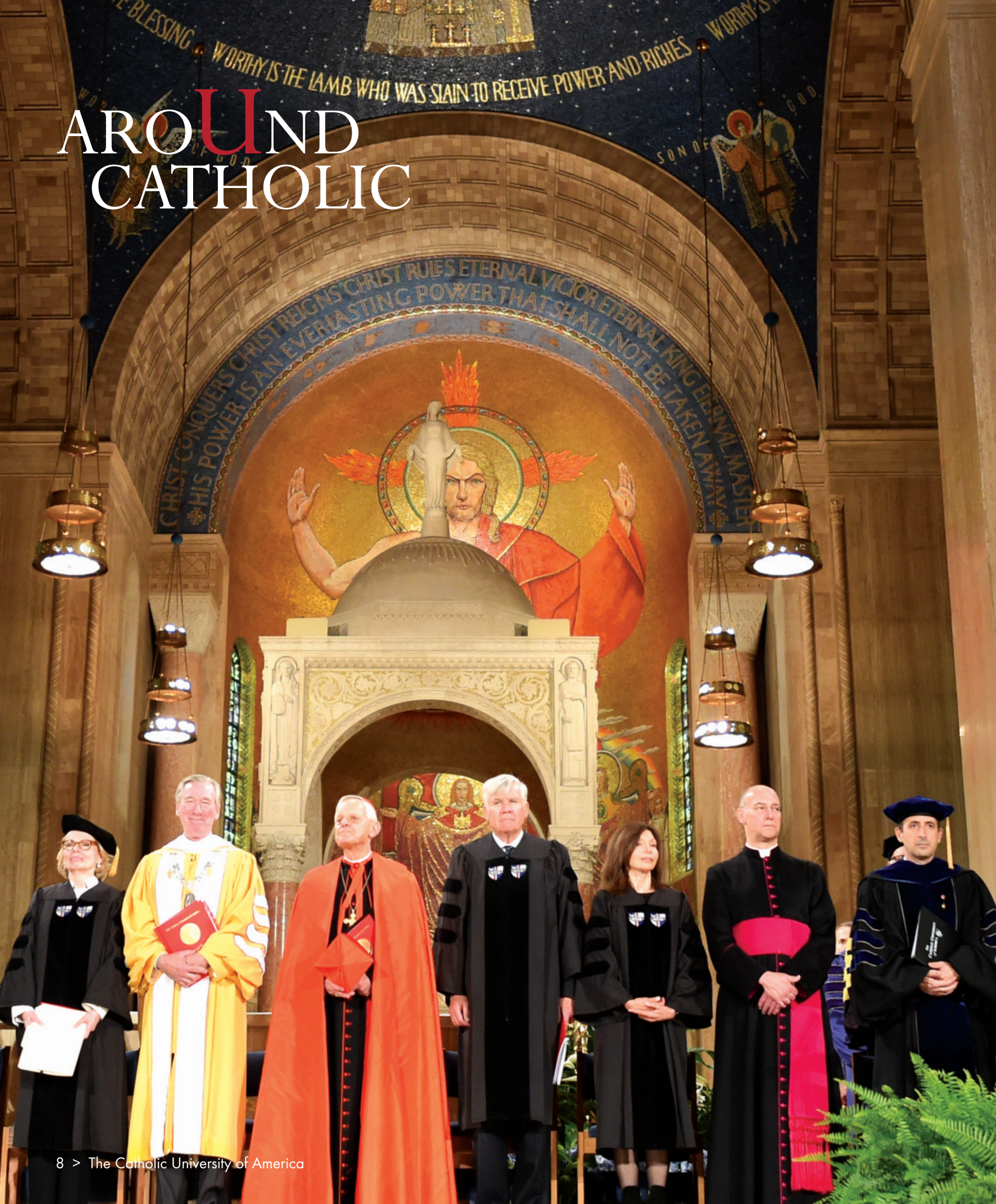


AROUND CATHOLIC



128th
annual Commencement ceremony

773
undergraduate degrees

842
graduate degrees

Never Stop Reading Peggy Noonan Advises Graduates

Though their formal education may now be complete, members of the Class of 2017 received one last piece of wisdom during this year's Commencement ceremony.

