Alpha Sigma Nu play on this campus? How would you like to see the AΣN tenets of at work at Wheeling Jesuit?**

We have a tremendous history of student community service. Alpha Sigma Nu, because of the work that the Chapter does and the opportunities for service the Chapter provides in the Bread Run, emphasizes the critical role service has in Jesuit education. I think really it is more about continuing to expand AΣN's presence on campus. When we take a look at our strategic plan, we are looking at doubling the size of our school in the next five years. As an important part of this plan, the Alpha Sigma Nu Chapter will double in size as well and develop and sustain a second major service program to help our community, and to strengthen the University. I would like to see an increased presence in terms of the AΣN purpose as well as an increased consciousness of membership as a model and goal.

**How can Alpha Sigma Nu contribute to the mission of Jesuit education, and particularly at Wheeling Jesuit? How can AΣN's role at contribute to your overall goals for the next year or two?**

Finding God in all things is not just doing service, the deeper thinking about what goes into service is required. Our Jesuit mission calls our students to move beyond the service, to be men and women for and with others.

As the University grows, strengthening our Catholic, Jesuit mission will be at the forefront of our actions. I think Alpha Sigma Nu can play a very critical role. It is important that we grow the in the right way and achieve success consistent with our mission. Chapter members can be the messengers of our mission by reaching out and inviting students to participate in service and in AΣN, informally talking about their experiences. Having an increased Alpha Sigma Nu presence on campus will be very strategic, especially over the next year or two.

**Our campuses are increasingly culturally and religiously more diverse. How does that inform Jesuit education today? Does this alter the mission of Alpha Sigma Nu?**

We are focused on educating the whole person and educating women and men for service to others. I think that goes beyond a particular religion; we have the opportunity to touch all of our students so that they leave Wheeling Jesuit with not only an education, but an Ignatian spiritual foundation.

**Who is your favorite author, philosopher, spiritual leader, etc.? In your opinion what is a “must read” book for Alpha Sigma Nu members?**

I would recommend *A Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything* by **James Martin, SJ** (Weston '97), and **Chris Lowney's** (Fordham '04) *Heroic Leadership*.

**What activities, practice, or prayer can you recommend for how Alpha Sigma Nu members can be “contemplatives in action” today?**

Being conscious of your life and trying to be conscious of seeing God in all things. I know when the world is going crazy and I need to find some inner peace, I recite peace, love, and compassion. Those are just three great words to help put things in perspective.

**We often say that Alpha Sigma Nu is about forming future leaders who inculcate the spirit of St. Ignatius in their work/career, etc. What words of advice do you have for young leaders who are passionate about “going forth to set the world on fire” after graduation?**

Young leaders, I encourage you to dream, dream big. With your foundation, built of Ignatian spiritual development and Jesuit education, coupled with high aspirations, our graduates can reach new heights and address our world's challenges.



**Wheeling Jesuit President Richard Beyer** (Wheeling Jesuit '11) and  
**Chapter President Nathan Ogonek** (Wheeling Jesuit '11)

# MEET NEW SCRANTON PRESIDENT KEVIN QUINN, SJ

Chapter President **Rosemary Shaver** (U. of Scranton '11) reports on the new presidency of University of Scranton President **Kevin P. Quinn, SJ** (Santa Clara '09).

Father Quinn was inaugurated as the 25th president of The University of Scranton Friday, September 16. During his inaugural address, he offered his vision for The University of Scranton as a twenty-first century Jesuit University. As the economic burden of a college education rises, he noted that Jesuit institutions of higher education are in the unique position to reimagine their mission. Father Quinn envisions these differences as providing a competitive edge, and specifically highlighted the role of service as the cornerstone of Ignatian spirituality, “In a Jesuit institution of higher education, the knowledge gained through inquiry brings with it the responsibility of acting justly for the common good. But the ethical ideal proposed by our schools should be of a higher level than that of liberal education.”

Service was a thematic element throughout inauguration week. The University hosted a celebration of Service Day. Students and faculty reached out to the Scranton community through service projects which included events from the clean-up a local little league field to restocking shelves at a local food bank.

Father Quinn indicated that there is a place for Alpha Sigma Nu in this equation, and expressed his intention to create an institute at the University dedicated to the promotion of Jesuit mission and Catholic identity. Although the bulk of the Center's work will be organized by a faculty steering committee, he hopes that Scranton's Alpha Sigma Nu Chapter will be a resource for the center for student input.

Alpha Sigma Nu can expand its role in planning retreats and service trips. Father Quinn noted the University's robust retreat program is essential to the student population's connection with Jesuit ideals. He hopes these ideals will transfer to life beyond college as students enter the workforce...Jesuit spirituality is spirituality for the real world.

