

# FOUNDER'S DAY 2015

CELEBRATING OUR FACULTY & STAFF

Wednesday, March 18



Sacred Heart  
UNIVERSITY

HOUSE BILL NO. 3119.

SPECIAL ACT NO. 27

AN ACT INCORPORATING SACRED HEART  
UNIVERSITY, INCORPORATED.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in  
General Assembly convened:*

SECTION 1. Walter W. Curtis, James P. Devine, John F. McGough, James R. Kerr and Donald McGannon and their successors, and such other persons as may be associated with them in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation, are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of Sacred Heart University, Incorporated, to be located in the town of Fairfield, county of Fairfield and state of Connecticut.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said corporation shall be to establish, organize, maintain and conduct an institution for intermediate, secondary, undergraduate and graduate education in the state of Connecticut, and to perform such other works of education, charity and religion, as may be determined by its by-laws and pursuant to the general statutes relating to the organization of corporations without capital stock.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to receive by purchase, gift, grant, subscription, devise, bequest or otherwise, and to hold, improve, mortgage, lease, sell or otherwise convey and use any estate real or personal, appropriate, necessary or useful that the purposes of the corporation may require, and all other property which shall have been in good faith mortgaged or conveyed to it by way of security or in satisfaction of debts; it shall have the right to issue promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness to the same extent as corporations which have capital stock and have been organized under the general laws of the state; it may contract, sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall have the right to make and use a common seal and alter the same, to make adopt and amend by-laws which shall provide for the government and direction of the corporation, to fix the number of corporation members, to regulate the election of trustees and to confer all such academic degrees as are usually given in colleges and universities.

SEC. 5. Should there be an excess of income over expenditures in any one year, or should there be any assets remaining after the payment of all existing debts, then such excess income or assets thereafter remaining shall be applied as follows: In the reduction of the tuitional fees, or in the establishment of scholarships, or in the advancing of educational or charitable facilities; and, in the event of the dissolution of the corporation, any remaining assets or surplus shall be conveyed, transferred and delivered to The Bridgeport Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, an ecclesiastical corporation organized under the laws of the state of Connecticut, for the uses and purposes of said diocese, or its successors and assigns thereafter, and, if said Roman Catholic diocese is not then in existence, then said assets shall be conveyed, transferred and delivered to the state of Connecticut.





# Sacred Heart UNIVERSITY

Dear Colleagues,

I want to welcome you to our annual Founder's Day celebration. We have 52 reasons to celebrate - each of the faculty and staff members who will be honored here today. Their years of service range from 15 years all the way up to 35, representing an amazing commitment to Sacred Heart. These folks have been here to witness firsthand tremendous growth and changes over the years, and they will see more growth and changes in the coming years. They have influenced our programs and changed our curriculum. Some observed close up our metamorphosis from a commuter school to a first-class residential college. They have led us into the 21st century, while ensuring we maintained our roots as a lay-led institution rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

I want to thank all of our honorees for their loyalty, dedication and commitment to Sacred Heart University and, most especially, to our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Petillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

President John J. Petillo



# FOUNDER'S DAY 2015

## Program

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Robert M. Hardy  
Vice President for Human Resources

### **Congratulatory Remarks**

John J. Petillo  
President

### **Musical Interlude**

*Yesterday* Lennon and McCartney/arr. Huff  
The 4Tunes - Christian Ramos, Aidan Shine, Trevor Kelly and Tim Weiss  
Galen Tate, Director

### **Honoring 15- and 20-Year Award Recipients**

### **Musical Interlude**

*There's Music in You* from Cinderella - Rodgers and Hammerstein  
Soloist, Lauren Lichac

