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Celts for Life members gather in Austin with pro-life Texans to support House Bill 2. [Read More](#)

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The University of St. Thomas is a Catholic, liberal arts university that educates leaders in faith and character. We have 35 undergraduate and 10 graduate programs. St. Thomas continues the legacy of the Basilian Fathers, the order of priests who founded the University in 1871. [Learn more about us.](#)

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University of St. Thomas Website is a New Way to Tell Our Story

The University of St. Thomas launched the new stthom.edu website on July 9, featuring streamlined navigation, more vibrant images and engaging content to appeal to prospective students, their families and friends of the University.

Vickie Alleman, the vice president for Marketing Communications and Enrollment Management, said the project began almost two years ago with a survey of faculty, staff and students, led by MarCom's assistant vice president.

"Sandra Soliz spearheaded this effort, which involved thousands of hours, daily decisions and coordination of messaging, technology and site navigation processes," Alleman said. "I am confident that our new site will communicate the St. Thomas message effectively to our constituents."

The new website showcases the University's mission of a Catholic liberal arts education that educates leaders of faith and character. Success and feature stories highlight student leaders, faculty achievements and successful graduates. The website is also more accessible on mobile devices and tablets.

The website demonstrates what sets St. Thomas apart from other universities: personal attention, academic excellence, affordable and accessible, a nurturing campus life and career connections.

The Office of Marketing Communications developed the new stthom.edu in cooperation with marketing consultant Tulaa Solutions. MarCom streamlined the content from more than 10,000 pages to about 450 pages, with strategic content for target audiences. All other information that is intended for faculty and staff only is now on the UST Portal.

Assessment VP Comes Home



At only 11 years old, Dr. Siobhan Fleming served dinner to University of St. Thomas priests in Donaghue Hall, the Basilian Residence. Coming back to her alma mater, and home away from home, Fleming is the new associate vice president of Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness.

Fleming is an experienced higher education researcher and policy analyst who has worked in higher education institutions since 1992. Fleming led the Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness at the Lone Star College System in Northwest Houston.

Dr. Dominic Aquila, vice president for Academic Affairs, said UST is blessed to have Fleming join the St. Thomas staff, officially.

“She not only has extraordinarily credentials and expertise in the areas of institutional effectiveness and assessment, but as an alumna of the University and close friend of the Basilian fathers for many years, she knows St. Thomas – its culture and traditions – as well as anyone.”

Dykman Joins Seafaring Crew



Dr. Charlene Dykman, professor of Management and Marketing in the Cameron School of Business, sets sail on the adventure of a lifetime as she joins a crew of 34 faculty members and 750 students from across the country for the 50th anniversary

fall 2013 Semester at Sea.

“I am very excited about this opportunity,” Dykman said. “I look forward to seeing these wonderful places and teaching students through this process. I also expect my students at University of St. Thomas will benefit from all that I learn and that I will be able to share with them when I return.”

UST Welcomes Graduate Director



The University’s search for a director of graduate admissions is over, and the University welcomes Robert Stephens to lead the new office. Stephens previously worked at the University of Central Florida, where he served as the assistant director of graduate student services for the College of Nursing.

Stephens earned a bachelor’s in organizational communication and a Master of Nonprofit Management from University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla. His background is marked with a dedication and passion for student support in higher education. His 10-year career has evolved to allow him to serve in several capacities and gives him a broader understanding of the admissions and advising processes.

“My main goal is to develop a uniform graduate admissions process,” Stephens said. “I am hopeful that all decisions that are made in my office are efficient with the student’s best interest in mind.”

Faculty Teach at Johns Hopkins

Two University of St. Thomas professors were invited to spend two weeks teaching at Johns Hopkins University in July. Dr. Emiliano



Gonzalez, director of curriculum and instruction, and Sister Marie Faubert, CST, professor of education, visited Baltimore, Md., from July 5-14.

Gonzalez taught a course on Diversity and Social Justice for Counselors. Faubert taught a course on Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and together they taught a one-hour course entitled Counseling Language Diverse Clients.

University of St. Thomas Welcomes New Faculty



Dr. Elizabeth Balzer
Visiting Assistant Professor
Psychology

Dr. Carol Feters
Assistant Professor
Education



Dr. Michael Boler
Assistant Professor
Modern & Classical Languages

Dr. Mary Flagg
Assistant Professor
Mathematics, Computer Science and
Cooperative Engineering



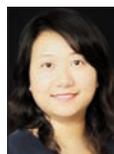
Dr. Lucindra Campbell-Law
Assistant Professor
Nursing

