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DUTY CALLS

Navy Reserve Lt. Commander Ready for Mobilization

Mike Rorholm grew up thinking about military service . . . a lot. His grandpa was a Navy military trainer, stationed at Farragut in north Idaho. His grandma worked for the USO in Coeur d'Alene. But a baseball scholarship awaited him after graduating from high school, and off to college he went.

But the bug to serve never left him. It wasn't until he was 34, after being obsessed with the tragedy of 9/11 and all the news accounts of the aftermath, that Gonzaga's business manager for the Jesuit community decided to sign up for the Navy Reserves. He expected to serve his career as an enlisted man. But others saw officer potential in him. He went to school to get his master's degree, and now is a lieutenant commander, making final preparations to head to the Middle East on a 10-month mobilization with U.S. Central Command, heading out just before Thanksgiving.

On the eve of his departure from his wife, **Marnie** (program assistant in Music), sons Gunnar (Lewis & Clark High School senior) and Eric (junior at Marquette studying theater and political science), he has no regrets about joining the military 16 years ago. Sure, he is sad to be missing Thanksgiving, Christmas, an anniversary and his youngest son's high school graduation, but Rorholm is a man called to serve. "That's why I've only had one job here for so many years because I love serving with the men in our Jesuit community," he says.

"But I also love the people in the military. My service with them has made me a better person . . . maybe that's debatable," he says with a distinctively hearty Rorholm laugh. "I can tell you I appreciate everything in my life a lot more, especially my family."

Rorholm has known of his pending mobilization since May, giving him time to get all of his business affairs in order at Della Strada. "I'll have as much as I can lined up and ready before I go, and members of our team here will carry on fine." He plans to return to the only job he's had here at GU since he arrived in 2003.

On his new assignment, Rorholm will serve as deputy chief of a joint logistics operation center, in a "backfill position." Basically, that means troops have been stationed in the Middle East for some time, and the regular troops need a break.

Rorholm's work will entail logistical planning to move equipment, supplies and personnel from one place to another, and making arrangements to deliver the remains of fallen warriors back home to their families.



Mike Rorholm and wife/fellow Zag Marnie both are preparing for Mike's 10-month service in the Middle East.

Both he and Marnie are working on their doctorate degrees here, and in the process of defending their dissertation topics – Mike on minority leadership in the military, and Marnie on interruptive symbology. Mike says his dissertation work, along with a military certification program in joint military operations he's taking online, will help keep his mind from thinking about how much he misses his family.

He choked up thinking about missing his son's high school graduation. "The hardest part is on my family. I know what I'm doing but they won't know

what I'm doing all the time, and that'll be hard. The good thing is we live in a time where communication isn't as tough today as it was in past eras."

Retired Lt. Col. **Alan Westfield**, Army ROTC assistant professor, took leave in 2015-16 to serve in a civilian role with armed forces in Afghanistan. But Rorholm's mobilization for active military duty is believed to be the first at GU in recent times.

"Now it's my turn," he says.

Peace be with you.

Commission Seeking Input on Response to Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis

The University Commission on Gonzaga's Response to the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis met in open forum with about 20 members of the University's campus constituents on Oct. 13 to discuss where we are as a people, and specifically, as a community. Subsequent sessions were held Oct. 23 and Nov. 5.

Led by Commission Co-Chairs **Michelle Wheatley** and **Megan McCabe**, those gathered were reminded first and foremost, to keep the victims and survivors in our prayers. Fr. **Pat Howell**, S.J., who works in Ignatian formation in Mission & Ministry, gave background on the issue. In 1985, the first cases of clergy sexual abuse and coverup emerged publicly in the United States. Between 1985 and 1992, U.S. dioceses developed policies for responding to abuse allegations. In 2002, a Boston Globe series,

Allegations of Abuse in the Archdiocese of Boston, exposed systemic problems in the Northeast region and beyond, and reports of systemic abuse in other countries surfaced. In 2018, a Pennsylvania Grand Jury report found multiple cases of sexual abuse and coverup by Cardinal **Theodore McCarrick**. In 2019, **Pope Francis** convened 190 bishops from around the globe and mandated every national conference of bishops address clergy sexual abuse, in accord with their own culture, laws and ecclesial structures. With this, bishops are now being held more accountable for the actions of clergy.