### **Honoring 25- and 30-Year Award Recipients**

### **Blessing**

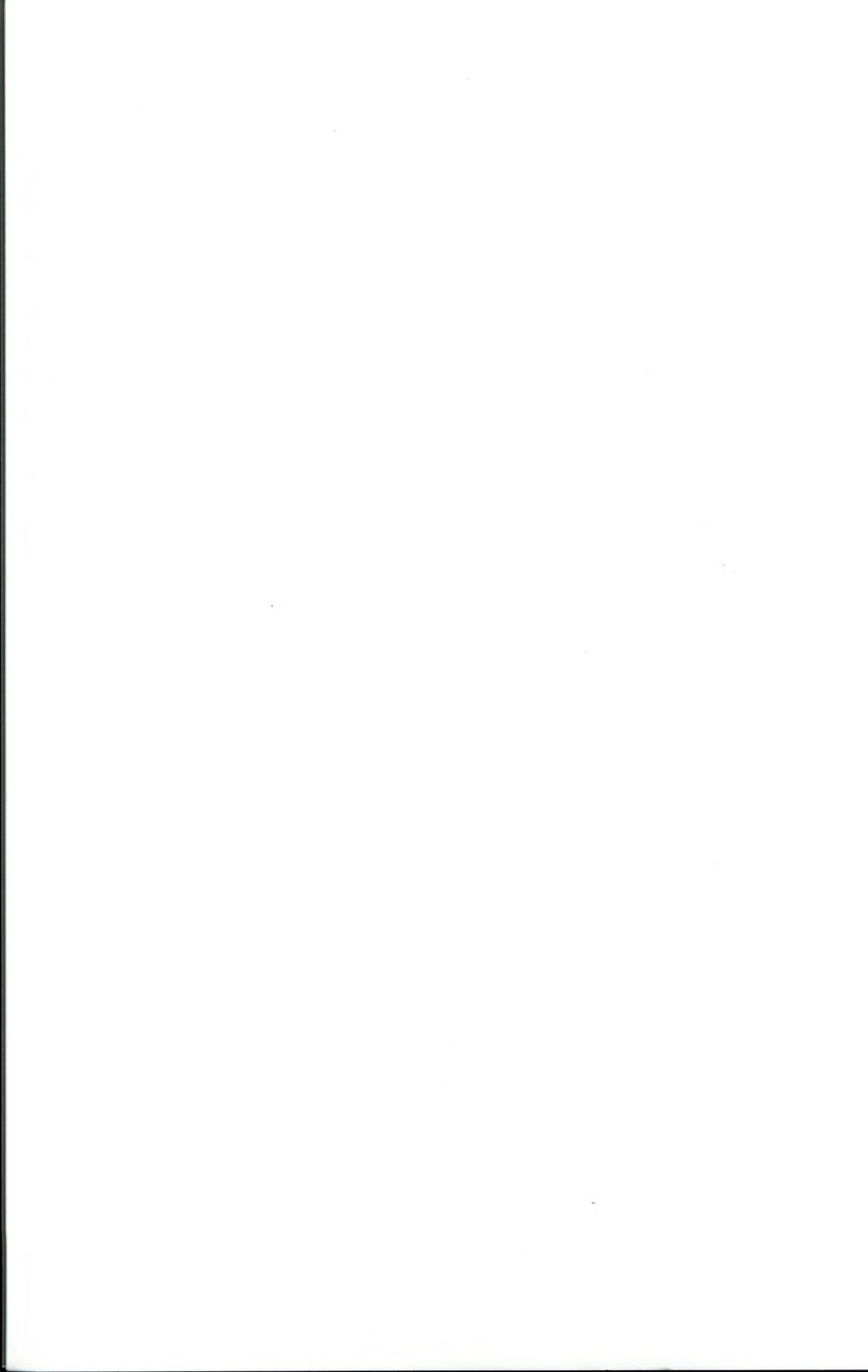
Fr. David Buckles  
Director of Campus Ministry and Chaplaincy

### **Singing of the Alma Mater**

The 4Tunes

*A reception will follow in University Commons.*

Music: John Michniewicz, D.M.A., Director of Choral Programs



# Honorees

## 35 YEARS

### **Edward T. Murray, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Education  
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

## 30 YEARS

### **Richard M. Grigg, Ph.D.**

Professor of Religious Studies  
College of Arts & Sciences

### **Frances S. Grodzinsky, Ph.D.**

Professor of Computer Science  
College of Arts & Sciences

## 25 YEARS

### **Michael Austin**

Manager Quality Control  
Campus Operations

### **James M. Barquinero, M.S.**

Senior Vice President for Enrollment Planning  
& Student Affairs

### **Sharon Lynn Fedak, B.S.**

Lab Coordinator  
Chemistry

### **Alberto Fernandez**

Public Safety Supervisor

### **Frank B. Gallo**

Plumber  
Campus Operations

### **Charlotte M. Gradie, Ph.D.**

Professor of History  
College of Arts & Sciences

### **Patricia A. Klauser, M.S.**

Executive Director  
Career Development

### **Thomas G. Kuser, B.S.**

Program Director  
WSHU

### **Elizabeth A. Olofson**

Academic Department Assistant  
Psychology

### **Gary M. Reho, M.Ed.**

Director, William H. Pitt Health  
and Recreation Center  
Athletics

### **John B. Roney, Ph.D.**

Professor and Chairperson  
Department of History  
College of Arts & Sciences

### **Penny A. Snetsinger, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Chemistry  
College of Arts & Sciences

## 20 YEARS

### **Beverly A. Birch**

Administrative Assistant II  
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