That advice came from Commencement speaker Peggy Noonan, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Wall Street Journal* columnist, author, and former special assistant and speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan. "If you seek a happy and interesting life, one of meaning and accomplishment," she said, "you must not stop reading books."

Due to inclement weather, the ceremony was held inside the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Speaking before a large crowd of Catholic University graduates and their families, Noonan said she has been troubled to learn through her recent reporting how many young journalists and politicians have "received most of what they know about history through screens."

Noonan, who has written nine books on American politics, history, and culture, said that reading helped her determine her own political leanings, her ambition to become a writer, and even her religious identity as a Catholic. Without reading books, she said, she could never have succeeded as a presidential speechwriter or a journalist.

"[Reading] will change how your very mind works," she advised graduates. "And in some

magical way the deep thoughts of others give a spark to, and almost give permission to, thoughts of your own that had been lurking about but never had the courage to present themselves."

University President John Garvey spoke about similar themes in his remarks, encouraging new graduates to continually pursue the virtue of studiousness. As they embark on new careers that could entail work deadlines, important phone calls, and long meetings, Garvey advised the new graduates to leave time for reflection, contemplation, and attention.

Studiousness, he said, can allow new graduates to "devote our attention to the right things in the right way" rather than giving in to a constant barrage of information.

"Studiousness is the virtue of attention," Garvey said. "It disposes us to want the truth, to seek it ardently, but also to wait attentively on it. When you practice studiousness in your daily life — when you read a book, look at a painting, talk to a friend — it prepares you to give your full attention to God."

More than 1,600 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees were conferred during the ceremony. The Columbus School of Law conferred more than 125 degrees at its Commencement ceremony on May 26, with an address by Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, J.D. '75, current senior international partner at the law firm WilmerHale.



University Honored for Marketing and Communication Efforts

Catholic University was honored with multiple awards recognizing magazine and web writing, advertising, design, and photography executed by the Office of Marketing and Communications.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), an international association of higher education institutions, named the University a silver award winner of its 2017 Circle of Excellence Awards program for senior graphic designer Kristin Reavey's design of the Admit Pack, which is mailed to newly admitted students to welcome them to the University.

The University was also honored with 11 awards from the Catholic Press Association (CPA), which represents more than 600 member organizations in the United States and Canada.

The CPA awards included four writing awards in the category of Best Feature Article in an Alumni Magazine; a second place honor in the category of Best Layout for a national general interest magazine; as well as a second place award for Best Magazine Cover for the Fall 2016 issue, which honored longtime athletic director Franny Murray.

Overall, the magazine received an honorable mention in the category of Alumni Magazine of the Year.

The University was also awarded prizes for photography, online written content, the 2017 annual report, and advertising copywriting.



N.Y. Philharmonic Clarinetist Gives Master Class

Students at the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music heard advice and tips of the trade from one of today's most talented solo, chamber, and orchestral musicians, as Anthony McGill, principal clarinet for the New York Philharmonic, gave a master class for clarinetists this semester.

McGill, who has received rave reviews for his performances around the world, offered hands-on guidance to four clarinet players during a spring semester master class, including Alexandra Chappell, a doctoral student, and Natalie Pucillo, a sophomore music major. Each musician performed a short piece for McGill and received a coaching session in front of the master class audience.

"A master class has the aspect of a performance and a lesson," McGill said. "And students learn because they can apply these things right away, in front of an audience."

For her performance, Pucillo chose the first movement of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto. Afterward, McGill gave her tips for improving her embouchure (the position of the lips, tongue, and teeth on an instrument) in order to better project her clarinet's sound.

Though standing up and participating in the master class was "a little scary," Pucillo said, it was a great learning experience.

"A lot of a person's musical style comes from the opportunities they've had and the teachers they have worked with," she said. "It was amazing to have McGill give his viewpoint on a standard piece in the clarinet repertoire."

In recent years, the music school has hosted many world-renowned musicians and artists, including soprano Renée Fleming, cellist Lynn Harrell, vocal coach Laurent Philippe, theatrical composer Scott Alan, and pianist Lori Sims.

The following night, McGill performed a concert of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto with the CUA Chamber Orchestra, led by Maestro Simeone Tartaglione. The program for the sold-out concert also included Beethoven's overture from *The Creatures of Prometheus*, which was conducted by music student Jongbin Kim, and Haydn's Symphony 104.