The most important question today is, "How can we bring healing to the wounded and abused?"

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AROUND CAMPUS

>> Biology Professor **Mia Bertagnolli** was named co-director for a five-year, \$999,899 National Science Foundation ADVANCE Partnership grant that supports the advancement of mid-career STEM women faculty at colleges and universities across the country.

>> Native American Studies Director **Laurie Arnold** was earlier named an American Council of Learned Societies Fellow and is an invited Yale University research fellow this year.

>> Art Professor **Shalon Parker** will address *Painting the Prehistoric Body in 19th-Century France*, at the Arts & Sciences Dean's Research and Creative Activity Forum, Nov. 7, 4:30 p.m. in the Humanities Commons.

>> Having taught women's studies for 48 years and credited as the first woman to receive a doctorate on the subject, **Sally Roesch-Wagner** will tell untold stories of the suffrage movement, Nov. 11, 6 p.m. in Hemmingson Ballroom.

>> A Montserrat weekend retreat, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, is Nov. 15-17 at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. Contact **Ally Clapp**, Mission & Ministry, at clapp@gonzaga.edu.

>> Fr. **Pat Howell, S.J.**, will speak and lead a conversation on *Leading the Church in the 21st Century*, Nov. 14, 3-5 p.m., Jundt Lounge in Hemmingson. RSVP to Cindy Perry at perry@gonzaga.edu.

>> Upcoming music concerts in the Woldson Performing Arts Center: Jazz Combos, Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.; Wind Ensemble, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.; California Guitar Trio + Montreal Guitar Trio, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.; Jazz Ensembles, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.; Symphony, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.; Jazz Christmas Concert, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

>> Dance Presents!, Nov. 22-23, 7:30 p.m., Woldson Performing Arts Center.

>> Theatre and Dance present *Snowflake Showcase-Boundless*, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., Magnuson Theatre.

>> GU Tree Lighting Ceremony is Dec. 3, 5 p.m., Hemmingson Rotunda.

GONZAGA ARTS MAKING DOWNTOWN SPLASH

Gonzaga's Urban Arts Center in a historic building at 125 S. Stevens, just north of the railroad viaduct, is open and operational. The University signed a seven-year lease on the entire third floor of this five-story building, designed to be a cross-disciplinary urban arts hub and living laboratory, and, in collaboration with Terrain, bring together local artists, students and faculty to serve the Spokane community.

It will include teaching and learning spaces, and areas that meet the needs of young professionals or students and recent graduates who are finding their voice as working artists with their first studios. A downtown presence will enhance Gonzaga's visibility as a true community partner in Spokane, says Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences **Matt Bahr**.

The space is about 4,700 square feet, with high ceilings and an open floor plan, allowing for flexible use. The vision calls for outreach programs to benefit the community; to engage students with the public; to provide student internships/field placements; to make the arts accessible and visible to a broader audience; to build community of practice around digital capturing, dissemination and study of the arts; to participate with our partners in creative



Gonzaga's Urban Arts Center is on third floor

workforce development; to create a think tank for creative partnerships.

It will provide downtown gallery space for GU and local artists, a chance for students to serve as curators, and a downtown performance hall for the University's theater and dance programs.

"This space provides a much-needed student exhibition space in a professional setting, but also the opportunity for them to gain the skills of installing the work and collaborating with their peers," says **Mat Rude**, associate art professor. "We will be able to host shows on First Fridays and have gallery talks with both students and visiting artists alike."

Complexity of Race, Ethnic Studies Focus of New Minor



Bernadette Calafell, Cassidy Dame-Griff

This fall Gonzaga introduced the Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Department, added a minor, and hired two faculty members to facilitate the program.

