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## Greetings from the Director



It is a pleasure to write to you as the new interim director of the Ann Ida Gannon, BVM, Center for Women and Leadership. The former director, Susan Ross, is stepping into a new position as chair of the department of theology. Under her strong leadership over the last two years, the Gannon Center has moved forward on many new initiatives. We wish Susan well in her new position.

I would like to introduce myself and give you an update on some of the center's activities for the coming year. I joined the Loyola faculty in 1991 as an assistant professor of strategic management at the School of Business Administration (SBA). My primary focus at the University has been on leadership. Currently, I teach the Strategy and Leadership capstone course taken by students at the end of the MBA program. My research focuses on developing leaders. I have also served the University in several leadership roles, such as associate dean of the SBA and assistant provost for global initiatives.

This fall will be an exciting time for the Gannon Center. We are beginning the search for the Carolyn Farrell Chair in Women and Leadership. This position will provide an opportunity to attract a top scholar who can help the center become a national leader in research on women and leadership. We are grateful to the many Mundelein alumnae and Gannon Center friends who helped us meet the funding goal to launch this search. I also look forward to working closely with the Women's Studies Program on this year's theme, "Global Perspectives on Gender and Human Rights."

The Gannon Center is well positioned to play a leading role in the national and global dialogue on women and leadership. Please visit [LUC.edu/gannon](http://LUC.edu/gannon) for details on all the upcoming events and write us at [gannoncenter@luc.edu](mailto:gannoncenter@luc.edu).

I encourage you to visit Piper Hall. I've received a warm welcome from many friends of the Gannon Center already, and I hope to meet many more of you soon.

*Dawn A. Harris*

Dawn A. Harris, PhD



### Events Recap

**Top:** An address by journalist Lisa Ling (center) was a Women's History Month highlight. Also pictured are former Gannon Center Director Susan Ross, PhD (left), and Women and Gender Studies Director Betsy Hemenway, PhD.

**Middle:** The annual Women's Leadership Conference brought women leaders from a variety of fields together to learn skills and expand their professional networks.

**Bottom:** Karen Keenan Semone (BA '99), Monica Ramirez Guerrero (BA '99), and Katie Tinucci (BA '06) were some of the Gannon Scholars alumnae who visited this spring to talk with current students as part of a networking event.



# What's in Your Attic? Preserving Mundelein College History

by Elizabeth Myers, PhD

Esteemed author and educator Louise Otto once quipped, “The history of all times, and of today especially, teaches that...women will be forgotten if they forget to think about themselves.” Though Otto wrote in the 19th century, her wisdom still rings true today; indeed, in the dramatic political climate in which we live, women’s contributions, stories, past, and participation seem ever more relevant to the larger historic record.

The work is done primarily in two steps: first, to fill the gaps in the distant past when and where women’s records were not kept and second, to capture women’s history as it happens, saving more contemporary records for future generations. The Women & Leadership Archives (WLA) engages in both types of collecting, as well as continually and carefully maintaining those collections already under our care.

As one of many custodians of the records of Mundelein College, I have inherited a long and esteemed tradition of women’s education, accomplishment, and triumph. The proud heritage of the BVMs who famously built their college from the ground up in the darkest of economic times remains a testament to the determination, sheer will, and organizational talents of

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women. The college records reflect this tradition, which served as an inspiration to the many thousands of women who crossed the threshold of the school during its 60-year existence. More than just official records of the college, these cherished documents, photos, and memorabilia are the stories of administrators, students, faculty, visitors, speakers, parents, and alumnae. Collectively, they echo the essential personality of the school, its very spirit and memory.



Above: Mundelein students at an Art Club sketch picnic, 1936.

My fellow archivists occasionally ask me about the Mundelein College Records Collection. Who uses it? Do I ever get “new” material to add? Where does the material come from? I am happy to reply that the Mundelein College Records are one

of our most heavily used collections at the WLA. Professional scholars, undergraduate

and graduate students, local historians, genealogists, and alumnae make regular use of the records. Although the administrative records no longer grow, other areas of the collection are supported and maintained, largely by the alumnae.

Proudly reflecting on this act of generosity—the donation of personally owned Mundelein College material—inspired me to renew the archives’ mission to always be open and ready to accept materials related to the college and

its dynamic culture. In turn, I hope to inspire alumnae to check their attics and basements, closets, storage boxes, crawl spaces, and garages for any materials related to the school that they may wish to see become part of the permanent Mundelein College Records Collection.

The WLA is interested in acquiring any materials related to Mundelein College including, but not limited to, personal or official photographs, yearbooks, handbooks, scrapbooks, memorabilia and objects (very broadly defined), notebooks, class notes, schedules, records, audio-visual items, art, school work, club records, newspaper clippings, and diaries/journals reflecting on school days. Once received, the material will be conserved and added to the collection where it will remain a part of the school’s legacy in perpetuity.