### **Karen S. Christensen, Ph.D.**

Clinical Associate Professor of Education and  
Director, Griswold Campus  
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

### **Kathy Dilks, M.S.**

Executive Director  
Graduate Admissions

### **Beverly D. Fein, Ed.D.**

Associate Professor of Physical Therapy  
College of Health Professions

### **Julie A. Freddino, B.S.**

Production Director  
WSHU

### **Efim Kinber, Ph.D.**

Professor of Computer Science  
College of Arts & Sciences

### **Bridget Lyons, D.P.S.**

Professor of Finance  
John F. Welch College of Business

### **Christel J. Manning, Ph.D.**

Professor of Theology and Religious Studies  
College of Arts & Sciences

### **Jennifer H. Mattei, Ph.D.**

Professor of Biology  
College of Arts & Sciences

**Gerald McDade**

Manager of Maintenance Trades  
Campus Operations

**Christian J. Morrison, J.D.**

Head Coach  
Track & Field, Cross Country  
Athletics

**Kathleen I. Olsen**

Administrative Assistant II  
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

**Pamela A. Peterson**

Accounts Payable Assistant  
Business Office

**Manoushag Samaan, A.A.**

Department Assistant  
University Advancement

**Marlina Slamet, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Physics  
College of Arts & Sciences

**15 YEARS****Alice M. Avery, B.A.**

Bursar

**Joe L. Barroso, B.A.**

Head Coach Men's Soccer  
Athletics

**Wendy S. Bjerke, Ph.D.**

Associate Clinical Professor  
of Exercise Science  
College of Health Professions

**Laura A. Cook, B.S.**

Head Coach Women's Lacrosse  
Athletics

**Edward Crespo, A.A.S.**

Shift Supervisor  
Public Safety Officer

**Paul S. Donahue**

Lead Duplicating Technician  
Mail & Duplicating Center

**Albino B. Ferreira**

General Maintenance  
Campus Operations

**Kim R. Galiette, B.A.**

Assistant Director  
Web Content Management

**Hema Gopalakrishnan, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor Mathematics  
College of Arts & Sciences

**Sotirios A. Gountas**

Mailroom Clerk

**Elaine L. Honychurch, B.A.**

Financial Services Supervisor  
Bursar's Office

**Andrew C. Miller, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor and Chairperson  
Communications & Media Studies  
College of Arts & Sciences

**William G. Mumper**

Director of Infrastructure  
and Cyber Security  
Information Technology

**Janice M. Portentosio, B.A.**

Director of Communications  
WSHU

**Leslie H. Roggen, B.A.**

Manager  
Mobile Computing Services  
Information Technology

**Salvatore Siconolfi**

Locksmith  
Public Safety

**Bonnie L. Signore, A.S.**

Coordinator of Pitt Center and Athletics  
Schedule  
William H. Pitt Health &  
Recreation Center

**Saburo Usami, B.S.**

Director of Telecom, Mail & Print Services  
Information Technology



# About the Honorees



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## **Alice Marie Avery, B.A.**

Alice Marie Avery has served as bursar since she first came to Sacred Heart. In that role, she oversees student accounts, the cashier office and collections. The focus of the Bursar's office is to process incoming cash receipts, send bills to students, ensure that all student accounts are paid in full and provide service to internal and external customers. She received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Iona College.



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## **Joe Barroso, B.A.**

As head men's soccer coach, Joe Barroso is responsible for anything and everything that has to do with the men's soccer team. During his tenure, the team was 2001 NEC champions, and he was named Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2010. He is a former member of the United States National Soccer Team. He was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in 2009 and the New England Soccer Hall of Fame in 2010. Coach Barroso earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish from Southern Connecticut State University. While at SCSU, he was a member of the 1990 member national championship soccer team.



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## **Wendy S. Bjerke, Ph.D.**

Dr. Wendy Bjerke, an associate clinical professor in the exercise science program, has a doctorate in epidemiology from Walden University. She was the first faculty member to join the exercise science program and has been instrumental in its growth and development. Her professional and academic pursuits reflect a dual interest in exercise science and public health.



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**Laura A. Cook, B.S.**

Laura Cook, head coach of women's lacrosse, earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science from the University of Massachusetts. Her successful career at SHU includes leading the team to NEC championships in 2008, 2009 and 2010, and guiding the Pioneers to seven double-digit win seasons and 10 NEC tournament appearances in 13 years. During her tenure, the team has had 41 All-Northeast Conference players. She has coached three of the most prolific scorers in school history, as well as goalkeeper Ginny Capicchioni, a three-time All-NEC player who became the first female goalkeeper in the National Lacrosse League when she played for the New Jersey Storm in 2002.



