

Thank-a-Prof November – December 2008

Prof Name: Dominic Aquila

Time Met: Fall 2008

Students Major: MLA

Students Name: Marianne Ivany

Thank You Statement: There has not been a single class session that I didn't wish we had another hour and one-half to go when it was time to leave. Dr. Aquila has such a depth of knowledge that I wish he would do all of the talking instead of trying to encourage all of us to share our thoughts. Thank you for being so responsive in answering our emails and in grading our assignments, too.

Prof Name: Dr. Spiro

Time Met: Fall/2008/MW/6:00-8:45

Students Major: Business

Students Name: Misty

Thank You Statement: Dr. Spiro has a unique holistic way of lecturing that allows you to understand all the particular dynamics of the subject. He has a great personality, a laid back teaching style and engages his students in a personal way. I wish I had him for all my subjects! Can we work on this?? Thanks Dr. Spiro!!

Prof Name: Father Mike Buentello

Time Met: Fall 2008, MW 1:40pm

Students Major: Liberal Arts

Students Name: Monica Aquino:

Thank You Statement: I would like to thank Father Buentello for being so passionate and enthusiastic about the teaching of The Catechism. I was extremely nervous about taking the class, but I have become comfortable and more at ease because of Father Mike's teaching style. The anecdote's that he shares with us really make his class enjoyable and a pleasure to attend!

Prof Name: Canac

Time Met: Fall 2008

Students Major: Marketing

Thank You Statement: Dr. Canac is so entertaining, and I thoroughly enjoy his dry humor. It keeps class entertaining, and he describes difficult material in an easy to know way. DR. CANAC IS AWESOME!!!

Prof Name: Dr. Michele Simms

Time Met: Spring 2008

Students Major: Marketing

Thank You Statement: Dr. Simms is a brilliant woman who truly cares about her students. She strives to help them establish themselves and really learn the material. She conveys difficult concepts very well, and really puts her heart into her work. She's awesome.

Prof Name: Pilsner

Time Met: Fall 2007, Fall 2006, Spring 2007

Students Major: Marketing and Education

Thank You Statement: FATHER PILSNER IS SO AWESOME! He is SO brilliant, and so kind hearted. He really makes people from different faiths feel comfortable about asking anything. Anything at all. ALSO, social justice is an emotional topic, but he does an amazing job at simplifying tough topics. God BLESS Pilsner!!! VIVA LA PILSNER!!!

Prof Name: Le Carl

Time Met: Spring 2008

Students Major: Accounting

Thank You Statement: Thanks for inspiring me with your wisdom and passion for the accounting profession.

Prof Name: Dr. Elizabeth Maynard

Time Met: Fall 2008, M/W 12:10pm

Students Major: Liberal Arts

Students Name: Monica Aquino

Thank You Statement: I really enjoy Dr. Maynard's class because of her thorough understanding of the material that we go over, which makes understanding things easier. Her funny stories (which always relate to the content) make it interesting to attend! I also appreciate her empathy and patience, as well as her positive attitude in every class!

Prof Name: Dr. Mark Nicholas

Time Met: Fall/2008/T-Th/11:00-12:15

Students Major: Philosophy & Theology

Thank You Statement: Thanks for pushing me. Your class is demanding and you are a really good instructor. I only get out of a class what I put into it. You have forced me to put much into this and I am getting a lot out of it. Thanks!

Prof Name: Dr. Christopher Martin

Time Met: Fall/2008/T-Th/9:35-11:50

Students Major: Philosophy & Theology

Thank You Statement: You are an esteemed professor that allows your wit and sense of humor shine through in class. This makes your lectures much more enjoyable.

Prof Name: Fr. Joseph Pilsner

Time Met: Fall/2008/T-Th/ 10-4:50

Students Major: Philosophy & Theology

Thank You Statement: You are a brilliant professor that doesn't need to use 6 syllable words to teach. You are able to break it all down to where we can understand the Teachings of the Catholic Church. You are able to make a potentially dry subject fun.

Prof Name: Prof. Raul Juarez

Time Met: Fall/2008/MWF 11:10-12:00

Students Major: Philosophy & Theology

Thank You Statement: You've been such a great instructor that all of us want to take Elementary Spanish II from you next semester. UST needs to make you a full-time faculty member!

Prof Name: Mrs. McBrinn

Time Met: Fall '08

Students Major: Education

Students Name: Jenifer

Thank You Statement: Mrs. McBrinn has such a great personality. She is always laughing, not to mention she goes above and beyond to help us out in whatever we need. THANK YOU!