Father Quinn will spend some time getting to know the university community. He will continue the five year strategic plan that is now in its second year. Visible in the construction projects that are now dominating the campus landscape, the University's ambitious strategic plan pursues expansion and deeper connection with Jesuit roots.

“Jesuit education is different,” Father Quinn said, “I think we have a very unique and exciting idea here.”



**Gregory Carlson, SJ** (Creighton '94), **Kathleen Kastl** (Creighton '11), **Timothy Lannon, SJ** (Creighton '71), **Julie Thompson** (Creighton '11), **John P. Curtin, MD**, **Anne McGuire** (Creighton '72), **Thomas Shanahan, SJ** (Creighton '97), **Richard Rossi** (Creighton '99), **Gary Batenhorst** (Creighton '71)

# ALUMNI CLUB NEWS

**CLEVELAND**  
The Cleveland Club members gathered at the fall meeting of the Loyola Club November 9 to hear Georgetown University President, **John J. DeGioia, PhD** (Georgetown '86).

**BALTIMORE**  
The Loyola Maryland Chapter welcomed AΣN alumni and the Loyola community to the first annual Alpha Sigma Nu Faith & Culture Lecture, featuring Brian Haig on “How Fiction has Changed Human History” October 25. Haig discussed the impact of fiction on how readers understand their political and social worlds, shaping future behavior. A reception followed the lecture.

**DANIHY**  
Student and alumni members gathered for the annual Fall Fellowship Mass and reception September 25, co-sponsored by the Danihy Alumni Club and Marquette's Alpha Sigma Nu Student Chapter. Faculty Adviser **Jeffrey LaBelle, SJ** (Marquette '08), presided at the Mass, held in the Chapel of the Holy Family in the Alumni Memorial Union.

**DENVER**  
The Denver Club has enjoyed a busy fall calendar. They gathered for a purely social evening September 16 for networking and conversation. Then the AΣN Club featured **Charles M. Shelton, SJ** (Saint Louis '72), Professor of Psychology at Regis, who discussed his new book, *The Gratitude Factor* at the October 25 Alumni Club dinner. Attendees were asked to bring a new toy or item of clothing for the annual Fr. Woody Christmas Party for the homeless.

**LOS ANGELES**  
The Loyola Marymount Chapter hosted LA Club members and other guests at a reception celebrating Jesuit Symposia: The 1st Annual Conference on Jesuit Higher Education October 12. The theme of the Symposia was Ignatian Imagination in the World: The Future of Education, Faith and Justice. A number of interesting lectures and roundtables preceded the reception at LMU's William H. Hannon Library.

**OMAHA**  
Never underestimate the power of prayer and getting a second medical opinion, said John P. Curtin, MD, internationally known gynecologic oncologist, at the 53rd Annual Alpha Sigma Nu and 22nd Annual Thomas Timothy Smith, MD, joint lecture. The September 28 event was part of Inaugural Week leading to the inauguration of **Timothy R. Lannon, SJ** (Creighton '71), as University President. Dr. Curtin's speech, entitled “A Physician's Reflection on Education: Lifelong Learning,” focused on the personal side of his profession and reflected on his medical training, his patient-management style, his own experiences as a patient, and the value of his formative Creighton experience. The Smith lecture series is named after **Thomas Timothy Smith, MD** (Creighton '66), an otolaryngologist who dedicated himself extensively to the education of students, residents and physicians, and played a leadership role in the planning of what today is the Boys Town National Research Hospital.

**WASHINGTON, DC**  
Why Does the Pope—or Anyone Else—Need an Astronomer? Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ, coordinator for public relations at the Vatican Observatory and curator of the Vatican meteorite collection, addressed this and other topics at the Georgetown Chapter and DC area alumni gathering November 16 at Georgetown. Brother Consolmagno is a planetary scientist and Curator of Meteorites at the Vatican Observatory where he studies the physics of meteorites and asteroids. The roots of the Vatican Observatory go back to the Gregorian Reform of the Calendar in 1582, and it has been part of an extensive history of Church support for astronomy. Its mission is to show that is no inherent conflict between science and religion.



**Front row: Alexander Ghincea** (Regis '10), **Karen Key** (Regis '11), **Rachelle Lauck** (Regis '08), **Kelly Marie Darby** (Regis '05)  
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# INDUCTION RITUAL UPDATED

A dedicated focus on the Alpha Sigma Nu mission, and that of Jesuit education. An opening induction prayer. More contemporary language. The newly revised Ritual of Induction meets all these benchmarks set by the Alpha Sigma Nu Board of Directors and Faculty Advisers.

The Alpha Sigma Nu Ritual of Induction informs inductees and their guests of the history, mission, and purpose of the Society; describes the Alpha Sigma Nu tenets of Scholarship, Loyalty, and Service; formally inducts the new members; congratulates the inductees on living these tenets; and asks for their commitment to these values in the future.