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**Edward Crespo, A.A.S.**

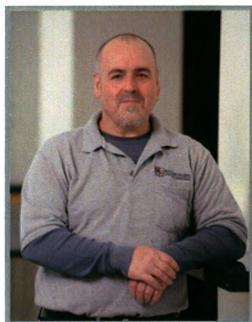
Edward Crespo, a shift supervisor and public safety officer in the Public Safety department, received his associate degree in criminal justice from Columbia Southern University. He is responsible for the midnight to 8 a.m. shift. In addition, he serves as adviser to SHU's El Salvador delegation and is the president and founder of the Lambda Alpha Omega chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association—Lambda Alpha Epsilon. He volunteers at the Jewish Home where he teaches Spanish and is part of the Connecticut Inhalant Task Force.



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**Paul S. Donahue**

As lead duplicating technician in the University mailroom, Paul Donahue is responsible for fulfilling the duplicating needs of University personnel. He assists faculty, staff and students to create high-quality prints and posters for classwork and to promote events. He also works with his manager to choose equipment and processes that will improve the services offered to customers. He first joined SHU in the role of University mail clerk.



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### **Albino B. Ferreira**

Albino Ferreira is a general maintenance technician in the Campus Operations department. He is responsible for building maintenance and special projects and performing tasks related to the maintenance of buildings, facilities and equipment.



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### **Kim R. Galiette, B.A.**

Kim Galiette joined Sacred Heart as director of Marketing for Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs and transitioned into a web content manager role in 2003 where she founded the University's Web Content Management Department. In her current role of assistant director of web content management, she assists with the management of the University's website content and development. She regularly collaborates with departments throughout the University to enhance, develop and market their program websites with current and unique content, search engine optimization, photography, e-newsletters and more, while ensuring brand messaging and consistency. Most recently, she was the project manager of SHU's third website redesign, implementing responsive design, a mobile website and a new content management system. She earned her bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Connecticut.



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### **Hema Gopalakrishnan, Ph.D.**

Dr. Hema Gopalakrishnan, associate professor of mathematics, earned her doctorate at the University of Wisconsin. She teaches a variety of mathematics courses ranging from mathematics for liberal arts, calculus and statistics to upper division courses such as abstract algebra, graph theory and number theory. She is involved in curricular development within her department and advising students. Her research interests include ring theory (a branch of abstract algebra) and mathematics in education. She cofounded the Fairfield County Math Teachers' Circle, which is a collaboration of teachers and professors who have been providing professional development to middle school mathematics teachers in the area since 2012.





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**Sotirios A. Goutas**

In his role as mailroom clerk, Sam Goutas is responsible for sorting and distributing the faculty, staff and student mail. He also addresses and resolves copier issues throughout the University. His goal is to provide outstanding service to all members of and visitors to the SHU community.



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**Elaine L. Honychurch, B.A.**

Elaine Honychurch is the Financial Services supervisor in the Bursar's office. She is responsible for ensuring that incoming cash and incoming financial aid is posted to student accounts. She also collects past due monies from students. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut.



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**Andrew C. Miller, Ph.D.**

As associate professor and chair of the communication and media studies department, Dr. Andrew Miller has been active in the design and implementation of media-related spaces in the new Frank and Marisa Martire Business & Communications Center as well as development of the new theatre major scheduled for the fall of 2015. Highlights from his tenure at SHU include cultivating relationships with program alumni through on-campus events and social media, building and administering the first summer program to assist SHU faculty in developing technology-rich course materials, developing a new communications studies major with concentrations in advertising media/public relations and sports media and developing and administering a new graduate program in sports communication and media. Dr. Miller has published in the academic area of sports, media & culture and plans to produce multimedia content in that area as well. He earned his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.





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**William G. Mumper**

In his role as director of Infrastructure and Cyber Security, William Mumper leads the development, implementation, management and auditing of the security program for all data and information resources relating to SHU. He is responsible for the overall strategy, planning and management of the University's server, security and network infrastructure.



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**Janice M. Portentos, B.A.**

As communications director of WSHU Public Radio, Janice Portentos is responsible for direct mail and email communication with WSHU supporters. She has instituted weekly and monthly e-newsletters to keep listeners informed about what is going on at WSHU. She also created a microsite commemorating the station's 30th anniversary and is involved in public relations for the station as well as countless pledge drives. She earned her bachelor's degree at Wheaton College and is currently working toward a master's degree in SHU's MACOMM program.