*If you are interested in donating Mundelein material, please contact Elizabeth Myers at [emyers@luc.edu](mailto:emyers@luc.edu) or 773.508.8837.*



# BVM 175th Anniversary Celebration

This year, the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs) celebrate their 175th anniversary of arriving in the United States. An April dinner for BVMs and Jesuits was held at Loyola. At a Chicago City Council meeting this spring, 49th Ward Alderman Joseph A. Moore introduced two initiatives to commemorate the special occasion: March 25 was declared by Mayor Richard M. Daley and the City Council as the day of "Recognition of the 175th Year of Jubilee for the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary," and a motion was passed to name the 1000-1200 block of Sheridan Road (near Wright Hall) the Honorary Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Road.



*BVMs and Jesuits gathered for an April dinner celebrating the BVMs' 175th anniversary in the United States.*



## Message from the Mundelein Board President

Greetings, Mundelein alumnae! Having served on the Mundelein Alumnae Board for many years in a variety of roles, it is my honor to be the Board's new president. The Board is composed of a dedicated group of Mundelein alumnae who plan activities and programs intended to foster the spirit of Mundelein. Some activities are specifically for Mundelein grads, while others are in collaboration with the Gannon Center and the University.

This spring, the board hosted a Sunday afternoon tea at Piper Hall. It was a huge success with more than 45 alumnae and 15 BVMs attending. Guests also enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the Skyscraper (now Mundelein Center) which is being renovated to become the new center for Fine and Performing Arts. Beth Myers, director of the Women & Leadership Archives, and Doug Muller, the project manager from Baranski, Hammer, Moretta, & Sheehy, provided an update on renovations which are restoring the building to its original Art Deco brilliance.

On behalf of the board, I invite and encourage you to become involved by attending programs and reconnecting with other Mundelein alumnae. If you have suggestions, contact me at [sangross@netzero.com](mailto:sangross@netzero.com).



*Three generations of women enjoyed the Mundelein spring tea.*

Visit [LUC.edu/alumni/mundelein](http://LUC.edu/alumni/mundelein) and check the calendar on this page to learn more about what's coming up this fall, including an event at the Chicago History Museum's Catholic Chicago exhibit on Oct. 26 and Christmas at the Mansion on Dec. 6. We hope to see you soon!

Sandy Williams Gross  
Class of 1975

## Upcoming Events

For more information on these events, visit [LUC.edu/alumni/mundelein](http://LUC.edu/alumni/mundelein) or call 312.915.7660.

### Mundelein Reunion

September 13 and 14  
Various Locations, LSC

Join us for a weekend of festivities as we celebrate alumnae from classes ending in 3 and 8.

### Catholic Chicago

Sunday, October 26 | Noon  
Chicago History Museum

Gathering and Lunch: Noon  
Audio Tour of Exhibit: 1:30 PM

This exhibition at Chicago History Museum illustrates how the experience of being Catholic in Chicago has transformed over time. Examined through a historical context, several themes will introduce and reveal the lives of Catholics, past and present. Cost is \$25 per person and includes box lunch and audio guided tour.

### Christmas at the Mansion

Saturday, December 6  
Piper Hall, LSC

Vespers: 5:15-5:45 PM  
Reception: 5:45 PM

Mundelein alumnae and friends come together to celebrate the season at this popular holiday event. Mark your calendar now and make plans to be there!



# Q&A with Gannon Scholar Teresa Gloppen



*Gannon Scholars have begun a mentoring program with the Madonna Scholars, a program for at-risk girls in Chicago high schools.*

*Junior Teresa Gloppen, a double major in sociology and women and gender studies, has a schedule that would keep 10 students busy. A Gannon Scholar, or “Gannon,” she co-chaired this year’s Women’s History Month committee, helped organize the campus Women’s Health Fair, and is expanding the Gannon’s service commitment through a mentoring program with the Madonna Scholars program for at-risk Chicago high-school girls. She also volunteers with immigrants and refugees at Chicago’s Centro Romero and is helping to organize Loyola’s November celebration of Hunger Week.*

## **How do you do it all?**

You’d be amazed at what Gannon Scholars balance. All of these women can come up with lists as long as mine. The reason I can do all these things is that I really like what I’m doing.

## **Describe your experience as a Gannon.**

Eye-opening! The Gannon Scholars are all so different in our leadership styles and even in how we think about different issues. It’s a great group of women who are going places and aren’t afraid to tell you what they think. I’ve had some really nice friendships develop.

## **What’s your favorite Gannon Scholar activity?**

I love helping to plan the Women’s Leadership Reception, which takes place in Piper Hall, my favorite place on campus. We celebrate campus women leaders students have nominated.

## **Which women leaders do you most admire?**

I admire women who are outside my life, but the women who affect me most are the ones I see on a daily basis. My mom balances a career and family and is a superwoman. She’s supportive of everything I do. And my mom’s mom is an awesome woman who’s influenced me to be proud of who I am.