BY THE NUMBERS

Grad Programs Receive High U.S. News and World Report Rankings

The School of Nursing's Doctor of Nursing Practice program was ranked **26th** among 186 accredited programs nationwide this May, while the Master of Nursing program was ranked 31st among approximately 292 programs. The school's online graduate programs were ranked seventh in the nation.

The Department of Library and Information Science was ranked **32nd** out of 51 schools with accredited programs. Department Chair Youngok Choi said the designation was a reflection of the University's 100-year history of library and information science education and a sign that the program is "well received for its quality among peers."

Archbishop Gomez on Immigration: "We're Talking About Souls, not Statistics"

Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez delivered a heartfelt message about the need for immigration reform to students in March, calling the issue a "deeply personal" one for him and his family.

"For me and the Catholic Church, immigration is about people," he said, during a CUA on Tap event sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry. "We're talking about souls, not statistics."

Archbishop Gomez, who was born in Monterrey, Mexico, has been a U.S. citizen for more than 20 years. As the archbishop of Los Angeles, he lives and works in one of the most diverse areas of the United States, which is home to Catholics from all over the world as well as an estimated one million undocumented immigrants.

"It's a beautiful place for you to see the universal Church, people coming from all over the world to worship God," Archbishop Gomez said.

During his talk to students, he spoke of three principles for Catholics to remember about immigration. First, he said, "a person is a child of God even if he doesn't have the proper papers." Second, immigration policies should focus on keeping families together. And third, every nation has the right to secure its borders and regulate how many people can enter and live there, said Gomez.

While Archbishop Gomez sees a need for a system that provides justice and a path to a better life for those living in our country illegally, he also sees a need for Americans to change the way they think about the United States and its history.

"Immigration is about more than immigrants, it's a question about America. What is America, and who are we as a people?" he said. "We need to realize that we are a nation of immigrants."

Senior Natalia Rincon, a psychology major from Freeport, N.Y., helped organize Archbishop Gomez's visit to campus. Prior to the talk, she was part of a small group of students who joined the archbishop for a meal and conversation.

Rincon is passionate about immigration because her parents are immigrants. Last year, she participated in a University-sponsored border immersion trip to Texas and New Mexico to learn more about the issue.

"I think that we are all called to love and be loved," she said. "Despite any political views on campus, this visit was a way for us to come together as a Christian community and try and understand why people immigrate here, what their struggles are, and to put a human face to that story."



Alumni Association Honors its Own

Six of Catholic University's most distinguished alumni were honored during the 2017 Alumni Awards dinner in April. The Alumni Achievement Award, which honors alumni who have excelled in their respective fields, was presented to Vinny Sica, B.M.E. '83; Ellen Schultz, B.A. '92; and Rev. Dave Dwyer, M.Div '00. J. Peter Donald, B.A. '10, was presented with the Young Alumni Merit Award, which recognizes an alumnus who demonstrates both early career achievement and potential. Maureen Devine O'Reilly and Brendan O'Reilly, both B.A. '87, jointly received the George J. Quinn '50 Distinguished Service Award for committed service to the Alumni Association.

Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning actor Gary Sinise was honored with The Catholic University of America Alumni Association's 2017 James Cardinal Gibbons Medal, the association's highest accolade. Sinise attended the event with his family, including his daughter Ella, who earned her bachelor's degree from Catholic University in 2015.

After receiving his award, Sinise spoke about Cardinal Gibbons and how honored he was to receive a medal in his name. Established in 1947, the Cardinal Gibbons Medal honors any person who "has rendered distinguished and meritorious service to the Roman Catholic Church, the United States of America, or The Catholic University of America."

The actor, well known for his film roles in *Forrest Gump* and *Apollo 13*, was chosen for the award because of his decades of work with America's service members. In 2011, he established the Gary Sinise Foundation to serve and honor military members, first responders, and their families.

"I felt called by God to 'show up,'" Sinise said. "Service to others is a great



2017 Alumni Awards winners and presenters included (from left) Vinny Sica, Ellen Schultz, Brendan O'Reilly, Maureen Devine O'Reilly, Gary Sinise, John Garvey, Carrie Grundmayer, J. Peter Donald, and Rev. Dave Dwyer.

healer, and I was compelled to use all the tools and notoriety that I had been blessed with, and all the work I had done with the military over the years, to serve in a more substantial way."