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**Leslie Roggen, B.A.**

Leslie Roggen, manager of Mobile Computing Services, earned her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Queens College. She first came to SHU as an underwriting associate for WSHU and moved to IT in 2001. In 2007, the Factory merged with Mobile Computing under her supervision. She is currently responsible for managing the activities of the Factory, including the full-time technicians and student workers on the main campus and at Cambridge. She is also responsible for their customer service to all students, faculty and staff when it comes to technical support. She most enjoys the opportunity to mentor the student workers. She also enjoys volunteering at graduation and says a highlight of her 15 years at SHU was participating in a trip to Turkey in July 2013 with other members of the SHU community.



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### **Salvatore Siconolfi**

In his role as locksmith, Salvatore Siconolfi, installs and maintains all locks, cylinders and door hardware, distributes keys and manages all access control—both online and offline. He also makes recommendations for the necessary electrical and mechanical hardware for new construction and other projects as needed.



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### **Bonnie L. Signore, A.S.**

Bonnie Signore, coordinator of scheduling at the Pitt Center, is responsible for coordinating and scheduling all athletic events, team practices, fitness classes and special events that take place at the Pitt Center. She began her career at SHU as administrative assistant in Community Relations. She earned an associate's degree from Sacred Heart.



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### **Saburo Usami, B.S.**

Saburo Usami, director of telecom, mail & print services, earned his bachelor's degree in telecom management, from DeVry University. Among his successes while at SHU are installing wireless networking throughout campus in 2000, making SHU the first "all wireless" campus in New England; installing armored phones throughout the residence halls for the safety and security of the students; designing and building emergency notification systems for CATV systems; designing and deploying the first four ImageNow document management centers on campus; and establishing the Litigation Hold process, incorporating email archiving. He also conducted a major Data Center renovation, incorporating world-class cooling and power redundancy techniques; restructured CATV contracts to save \$131,000 a year while adding all-digital service and 48 high-definition channels; brought color digital press on site by restructuring copier contracts; deployed Philo IPTV for all resident students; and restructured the Mail Center to use high-density mail shelving, improving space efficiency and mail-tracking capabilities.

# About the Honorees



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## **Beverly A. Birch**

Beverly Birch is the administrative assistant to the co-directors of the Graduate Internship program in the College of Education. In that role, she is in constant communication with area school personnel to place SHU's graduate students in an internship while finding the best possible match between the students and the institutions. She is the event planner and coordinator for the department, including the annual job fair that is held for exiting certified candidates of the internship program. She also gathers, tracks and organizes data for state and national accreditation agencies, and serves as Sunshine Coordinator for the College of Education, thereby creating positive morale for faculty and staff.



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## **Karen S. Christensen, Ph.D.**

Dr. Karen Christensen earned her doctorate in environmental science from Union Institute. She is a clinical associate professor and Director of the College of Education's Griswold campus. Since starting 20 years ago with 125 candidates, 12 adjuncts and one administrative assistant, the program has grown to more than 450 candidates, four full-time faculty, 28 adjuncts and an expanded office staff. The campus is recognized as the pre-eminent graduate education program in eastern Connecticut. In addition, many of the district's Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year winners are SHU graduates. Within the region, Dr. Christensen is fondly referred to as the "Rock Doc." A geologist and environmental scientist by profession, she has served as a pro bono science educator for school systems from New Haven to Norwich, conducting a wide range of in-school and field training science classes. Dr. Christensen has represented SHU at conferences, presenting research and innovative programming. She says she has been privileged to work with an impressive group of colleagues and professionals.





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**Kathy Dilks, M.S.**

In her role as executive director of Graduate Admissions, Kathy Dilks is responsible for managing her staff who recruit, admit and enroll SHU's on-ground graduate students. She serves on a number of committees that encourage the continued growth and prosperity of the University. She also has served as vice president of NEGAP and president of NETA, which promoted collaborations with other colleges and universities. She began at SHU as assistant, then director and then associate dean of Undergraduate Admissions before moving to her current role. She also served as a freshman seminar leader. She earned her master's degree in counseling from Southern Connecticut State University. After a 26-year career in higher education that has included advisement, student life, career, residential life and admissions, she says her favorite part of the job has always been working with students.