"In today's work in which social justice and anti-racism are needed more than ever, CRES provides students with a

place to have significant conversations about these issues and gain the tools needed to be more ethical and informed citizens," says **Bernadette Calafell**, program chair and professor who came to Gonzaga from University of Denver, where she was professor in Culture and Communication and director of Undergraduate Studies. Fellow CRES faculty member is Assistant Professor **Cassy Dame-Griff**, who previously served as assistant professor of Ethnic Studies and program director at Winona State University.

The department takes a critical and intersectional approach to the study of race by considering how sexuality, ability, gender and class simultaneously shape our experiences and understanding. The department offers a variety of classes in its 21-credit minor, including Introduction to Race and Ethnic Studies, a Symposium, and electives such as Race, Representation and Culture; Race and Sports; Monstrosity Race and Gender; and Race and Space.

CRES will hold a two-day symposium, Nov. 21-22, highlighting work already being done on campus around Critical Race and Ethnic Studies.

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And how can our Jesuit Catholic universities provide the intellectual heft and diligent research to aid the church and larger society in addressing this crucial issue?" Fr. Howell said.

The sexual abuse crisis impacted our campus last year when a media report revealed that the Oregon Province (now Jesuits West Province) retired several priests credibly accused of sexual abuse to the Cardinal Bea House, a province-owned residence surrounded by Gonzaga campus.

But Fr. Howell reminded: Safety plans were a solution, not the problem. "If someone arrives at this history in 2018 for the first time, then their interpretation will be very different from those who have experienced and tracked all the reform efforts, safety plans, radical reductions in abuse, and training for recognizing patterns of abuse that have occurred since 2002."

Kevin Brown, who works in Mission & Ministry on faculty and staff formation and teaches in Religious Studies, says the church is working to make sure the infrastructure of

the Catholic church that allowed harboring the abusers is dismantled. Religious Studies Professor **Pat McCormick** says learning to be transparent is a major goal of – and challenge for – the church.

The Commission will continue to engage with the greater Gonzaga community to hear concerns and suggestions on how best to stand in solidarity with victim-survivors of abuse; how to heal and repair the harm inflicted by abuse; and how to address systemic institutional and social failures.

"In so doing we hope to deepen and strengthen our understanding of how a university that strongly identifies itself as Jesuit and Catholic proceeds through this complex space," said President **Thayne McCulloh**, who appointed the Commission, in a July 2018 email.

"The Commission will be integrating community input for consideration as we work toward drafting recommendations to present to the president," Wheatley says.

NOTEWORTHY

NEW HIRES

Dan Dangca, sr. coordinator, liturgical life, Mission & Ministry; **Dan Beltran**, graphic design director, Athletics; **Jordan Upton**, asst director, Rudolf Fitness Center; **Edgar Schmidt**, custodian, Plant; **Michelle Rogers**, purchasing asst/office admin, Purchasing; **Joseph Skoog**, asst coach, Debate

PROMOTIONS/POSITION CHANGES

Gina Thomas, assoc director, personnel, Provost; **Kelly Jo Dunham**, supervisor, Admissions Operations; **Theresa Malarkey**, supervisor, Admissions Operations; **Deb Harmon**, supervisor, Graduate Admissions; **Lyle Spencer**, data architect, ITS; **Kelley Marcantel**, asst budget director, Provost; **Marnie Rorholm**, program asst, Music

GOODBYES

Stephen Gentry, director of basketball operations; **Michael Gerety**, Career Education/Experiential Engagement manager, Career Center; **Diana Randall**, asst to the Dean, Arts & Sciences; **Amber Jones**, simulation operations specialist, Nursing; **Hugh Bell**, custodian, Plant

ANNIVERSARIES

30 Sydney Chambers, assoc professor, Foley

25 David Kingma, assoc professor, Foley; **Joanne Shiosaki**, asst director, Student Publications

20 Natalie Borek, sr. academic credentials evaluator, Registrar; **Robert Joyce**, computer lab manager, Business

15 Roger Cummings, asst director, infrastructure engineering, ITS; **Diana Justice**, program asst II, University Advancement; **Rob Tomlinson**, Enterprise web developer III, ITS