The evening's festivities began with Mass celebrated by Father Dwyer. Siobhan Fallon Hogan, M.F.A. '85 and 2012 Alumni Achievement Award recipient, served as the evening's emcee. Carrie Grundmayer, B.A. '96, Alumni Association president, welcomed the guests, and University President John Garvey gave the evening's closing remarks. Music school students provided the evening's entertainment.

“ PERSISTENCE
is the key
ingredient
to *success.*

— GARY SINISE

The night before the Alumni Awards dinner, Sinise addressed students from the University's Department of Drama and the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music in Callan Theatre. During a question-and-answer session, he shared stories about his early days as an actor, when he founded the nationally acclaimed Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago with friends.

Though Sinise said he doesn't have a formula for success in the acting world, he stressed the importance of learning from experience. "Persistence is the key ingredient to success," he said. "You have to have talent too, but theatre is so hard ... 99 percent of it is rejection, with 100 people going out for one part. You have to have a pretty thick skin and a real love for what you're doing."



CAMPUS NEWS IN BRIEF

Robert Destro: New IPR Director

University President John Garvey appointed Robert A. Destro as director of the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies (IPR), effective June 1. Destro has been a member of the Columbus School of Law faculty since 1982 and served as interim dean of law from 1999 to 2001. He is founding director of the law school's Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Religion. Destro succeeds Stephen Schneck, who retired from the University earlier this year.

Founded in 1974, IPR is one of the leading academic centers focused on contemporary questions of Catholic social thought and American public policy. For more information, visit ipr.cua.edu.

John Judge Named Engineering Dean

John Judge was appointed as the dean of the School of Engineering, effective June 1. Judge joined the University as assistant professor of mechanical engineering in 2004, became associate professor in 2009, and was granted continuous tenure in 2010. He has been the principal or co-principal investigator on research grants totaling approximately \$1.8 million, including the National Science Foundation's CAREER award for junior faculty and grants from the Office of Naval Research, Army Research Office, and U.S. Department of State. He has served as the associate dean of the engineering school since 2016. Judge succeeds Charles C. Nguyen, who served as dean of the school for 16 years and who has been appointed dean emeritus.

University Adopts New Governance Structure

In June, The Catholic University of America's Board of Trustees adopted a new governance structure intended to permit greater lay participation in affairs of the University, while preserving its uniquely Catholic character. Under the new arrangement, the University will have a predominately lay Board of Trustees as well as a smaller group of clerical fellows who hold reserved powers.

Joseph Carlini, B.M.E. '84, was elected and installed as the chairman of the Board of Trustees. Carlini is the co-founder and chief executive officer of McKean Defense Group, Inc. Enrique Segura, chairman of ENSE Group, president and chief executive officer of Alex Stewart, International, and Securiport LLC, will serve as vice-chairman of the board.



University Awarded NASA Cooperative Agreement for Space Science Research

The Institute for Astrophysics and Computational Sciences (IACS), which is housed within the Department of Physics, is part of a team of educational institutions that was awarded a NASA cooperative agreement to establish a new Center for Research and Exploration in Space Science & Technology (CRESST II).

CRESST II will carry out important research in support of NASA strategic science missions over the next five years. Projects and research will cover topics relating to the solar system, stars, and galaxies; the informational systems required to interpret space science data; and the development of new technology.

Catholic University researchers will join the University Consortium of Astrophysics and Planetary Science (UCAPS), a team consisting of researchers from the University of Maryland, College Park; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Howard University; and the Southeastern Universities Research Association. Catholic University professor Tommy Wiklind will be associate director of CRESST II.

Under this agreement, which is valued at \$87.3 million for five years, UCAPS will carry out observational, experimental, and theoretical research in support of NASA's strategic science mission objectives. For its portion of the research, IACS can receive up to \$10.47 million toward budgets and personnel.

Steve Kraemer, chair of the physics department, said the new partnership will provide research and career opportunities in fields like astrochemistry, solar system research, and the study of other galaxies, as well as astronomical instrumentation that could be used in future space missions.

He believes the award shows that Catholic University's work with the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center "has not gone unnoticed."

"This shows they know we can do this work and that we can bring quality researchers in for them," he said.

