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IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP, A WAY OF PROCEEDING

*An Interview with **Beth Ford McNamee** (Saint Joseph's '98)*

How would you describe Ignatian leadership?

I would describe it as a "way of proceeding" in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola that inspires the leadership traits of the contemporary Ignatian family and beyond. It is not one theory or infographic. In *Heroic Leadership*, **Chris Lowney** (Fordham '04) describes four Ignatian leadership traits of self-awareness, ingenuity, love, and heroism. Lowney's recent writing looks to Pope Francis as a case study of Ignatian leadership. Other authors used in the Contemplative Leaders in Action (CLA) program curriculum explore themes of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius as applied to leadership, such as discernment, vocation, spiritual freedom and indifference, and the First Principle and Foundation. St. Ignatius encourages us to encountering, following, and being in relationship with Christ, working for justice, and "setting the world on fire" as we work for the Jesuit mission.

Tell us about your Jesuit Volunteer experience.

I served for two years with Jesuit Volunteers International in Tanzania, East Africa. There I taught at Loyola High School, the Jesuit high school in Dar es Salaam. I was, as the Jesuit Volunteers say, "ruined for life," by the community relationships I formed in Tanzania and by the extreme poverty faced by so many friends. It was there that I began to explore a call to ministry with a focus on social justice.

How did the CLA program impact the way you lead?

I was interested in the Contemplative Leaders in Action program to further develop my leadership skills as an Ignatian colleague in Jesuit higher education. I completed the two-year leadership program, and then served as local program co-director for four additional years. I hope my growing self-awareness, prayer life, compassion, passion for justice, and an incarnational spirituality serve my colleagues and students. Lived experiences, learning from mistakes, and ongoing discernment are also critical to my developing Ignatian leadership skills.

How do you lead in your role at Saint Joseph's University?

I hope I lead by example and with compassion and discernment. I strategically and prayerfully plan with my student leadership team. I listen. I build relationships.

Through Campus Ministry, I provide ongoing leadership and pastoral formation for four peer ministers and 45 student leaders for a Weekly Community Service volunteer program of 350 students. In addition, I coordinate a Campus Ministry Associate program which provides a year of supervised professional ministerial experience for three one-year employees interested in exploring campus ministry as a vocational career choice.



IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP, A WAY OF PROCEEDING *continued*

I have started initiatives regarding interfaith engagement, community organizing partnerships, and justice for immigrants, refugees, and undocumented students. Harkening back to my JVI experience, I have assisted with local, national, and international immersion programs (the Romero Center in Camden, NJ, the Appalachian region, Tanzania, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua).

How do you develop Ignatian leaders on campus?

Students are extremely effective in ministering to their peers. Most of our Campus Ministry programs are student-led with staff formation and guidance. Our leaders learn about the life of St. Ignatius and are given opportunities for various annotations of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. They pray the examen and guide others in praying the examen. Leaders facilitate reflection on service and lived experience, keeping journals, setting goals, and meeting for supervision and guidance. Leaders coordinate vibrant programs and are guided in principles of Ignatian discernment.

How do you see the role of lay leaders in Jesuit works in the future?

Lay collaboration with Jesuit colleagues is emphasized in many General Congregation documents. As a graduate student, I worked with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for Lay Ecclesial Ministry that published *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*, a document which explores the development of lay leadership for ministry in the Church. My current work experience at Saint Joseph's is one of integral collaboration with Jesuit and lay colleagues for the mission of our Jesuit University. Thriving, vibrant Jesuit works depend on Jesuit and lay leadership in collaborative relationships of mutual trust.

Beth Ford McNamee is Assistant Director of Campus Ministry; Service & Social Justice Programs. She has completed two Ignatian leadership programs: The Contemplative Leaders in Action Program and the Ignatian Colleagues Program. Beth earned a BS and MS in Psychology at Saint Joseph's as well as an MA in Pastoral Studies from the Washington Theological Union.

Contemplative Leaders in Action

A program of the Office of Ignatian Spirituality (OIS) of the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces of the Society of Jesus, CLA is a two-year faith formation and leadership development program that cultivates Ignatian spirituality and leadership in young professionals in their 20's and 30's. Participants join a vibrant, faith-filled community of peers committed to becoming leaders in their fields and finding God in all things.

Resources for Ignatian Leadership

The AΣN website is full of resources to explore your own Ignatian leadership, spirituality, and networking. Use the Resource page at alphasigmanu.org/resources to filter the resource library and find those organizations, websites, blogs, articles, and events that fit your interests.