10 Stashia Kaiel, Study Abroad adviser/exchange coordinator, Global Engagement

5 Lisa Tuinenga, library tech III, Foley; **Kate Vanskike**, sr. director of content strategy & publications, Marketing & Communications; **Michael Whalen**, support center manager, ITS

CRADLE CALL

Ana Roncero-Bellido, asst professor, English, and husband Silvestre Rodriguez had a baby girl, Isabela; **Brock Slavin**, groundskeeper, Plant, and wife Danielle had a baby boy, Easton; **Eric Gunning**, asst athletic trainer, and wife Megan had a baby girl, Taryn; **Bonnie Dichone**, assoc professor, Math, and husband Paul had a baby girl, Georgina; **Luke Cairney**, director of graduate admissions, Education, and wife Kate had a baby boy, Jack; **Katie Stefano**, sr. financial aid counselor, and husband Rocco had a baby boy, Julian; **Bryce Thomas**, assoc director, Student Academic Success, and wife Emily had a baby girl, Evelyn; **Kelly Alvarado-Young**, director, First-Year Experience, and husband Matt had a baby boy, Landon

FOCUS ON . . . MANY HATS, ONE MISSION

Father **Bryan Pham**, S.J. ('99), is a man of many talents. Returning to Gonzaga after 20 years, Fr. Pham finds himself juggling several hats.

He is a staff and supervising attorney in the Indian Law/General Practice Clinic working with second- and third-year law interns, and an undergraduate professor in Religious Studies. He serves as chaplain of the law school, and both Coughlin (where he lives) and DeSmet halls. He also is a pre-law adviser for the Center for Career and Professional Development.

Add those to his other duties as a member of Gonzaga's Board of Trustees, the provincial representative on the Jesuit Committee for Investment Responsibility, and remote work as a judge and as a defender of the bond for Metropolitan Marriage Tribunal for the archdiocese of Los Angeles. Despite what would be an exhaustive schedule for most people, Fr. Pham sees it all serving the same purpose. "The question is, 'Am I for myself or am I for God?'"

"My vocation as a Jesuit priest is how I live out my Catholic mission," Fr. Pham says. He made the point that there is one mission that all Christians share, but we engage in this mission in a variety of diverse ministries. Despite the multiple arenas in which he involves himself, "My whole orientation is accompanying, witnessing, testifying and pointing to Jesus Christ. Whether I'm in the courtroom, the classroom, or the chapel, it's all about finding God in all things, all people, all events."

One night walking back to his hall, he stopped to talk with students outside his room in Coughlin. After introducing himself, he offered an ice breaker: What matters to you? That started a conversation that lasted almost two hours, listening to, and sharing with, these students when he could have been doing a lot of other things.

Always equipped with a cup of coffee and a fast-paced stride, this Jesuit priest brought energy and new experience to GU in August following a three-year assignment as professor of theology and canon law at Loyola Marymount University, chaplain at Loyola Law School, and staff attorney in the Immigration Justice



Fr. Bryan Pham is an advocate, in court and on campus.

Clinic at the law school. "His deep spirituality and true care to walk with students is remarkable," says Associate Provost **Judi Biggs Garbuio**.

The mission comes alive in all of us in many different ways. It takes time, energy and dedicated discernment to be able to actively say "Yes" to the call God gives us: A call we must answer every day, Fr. Pham says.

He might suggest that as we start our day, we stop for a minute to realize the opportunity we have to further our mission and work toward building the kingdom of God. And ask ourselves: Am I for myself, or for God? If I am for God, then everything else will fall into place!

Tilford Triage a Good Fix for Nursing, Human Physiology

Construction in the School of Nursing and Human Physiology has created more than 2,000 square feet of new classrooms and simulation laboratories in Tilford, and a biometrics laboratory in the adjacent Human Physiology Annex.