Andrew Yeo

Andrew Yeo, associate professor of politics, earned his Ph.D. at Cornell in 2008 and joined the faculty at Catholic University that year. Yeo has published articles on East Asian regionalism, North Korea, and other topics, and is the author of *Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests*. His second book, *Living in an Age of Mistrust*, co-edited with Matthew Green, associate professor of politics, was published in July.

What drew you to write about American military bases?

It was really fascinating to see how host governments as well as civil society influence basing policy. I spoke with foreign government officials, with U.S. base officials, and with activists in several countries. These are sweeping generalizations, but the assumption for activists is that bases are mostly bad, and for those in the military, the assumption is that we're here to defend freedom and provide security. Military bases are not inherently good or evil. Activists become jaded about government and dismiss anything policymakers have to say. At what point do they become socialized into this worldview? And with policymakers, is there a socialization process there as well?

Could your book be useful to activists as well as policymakers?

Yes, because a lot of it is about how you frame your arguments. Frankly, it's like public relations. If your slogans are framed to sound more policy-oriented, you'll get more people from the center to agree. For the policy world, [it's important] to pay attention to some of these issues. The U.S. tends to build bases in places where the government is authoritarian in nature. When those governments democratize, or when the opposition comes to power, the U.S. is sometimes associated with the policies of the past dictator, and so they want the Americans out.

Do you predict any drastic changes in international relations in the near future?

A lot of foreign policy is actually run by the bureaucracies on a day-to-day basis. There's usually a center you can waver from, but it's very hard to make sharp turns swiftly. Even if things appear to be imploding at present, in the longer run there's flexibility and resilience within the system.

What is the focus of your latest book?

The three questions we wanted the authors to look at are: What are the foundations of trust? Why do we see the breakdown of trust? How do we rebuild trust? We wanted to make it relevant to what is happening in social and political life. There isn't a panacea or solution for how we resolve trust issues, but I did come away with a deeper understanding of some of these issues and of the different components of trust.

You've studied violin. If you were a piece of music, what would you be?

Zigeunerweisen by Pablo de Sarasate. The piece is roughly divided into two parts which reflect my personality: sometimes overly dramatic (the first part), and often in a rush keeping up with work and kids (the second part). — G.V.



Ed Pfeiffer



Television

Nora Heimann, chair and professor of art, was interviewed on *EWTN News Nightly* about the relationship between art and the Catholic Church.

“One of the arguments about why Catholicism or Christianity became ascendant when it did, when it was competing with so many other religions in the early Christian period after Christ died is that Christians embraced imagery, embraced making images of a very complicated faith when a lot of people were illiterate,” she told EWTN. “The stories of the Church, the stories of the Old Testament and the New, of Christ, and of God’s interventions in the world are told through art and they’re told so beautifully.”



Commentary/Blogs

Julia Young, assistant professor of history, reflected on Mexican migration in a *Historians.org* blog post, writing:

“In March 2015, I submitted the final page proofs for my book on Mexican migration to the United States [*Mexican Exodus: Emigrants, Exiles, and Refugees of the Cristero War*]. In June of that same year, Donald Trump gave his now-infamous speech in which he called Mexican immigrants drug dealers, rapists, and criminals. We all know what has happened since then: a nativist presidential campaign, a rhetorical battle with Mexico over the border wall, an upset election, and a growing number of deportations.

“Now, nearly two years after the book’s publication, I find myself thinking often about what the book means, and how it is relevant, in the age of Trump.”



Print News/Quotes

Stephen Schneck, retired associate professor of politics and former director of IPR, was interviewed about his career in a Catholic News Service story.

“At some point I came to realize that politics is the doing of civilization. It really is,” he told Catholic News Service in mid-April. “It’s not really about who’s ahead in the polls or who wins or loses. Politics in the broadest sense is about building civilization.”

“If we can’t figure out a way to achieve solidarity or find a way of healing this rift, then I worry profoundly about both American political life and our Church,” Schneck said. “This I think is the biggest task, the biggest challenge facing us. There are lots of challenges, but none of those challenges can be addressed until we address this and find a way to work together with one another.”

Four religious sisters who lived in residence halls at Catholic University were profiled in *The Washington Post*. The story centered on their band, A Force of Habit.