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**Beverly D. Fein, Ed.D.**

Dr. Beverly Fein, associate professor of physical therapy and director of the clinical education program, received her doctorate from the University of Bridgeport. Her responsibilities at SHU include managing the faculty in coordinating all aspects of the clinical education program; teaching the DPT curriculum dealing with the management of the medically complex patient, particularly in the areas of cardiovascular, integumentary, pulmonary disease and burn and wound management; and strategic planning for ongoing development of faculty—both academic and clinical—as well as for the clinical education curriculum. Dr. Fein is a credentialed trainer for the American Physical Therapy Association's advanced clinical instructor credentialing programs. Her current research involves clinical role modeling by physical therapist preceptors and impact of the implementation of the electronic health record on physical therapy education.

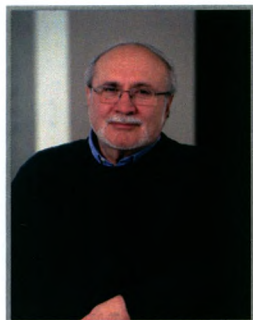




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**Julie A. Freddino, B.S.**

In her role as production director at WSHU, Julie Freddino is responsible for the day-to-day operations of WSHU's eight-station radio network. She also heads the production team for WSHU's nationally syndicated music program, Sunday Baroque, and she hosts the weekly music program, Sunday CD Spotlight. She began her career at SHU as a board operator and earned her bachelor's degree in media from SHU in 1994.



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**Efim Kinber, Ph.D.**

Dr. Efim Kinber is a professor of computer science, who received his doctorate from the Steklov Mathematical Institute, Saint Petersburg Division of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is responsible for teaching upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses and supervising undergraduate and graduate research projects and master theses. During his tenure at Sacred Heart, he has had more than 50 publications in major computer science journals and conference proceedings (in collaboration with colleagues from the United States, Germany, Australia, Singapore and France) and numerous presentations at international conferences on theoretical computer science and computational learnability. He has worked on program committees of international conferences, reviewed numerous computer science journals and conferences, worked on a textbook on theory of computation and has served on numerous university, college and department-wide committees, including the Rank & Tenure Committee and UAA Council.



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**Bridget Lyons, D.P.S.**

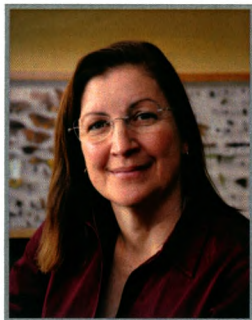
Dr. Bridget Lyons is a professor of finance who received her doctorate from Pace University. Her responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate students in the Welch College of Business, supervising internships in finance and economics and advising the Finance & Economics Club and the student-managed investment fund. Her research is focused on corporate finance, valuation and financial modeling.



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**Christel J. Manning, Ph.D.**

In her role as professor of religious studies, Dr. Christel Manning, is responsible for teaching religious studies courses, including the popular Religion and Sexuality and Cults and New Religious Movements; and researching the intersection of religion, gender and family. She has published two books and many articles and has a new book coming out later this year entitled *Losing Our Religion: How Unaffiliated Parents are Raising their Children* (NYU Press 2015). She has served as department chair and as director of the religious studies master's program. She currently serves on the Rank & Tenure committee, the University Research and Creativity Grant (URCG) committee and the Women Mentoring Women initiative.



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**Jennifer H. Mattei, Ph.D.**

Dr. Jennifer Mattei is a professor of biology, who earned her doctorate in ecology and evolution, from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Some highlights from her career at SHU include four years of continuous funding from the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund and two years of funding from the Connecticut Sea Grant for research on horseshoe crabs in Long Island Sound; two coauthored book chapters in *Changing Global Perspectives on Biology, Conservation and Management of Horseshoe Crabs* to be published by Springer in the summer of 2015; current director of graduate programs in environmental science and management; and former chair of the Biology department. She has given more than 100 public and guest lectures and taught more than 22 different courses during her tenure at SHU.



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**Gerald McDade**

Gerald McDade is manager of maintenance trades in the Campus Operations department. His responsibilities include coordinating and directing the use of outside resources, such as vendors, contractors and snow removal. He ensures compliance with safety issues and coordinates all maintenance and the resolving of mechanical issues at SHU properties. He is currently working on an associate degree in general studies.



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**Christian J. Morrison, J.D.**

Christian Morrison is SHU's head coach of track & field and cross country. During his tenure, he has coached and helped graduate hundreds of young men and women. Since the University reclassified as NCAA D-1, Coach Morrison's teams have won seven NEC team championships, and he has been named NEC Coach of the Year on 10 occasions. He has also coached 102 individual NEC conference champions, 38 individual New England champions and three NCAA Division One All-Americans. He earned his juris doctorate from Indiana University's Maurer School of Law.



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**Kathleen I. Olsen**

Kathleen Olsen joined SHU as an accounts payable clerk and is currently an administrative assistant for the College of Education. Her responsibilities include maintaining records on candidates for certification, preparing materials for student teachers, training work-study students and much more.



