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# FACULTY

## **Convocation**



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**SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

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# Planning Committee

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Public Relations and Marketing

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## PROGRAM

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*Procession*

Seton Hall University Bagpipers

*Convener and  
Master of Ceremonies*

**Sona Patel, Ph.D.**  
*Interim Assistant Provost of Academic Excellence  
and Assessment*

*National Anthem*

**Eileen O’Leary, ’25**

*Accompaniment*

**Emmit Fitzgerald, ’24**

*Invocation*

**Reverend Gerald J. Buonopane, Ph.D.**  
*Minister to the Priest Community and Senior Lecturer,  
Chemistry and Biochemistry*

*Necrology*

**Alan Delozier, D.Litt.**  
University Libraries

*Message from the Chair  
of the Faculty Senate*

**Nathaniel Knight, Ph.D., Professor**  
Department of History

*Remarks from  
the Interim Provost*

**Erik Lillquist, J.D.**

*Remarks from  
the Interim President*

**Katia Passerini, Ph.D.**

*Introduction of Faculty  
Promotions, Tenure,  
Emeritus and New Faculty*

**Jonathan Farina, Ph.D., Interim Dean**  
College of Arts and Sciences  
**Joyce A. Strawser, Ph.D., Dean**  
Stillman School of Business  
**Courtney Smith, Ph.D., Dean**  
School of Diplomacy and  
International Relations

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## PROGRAM

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**Bryan Crable, Ph.D., *Dean***

College of Human Development, Culture, and Media

**Vikram Dayalu, Ph.D., CCC-SLP., *Interim Dean***

School of Health and Medical Sciences

**Maggie Lewis, J.D., *Associate Dean***

School of Law

**John E. Buschman, D.L.S., *Dean***

University Libraries

**Kristi Stinson, Ph.D., RN, APN-BC**

*Interim Dean*, College of Nursing

**Mary Kate Naatus, Ph.D., *Dean***

Continuing Education and Professional Studies

**Nancy Enright, Ph.D., *Director***

University Core

*Introduction of New  
Faculty for the Department  
of Military Science*

**Sona Patel, Ph.D.**

*Interim Assistant Provost of Academic Excellence  
and Assessment*

*Merit 2022 Update*

**John Buschman, D.L.S., *Associate***

*Provost of Research and Innovation, Dean*

University Libraries

*Introduction of the  
Albert Hakim Medal*

**Nathaniel Knight, Ph.D., *Professor***

Department of History

*Albert Hakim Faculty  
Service Medal Recipient*

**Grace May, Ph.D., *Associate Professor***

Department of Educational Studies

*Alma Mater*

**Eileen O'Leary, '25**

*Accompaniment*

**Emmit Fitzgerald '24**

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## Promotions and Tenure

**PROMOTED to***Professor***Nathan Kahl, Ph.D.**

Department of Mathematics  
and Computer Science,  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Fredline M’Cormack-Hale, Ph.D.**

School of Diplomacy and  
International Relations

**Nathan Oates, Ph.D.**

Department of English  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Kirsten Schultz, Ph.D.**

Department of History  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Donovan Sherman, Ph.D.**

Department of English  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Hongfei Tang, Ph.D.**

Department of Finance  
Stillman School of Business

**Abe Zakhem, Ph.D.**

Department of Philosophy,  
College of Arts and Sciences

**PROMOTED to***Professor with Tenure***Fareed Nassor Hayat, J.D.**

The Law School

**Brian Murray, J.D., LL.M.**

The Law School

**Heather Payne, J.D.**

The Law School

**PROMOTED to***Associate Professor with Tenure***Frank Cicero, Ph.D.**

Department of Educational Studies  
College of Human Development,  
Culture, and Media

**Kimberly Conway, Ph.D., RN**

College of Nursing

**Anne Giblin Gedacht, Ph.D.**

Department of History  
College of Arts and Sciences

**R. Joseph Huddleston, Ph.D.**

School of Diplomacy and  
International Relations

## Promotions and Tenure

**Minsun Lee, Ph.D.**

Department of Professional  
Psychology and Family Therapy  
College of Human Development,  
Culture, and Media