From the article:

“It sort of started out as something that we could do for the students, to show them that we love them, that we want to be a part of their community,” Sister Louis Marie said. “But then it’s also just fun for us, as a group of sisters, to be able to share that and have fun together.”

“Before Force of Habit, the sisters had a singing group called Nun of the Above. (These nuns, it seems, like to pun.)”

V. Bradley Lewis, associate professor of philosophy, was quoted in a *National Catholic Register* story previewing the visit of President Donald Trump and Pope Francis:

“At one level, President Trump and Pope Francis could not be more different,” observed Bradley Lewis, a political philosopher at The Catholic University of America. “The Holy Father is a famously austere man, an ascetic. Donald Trump has spent his life amassing a vast fortune and boasting about it. However, they have something in common: Each has set himself against a certain aspect of globalization.”



All photos submitted by students

- 1 “I designed my cap with the French flag because I will be enrolling in the University of Arizona’s Master of French program this upcoming fall; I also studied in Paris during my junior year.” — **ABIGAIL TALEON, B.A. (PSYCHOLOGY, MINOR IN FRENCH AND FRANCOPHONE STUDIES)**
- 2 “As an English major, I felt it was only appropriate to have a literary reference on my cap. I had a million ideas, but I settled on Shakespeare, as he’s both a cornerstone of English lit and a personal favorite of mine due to my classes with Dr. Mack.” — **GRACE WOO, B.A. (ENGLISH)**
- 3 “The most memorable part of commencement was being in line right before receiving my diploma. Spending my last few minutes of my undergraduate career with the same people that made the 4 years of classes so memorable was amazing.” — **BRYNA MASARIK, B.S.B.A. (MARKETING, CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL ART AND DESIGN)**
- 4 “The most memorable part of graduation was holding my diploma and knowing that four years of hard work and dedication had paid off.” — **KAELA DIAMOND, B.ARCH.**

- 5 “My parents were my inspiration for my cap. It reads, ‘Everything I do, I do for you. Thank you, mom and dad.’ For years, they have sacrificed so much for me to get the education I was so fortunate to receive, and they have supported and encouraged me to be the woman I am today.” — **XIOMARA GALEANO, B.S.N.**
- 6 “My parents went to CUA and graduated in 1990. ... They used to call me their baby cardinal as a joke when I was a freshman. So I thought, ‘Fly High Baby Cardinal,’ would be perfect for my cap.” — **KATHERINE LALLY, B.A. (PSYCHOLOGY)**
- 7 “In high school we wore dresses to our graduation, so this was my first opportunity to wear a cap and gown. Decorating my cap was something special for me.” — **CARLY CIAMPI, B.S.N.**
- 8 “I chose to attend Catholic University because of its Catholic identity, and the school motto of ‘*Deus Lux Mea Est*’ — ‘God is my light,’ has been a central theme throughout my studies.” — **GRETA HAUSMANN, B.A. (MEDIA STUDIES)**

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Landmark All-Decade Teams

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the Landmark Conference, the league's coaches voted for the top players in their individual sports for the All-Decade Teams. The Cardinals' selections came from 16 different sports with seven players coming from men's soccer as well as six each from field hockey and women's lacrosse.

Men's Basketball

Jason Banzhaf '11, Chris Kearney '13, Bryson Fonville '16, Jay Howard '18

Men's Lacrosse

Victor Licata '17, Chris Fuccillo '12

Men's Soccer

Matt Brady '13, Michael DiMarco '12, Ben Fernandez '14, Kevin Romano '15, Hunter Horvath '15, Torsten Meuschke '15, Tyler Zimmerman '16

Men's Swimming and Diving

Caleb Capozella '14, Guido Saccaggi '17

Men's Tennis

Juan Lorido '17, Daniel Valverde '13

Women's Basketball

Jill Woerner '13, Emily Grabiak '14, and Michelle DeSantis '17

Women's Cross Country

Jenna Hackett '09

Field Hockey

Marian Cassilly '10, Maura Campbell '15, Colleen Harwood '15, Kim Herman '15, Tara Portland '16, and Analisa Scott '17

Women's Lacrosse

Alexis Bosilovic '17, Lindsay Brophy '15, Caroline DiBartolomeo '15, Meghan Murry '12, Kate Robinson '10, and Mary Swarthout '12