"The additions provide transformative teaching, laboratory and simulation spaces for our students and faculty," says Dean **Vince Salyers**.

Reconfiguration on the first floor of Tilford enables teaching and skills practice to occur simultaneously. A new simulation center was constructed, including two simulation suites with control rooms, an adjoining medication room, a debrief room and spacious lobby. The simulation suites also include AV equipment for recording and use in debriefing. A new high-fidelity patient simulator provides lifelike features and responsive physiology. Simulators allow learners to develop critical thinking, communication and clinical skills in safe learning environments prior to caring for real clients. Additionally, six new exam rooms and three psych/mental health exam rooms were constructed to increase the capacity for more structured skills development, clinical learning and evaluation.

The new Human Physiology Annex includes two faculty offices and the new biomechanics laboratory, to enhance students' learning experiences, provide space for faculty who recently joined Human Physiology, and to facilitate faculty and student research and scholarship. The bachelor of human physiology is a growing degree at GU.

Meanwhile, nursing Professor **Neva Crogan** will be honored nationally later in November as a Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing for her work with students in the science of caring for the aging, which includes curriculum development, teaching and clinical work.

Associate Professor **Jeff Ramirez** was recently inducted as a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and Dean Salyers was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

The School plans to collaborate with the UW School of Medicine, universities that offer nursing and other health programming, as well as with community partners in developing interprofessional learning experiences for students through eventual shared learning spaces in the McKinstry Building.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education was on campus in October for a site visit as part of the School's reaccreditation process. Gonzaga will receive preliminary recommendations later this fall, with final recommendations and reaccreditation in 2020. The Department of Human Physiology is preparing for institutional program review during the 2019-20 academic year while the Department of Nurse Anesthesia continues to offer its doctor of nurse anesthesia practice in collaboration with Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center.



Forrest Rodgers lending a hand in Kennedy

Housing and Residence Life has formalized its Faculty in Residence program this year with four faculty members living in campus residences. "The idea is to provide students the opportunity to informally interact with faculty members to demystify faculty and make them more approachable," says Residence Life Director **Jon Wheeler**. "There are a number of studies that demonstrate the benefits of informal contact between students and faculty, for both parties."

The faculty are asked to be visible and available in their buildings, routinely interacting with students, and being present during building activities. They work closely with the Residence Life staff to know what's happening in the community. They also are asked to plan a regular activity to connect with residents.

Modern Languages Associate Professor **Torunn Haaland** in Coughlin Hall does a weekly coffee hour. Sociology/Criminal Justice Assistant Professor **Forrest Rodgers** spends an hour a week in Duff's Bistro. Each has their own way of being in the student space. "Finally, we have asked that the FIR put on an event of their choosing for the students of the building. We hope that the event aligns with their particular academic or scholarly interests," Wheeler says.

Faculty-In-Residence, Students Getting to Know Each Other

Here's how the faculty are responding to their new roles.

"I love love love the students," says **Catherine Zeisner**, assistant professor of educational leadership and administration, who lives in Twohy Hall. While she loves getting to know the students, she sees their loneliness and it's hard - Zeisner left family in eastern Canada last year to move out here. She knows what it's like. This FIR assignment has really helped her immerse herself in campus life, as well.

Her favorite thing is seeing the community carry the University's mission out within the cadence of residence life. She also gets to see just how much home life affects school life while making herself known as an available, normal person that students can turn to. Being there for them and getting to know their struggles has made her into a better professor, she says.

For Rodgers, the hardest part is the social transition. While the students give off a great vibe, it's still interesting for both him and them to encounter each other in the Kennedy Apartment halls. Diversity is something GU is constantly working toward, and as a professor of color, Rodgers sends the important message that diversity is crucial, among faculty as well as students.

"It's important to feel valued," he says. He credits the mission and the resources available for attracting him to the school. His experience so far at Gonzaga is unlike those he's had as a resident at other institutions: instead of expecting him to act as another RA, GU is more collaborative. Rodgers gets to challenge himself - in a good way.