Dr. Katharine Garcia
Assistant Professor
Education



Dr. Richa Chandra
Assistant Professor
Chemistry & Physics

Dr. Bobby Price
Assistant Professor
Education



Dr. Yiying Cheng
Assistant Professor
Finance

Dr. David Shein
Visiting Assistant Professor
Management and Marketing

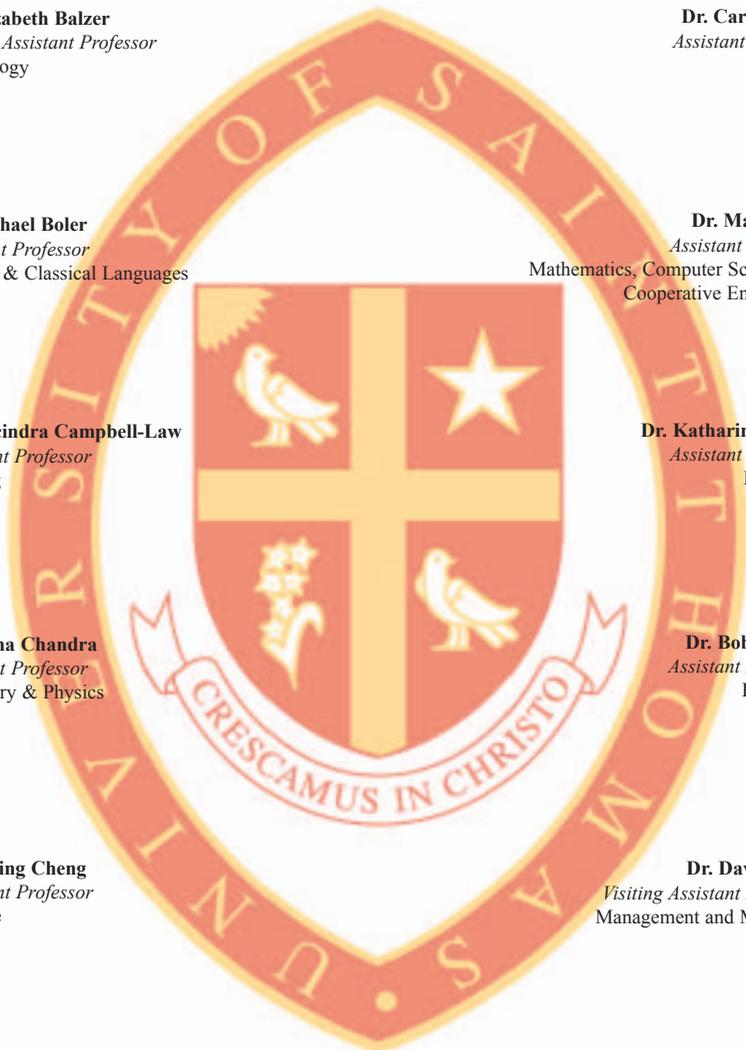


Dr. Ghaoui Chinine
Assistant Professor
Chemistry & Physics



Dr. Claudine Dufrene
Assistant Professor
Nursing

Dr. Nicole Walters
Assistant Professor
Education



Events

Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

St. Martin de Porres Society present: Memorial Mass and Reception Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday **Aug. 28** at the Chapel of St. Basil and Ahern Room, Crooker Center.



Upcoming UST Soccer Match

The men's soccer team invites you to cheer them on as they play Southwestern Assemblies of God University from 7-9 p.m. on Friday **Aug. 23** at the Houston Amateur Sports Park.



Upcoming Volleyball Game

Attend the Labor Day Tournament at UST. The tournament will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, **Aug. 30** in Jerabeck Gym.



UST Presents New Fall Programs

The University of St. Thomas is continually striving to grow and offer new and relevant areas of study to students. UST is proud to announce new programs open for students to major in this fall.



UST is now offering majors in economics, computer science, applied math, as well as a joint environmental studies and international studies major.

At the graduate level, UST is promoting the Master of Science in Finance through Cameron School of Business.

Faculty Senate Recognizes Teacher Excellence

University of St. Thomas Faculty Senate Awards Committee will recognize three faculty members for excellence in teaching, research and service for 2012-2013, during Faculty Study Day on **Aug. 19**.

Dr. Michele Simms, director for faculty excellence, is the recipient of the Saint Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Award. Her research areas include ethics, business-public health partnerships, sustainability, and scholarship of teaching and learning.



Dr. Michele Simms

Dr. Chris Evans, associate professor and chair of theology, received the Saint Edith Stein Excellence in Research Award. Currently, Evans is publishing critical editions of the last remaining Latin writings in the corpus of Hildegard of Bingen who was recently named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI.



Dr. Christopher Evans

Sister Paula Jean Miller, FSE, director of Catholic Studies, was awarded the Joseph McFadden Excellence in Service Award. This fall, Sister Paula Jean will begin teaching at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, Calif.



Sr. Paula Jean Miller

New Coach Recruits for Women's Soccer

UST Athletics is beginning new program: women's soccer. To help recruit and train a championship-caliber team, UST looks to Nikola Barjaktarevic, the former head women's soccer coach for University of Texas at Brownsville.



Barjaktarevic is not new to building a program from the ground up. While at UTB, he successfully built the women's soccer program, a process that culminated in the team's advancement to the Elite 8 round of the NAIA National Tournament this season, a current national rank of No. 9 by the NAIA and an impressive career record of 79-27-7.

"I want to have a successful program," Barjaktarevic said. "When I say successful, I mean not only winning on the field, but winning off the field by doing things the right way and graduating and sending these young ladies off into the world. We teach them a lot both on and off the field. It is not totally about soccer; it is about life."

Labor Day

All University offices will be closed on Monday Sept. 2. All classes and business will resume on Tuesday Sept. 3.

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