Women's Soccer

Tricia Colucci '14, Lexi Halperin '16, Lindsay Aleman '17

Softball

Megan Rizzi '12

Women's Swimming and Diving

Lisa Brooks '11, Joanna Ladas '14, Julia Wisler '15, Basira Knight '18

Women's Tennis

Liz Harvey '15, Rachel Tenuta '09

Women's Track and Field

Kelly Carioto '12, Mary Clark '15, Laura Kinley '13 and Cam Mayfield '12, Mary Shashaty '09

Volleyball

Claudia Jean '13

Baseball

Marc Hanna '14



Men's swimming and diving champions, winter 2016–2017

Ten Landmark Years

The Class of 2017 women's lacrosse players graduated with bragging rights. When their team captured its fourth straight Landmark Conference championship title, they became the first class in program history to go undefeated against Landmark opponents throughout their four-year college career.

In the 10 years since the creation of the Landmark Conference, the women's lacrosse team has captured the championship nine times. The team leads the Cardinals in most championships since Catholic University helped found the Landmark conference in the fall 2007 season.

The women lacrosse players aren't the only ones to lift the trophy during the last decade. Twelve Cardinal varsity teams have won Landmark Conference championships with a total of 34 championships in 10 years. The field hockey team has captured the title four times. Men's soccer, men's basketball, baseball, women's soccer, and women's basketball have won three championships each. Men's soccer has won two championships. Men's tennis, men's swimming and diving, softball, and women's cross country each have one championship title.

The formation of the Landmark Conference started with meetings in 2005 and began competition in the fall of 2007.

"In 2005, I had been athletic director for a matter of months when I got invited to a meeting near Philadelphia with five other athletic directors from the mid-Atlantic region who were interested in forming a new conference," recalls Mike Allen, now the University's vice president for student affairs. "It was clear from



Women's lacrosse champions, spring 2017

this and many conversations to follow that the Landmark Conference could be a great fit for the University, both in terms of competitive opportunities and the opportunity to expand our playing radius into areas where we recruited regularly.

"We had a unified goal to build a conference on a foundation of academic and athletic excellence in the full spirit of the Division III philosophy. Starting a conference from scratch was a unique opportunity. But it didn't come without risk. Looking back now on 10 years, it's clear our decision to be a founding member of Landmark was more than worth it."

The conference now includes Catholic University, Drew University, Elizabethtown College, Goucher College, Juniata College, Moravian College, Susquehanna University, and The University of Scranton.

Catholic Athletics has been awarded the Landmark Conference's President's Trophy twice; in the 2012–2013 and the 2014–2015 seasons. The award is given to the conference athletic program judged to be the most comprehensively strong across all sports.

"It's been a great run for our Athletics program," says Sean Sullivan, athletic director and associate vice president. "We've had teams like women's lacrosse that have had unprecedented success. But still there is always that knowledge that everyone has a chance. Just this past spring for the first time in league history, our men's swimming and diving team captured the Landmark Conference Championship Title. There is a great spirit of competition among the conference teams."

Sullivan says athletic competition in the conference is fostered by the "Landmark's firm commitment to the integrity of academic experience for student-athletes." He adds, "Experience in the classroom is paramount when we schedule conference games. Start times are planned to minimize classroom disruption. And that commitment shows in our high number of scholar-athletes each year. In the 2016–2017 season, 61% of our athletes made all-academic teams. For Cardinal Athletics, that's as big a source of pride as our number of championships."

Sport Shorts

University to Add Varsity Golf and Rowing in 2018

The Athletics Department has announced the addition of four varsity sports for the 2018–19 season: men's and women's golf and men and women's rowing. The four new programs will operate under club-sport status in 2017–18 before transitioning to full varsity standing for the 2018–19 school year. Rowing is already an established club program at Catholic University while golf had previously been a varsity and club sport in the late 1980s.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer these four sports at the varsity athletics level," said Sean Sullivan, director of athletics. "Catholic University prides itself on providing a wide array of quality cocurricular activities and this move reinforces our commitment to strengthening and diversifying the student experience."

By fall 2018, Catholic University will sponsor 25 athletic programs: 13 women's sports (basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, indoor track and field, lacrosse, outdoor track and field, rowing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, volleyball) and 12 men's sports (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track and field, lacrosse, outdoor track and field, rowing, soccer, swimming and diving, and tennis).