**Widian Nicola, D.S.W.**

Department of Social Work  
College of Arts and Sciences

**David Reid, Ph.D.**

Department of Education Leadership  
Management and Policy  
College of Human Development,  
Culture, and Media

**Golbarg Rekabtalaei, Ph.D.**

Department of History  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Gerard Shea, M.L.I.S.**

University Libraries

**Ruth Tsuria, Ph.D.**

Department of Communication,  
Media, and the Arts  
College of Human Development,  
Culture, and Media

**Denise Vigani, Ph.D.**

Department of Philosophy  
College of Arts and Sciences

**PROMOTED to**

*Associate Professor*

**Natalie Neubauer, Ed.D.**

Department of Speech-  
Language Pathology  
School of Health  
and Medical Sciences

**Michelle McWeeney, Ph.D.**

Department of Physician Assistant  
School of Health  
and Medical Sciences

**Abby Saunders, Ph.D.**

Department of Physician Assistant  
School of Health  
and Medical Sciences

**PROMOTED to**

*Clinical Assistant Professor*

**Afua Ampiaiw, Ph.D.**

College of Nursing

**Diane Logan, Ph.D.**

College of Nursing

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**AWARDS**  
Emeritus and Merit

Awarded Emeritus

**COLLEGE OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES**

**Jo Renee Formicola, Ph.D.**

**Naomi Wish, Ph.D.**

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,  
CULTURE, AND MEDIA**

**Tracy Gottlieb, Ph.D.**

**Gloria Thurmond, D.Min.**

**STILLMAN SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS**

**Anthony Loviscek, Ph.D.**

**Jason Yin, M.B.A., Ph.D.**

Awarded Merit

**COLLEGE OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES**

**Dawn Apgar, Ph.D.**

**Mary Balkun, Ph.D.**

**William Connell, Ph.D.**

**Jessica Cottrell, Ph.D.**

**Mark Couch, Ph.D.**

**Fanli Jia, Ph.D.**

**Maxim Matusevich, Ph.D.**

**Daniel Brian Nichols, Ph.D.**

**Nathan Oates, Ph.D.**

**Kirsten Schultz, Ph.D.**

**Nicholas Snow, Ph.D.**

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,  
CULTURE, AND MEDIA**

**Rong Chen, Ph.D.**

**Lauren McFadden, Ed.D.**

**David Reid, Ph.D.**

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**AWARDS**  
Merit

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
SEMINARY SCHOOL  
OF THEOLOGY**

**Ellen Scully, Ph.D.**

**Justin Anderson, Ph.D.**

**SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY AND  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Martin Edwards, Ph.D.**  
*(Chair's Merit Award)*

**Philip Moremen, J.D.**

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH  
AND MEDICAL SCIENCES**

**Sona Patel, Ph.D.**

**STILLMAN SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS**

**Anca Grecu, Ph.D.**

**Kurt Rotthoff, Ph.D.**

**Hongfei Tang, Ph.D.**

**Adam Warner, M.B.A.**

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

**Alan Delozier, D.Litt.**



# New Faculty

**COLLEGE OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES**

**Carm Almonor, J.D., Ph.D.**

Boston University  
Temple University  
Department of Political  
Science and Public Affairs

**Grace Amole, M.D.**

American University of Antigua  
Department of Biological Sciences

**Nkosi Du Bois Anderson, Ph.D.**

Union Theological Seminary  
Department of Religion

**Angela Maresca Baglio, Ph.D.**

University of Medicine and  
Dentistry of New Jersey  
Department of Biological Sciences

**Meghan Caufield, Ph.D.**

Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey  
Department of Psychology

**Jessica Dimka, Ph.D.**

University of Missouri  
Department of Sociology, Anthropology  
and Criminal Justice