While he works to get formally integrated, students are welcoming, and will strike up conversations. He appreciates how social justice-oriented they are and the value they place on racial and ethnic diversity during a time when embracing it is most salient.

Haaland says classrooms, while engaging, can still create a professional distance between students and professors. It's an environment that gives the professor authority. The beauty of Faculty in Residence is the creation of a neutral territory that works to cultivate understanding between teachers and students on a deeper level, she says. Living and learning with students is "extremely valuable also in the way I interact with them. You get to appreciate what's important to them."

This kind of connection brings the Gonzaga community closer together, and an example of what it means to, in the words of our mission, develop "the whole person - intellectually, spiritually, culturally, physically and emotionally."

Spirits & Spirituality: Tipping Toward Faith

Popular around the country, Theology on Tap presents opportunities for people to gather over beverages and food to discuss matters of faith and spirituality in the informal setting of a pub. That idea was the impetus for Gonzaga's own program, Spirits & Spirituality, which Alumni Chaplain Father **Stephen Hess**, S.J. orchestrates with alumni in various regions throughout the year. While these unique gatherings happen during events such as reunions and alumni chapter events, Spirits & Spirituality isn't just for alumni. Faculty, staff and friends are welcome, too.

While the gatherings have a specific theme for conversation, it's not surprising that, oftentimes, the discussion turns to what it means to be Catholic today, and how that definition is as diverse as the people who claim the faith. It can become dicey, but Fr. Hess is quick to center audiences around the Jesuit call to embrace the tension, and to ponder how faith influences the way we live and how we approach the controversial topics of our current time.

During Reunion 2019, more than 150 Zags came together in Cataldo Hall for this kind of lively dialogue. Present on a panel to share their own experiences and insights were three attorneys (one from Seattle, one from Bellingham, and a third from the ACLU headquarters), each of whom represent different places on the political spectrum. They were joined by other Zag panelists. One is a political consultant in LA, another who is a stay-at-home mom in Tacoma who is also active in her parish, and the other is a retired general in the military and cardiologist who now works to bring healthcare to veterans. They shared how a Jesuit education impacted them personally and professionally; and how they live their education in their lives today.

One said, "Life is hard but I'm able to handle what's tough because of what I learned here." Another said, "My Jesuit education leaves me with a clear true north."

Anyone interested in joining the conversation at the next Spirits & Spirituality gathering is welcome. Email Father Hess at hess@gonzaga.edu to inquire about upcoming opportunities.

SET YOUR ALARM

Monday Mornings Mean Zag Ticket Distribution

GU faculty and staff may receive complimentary tickets for themselves and a guest to attend each regular-season men's basketball home game at the McCarthy Athletic Center. To receive complimentary tickets, employees must attend designated faculty/staff ticket distributions at the Kennel Ticket Office on Monday mornings from 7-8 a.m. (unless otherwise noted).

Once 300 tickets for employees and guests have been distributed, employees may place their name on a wait list and may be activated if enough employees de-activate their cards.

Employees (with GU ID) may receive complimentary admission for themselves and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse & children) to all regular-season women's basketball home games. Employees may pick up their complimentary tickets at the McCarthy Athletic Center Ticket Office between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday the week of the game. They may also claim their complimentary tickets on game day, provided that tickets remain.

<u>Distribution Date</u>	<u>Game(s)</u>
Mon, Nov. 4	Arkansas Pine Bluff (11/9) North Dakota (11/12)
Mon, Nov. 18	Texas Arlington (11/19) Cal State Bakersfield (11/23)
Mon, Dec. 2	Texas Southern (12/4)
Mon, Dec. 9	UNC (12/18)
Mon, Dec. 16	Eastern Washington (12/21) Detroit (12/30) Pepperdine (1/4)
Mon, Jan. 13	Santa Clara (1/16) BYU (1/18) Pacific (1/25)
Mon, Feb. 3	LMU (2/6) USF (2/20)
Mon, Feb. 24	San Diego (2/27) Saint Mary's (2/29)