Prof_Name: Dr. Schneider and Dr. Saleh

Time Met: Fall 2008 October 10th morning class

Students Major: International Development/Psychology

Students Name: Estelle-Claudia Ariana Cordero-Calero

Thank You Statement: (I) arrived at UST Oct 10th 2008. Two of my professors said they could not accept me in their class anymore, even though I paid for the classes and did not withdraw yet, because they at first told me they would accept me in their class! Doctor Schneider and Prof. Navien Saleh both emailed me and kept contact with me throughout the whole ordeal. After the hurricane as well, they gave me time to finish up papers and essays and a quiz, that in fact was not their responsibility. I worked hard and soon got on the same level as the class. I thank them and hope to show recognition because even though it was late, the classes were partially full, they answered me, kept contact, and helped and understood my position. They never gave me an easy grade, but challenged me to do my best! I wish there were more student-involved teachers as these two!

Prof Name: Rogelio

Time Met: Fall/2008/TuesThurs/2:10-3:25pm

Students Major: International Studies

Thank You Statement: You have changed the way I live my life by exposing me to new avenues of thinking about the world and different ways of perceiving everyday occurrences - whether they happen locally or abroad. Each time I see a Starbucks or a homeless individual I am reminded of your class. Thank you for your eye-opening and thought-provoking presentations and your unwavering enthusiasm.

Prof Name: Dr. Stockton

Time Met: Fall/2008/TuesThurs/3:35-4:50pm

Students Major: International Studies

Thank You Statement: You animate each class session with your unique sense of humor and your passion for the subject at hand. You seamlessly weave students' points and questions into your discussion and you are able to transform what may be intimidating and confounding material into a lesson that is facilely approached and understood. Thank you for your patience and for enlivening what is otherwise abstract theory and numbers.

Prof Name: Dr. Meier-Marquis

Time Met: fall/2008/MWF

Students Major: Psychology and Biology

Students Name: Melissa B:

Thank You Statement: Dr. Meier is not only a great teacher, but she also makes going to class fun and exciting. I always look forward to attending her lectures.

Prof Name: Dr. Mark Nicholas

Time Met: Fall/08/Thursday/5:30-8:15pm

Students Major: International Studies

Thank You Statement: You are brilliant and you push your students to excellence. You have helped me become a better writer. Thank you for your kind understanding of the lives of your students. The readings for your class are exhaustive and rewarding. Thank you for intense discussions that combine text, theory, and connections to the present-day. Thank you for exposing me to a new world & geography (geobody?) of ideas.

Prof Name: Ly Phan

Time Met: Fall 2008/TTh 9:10-10:50 AM

Students Major: Psychology

Students Name: Allison Nix

Thank You Statement: Professor Phan is a sweet, lovely professor. She is incredibly smart, and she teaches inferential statistics well. I always enjoy coming to her class and she is wonderful teacher and mentor. Professor Phan is dedicated to her students' learning and she is great at her job. Thanks, Allison

Prof Name: Dr. Elizabeth Maynard

Time Met: Fall 2008/MW 12:10-1:25 PM

Students Major: Psychology

Students Name: Allison Nix

Thank_You_Statement: Dr. Maynard is a kind, caring professor. I've taken two classes from her, and they were my favorite classes at UST. Dr. Maynard dedicates her time and energy to the students at UST, and truly wants them to learn something, and not just get a grade. She is brilliant, funny, and charming and her classes are always entertaining. Thanks, Allison

Prof Name: Dr. Mary Starz

Time Met: Fall 2007

Students Major: M. Ed

Students Name: Linda Connors Abbott

Thank You Statement: Dr. Starz worked with me every step of the way with my thesis for the research class. When I became sick and had family issues take over my life, Dr. Starz gave me an incomplete for the semester, but prayed for my health to be restored and for my family issues to improve. She called me, emailed me, and encouraged me to just keep researching and writing. She proof-read and helped me make improvements. She really was my guardian angel when I thought I was going to have to drop out of the MUSE program. Dr. Starz has always been there for me and I am thankful for her help, her encouragement, and her friendship. Thank you Dr. Starz and God bless you always.

Prof Name: Fr. Pilsner

Time Met: Fall 2008 M/WF 8-9

Students Major: Theology

Thank You Statement: Fr. Pilsner has just the right amount of energy and sense of humor for an 8 AM class. He is an easy teacher to understand, and he will always go out of his way to help students. Thank you Fr. Pilsner!

Prof Name: Mark Nicholas

Time Met: Spring & Fall/2008/Mondays and Wednesdays/5:30-6:45 & 12:10-1:25

Students Major: Communications

Thank You Statement: I can see every day how hard he works to make his classes a class, taking advantage of the wonderful student-faculty ratio at St. Thomas. He cares so genuinely about class interaction it brings his lectures to such an exciting level I observe myself thinking of things he teaches applied to my day-to-day life. I respect him earnestly for how well-read he is in his subjects, but most especially how he focuses on the human element of things, rather than the facts and information surrounding them.