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CONNECTING MEMBERS

New Online Member Directory Launched

The Member Directory is Alpha Sigma Nu's most valued asset. It is our connection to each other... and the new 2017 version does this better than ever! Back in 1997, AΣN launched what was, at the time, a cutting-edge directory to connect our members for social and career networking. We are pleased to provide this updated directory with 21st century functionality!

Why the update?

- Improved security - members able to set their own password
- Improved functionality – targeted and flexible searches
- Professions list has evolved and changed with the times
- Efficient updating for increasingly mobile members
- Professional networking at every point in your career
- Access to this directory as a visible member benefit

There is a larger purpose as well. As Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, directs us:

By developing networks among us, we also open wide possibilities to collaborate with others in the adventure of planning and working for the future of humanity. Let's commit ourselves in this process as a part of our mission.

There is a greater awareness across the global Jesuit community that, with the shrinking number of Jesuits, networking will foster collaboration between Jesuits and lay persons, particularly those who are alumni of Jesuit schools. There is great power for good among this like-minded, Jesuit, apostolic body.

Use keywords, like school name, to find your classmates

Find members within a mile radius of your zip code.

Tailor your search to find members in a specific career.

Use advanced search options to filter your search.

Here is what the new member directory can do:

- ✓ Search quickly and easily using keywords such as school, name, state, etc. – find your old classmate or a member in your area
- ✓ Find members within a mile radius of your location – no more searching city by city!
- ✓ Tailor searches on professional information to pinpoint members with the exact skillset you're looking for
- ✓ Upload your résumé to maximize career networking – members in charge of hiring can find qualified, like-minded individuals like you
- ✓ Update your contact information conveniently and securely
- ✓ Provide added security by creating a private account and password on a secure platform

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REGIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMITS



From Brainstorming to Action Planning

Ignatian leadership seminars for students ask the discerning questions: Who are you? What do you believe? Do you live according to your values? AΣN Leadership Summits ask those questions and: How will you lead according to the values of scholarship, loyalty, and service? Chapter officers seized the opportunity to imagine, brainstorm, and plan Chapter action for 2017-2018. "Thanks to member support and the endorsement of the AΣN Board of Directors, this year two officers from each school were invited to the Summits to hone their Ignatian leadership skills and create action plans for their Chapter," says AΣN Executive Director **Kate Gaertner** (Marquette '04) "From what we saw in New York and Chicago, this is going to be a great AΣN year!"

As AΣN Chapters vary in size and situation, so did the officers' priorities. Many leaders addressed the need to reach out to freshmen and sophomores to raise AΣN awareness and promote membership as a goal. From participating in freshmen convocation to organizing a pre-AΣN honors group to using AΣN 'swag' to market the honor society, the leaders created marketing strategies designed for their campuses.

The Chapter leaders expressed members' strong desire for connections with the Jesuit communities. **Alyssa Pullano** (Georgetown '17), and **Julie Alejo** (Loyola Maryland '17) and **Alexis Fox** (Loyola Maryland '17) shared their Chapters' successful events with the Jesuits. Alyssa noted, "Our dinner with the Jesuits is a unique opportunity for members to engage with our Jesuit community at Georgetown, share a meal, connect with other Chapter members, and get into meaningful conversations that don't always happen at busier, more formal events. There's always a waitlist!" Other events in the works include Cooking with the Jesuits, Stump the Jesuit/Seminarian, and Jesuit Campfire Singalong. "Events with the Jesuits give our members the opportunity to dialogue and to seek inspiration from some of the most thoughtful and discerning members of our Loyola community," added Julie.

Since Fairfield shared its Exams and the Examen program in 2014, many Chapters have taken the idea of providing a pause for prayer

and reflection at exam time and made it their own. This year, officers embraced the Ecological Examen, developed by the Ignatian Solidarity Network and the Jesuit Conference and will plan their examen to focus on Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

Chapters also varied in their plans to serve their communities. Officers planning for the year, recognizing that AΣN members already lead local service projects, choose to support and collaborate with those efforts as well as service organizations on campus and in the community. Other Chapters, seeing community needs, are designing their own responses, including becoming pen pals with local middle schoolers, tutoring, and serving at soup kitchens.