**Taylor Calderone** (Loyola Maryland '06), a former Chapter president and current board member, worked on the revision. "I think the new Loyalty description is our most significant contribution, especially the inclusion of the directives of the Fathers General on the mission of Jesuit higher education."

Inspired by the vision and values of The Society of Jesus and the teachings of its Fathers General, you, as new members of Alpha Sigma Nu, are invited to further develop a depth of thought and imagination in the Ignatian tradition that will transform your minds and hearts. You will become collaborators with the Society of Jesus in the service of faith and the promotion of justice, with a special care for the marginalized and the poor. To be loyal to these ideals means developing a full engagement in the real with a deep sense of decency and responsibility to truth and justice. It will always entail personal integrity as well as an abiding effort to advance the good of society and the well-being of all.

Spring Hill College Faculty Adviser **Michael Williams, SJ** (Spring Hill '01), worked with Calderone on the Ritual. "The essential message of the Ritual is that membership is an ongoing commitment to Ignatian values and to the mission of Jesuit education. We infused the Ritual with messages about those values and the Alpha Sigma Nu vision, while noting rightly that Scholarship is the first criterion, and service ever important. The new Induction Prayer asks for the Lord's blessing and guidance on this commitment."

Lord,

May this induction ceremony today be a life-long reminder of the ideals of Jesuit education that have been so firmly rooted in the mission of the Society of Jesus and our university.

And may your grace continue to fill our lives

that we may always be challenged to be leaders

who are examples of excellence and integrity,

Generous in their compassion, and committed to serving others for your greater glory.

Excerpt from the Induction prayer by Maureen Bergen

The Chapter Officers at Loyola University Chicago, Fairfield University, and College of the Holy Cross were the first to use the new Ritual of Induction at their fall induction ceremonies. The Ritual can be found on the **Chapters & Resources** page at [alphasigmanu.org](http://alphasigmanu.org).



(Left to right) **Brian M. Quigley** (Holy Cross '11), **Michael L. Rogers** (Holy Cross '11), **Amanda Rose Mareello** (Holy Cross '11), **Julia I. Bandini** (Holy Cross '11), **Michael C. McFarland, SJ** (Gonzaga '99), and **Paul F. Harman, SJ** (Holy Cross '09)

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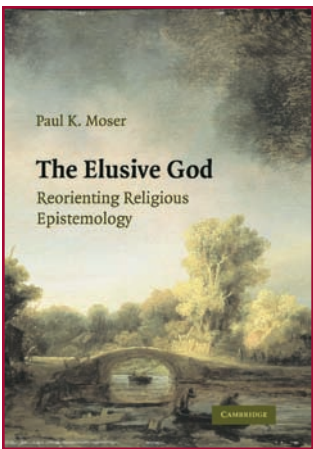
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# THE 2011 ALPHA SIGMA NU BOOK AWARDS

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***The Elusive God: Reorienting Religious Epistemology***

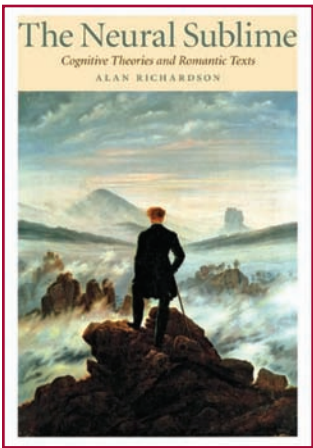
(Cambridge University Press, 2008)  
Paul K. Moser, PhD  
Professor and Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago

Three questions motivate this book’s account of evidence for the existence of God: If God’s existence is hidden, why suppose He exists at all? If God exists, why is He hidden, particularly if God seeks to communicate with people? And, what are the implications of divine hiddenness for philosophy, theology, and religion’s supposed knowledge of God? Moser returns frequently to the idea that if revelation means anything it surely means that God, for reasons we struggle to grasp, likely has good reasons to dodge probing and skeptical minds that would so like to be able to pinpoint and box Him in. This lesson generates a seismic shift in the understanding of evidence and knowledge of divine reality. The result is a reorienting of religious epistemology to accommodate the character and purposes of an authoritative, perfectly loving God.

Dr. Moser’s research interests include epistemology, metaphilosophy, and the philosophy of religion. He is a series editor for the new Cambridge University Press Series on Religion, Philosophy, and Society, the Oxford University Press “Handbooks of Philosophy,” and the Routledge “Contemporary Introductions to Philosophy.”



On winning the award: “I am deeply honored by this award, and I hope that my book can extend the Jesuit educational mission in at least a modest way. My work on the book benefitted immensely from students and colleagues at Loyola University Chicago, particularly in its Department of Philosophy.”