**Muhammad Farooq, Ph.D.**

Kent State University  
Department of English

**Evan Ganning, M.S.**

Stevens Institute of Technology  
Department of Mathematics and  
Computer Sciences

**Narinder Harika, Ph.D.**

Georgia State University  
Department of Chemistry and  
Biochemistry

**Timothy Hoffman, M.P.A.**

Seton Hall University  
Department of Political Science  
and Public Affairs

**Xuefeng Jiang, Ph.D.**

Peking University  
Department of Physics

**Robin Kello, Ph.D.**

University of California Los Angeles  
Department of English

**Brendan Kiely, M.F.A.**

City College of New York  
Department of English

# New Faculty

**Hsin-Yi Lin, Ph.D.**

University of Maryland  
Department of Mathematics and  
Computer Science

**Michael Liska, M.F.A.**

Rutgers, The State University  
of New Jersey  
Department of English

**Harita Menon, Ph.D.**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Department of Biological Sciences

**Thomas Santulli, M.S.**

Montclair State University  
Department of Math and  
Computer Sciences

**Reihaneh Safavisohi, Ph.D.**

Shahid Beheshti University  
Department of Chemistry and  
Biochemistry

**Jiefrei Yang, Ph.D.**

University of California Los Angeles  
Department of Biological Sciences

**COLLEGE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT,  
CULTURE, AND MEDIA****Brandon Ascari, M.F.A.**

New Jersey City University  
Department of Communication,  
Media, and the Arts

**Sadia Cheema, Ph.D.**

Texas Tech University  
Department of Communication,  
Media, and the Arts

**Zubin DeVitre, Ph.D.**

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Department of Professional  
Psychology and Family Therapy

**Kishon Hickman, Ed.D.**

St. John Fisher College  
Department of Education Leadership,  
Management and Policy

**Melissa Meade, Ph.D.**

Temple University  
Department of Communication,  
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**Leonard Moscatelli, Ed.D, Ed.S.**

Seton Hall University  
Department of Education Leadership,  
Management and Policy

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**Jessica Rauchberg, Ph.D.**

McMaster University  
Department of Communication,  
Media, and the Arts

**Jeanne Salvatore, M.A.**

Columbia University  
Department of Communication,  
Media, and the Arts

**Brianna Shuttleworth, M.F.A.**

New York University  
Department of Communication,  
Media, and the Arts

**Janine Toro, M.F.A.**

School of Visual Arts  
Department of Communication,  
Media, and the Arts

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Janine DeSimone, D.N.P.**

John Hopkins University

**Yashica Smith, M.S.N.**

Thomas Jefferson University

**CONTINUING EDUCATION AND  
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

**Stanton Brown, M.B.A., Ed.D.**

Harvard University  
Fordham University

**Barbara Callahan, M.B.A.**

Fairleigh Dickinson University

**MILITARY SCIENCE**

**Sergeant First Class**

**Tyler Cushing, B.A.**

American Military University

**Captain Alan Gracia, M.S.**

Columbus State University

**Major Thomas Johnston, M.S.**

Columbus State University

**SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY AND  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Brendan Balestrieri, Ph.D.**

Korea University

**Brandon Valeriano, Ph.D.**

Vanderbilt University

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# New Faculty

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND  
MEDICAL SCIENCES**

**Megan Baumley, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Seton Hall University  
Department of Speech-Language  
Pathology

**SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Carolyn Brown, J.D.**

The Pennsylvania State University

**Fareed Nassor Hayat, J.D.**

Howard University

**Adelina Herrarte, J.D.**

City University of New York

**Adam Katz, J.D., LL.M.**

American University  
New York University

**Adrian Newall, J.D.**

Catholic University of America

**Michelle Newton, J.D.**

Seton Hall University

**Neoshia Roemer, J.D.**

University of New Mexico

**Laura Stuart, J.D.**

Rutgers, The State University  
of New Jersey

**STILLMAN SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS**

**Peter Christakos, M.B.A.**

Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Department of Accounting  
and Taxation