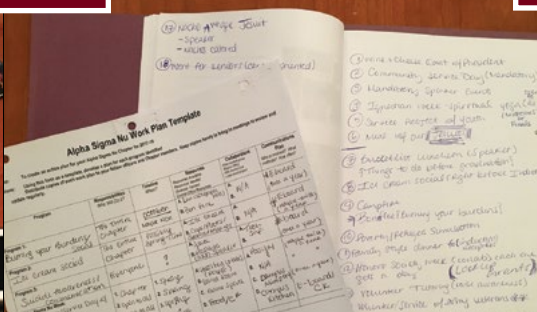
Sixty Second Lectures, where faculty have 60 seconds to address an issue, and an AΣN version of *TED Talks*, where students talk about their undergraduate research, captured the interest of officers planning programs highlighting scholarship. Some officers also decided to include the Jesuit Refugee Service's Walk a Mile in My Shoes simulation in their action plans to give Chapter members an opportunity to experience the frustrations, the disappointments, and the hopes that refugees around the world face.

The Chapter leaders' AΣN Week plans are varied and creative, addressing the dual goals of AΣN promotion and AΣN values-focused programming. Jesuit Jeopardy, daily service, and alumni/member networking events will be on tap in the spring.

"This was my first Summit," remarked Amy O'Neil, AΣN's Director of Development and Alumni Relations. "Seeing the student leaders engaging with each other and realizing they are part of the wider AΣN community was truly inspiring. I was especially impressed with how seriously the leaders took the tasks of the weekend and how creative their ideas are for realizing the goals of their Chapters."

Alpha Sigma Nu recognizes the professionalism of the conference staffs at Loyola University Chicago and Fordham University Lincoln Center, the generosity of their universities, and especially thanks Faculty Advisers **Jack McLean** (Loyola Chicago '09) and **Michael Trerotola** (Fordham '16).

We should find a fun way to engage the Jesuit community.



We are planning a "Stump the Jesuit" campus event!



ANNOUNCING THE MAGIS MEDAL



Alpha Sigma Nu is proud to announce that the Magis Medal, first awarded during the Centennial year, is returning as an annual celebration of the Alpha Sigma Nu tenets. The Magis Medal will be awarded each year to two Alpha Sigma Nu members who best exemplify scholarship, loyalty, and service in their work to better the world.

The Medal was founded as part of the Centennial celebration of Alpha Sigma Nu in 2015. To honor the 100th anniversary of the Society, 100 members were awarded the Magis Medal. The original winners embodied the Ignatian tradition in their daily work in varied ways. Many started or contributed significantly to non-profit organizations, some with Jesuit connections, which directly addressed social justice issues. Others advocated for social justice through their professional work, such as attorneys prioritizing pro bono cases. Winners focused their work on social issues from the environment to disaster relief to refugee aid programs. [Learn more about the 100 winners at www.alphasigmanu.org/awards/magis-medal/winners/](http://www.alphasigmanu.org/awards/magis-medal/winners/).

Through this annual award, Alpha Sigma Nu hopes to highlight the great work being done by members living their pledge out in the world after graduation and inspire new members to carry that flame with them as they begin their careers.

DO YOU KNOW AN AΣN MEMBER DESERVING OF THIS AWARD?

Only members of Alpha Sigma Nu may submit nominations. Self-nominations are acceptable. The online submission form for nominating is simple - tell us who deserves this award and why. Nominations will be accepted through February 1, 2018, and will be reviewed by a committee of the Board of Directors. Announcement of winners will take place in mid-March.

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Use the online submission form at www.alphasigmanu.org/awards/magis-medal/submit-a-nomination

Submission deadline: February 1, 2018

Questions? Contact Kate at kate.gaertner@marquette.edu or by calling 414.288.7542.



Seelos Grant Produces Ignatian-Inspired Student Leaders

Alpha Sigma Nu 's first year of Seelos Grants truly met its goals for promoting Ignatian-inspired student leadership, thanks to our members' enthusiastic response and the generosity of the Brother Seelos Fund. Students from Fairfield, Fordham, Le Moyne, Loyola Andaluia, and Marquette attended the National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference. Rockhurst students trained for justice at the Ignatian Justice Summit and the Ignatian Family Teach-In. Students from Campion and Loyola Chicago also joined Jesuit family members at the Ignatian Family Teach-In to learn, reflect, pray, network, and advocate together.

Members who are current juniors, check out these Ignatian leadership development opportunities and the Seelos Grant application at www.alphasigmanu.org/awards/asn-grants/.

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I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have attended NJS LC 2017. On a pragmatic level, it's a great way to gain ideas for Alpha Sigma Nu programming and service opportunities. On an interpersonal level, it's a great way to network with other Jesuit student leaders, who can inspire AΣN activities and even provide opportunities for cross-campus outreach. Perhaps most of all, though, it provided a true spiritual renewal. It's a reminder of the power of service, the benefits of a Jesuit education, and a sense of belonging to a community of people who truly care. Going in to the conference, I was a neophyte at traditional programming (my leadership background was in the performing arts, which is no less intensive but rather different.) Hearing the kinds of service that fellow Jesuit students not only participate in, but organize and lead, was inspiring and helpful. The simple fact of sharing experiences and ideas will, I feel, make me a stronger leader for AΣN.