***The Neural Sublime: Cognitive Theories and Romantic Texts***

(Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010)  
Alan Richardson, PhD  
Professor of English, Boston College

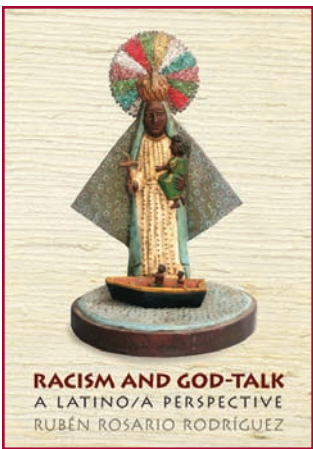
Dr. Richardson demonstrates how developments in the neurosciences can transform the study of literary history. He presents six exemplary studies, each exploring a different intersection of Romanticism and the sciences of the mind and brain: the experience of the sublime and the neuroscience of illusion; the Romantic imagination and visual imaging; the figure of apostrophe and

linguistic theory; fictional representations of the mind and “theory of mind” theory; depictions of sibling incest and neo-Darwinian theories of mental behavior; and representations of female speech and cognitive developmental psychology. He combines elements of new historicist analysis with original models for understanding language, subjectivity, and social behavior. This book stands out not only in its complexity and thorough interdisciplinary research, but also because it takes risks and opens up for the literary critic new ways of discussing literature.

Dr. Richardson specializes in British Romantic literature and culture, literature and empire, poetics, and early children’s literature. He is the British series editor for the Houghton Mifflin New Riverside Editions and maintains the award-winning website *Literature, Cognition and the Brain*.



On winning the award: “I am both honored and greatly encouraged in receiving the Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award. My book belongs to an exciting and still emerging new field, cognitive literary studies, and I accept the award on behalf of all scholars and critics working with me to develop this new approach to reading and understanding literature.”



***Racism and God-Talk: A Latino/a Perspective***

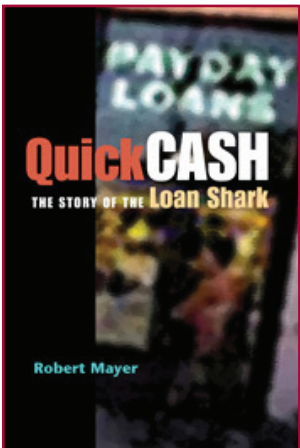
(New York University Press, 2008)  
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University

Dr. Rodríguez explores the concept of mestizaje (hybridization) to creatively re-envision Latin American liberation theology in terms that embrace the entire theological enterprise—be it public or confessional, Roman Catholic or Protestant, feminist or broadly humanist. Taking the work of other U.S. Latin American theologians such as Virgilio Elizondo and María Isasi-Díaz as his point of departure, Rodríguez argues that the two most common uses of mestizaje—the historical and biological mixing of two or more groups of people, and the complex interaction of two or more cultures—have been used to develop a uniquely Christian anthropology based in Christ’s own distinctively mestizo identity. Rodríguez’s meticulous readings of diverse theological traditions—Calvinist as well as Catholic, mainline Protestant as well as evangelical and pentecostal, orthodox doctrine as well as contemporary liberationist—impress as broad in scope and deep in understanding.

Dr. Rosario serves on the advisory boards for the Latin American Studies and the Latino Studies Certificate Programs, and is the director of the Mev Puleo Scholarship in Latin American Theology and Culture.



On winning this award: “As a Presbyterian in the Calvinist tradition, it is at a Jesuit university where my work has been encouraged and welcomed. As I immersed myself in the Jesuit intellectual and spiritual mission, I have found myself to be an advocate for Jesuit education. I am touched that this prize validates this commitment.



***Quick Cash: The Story of the Loan Shark***

(Northern Illinois University Press, 2010)  
Robert Mayer, PhD  
Professor, Political Science Department, Loyola University Chicago

With the financial and real estate crises of the late 2000’s, subprime mortgage lenders and the homeowners they targeted have been a hot topic and a source of outrage. While financial regulation may help prevent this sort of calamity from happening in the future, lawmakers have largely chosen to ignore another kind of monetary predator who continues to prey upon working class Americans—the loan shark. Mayer presents the history of payday lending and assesses the consequences of high-interest lending—both for the people who borrow at such steep prices and for society as a whole. He argues that payday lending in its modern form consistently traps many of the wage earners who pawn their postdated checks, leaving them worse off than they were before. Real market demand for these loans and the inability of less rapacious providers to meet that demand have far-reaching implications for social and economic structures.

Professor Mayer teaches courses on political theory (conservatism, socialism, democratic theory, obligation & resistance) and comparative politics (revolution, terrorism, dictatorship, democracy, political ideologies).



On winning the Award: “Teaching this topic to students at a Jesuit institution helped me to develop my ideas and I am grateful to Alpha Sigma Nu for recognizing a book that is a fruit of the tree of Jesuit education.”

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