**Nicolas Dahan, Ph.D.**

Conservatoire National des Arts  
et Métiers  
Department of Management

**Chas Fox, D.B.A.**

Liberty University  
Department of Management

**Kenneth Jones, M.B.A.**

Rutgers, The State University  
of New Jersey  
Department of Computing and  
Decision Sciences

**Matthew Lifson, M.B.A.**

St. John's University  
Department of Economics and  
Legal Studies

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## New Faculty

**Benjamin Lowe, M.B.A.**

Columbia University  
Department of Finance

**Victor Metallo, J.D., LL.M.**

Seton Hall University  
Georgetown University  
Department of Economics and  
Legal Studies

**Wesley Pech, Ph.D.**

University of Massachusetts  
Amherst  
Department of Economics  
and Legal Studies

**Eric Rosenberg, Ph.D.**

Stanford University  
Department of Computing and  
Decision Sciences

**Debra Lee Surface, Ph.D.**

University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Department of Marketing

**TOTH LONGERAN  
VISITING PROFESSOR MERIT**

**Francesca Zaccaron, Ph.D.**

LUMSA Università (Rome)

**UNIVERSITY CORE**

**Erin Risch Zoutendam, Ph.D.**

Duke University

**Thomas Seat, M.Div., Th.M.**

Ph.D. Candidate  
Princeton Theological Seminary

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

**Maria Barca, M.L.I.S.**

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Quinn Christine, M.L.I.S.**

San Jose State University

**Kayla Glynn, M.S.L.S.**

University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill

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**FACULTY**

**BUCCINO LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE**

**Elizabeth Halpin**

**COLLEGE OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES**

**Grace Amole**

**Angela Baglio**

**Paige Fisher**

**Xuefeng Jiang**

**Marianne Lloyd**

**Eric Podchaski**

**C.J. Urso**

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DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE,  
AND MEDIA**

**Sara Bender**

**Jessica Large**

**Lori Moonan**

**Harmony McGuire**

**Brianna Shuttleworth**

**Janine Toro**

**Tierney Veliz**

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Debra Ciuba**

**Mildred Kenney-Lau**

**Mary Ellen Roberts**

**Yashica Smith**

**Luz-Patricia Torres**

**Linda Ulak**

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND  
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**Megan Baumley**

**Genevieve Pinto Zipp**

**Meryl Picard**

**Leslie Rippon**

**Ramona Guthrie**

**Mara Podvey**

**Marcia Downer**

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RELATIONS**

**Brendan Balestrieri**

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**Giacomo Santangelo**

**Mark Schild**

**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

**Maria Barca**

**Kayla Glynn**

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# Albert B. Hakim

**FACULTY SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENT**

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**Grace May, Ph.D.,**

has been a part of the Seton Hall community for thirty-four years. She has served as a faculty member in the elementary/special education programs, co-director of those programs, NCATE accreditation coordinator, Associate Dean of Assessment and Accreditation, Acting Dean, and Dean of the College of Education and Human Services. Currently, she is teaching and serving as the Educational Studies liaison to the Cranford School District.

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# Alma Mater

Lyrics by Charles A. Byrne ('37)

Music by Nicola A. Montani

Revised by Walter Cahrssen, 1978

New choral and brass

arrangement by

John Nowik, 2000

1. To Al - ma Ma - ter all be - loy - al, keep her  
2. (When on) life's hard stones you - stum - ble pray to

name in pu - rest Light, ne - ver wa - ver from her  
God to be your guide. Think of Se - ton Hall your

pre - cepts guard her ban - ner blue and white.  
mo - ther then forge on in stead - y stride.

Oh, sing her praise to high - est skies and be ye faith - ful

in her eyes for she will fos - ter all your dreams her name is Se - ton

Hall, her name is Se - ton Hall. 1. 2. When on Hall.