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*Declan
Murphy*

Fordham '17



Seelos
grantees at
the NJS LC

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The Ignatian Justice Summit is an opportunity where student leaders for justice meet to sharpen their organizing skills and - grounded in faith - share ideas and form networks. Attending the Summit connected my passion for social justice with my Jesuit, Catholic faith. It reminded me to take a step back from advocating to listen to the marginalized and let them speak for themselves.

I hope to start a scholarship for DACA recipients at Rockhurst, in addition to creating a migrant student resource center. The Rockhurst Alpha Sigma Nu Chapter fully supports these projects and will be pivotal in bringing them to life as we meet with the administration and chart our course.

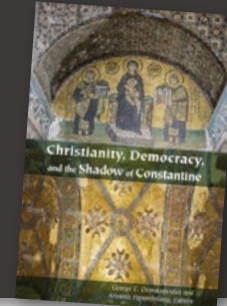
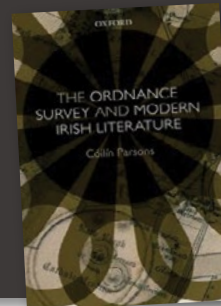
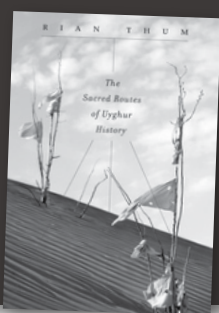
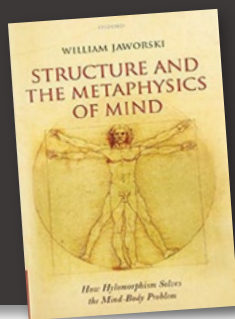
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*Kevin
Nguyen*

Rockhurst '17



Attendees
of the IJS,
including
Kevin



The Sacred Routes of Uyghur History

Rian Thum, Loyola University New Orleans

Today, after 250 years of an uneasy existence under Chinese rule, the Turkic Muslims of Altishahr call themselves Uyghurs and have cultivated a sense of history and identity that challenges Beijing's official narrative. Rian Thum argues that the roots of this history run deeper than recent conflicts, to a time when manuscripts and pilgrimage dominated understandings of the past. Beyond broadening our knowledge of tensions between the Uyghurs and the Chinese government, this meditation on the very concept of history probes the limits of human interaction with the past. Partly insulated from the rest of the Islamic world, the Uyghurs constructed a local history that assimilates elements of Semitic, Iranic, Turkic, and Indic traditions. Through both ethnographic and historical analysis, this book offers a new understanding of Uyghur historical practices, detailing how this people reckons with its past and confronts its nationalist aspirations in the present day.

Rian Thum is Associate Professor of History at Loyola University New Orleans.

From hup.harvard.edu

Judge's quote: Rian Thum offers an insightful study of the role of communication practices and technologies in the construction of an "imagined community" facing serious challenges of political and cultural survival in Central Asia. Thum shows us that the sacred in modern times remains caught up in questions of meaning and politics and cannot be reduced to simplistic accounts of modernization or hegemony.



The Ordnance Survey and Modern Irish Literature

C  il  n Parsons, Georgetown University

The Ordnance Survey and Modern Irish Literature offers a fresh look at the origins of literary modernism in Ireland, tracing a history of Irish writing. Beginning with the archives of the Ordnance Survey, which mapped Ireland between 1824 and 1846, the book argues that one of the sources of Irish modernism lies in the attempt by the Survey to produce a comprehensive archive of a land emerging rapidly into modernity. The Survey depicted the country as modern, fragmented, alienated, and troubled, both diagnosing and representing a landscape burdened with the paradoxes of colonial modernity. Subsequent literature returns in varying ways to the complex representational challenge that the Survey confronts and seeks to surmount. Drawing on literary theory, studies of space, the history of cartography, postcolonial and archive theories, and the field of Irish Studies, this book paints a picture of Irish writing deeply engaged in the representation of a multi-layered landscape.

C  il  n Parsons is Associate Professor of English at Georgetown University.

From global.oup.com

Judge's quote: The book is an outstanding scholarly contribution to the discipline of literary studies, Irish Studies, scholarship on Modernism, postcolonial studies, and fields such as cartography and geography. The scholarship is serious and precise, wide-ranging as well as attentive to detail. The author writes with assurance, a clear passion for the subject, and continual engagement of the reader.