## **What’s the most important thing you’ve taken away from being a Gannon?**

My empowerment as a woman. Having that title before everything—a woman leader, a woman role model—has become important to me. Everything I do I do as a woman, which means something different to me than to every other woman.

## Women’s Studies and Gender Studies

*by Betsy Hemenway, PhD*



WSGS enjoyed a hectic but successful spring semester. Lisa Ling’s keynote address was the highlight of Women’s History Month and packed Galvin Auditorium with students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Lisa spoke about her career as a journalist and showed

clips from her recent reports for the National Geographic Channel on China and North Korea. Many left the event inspired to get more involved in the global community.

We concluded our series on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina with a screening of “Belly of the Basin” and a talk by Avis-Jones DeWeever on “The Gendered Effects of Post-Katrina Survival.” Our year-long focus on women, justice, and the environment closed with a lecture by philosopher Lorraine Code of York University on the legacy of Rachel Carson, a founder of the modern environmental movement.

The program also sponsored a reception for 38 graduating majors and minors to celebrate their accomplishments, and a second reception for graduate students completing their degrees, concentrations, and certificates. We hope to make these and other events WSGS traditions that will foster a thriving community of feminists, scholars, and activists.

Our programming theme for 2008-09 will be “Global Perspectives on Gender and Human Rights,” and we anticipate a number of stimulating speakers and events, including Indian feminist and activist Madhu Kishwar on September 24, 2008. In October, Loyola will host the inaugural conference of “African

Women in America,” an organization focused on the human rights of children in Africa.

In all, it has been an exciting year of learning and growth. I am very grateful to be part of this program and to work with such tremendously talented colleagues and students. My thanks especially to the steering committee and to Kim Conte, Rebecca Langley, and Elisabeth Vasko, the students whose work and dedication made our successes this year possible. We are looking forward to more next year.

Visit [LUC.edu/gannon](http://LUC.edu/gannon) to stay up to date on fall events and programs.

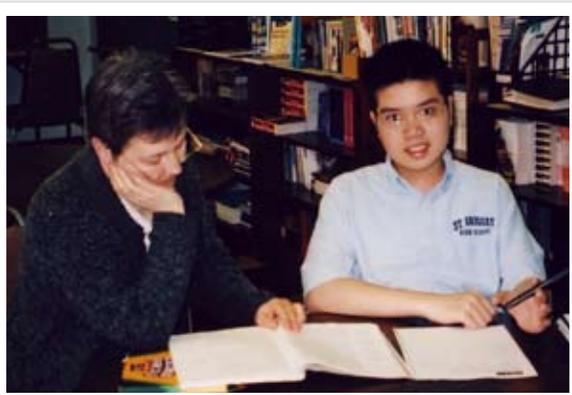
# Mundelein Alumnae Play Vital Role in Ignatian Volunteer Corps

When the Chicago chapter of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps began in 2001, it was a small group of 12 who volunteered as hospital and prison chaplains, teachers' aides, and GED instructors. Today, the IVC has 45 members—including several Mundelein alumnae—who work in 38 partner agencies across the city.

Ignatian volunteers, all aged 50 or above, commit to working two days a week with refugee and immigrant services, women and children services, or prison ministry.

"It's a great opportunity to make effective use of your retirement years and to give back in meaningful ways," says George Sullivan (BA '66), IVC regional director.

Current IVC members include Patricia Kaye Ahern (MUND '76), who works in the learning lab of St. Gregory the Great



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—JOANNE TWOMEY (MUND '62)

High School, and Marge McDonald (MUND '50), who volunteers in the daycare facility

of the Howard Area Community Center (HACC). Joanne Twomey (MUND '62), a volunteer in the HACC's employment program for ex-offenders, has completed more than three years in the program, which requires a 10-month commitment.

"Being an IVC member has made the greatest impression on me of virtually anything I've ever done," says Twomey. "It taught me that I should never say 'they' about people again—everybody's an individual and everybody has a story."

Twomey, who is well seasoned in service projects, says the IVC's spiritual component "was missing in other volunteer projects I'd done, and gives the program a lot more impact." IVC members keep journals, gather monthly for group discussion, and meet individually with a spiritual director.

"We create a wonderful sense of community and our volunteers really enjoy getting together," says Sullivan, whose many Mundelein connections include his late mother, Kay Heerey Sullivan (MUND '38) and sister, Maripat Sullivan Higgins (MUND '68).



From top, Mundelein alumnae Patricia Kaye Ahern (with student Donny Pham), Marge McDonald (with young daycare participant), and Joanne Twomey are valued members of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

To learn more about IVC, visit [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org), or contact George Sullivan at [gsullivan@ivcusa.org](mailto:gsullivan@ivcusa.org) or 773.975.6871.

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