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**Pamela A. Peterson**

In her role as an accounts payable clerk, Pamela Peterson is responsible for processing all vouchers and invoices for payment and processing checks for vendors, employees and students.





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**Manoushag Samaan, A.A.**

As department assistant for grants, Manoushag Samaan is responsible for maintaining the pre/post award computerized database on proposals and grant activities and agency/foundation reporting requirements; preparing support materials for proposals; tracking the reporting requirements for funded proposals and preparing stewardship reports to foundations; researching potential funding sources for priority projects; and providing general office management support to the Office of Foundations and Grants. She earned her associate's degree in business from the London School of Business & Management.

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**Marlina Slamet, Ph.D.**

Marlina Slamet is an associate professor of physics who earned her doctorate in physics from City University of New York. Her responsibilities include teaching various physics courses to students, designing lab courses and training newly hired lab instructors and hiring, supervising and arranging schedules for all physics adjuncts. Highlights of her tenure at SHU include chairing the Undergraduate Poster Session from 2002-2007 and 2009-2012 and the Academic Festival in 2014 and creating and instructing the "Split-Version of General Physics I" for students with a hefty course load or weak background in problem-solving, critical thinking and math. The program accommodates students who are afraid of physics and allows them to learn the challenging subject in a less stressful manner. Dr. Slamet's favorite moments are when former students come back to tell her how well her class prepared them for future courses or how well they scored in the physical sciences section of the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test).



# About the Honorees



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## Michael Austin

As manager of quality control, Michael Austin is responsible for daily inspections of all campus buildings, including residence halls and all sites away from the main campus. He is also in charge of all facility-related aspects of the University's annual commencement exercises.



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## James M. Barquinero

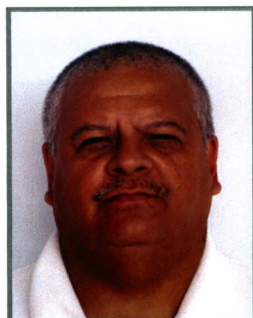
As senior vice president for Enrollment, Student Affairs and Athletics, Jim Barquinero has been instrumental in shaping and realizing a vision of Sacred Heart as one of the top five Catholic universities in the Northeast, beginning with a decision to move to a residential institution. To support that goal, he identified new strategies for expansion into new markets and development of new programs that would meet emerging student needs and opportunities, both here and abroad; led the University's exploration to secure a new campus site and study program in Ireland; was instrumental in identifying market opportunity and executing strategy for SHU's expansion into new health professions programs such as physical therapy; led the feasibility study that guided the University's intercollegiate athletics program to Division 1 status; and implemented a robust performing arts program, a 27-team club sports program, an exceptional student dining experience, an expanded Greek Life program and highly improved career development and student wellness services. He earned his master's degree in human services administration from Antioch University.



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**Sharon Lynn Fedak, B.S.**

Sharon Fedak is a lab coordinator for the chemistry and physics programs. In that role, she is responsible for coordinating all undergraduate and graduate laboratory activities; maintenance of the facilities; purchasing of chemicals, supplies and instruments; overseeing the budget, inventory, waste and safety documentation; supervising, training and working with student lab assistants; and assisting students with their research projects. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Sacred Heart University.



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**Alberto Fernandez**

Alberto Fernandez joined the University as a security officer and today is a public safety supervisor for the evening shift. He is also responsible for planning security for all athletic events on campus.



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**Frank B. Gallo**

In his role as plumber for the University, Frank Gallo maintains all University properties in areas relating to plumbing and heating.



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**Charlotte M. Gradie, Ph.D.**

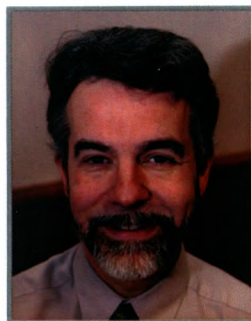
Dr. Charlotte Gradie is a professor of history who teaches courses in Latin American history, an area in which she has published a book and many articles and reviews. She developed the University's program in Latin American history and was the first specialist in this area. For many years, she has been involved in study abroad programs as assistant director of Study Abroad and as an onsite director of the program in Granada, Spain, for three years. Currently, she is the faculty director of the Guatemala service learning program for undergraduates. Over the years, she has served as department chair, president of the Faculty Senate and on many other committees. Among the committees she currently serves on are the Rank and Tenure and the Integrated Liberal Arts Core Committee. She earned her doctorate from the University of Connecticut at Storrs.