Structure & the Metaphysics of Mind: How Hylomorphism Solves the Mind-Body Problem

William Jaworski, Fordham University

Structure and the Metaphysics of Mind is the first book to show how hylomorphism can be used to solve mind-body problems. Hylomorphic structure carves out distinctive individuals from the otherwise undifferentiated sea of matter and energy described by our best physics, and it confers on them distinctive powers, including the powers to think, feel, and perceive. A worldview that rejects hylomorphic structure lacks a basic principle which distinguishes the parts of the physical universe that can think, feel, and perceive from those that can't, and without such a principle, the existence of those powers in the physical world can start to look inexplicable and mysterious. But if mental phenomena are structural phenomena, then they are uncontroversially part of the physical world, for on the hylomorphic view, structure is uncontroversially part of the physical world. Hylomorphism thus provides an elegant way of solving mind-body problems.

William Jaworski is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University.

From amazon.com

Judge's quote: Outstanding rigorous scholarship, linking an old theme (hylomorphism) to contemporary philosophy of mind issues. It will have significant impact in contemporary philosophy of mind and in the philosophical (and ethical) issues raised by neuroscience.



Christianity, Democracy, and the Shadow of Constantine

George E. Demacopoulos and Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University

The collapse of communism in eastern Europe has forced traditionally Eastern Orthodox countries to consider the relationship between Christianity and liberal democracy. Contributors examine the influence of Constantinianism in both the post-communist Orthodox world and in Western political theology. Constructive theological essays feature Catholic and Protestant theologians reflecting on the relationship between Christianity and democracy, as well as Orthodox theologians reflecting on their tradition's relationship to liberal democracy. The essays explore prospects of distinctively Christian politics in a post-communist, post-Constantinian age.

George E. Demacopoulos is Fr. John Meyendorff & Patterson Family Chair in Orthodox Christian Studies at Fordham University.

Aristotle Papanikolaou is Archbishop Demetrios Chair in Orthodox Theology and Culture at Fordham University.

From fordhampress.com

Judge's quote: The sheer originality of this project – filling a much-needed void – introduces Eastern Orthodox perspectives into the conversation by expanding beyond the Protestant-Catholic dichotomy dominant in political theology. This book deserves a wide audience and will hopefully transform the discipline by challenging the dominant narrative of Western liberal democracies that religion in the public discourse must maintain an illusion of neutrality.





Gifts of Stock

Alpha Sigma Nu has been an important part of my life. I have made the decision to financially support AΣN annually with a gift of appreciated stock. AΣN benefits because appreciated stock allows me to make a larger gift than if I sold the stock, paid the capital gains tax and donated the cash proceeds. My charitable contribution is based on the appreciated value of the stock, and it is a simple process to instruct my broker to make the electronic transfer of the shares to AΣN.

Rebecca Cates



Gonzaga '81,
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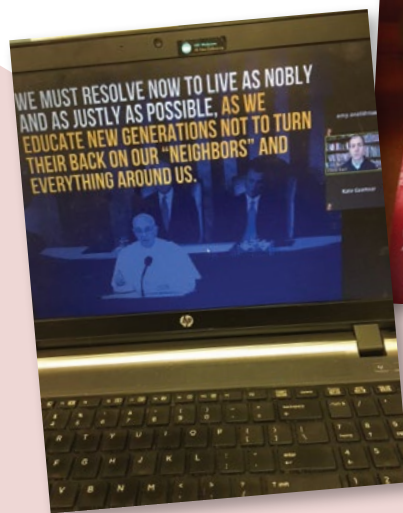
For more information about making a gift of stock to Alpha Sigma Nu, contact Amy Venables O'Neil at amy.oneil@marquette.edu or 414.288.7547



Alpha Sigma Nu's member-exclusive webinar series recently welcomed **Christopher Kerr** (John Carroll '04), Executive Director of Ignatian Solidarity Network, to speak about creating a culture of hospitality for immigrants. Chris shared Catholic perspectives on current policies being debated, including the recent repeal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and the current conversation in Congress over the Dream Act of 2017. He shared video and stories of young immigrants affected by DACA, such as Maria Ibarra, and highlighted ways the Ignatian community can advocate for a humane response to immigration.

Over 60 AΣN members participated in the webinar, while two Student Chapters and one Alumni Club hosted larger screening events of the webinar to include more AΣN members in the discussion.

Watch for the registration email for the spring Lunch & Learn webinar which will feature Le Moyne College President Linda LeMura.



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