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**Patricia Aquila Klauser, M.S.**

In her role as executive director of Career Development and Placement, Trish Klauser oversees the strategic planning, service delivery, assessment and budget for career development and placement services, including internship and job placement, employer services, career counseling and career development programming. She also meets student needs for all stages of career development and for all populations, including full- and part-time undergraduates, graduate students and alumni. She began her career at SHU as an admissions coordinator for continuing education. She earned her master's degree at Southern Connecticut State University.



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**Tom G. Kuser, B.S.**

Tom Kuser is program director at WSHU, which means he oversees regional Connecticut and New York broadcasts of all on-air programs on the seven stations of the WSHU Public Radio Group and the content on the Group's website. He also supervises production, music and the news department and anchors regional segments of NPR's "Morning "news magazine. He began at WSHU as program director and morning news program host. He received his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of New Haven.



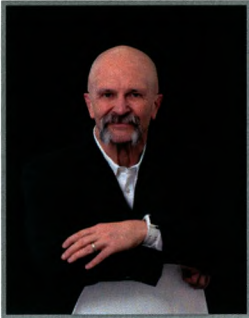


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**Elizabeth A. Olofson**

As administrative assistant for the Psychology department, Elizabeth Olofson manages all the necessary tasks to ensure that the department runs smoothly. She is also the coordinator of the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology.

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**Gary M. Reho, M.Ed.**

Gary Reho is director of the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, which makes him responsible for all of the University's fitness areas. He also serves as adviser and instructor for the Martial Arts Club, which meets twice a week at the Pitt Center. For the past five years, he has been a co-organizer and participant in the annual "Breaking from the Heart" martial arts club demonstration, which is a fundraiser for the Lisa Moray and Eric Hernandez Endowed Scholarship Funds. Reho, who first joined SHU as head football coach, earned his master's degree at Springfield College.

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**John B. Roney, Ph.D.**

In his role as professor and chair of the History department, Dr. John Roney teaches European history and has developed a freshman seminar course, "The Fighting Irish: Rebellions to Independence, 1798-1922." He has published three books, many chapters in books, as well as many articles in his areas of interest and is currently editing and writing a fourth book on Ireland. Dr. Roney has led seven summer study abroad trips to the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg since 1993 and has also been teaching at SHU's Dingle, Ireland, campus since 2002. He is organizing an environmental conference in Dingle planned for June 2016. In addition, he is part of a collaborative team of eight SHU faculty involved in an environmental study of the sustainability of the marine habitat and the interaction with tourism and economic development in Dingle. In 1993, Dr. Roney founded the SHU Habitat for Humanity chapter and worked with students to build houses in Bridgeport, Boston and Baltimore. He has been the faculty adviser for men's ice hockey since 2006 and faculty advisor for the Celtic Club since its founding in 2009. He received his doctorate from the University of Toronto.





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**Penny A. Snetsinger, Ph.D.**

Dr. Penny Snetsinger is an associate professor of chemistry, who received her doctorate from the University of New Hampshire. She teaches general and physical chemistry and labs, as well as graduate classes in dynamics and molecular structure. She also supervises student research projects on competitive absorption onto activated carbon, and chemical and physical properties of guitar finishes.

## About the Honorees



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**Richard M. Grigg, Ph.D.**

Dr. Richard Grigg is a professor of religious studies in the Department of Philosophy, Theology and Religion. He teaches more than 100 students each semester and is the author of eight books. He received his doctorate from the University of Iowa.

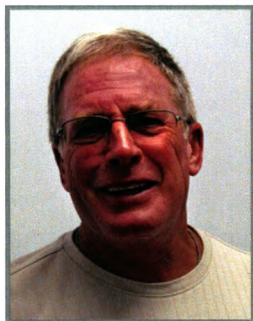


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**Frances S. Grodzinsky, Ph.D.**

Dr. Frances Grodzinsky is a professor of computer science and information technology and the co-director of the Hersher Institute of Ethics. In addition, she is the undergraduate coordinator for the computer science program, a senior project and internship adviser and an adviser to the UPE Computer Science Honorary Society. She is a member of the UAA Council, Writing Across the Curriculum, the Committee on Intellectual Property and the Faculty Scholarship Award Committee. She is involved with development of the curriculum for the computer science program and is co-director of Women Mentoring Women. She received her doctorate from the University of Illinois.

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### **Edward T. Murray, Ph.D.**

An associate professor of Education in the Isabelle Farrington School of Education, Dr. Edward Murray received his doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Connecticut. He heads the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) and the Certificate in Advanced Studies (CAS) programs.







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